

Minneapolis police officers fired after death of black man. 'I can't breathe,' he said on video

ARTICLE I. ***MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS FIRED AFTER DEATH OF BLACK MAN. 'I CAN'T BREATHE,' HE SAID ON VIDEO.***

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Body

Four Minneapolis officers involved in the arrest of a black man who died in police custody were fired Tuesday, hours after a bystander's video showed an officer kneeling on the handcuffed man's neck, even after he pleaded that he could not breathe and stopped moving.

Mayor Jacob Frey announced the firings on Twitter, saying "This is the right call."

The man's death Monday night was under investigation by the FBI and state law enforcement authorities. It immediately drew comparisons to the case of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man who died in 2014 in New York after he was placed in a chokehold by police and pleaded for his life, saying he could not breathe.

In a post on his Facebook page, Frey apologized Tuesday to the black community for the officer's treatment of the man, who was later identified as 46-year-old *George Floyd*, who worked security at a restaurant.

"Being Black in America should not be a death sentence. For five minutes, we watched a white officer press his knee into a Black man's neck. Five minutes. When you hear someone calling for help, you're supposed to help. This officer failed in the most basic, human sense," [Frey posted](#).

Police said the man matched the description of a suspect in a forgery case at a grocery store, and that he resisted arrest.

The [video starts with the man on the ground](#), and does not show what happened in the moments prior. The unidentified officer is kneeling on his neck, ignoring his pleas. "Please, please, please, *I can't breathe*. Please, man," said Floyd, who has his face against the pavement.

Floyd also moans. One of the officers tells him to "relax." The man calls for his mother and says: "My stomach hurts, my neck hurts, everything hurts ... *I can't breathe*." As bystanders shout their concern, one officer says, "He's talking, so he's breathing."

But Floyd stops talking and slowly becomes motionless under the officer's restraint. The officer does not remove his knee until the man is loaded onto a gurney by paramedics.

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Several witnesses had gathered on a nearby sidewalk, some recording the scene on their phones. The bystanders become increasingly agitated. One man yells repeatedly. "He's not responsive right now!" Two witnesses, including one woman who said she was a Minneapolis firefighter, yell at the officers to check the man's pulse. "Check his pulse right now and tell me what it is!" she said.

At one point, an officer says: "Don't do drugs, guys." And one man yells, "Don't do drugs, bro? What is that? What do you think this is?"

The Hennepin County medical examiner identified Floyd but said the cause of death was pending.

[Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [23-year-old arrested in fatal shooting of man, 65, in Shakopee](#) Floyd had worked security for five years at a restaurant called Conga Latin Bistro and rented a home from the restaurant owner, Jovanni Thunstrom.

He was "a good friend, person and a good tenant," the restaurateur told the Star Tribune. "He was family. His co-workers and friends loved him."

Ben Crump, a prominent civil rights and personal injury attorney, said he had been hired by Floyd's family.

"We all watched the horrific death of **George Floyd** on video as witnesses begged the police officer to take him into the police car and get off his neck," Crump said in a statement. "This abusive, excessive and inhumane use of force cost the life of a man who was being detained by the police for questioning about a non-violent charge."

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said the department would conduct a full internal investigation. Police did not identify the officers, but attorney Tom Kelly confirmed he is representing **Derek Chauvin**, the officer seen with his knee on Floyd's neck. Kelly declined to comment further.

Police did not immediately respond to a request for Chauvin's service record. News accounts show he was one of six officers who fired their weapons in the 2006 death of Wayne Reyes, whom police said pointed a sawed-off shotgun at officers after stabbing two people. Chauvin also shot and wounded a man in 2008 in a struggle after Chauvin and his partner responded to a reported domestic assault. Several hundred protesters gathered Tuesday evening in the street where Floyd died, chanting and carrying banners that read, "**I can't breathe**" and "Jail killer KKKops." They eventually marched about 2 1/2 miles to a city police precinct, with some protesters damaging windows, a squad car and spraying graffiti on the building. A line of police in riot gear eventually confronted the protesters, firing tear gas.

Experts on police use of force told The Associated Press that the officer clearly restrained the man too long. They noted the man was under control and no longer fighting. Andrew Scott, a former Boca Raton, Florida, police chief who now testifies as an expert witness in use-of-force cases, called Floyd's death "a combination of not being trained properly or disregarding their training."

"He couldn't move. He was telling them he couldn't breathe, and they ignored him," Scott said. "I can't even describe it. It was difficult to watch."

The New York City officer in the Garner case said he was using a legal maneuver called "the seatbelt" to bring down Garner, whom police said had been resisting arrest. But the medical examiner referred to it as

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a chokehold in the autopsy report and said it contributed to his death. Chokehold maneuvers are banned under New York police policy.

A grand jury later decided against indicting the officers involved in Garner's death, sparking protests around the country. The New York Police Department ultimately fired the officer who restrained Garner, but it was five years later, after a federal investigation, a city prosecutor's investigation and an internal misconduct trial.

In Minneapolis, kneeling on a suspect's neck is allowed under the department's use-of-force policy for officers who have received training in how to compress a neck without applying direct pressure to the airway. It is considered a "non-deadly force option," according to the department's policy handbook.

A chokehold is considered a deadly force option and involves someone obstructing the airway. According to the department's use-of-force policy, officers are to use only an amount of force necessary that would be objectively reasonable.

Before the officers were fired, the police union asked the public to wait for the investigation to take its course and not to "rush to judgment and immediately condemn our officers." Messages left with the union after the firings were not returned.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office, which would handle any prosecution of police on state criminal charges, said in a statement that it was "shocked and saddened" by the video and pledged to handle the case fairly. The FBI is investigating whether the officers willfully deprived Floyd of his rights. If those federal civil rights charges are brought, they would be handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, which declined comment.

The death came amid outrage over the death of Ahmaud Arbery, who was fatally shot Feb. 23 in Georgia after a white father and son pursued the 25-year-old black man they had spotted running in their subdivision. More than two months passed before charges were brought. Crump also represents Arbery's father.

Associated Press writers Gretchen Ehlke in Milwaukee and Todd Richmond in Madison, Wisconsin, contributed to this report.

Graphic

A Minneapolis officer kneels on the neck of a handcuffed man who was pleading that he could not breathe in Minneapolis. (Courtesy of Darnella Frazier via AP)

'Shocked and horrified': Walz, Ellison, Flanagan pledge justice for George Floyd, man killed under officer's knee

ARTICLE II. **'SHOCKED AND HORRIFIED': WALZ, ELLISON, FLANAGAN
PLEDGE JUSTICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD, MAN KILLED UNDER OFFICER'S
KNEE**

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Floyd is the black man whose death Monday sparked raw emotions after a video showed him being held under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer, snapping a metropolis from the fixation of a pandemic back to the vexing and violent realities of race relations.

"Like so many Minnesotans, and so many people now across the country and the world, I was shocked and horrified by the video of *George Floyd*'s death," Gov. Tim Walz said during an afternoon news conference. "It's very clear to anyone that what happened to *George Floyd* is wrong. The lack of humanity in the video, as I said, made me physically ill, and even more difficult to understand."

Wednesday's news briefing was the first to be dominated by non-pandemic news since the coronavirus outbreak spawned the regular briefings and it included several people of color in senior roles, who could direct or influence potential outcomes.

Here's what the state's leaders had to say Wednesday:

KEITH ELLISON than the rest."

TOEING THE LINE

All four officials sought to emphasize they would not prejudge the outcome of the various investigations and, despite their clear sentiments of finding the situation unacceptable, they trod lightly on statements that could be construed as overtly criticizing the officers involved. They neither criticized nor endorsed

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[Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey's call for Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman to charge](#) the officer who knelt on Floyd's neck.

As they spoke, groups of demonstrators gathered outside a Minneapolis police station near where Floyd died, prompting Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, who is black, to issue a statement: "Today a group of individuals have convened at the 3rd Precinct who have participated in assaultive behavior and destruction of property. Their actions are placing people at great risk of being seriously injured. ... Criminal behavior will not be tolerated."

No such missives came from the Emergency Operations Center in St. Paul, where Walz, Ellison and Harrington convened, and Flanagan joined via video call. Tuesday evening, violence erupted outside the precinct headquarters as factions of demonstrators vandalized the station and police vehicles, and police fired [non-lethal projectiles and chemical irritants into crowds](#).

But the four officials generally praised the demonstrators, most of whom appeared to be wearing masks and attempting to social distance, and only spoke of the violence when a reporter repeatedly questioned Walz about it.

"We're not condoning that," Walz said.

"I would urge law enforcement to exercise restraint," Ellison said, adding later: "I would urge protesters to remember that they're there to lift up what happened to Mr. Floyd. ... Letting your emotions override you in a way that will lead the conversation to shift to crowd behavior is not the way to do this." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) [He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Keith Ellison

John Harrington

Peggy Flanagan

A damaged police vehicle is removed from the [Minneapolis Police Department's](#) 3rd Precinct headquarters in Minneapolis Wednesday morning, May 27, 2020. Police and protesters clashed at the precinct Tuesday night during a protest over the death of [George Floyd](#) on Monday evening. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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ARTICLE III. ***METRO AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS CONDEMN
MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS' CONDUCT***

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He asked them to imagine what it would have been like to be ***George Floyd*** in the scenario, struggling to breath under the weight of the Minneapolis police officer's knee, begging for relief.

Then he asked them to put themselves in the shoes of the police officer, urging them to think if they would have responded differently.

"If the answer is no, I want you to reconsider your career choice," Todd Axtell told them, according to an email he circulated to staff.

'NO GRAY AREA'

Axtell indicated he wanted to make it clear where he stands on the Minneapolis police officer's conduct, which he said he could not justify and called "deeply disturbing. He added that the rank and file officers he talked to about it felt the same.

"In my mind, in this situation, there is no gray area, and we simply can't afford gray areas in matters so important to our community," he said.

In addition to sending an email to staff, [*Axtell posted his views on Floyd's death on Facebook.*](#)

The 46-year-old black man died Monday shortly after being pinned face-down by the neck under white Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin***'s knee for several minutes while handcuffed and repeatedly telling the officer he couldn't breathe.

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Floyd was a suspect in a forgery incident, and had allegedly resisted arrest. A bystander captured several minutes of the interaction on cell phone video, though the footage doesn't start until Floyd is on the ground.

Axtell joined a number of law enforcement leaders from across the metro area who spoke out about Chauvin's actions Wednesday, as well as the actions of Chauvin's fellow officers who failed to intervene.

All four officers [were fired Tuesday](#) as both the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Federal Bureau of Investigations investigate what happened.

METRO AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS SPEAK OUT

While often reluctant to weigh in on the actions of fellow brothers and sisters in blue, law enforcement leaders from both the Ramsey and Dakota county sheriff's offices, as well as the the Mendota Heights, Woodbury and St. Paul police departments expressed anger, and in many cases condemnation, over the officers' actions.

Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher said he's never seen anything "more disturbing" in his 43 years in law enforcement.

"Once a person is in cuffs and laying in a prone position, any additional force such as the kind that occurred in this case is more closely identified as torture," Fletcher said. He added that officers are trained to cease force after a party is in handcuffs unless the person continues to thrash his or her legs, in which case additional pressure could be applied to the individual's back.

"No force to the neck is ever justified on a handcuffed person," he said.

CONDUCT VIOLATES MANY AGENCY POLICIES

Compressing the neck is not allowable under St. Paul police's use-of-force policy, for example, nor are choke-holds of any kind, said St. Paul police spokesman Mike Ernster.

Ernster added that while the department does permit an officer to deploy a "control technique" to the back, the control must be released once a person is restrained.

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training also called out the Minneapolis officer's actions caught on video, saying in a statement Wednesday it did "not appear to reflect the training that students receive when attending any of the institutions that make up our Minnesota Professional Peace Officer Education System."

Kelly McCarthy chairs the POST board, and also serves as the chief of police in Mendota Heights.

Even accounting for the possibility of briefly engaging a suspect's head or neck during rapidly evolving scenarios police officer can find themselves, she said standard training is to move away from the area as soon as possible.

She said she could think of no reason why an officer would need to keep a handcuffed man on the ground pinned face-down with a knee to the neck.

"Mr. Floyd is dead. I just, I have no words. It didn't need to happen," McCarthy said. "We are trained professionals and I want to know why, and I know that all over the state chiefs and supervisors are having these conversations with their cops and saying why? What is the reason? What could be the reason?"

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DUTY TO INTERCEDE

Equally troubling were the actions of Chauvin's fellow officers who failed to intervene at the scene, McCarthy said.

She said police are subject to human emotions just like everybody else and that it's critical for a partner to step in when his or her colleagues appear to be engaging in conduct that violates policy or the law.

While acknowledging all the facts are not yet known about what happened, McCarthy urged law enforcement leaders across the state to take a stand on Floyd's death, insisting that they need to "demonstrate the courage that we ask officers to show."

LEADERS STOP SHORT OF ADDRESSING RACISM AS MOTIVATION

Those interviewed also acknowledged the history between people of color and law enforcement and the role racism and implicit bias plays in sectors across the country, including policing.

None of the law enforcement officials the Pioneer Press spoke with wanted to speculate as to whether it played a role in the Minneapolis' officers conduct.

"I can't get in the mind of the individual," Fletcher said, adding that it will be the work of the FBI agents tasked with conducting a civil rights investigation to determine that.

He did say that the familiarity Chauvin appeared to have with the tactic deployed in the video was concerning.

"It leads me to think its been used on a regular basis and that is something (Minneapolis Police) Chief (Medaria) Arradondo needs to get to the bottom of to find out if other officers are using that as well," Fletcher said.

And if an autopsy proves that the maneuver contributed to Floyd's death, Fletcher said the officers should be charged criminally. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [23-year-old arrested in fatal shooting of man, 65, in Shakopee](#)

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St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher introduces his staff to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners at the St. Paul City Hall/ Ramsey County Courthouse on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin kneels*** on the neck of ***George Floyd*** who was pleading that he could not breathe in Minneapolis on Monday. (Courtesy of Darnella Frazier via AP)

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ARTICLE IV. [**POLICE, PROTESTERS CLASH AFTER DEATH OF MAN IN CUSTODY; 4 COPS ARE FIRED**](#)

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Four Minneapolis police officers were fired Tuesday in connection with the weekend death of a St. Louis Park man after video surfaced of one of the officers kneeling on the man's neck for minutes while he pleaded with them to stop, saying, "[**I can't breathe.**](#)"

Minnesota Public Radio [has a report on the incident](#), which began Monday when police, responding to a forgery report, said they detained and handcuffed [**George Floyd**](#), who was in his car on the 3700 block of Chicago Avenue. Floyd later died.

Initial police reports mentioned only that the man was "suffering medical distress," but a bystander video later showed that one of the officers is shown with his knee on Floyd's neck while another officer looks away. Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the case; the FBI has also been called to investigate.

The video drew swift protest from political and business leaders. "[**This man should not have died.**](#)" said Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey on Facebook. "What we saw is horrible. Completely and utterly messed up."

Jonathan Weinhagen, CEO of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, said, "[**George Floyd**](#) was a beloved employee at a small business in our city. Residents, business leaders and community leaders are speaking with one voice to demand justice."

Floyd worked security roles at Conga Latin Bistro in Northeast Minneapolis. Jovanni Thunstrom, who owns the restaurant and was also Floyd's landlord, [tells the Star Tribune](#) that he was "a good friend, person and a good tenant. ... He was family. His co-workers and friends loved him."

Police, protesters clash after death of man in custody; 4 cops are fired

On Tuesday afternoon, thousands of people later marched through the streets of Minneapolis to the Police Department's Third Precinct for an hours-long protest where tensions mounted. Precinct windows were smashed and police launched tear gas and rubber bullets at the crowds. The Star Tribune [has a report on the clash](#); you can see more photos on the Twitter feeds of some of its reporters, including Andy Mannix, [who was hit with this 40mm foam round](#), presumably fired by the police.

Bloomberg has video of the protests as they progressed throughout the afternoon and evening, persisting even as heavy rains began.

The case has quickly become national news. The New York Times [has its own report](#), as well as a story on how the use of bystander videos are increasingly [changing the official police narratives of such incidents](#).

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Frey: Officer who put knee on George Floyd's neck should be charged

ARTICLE V. **[FREY: OFFICER WHO PUT KNEE ON GEORGE FLOYD'S NECK
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Body

The mayor of Minneapolis called Wednesday for criminal charges against the white police officer seen on video kneeling against the neck of a handcuffed black man who complained that he could not breathe and died in police custody.

Based on the video, Mayor Jacob Frey said officer **Derek Chauvin** should be charged in the death of **George Floyd**. The footage recorded by a bystander shows Chauvin with his knee on Floyd's neck as Floyd gasps for breath on the ground with his face against the pavement. The officer does not move for at least eight minutes, even after Floyd stops speaking and moving.

"I've wrestled with, more than anything else over the last 36 hours, one fundamental question: Why is the man who killed **George Floyd** not in jail?" said Frey, who is white.

He later added: "I saw no threat. I saw nothing that would signal that this kind of force was necessary."

The day after Floyd died, Chauvin and three other officers were fired - an act that did not stem the flood of anger that followed the widely seen video shot on Memorial Day outside a convenience store.

Protesters marched more than 2 miles Tuesday to the police precinct in that part of the city, with some damaging property and skirmishing with officers in riot gear who fired tear gas. Conflict erupted again Wednesday at the same precinct, with some protesters throwing rocks and bottles at police. News helicopter video appeared to show looting of nearby stores, including a Target, a Cub Foods and an auto parts store, with no evident police intervention.

Another demonstration unfolded on the street outside Chauvin's suburban home. An officer told protesters that Chauvin was not there. Red cans of paint were earlier spilled on his driveway, and someone wrote "murderer" in chalk at the end of his driveway. No one answered when an Associated Press reporter knocked on the door.

Frey: Officer who put knee on George Floyd's neck should be charged

Many activists, citizens and celebrities called for criminal charges before Frey did. But Floyd's family and the community may have to wait months, if not years, before investigations are complete.

Floyd family attorney Benjamin Crump, a prominent civil rights lawyer, called for peaceful protests.

"We cannot sink to the level of our oppressors, and we must not endanger others during this pandemic," Crump said in a statement. "We will demand and ultimately force lasting change by shining a light on treatment that is horrific and unacceptable and by winning justice."

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, who rose to the top job after his predecessor was forced out following the 2017 shooting of an unarmed white woman by a black Minneapolis officer, urged protesters to "be respectful." He said he was working to change the department's culture.

"One incident can significantly bring people to doubt that," he said.

The chief defended the department's use of tear gas to break up Tuesday night's protests, saying officers used it only after some people broke into a secure area that gave them access to squad cars and weapons.

Gov. Tim Walz and Minnesota's two top law enforcement officials - Attorney General Keith Ellison and Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, both black - promised a thorough, transparent investigation. But Walz and Ellison didn't endorse the mayor's call to immediately charge the officer, saying the legal process needs to play out.

"I understand the emotions are running high, and I think it's important for the mayor to channel the emotion of the people who he represents. But I think it is critical that we adhere very closely to the facts and the law and the normal process," Ellison said.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office, which would prosecute any state charges, issued a statement saying that Floyd's death had "outraged us and people across the country" and that the case "deserves the best we can give."

The FBI was investigating whether officers willfully deprived Floyd of his civil rights.

[Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [Dozens of homeless people evicted from Minneapolis hotel](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [Suspect charged, sought in fiery Minneapolis crash that killed Coon Rapids motorist](#) Floyd's death and that of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia have reopened the divide between minority communities and police that grew to a national uproar following the 2014 killings of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, the 2015 killing of Freddie Gray and others.

Speaking to reporters at Cape Canaveral, Florida, President Donald Trump called the death in Minneapolis "a very, very sad event" and said his administration was going to "look at it." Later, he tweeted that he had asked for the federal investigation be expedited.

Democrat Joe Biden said Floyd's death was "part of an ingrained, systemic cycle of injustice that still exists in this country" and "cuts at the very heart of our sacred belief that all Americans are equal in rights."

It also "sends a very clear message to the black community and black lives that are under threat every single day," Biden added, saying he was glad the mayor and the police department fired the officers, "but I don't think that's enough."

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A 2017 Pew Research Center study found that police think the public does not understand the risks they face. A more recent study from September showed police were considered more trustworthy than Congress, but only 33% of black adults and half of Hispanics say they believe officers treat racial and ethnic groups equally.

Shocking videos of black men dying continue to emerge during the pandemic, which is hitting communities of color harder than white communities. Floyd himself had been laid off from his nightclub security job in the pandemic, a friend told the AP. Police say Floyd matched the description of someone who tried to pay with a counterfeit bill at the convenience store.

It was unclear why Floyd was arrested in such a physical way for what would have been a low-level crime. Police in most large cities have backed away from certain arrests to guard against further spread of the virus. The officers in the video were not wearing masks.

A Minneapolis Fire Department report shows that paramedics moved Floyd from the scene, and two fire crew members got into the ambulance to help. Medics were doing chest compressions and other lifesaving measures on an "unresponsive, pulseless male," the report said. Floyd was pronounced dead at a hospital.

An autopsy will be performed to determine if the neck compression led to his death.

News accounts show Chauvin was one of six officers who fired their weapons in the 2006 death of Wayne Reyes, who police said pointed a sawed-off shotgun at officers after stabbing two people. Chauvin also shot and wounded a man in 2008 during a struggle after Chauvin and his partner responded to a reported domestic assault. Police did not immediately respond to a request for Chauvin's service record.

In calling for charges, the mayor contrasted Floyd's death with others involving police that turned on split-second decisions by officers.

"We are not talking about a split-second decision that was made incorrectly," Frey said. "There's somewhere around 300 seconds in those five minutes - every one of which that officer could have turned back, every second of which he could have removed his knee from George Floyd's neck."

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Long reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Jeff Baenen and Steve Karnowski in Minneapolis, Todd Richmond in Madison, Wisconsin, and Kevin Freking in Cape Canaveral, Florida, contributed to this report.

Graphic

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey calls on Hennepin County attorney Mike Freeman to charge the arresting officer in the death of George Floyd as he speaks during a news conference Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at City Hall in Minneapolis. (Evan Frost/Minnesota Public Radio via AP)

George Floyd (Courtesy of Christopher Harris via AP)

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George Floyd had started new life in Minnesota

ARTICLE VI. **GEORGE FLOYD HAD STARTED NEW LIFE IN MINNESOTA**

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Body

Before he died after being pinned for minutes beneath a Minneapolis police officer's knee, **George Floyd** was suffering the same fate as millions of Americans during the coronavirus pandemic: out of work and looking for a new job.

Floyd moved to Minneapolis from his native Houston several years ago in hopes of finding work and starting a new life, said Christopher Harris, Floyd's lifelong friend. But he lost his job as a bouncer at a restaurant when Minnesota's governor issued a stay-at-home order.

On Monday night, an employee at a Minneapolis grocery store called police after Floyd allegedly tried to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill.

In widely circulated cellphone video of the subsequent arrest, Floyd, who was black, can be seen on the ground with his hands cuffed behind his back while Officer **Derek Chauvin** presses him to the pavement with his knee on Floyd's neck. The video shows Chauvin, who is white, holding Floyd down for minutes as Floyd complains he can't breathe. The video ends with paramedics lifting a limp Floyd onto a stretcher and placing him in an ambulance.

Four officers were fired Tuesday; on Wednesday, Mayor Jacob Frey called for Chauvin to be criminally charged. Frey made no mention of the other three officers, who were also at the scene.

Police say Floyd was resisting arrest, but Chauvin's lawyer has declined to comment and the other officers have not been publicly identified.

Floyd, 46, grew up in Houston's Third Ward, one of the city's predominantly black neighborhoods, where he and Harris met in middle school. At 6 feet, 6 inches, Floyd emerged as a star tight end for Jack Yates High School and played in the 1992 state championship game in the Houston Astrodome. Yates lost to Temple, 38-20.

George Floyd had started new life in Minnesota

Donnell Cooper, one of Floyd's former classmates, said he remembered watching Floyd score touchdowns. Floyd towered over everyone and earned the nickname "gentle giant."

"Quiet personality but a beautiful spirit," Cooper said. His death "definitely caught me by surprise. It's just so sad, the world we're living in now."

Floyd was charged in 2007 with armed robbery in a home invasion in Houston and in 2009 was sentenced to five years in prison as part of a plea deal, according to court documents.

Harris, Floyd's childhood friend, said he and some of their mutual friends had moved to Minneapolis in search of jobs around 2014. Harris said he talked Floyd into moving there as well after he got out of prison.

"He was looking to start over fresh, a new beginning," Harris said. "He was happy with the change he was making."

Floyd landed a job working security at a Salvation Army store in downtown Minneapolis. He later started working two jobs, one driving trucks and another as a bouncer at Conga Latin Bistro, where he was known as "Big Floyd."

"Always cheerful," Jovanni Tunstrom, the bistro's owner, said. "He had a good attitude. He would dance badly to make people laugh. I tried to teach him how to dance because he loved Latin music, but I couldn't because he was too tall for me. He always called me 'Bossman.' I said, 'Floyd, don't call me Bossman. I'm your friend.'"

Harris said Floyd was laid off when Minnesota shut down restaurants as part of a stay-at-home order. He said he spoke with Floyd on Sunday night and gave him some information for contacting a temporary jobs agency.

"He was doing whatever it takes to maintain going forward with his life," Harris said, adding he couldn't believe that Floyd would resort to forgery. "I've never known him to do anything like that."

Floyd leaves behind a 6-year-old daughter who still lives in Houston with her mother, Roxie Washington, the Houston Chronicle reported. Efforts to reach Washington on Wednesday were unsuccessful.

"The way he died was senseless," Harris said. "He begged for his life. He pleaded for his life. When you try so hard to put faith in this system, a system that you know isn't designed for you, when you constantly seek justice by lawful means and you can't get it, you begin to take the law into your own hands."

Associated Press writers Carrie Antlfinger and Juan Lozano and news researcher Rhonda Shafner contributed to this report. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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George Floyd had started new life in Minnesota

Christopher Harris, left, and ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis. (Courtesy of Christopher Harris via AP)

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ARTICLE VII. **[BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS REACT TO THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD](#)**

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Body

Minnesota's black business owners are mourning Wednesday the death of **[George Floyd](#)**, who died on Monday after he was arrested by police in South Minneapolis.

In a viral video, a Minneapolis police officer is shown kneeling on Floyd's neck for several minutes while Floyd complains that he can't breathe. [Media accounts cite the city in identifying the officer](#) as **[Derek Chauvin](#)**.

[George Floyd](#) worked at Conga Latin Bistro in Minneapolis' St. Anthony neighborhood and lived in St. Louis Park. He grew up in Houston's Third Ward, where he was a football and basketball standout for Jack Yates High School, and was a rapper in the 1990s and early 2000s under the name "Big Floyd."

The death has set off protests [across the city](#) and gained national attention. It has also led some of the Twin Cities' Black business leaders to speak out.

Sharon Smith-Akinsanya is the founder and CEO of Rae Mackenzie Group, a diversity, equity and inclusion-focused consulting firm; she's also the owner of the People of Color Career Fair. The news of Floyd's death hit her hard.

"I just slumped in my chair," she said.

Floyd's death also brought back painful memories of the deaths of Jamar Clark and Philando Castile, both Black men [killed by Minnesota police](#) in the past decade.

"It's racism, pure and simple. You don't change that in four years," she said.

Smith-Akinsanya said that she wants to see more voices and new faces added to the crowd that normally speak up when tragedy strikes.

"I would like powerful, influential white people to speak up and speak out," she said. "I need to hear their voices. We all live here in Minnesota. Where are your voices? Where is your outrage? Where are your

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phone calls to the attorney general's office? Where's your LinkedIn post? Where's your Twitter post? What are you going to do to help make sure that Minnesota is a great place for all of us? Silence doesn't work any longer."

For business leaders, that communication shouldn't just be external. It should also be to employees, especially employees of color, who can feel isolated and alienated by the news. Leaders should reach out to those employees, she said.

"This is a major thing that happened in our city that's national news. As a leader, you acknowledge that," Smith-Akinsanya said.

Other leaders tried to focus on the man Floyd was before his death.

"This is hard to digest. It hits harder as we learn more about Floyd's character and life. He was a good man who we watched beg for his life, his mother and his last breath," said Justin Sutherland, the managing partner at Madison Restaurant Group and an executive chef at multiple Twin Cities restaurants, in an email to the Business Journal.

Sutherland said that he has been treated unfairly by the police multiple times in the past, though he didn't elaborate. That experience informed his lack of shock when he heard the news.

"This is not something new. This is something that has happened before and keeps happening," Sutherland said.

That feeling of weariness isn't unique to Sutherland. Thompson Aderinkomi is the co-founder and CEO of [growing startup](#) Nice Healthcare, but being a successful entrepreneur isn't a guarantee of safety, he said.

"On the street I'm just a black man with locked hair and a beard. My title will not change the outcome for me if I find myself in a position like Mr. Floyd," Aderinkomi said.

He's fond of jogging each morning before the sun rises, but said that his wife has tried to steer him away from the habit because she's afraid for his safety. In February, Ahmaud Arbery was [shot dead](#) while jogging in Glynn County, Georgia, in another case that has garnered national attention.

Fear, Aderinkomi said, is at the forefront of his mind right now.

"I am scared for my sons, for my employees, my siblings and my parents. I am scared for young black men and women," he said in the email.

However, Aderinkomi has not lost hope that Minnesota can become a better place for black people to live.

"I have hope that things will get better," he said.

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ARTICLE VIII. **[MINNEAPOLIS OFFICER'S WORK, PERSONAL BACKGROUND
DETAILED; HAD NEARLY 20 COMPLAINTS AND TWO LETTERS OF
REPRIMAND](#)**

St. Paul Pioneer Press (Minnesota)

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Byline: Todd Richmond

Highlight: A white Minneapolis police officer who knelt on ***George Floyd***'s neck opened fire on two people during his 19-year career and had nearly 20 complaints and two letters of reprimand filed against him. ***Derek Chauvin***, 44, became the focus of angry street protests and a federal investigation after he was seen in cellphone video kneeling [...]

Body

A white Minneapolis police officer who knelt on ***George Floyd***'s neck opened fire on two people during his 19-year career and had nearly 20 complaints and two letters of reprimand filed against him.

Derek Chauvin, 44, became the focus of angry street protests and a federal investigation after he was seen in cellphone video kneeling on the neck of 46-year-old Floyd, a black man, for almost eight minutes Monday night during his South Minneapolis arrest on a suspicion of passing a counterfeit bill. Floyd, who was handcuffed and heard saying he couldn't breathe, was pronounced dead later that night at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Chauvin, whose Oakdale driveway was splattered with red paint and the graffiti "murderer," has not spoken publicly since Floyd's death and his attorney did not respond to calls seeking comment. He and the other three officers involved in Floyd's arrest were fired Tuesday.

Minneapolis City Council records show that Chauvin moonlighted as a bouncer at a downtown Latin nightclub. He was among a group of six officers who opened fire on a stabbing suspect in 2006 after a chase that ended when the suspect pointed a sawed-off shotgun at them. The suspect, Wayne Reyes, was hit multiple times and died. A grand jury decided the use of force was justified.

Two years later, Chauvin shot Ira Latrell Toles as he was responding to a domestic dispute.

According to [a Pioneer Press account](#) of the incident, a 911 operator received a call from an apartment and heard a woman yelling for someone to stop hitting her. Chauvin and another officer arrived just as Toles locked himself in the bathroom. Chauvin forced his way into the bathroom. Toles went for Chauvin's gun and Chauvin shot him twice in the stomach. Toles survived and was charged with two counts of felony obstruction.

Toles told the Daily Beast that the mother of his child called police that night and he fled into the bathroom after officers broke down the apartment door. Chauvin then broke down the bathroom door and started to

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hit him without warning. He said he fought back in self-defense and was too disoriented to go for Chauvin's gun.

Toles said he ultimately pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge and still feels pain from the shooting.

"He tried to kill me in that bathroom," Toles said.

Online city records also show that 17 complaints have been filed against Chauvin. Sixteen complaints were closed with no discipline. The remaining complaint generated two letters of reprimand, with one apparently related to the use of a squad car dashboard camera. The records don't include any details on the substance of the complaints.

Chauvin also was among a group of five officers in 2011 who chased down an American Indian, Leroy Martinez, in a housing complex after they spotted him running with a pistol. One of the officers, Terry Nutter, shot Martinez in the torso. Martinez survived. All the officers were placed on leave but absolved of any wrongdoing, with Police Chief Timothy Dolan saying they acted "appropriately and courageously."

A much different side of Chauvin was portrayed in a 2018 newspaper profile of his wife, Kellie, a Laotian refugee who became the first Hmong Mrs. Minnesota. [She told the Pioneer Press](#) that they met when he dropped off a suspect at a Minneapolis hospital where she worked.

"Under that uniform, he's just a softie," she said. "He's such a gentleman. He still opens the door for me, still puts my coat on for me. After my divorce, I had a list of must-haves if I were ever to be in a relationship, and he fit all of them."

Less is known about the other three officers involved in Floyd's arrest.

Online court records indicate that the officer who stood guard at the scene, ***Tou Thao***, was sued in federal court in 2017 for alleged excessive force. According to the lawsuit, Lamar Ferguson claimed Thao and his partner stopped him as he was walking to his girlfriend's house in 2014 for no reason and beat him up. The city ultimately settled the lawsuit for \$25,000.

City records show six complaints have been filed against Thao. Five were closed with no discipline. One remains open. The records didn't include any further details.

Thomas Lane joined the force as a cadet in March 2019, according to online city records. No information about ***J. Alexander Kueng***'s service history was immediately available. City records show no complaints against either of them. Attorneys for Thao and Kueng didn't return messages. Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, declined comment.

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MN legislator in wake of George Floyd death: New laws needed to reduce police violence

ARTICLE IX. [MN LEGISLATOR IN WAKE OF GEORGE FLOYD DEATH: NEW LAWS NEEDED TO REDUCE POLICE VIOLENCE](#)

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Highlight: The state senator who represents the Minneapolis district where a black man died in police custody says the Legislature should quickly pass new laws to reduce police violence. Assistant Senate DFL Minority Leader Jeff Hayden said Thursday that, in response to the death of [George Floyd](#), he and other members of the Legislature's People of Color [...]

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The state senator who represents the Minneapolis district where a black man died in police custody says the Legislature should quickly pass new laws to reduce police violence.

Assistant Senate DFL Minority Leader Jeff Hayden said Thursday that, in response to the death of [George Floyd](#), he and other members of the Legislature's People of Color and Indigenous Peoples Caucus will "introduce and fiercely support legislation that saves lives of our neighbors, community members and fellow Minnesotans."

Hayden told reporters during a teleconference he would support Gov. Tim Walz calling lawmakers back into special session to pass that legislation or include it on the agenda of a session Walz is expected to order in June to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Members of the caucus have previously introduced or currently are drafting bills, Hayden said, that would set higher standards of conduct for police officers, authorize the attorney general to step in when "county attorneys are waffling or wringing their hands" in cases involving law enforcement misconduct, encourage more police officers to live in the cities they serve and make officers liable for wrongdoing "so if they do things like this, it comes out of their pocket," among other steps.

"We believe we ought to do it now. We are tired of being at the back of the line," Hayden said, referring to the Legislature's failure to act on caucus members' proposals.

He said he had not discussed his ideas with Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake. But in a statement later Thursday, the GOP leader said, "I deeply appreciate the conversations and insight provided by my colleagues from the urban core. We want to help in whatever way we can."

Gazelka called for a "comprehensive investigation into the actions and policies" that led to Floyd's death.

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Cellphone video showed Floyd on the ground with his hands cuffed behind his back while Minneapolis Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** pressed him to the pavement with his knee on Floyd's neck.

"We all deserve to feel safe in our communities, and I trust the investigation will be the first step in bringing justice to George," Gazelka said. "The peaceful protests remind us that our free speech and assembly matter now more than ever. The violent riots, looting and destruction have caused further division and pain."

Hayden joined Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey in calling for the arrest of the four police officers involved in the incident. He also said, "It is time for us to ... get the bad actors out of the police force," adding that the Minneapolis police union, which has defended white officers accused of brutality, is "an absolute problem."

In response to the violent protests that erupted in the aftermath of Floyd's death, U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, a Minneapolis Democrat, said in a statement: "There is extreme frustration ... anger really is boiling over because justice still seems out of reach. I believe today we will get the opportunity to push for more peaceful protests, to remind people that violence only begets violence.

"More force is only going to lead to more lives lost and more devastation. The community needs to focus on protecting one another. I think a community-centered focus on de-escalation is going to need to be a priority for all of us."

Democratic Congresswoman Betty McCollum of St. Paul said in a statement that the officers involved in Floyd's death must be held "fully accountable" by the justice system.

"As Minnesotans, we must demand justice, and we must demand it in a manner that is strong and peaceful," McCollum said. "Peaceful civil disobedience is a way our democracy helps ensure accountability.

"But Mr. Floyd's tragic death does not justify lawlessness. Violence, burning and looting will not bring ***justice for George Floyd*** or for innocent neighbors whose lives and livelihoods have been destroyed." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Minnesota state Sen. Jeff Hayden, D-Minneapolis, introduced a bill Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, to ban discount coupons for tobacco products. Maureen McMullen / Forum News Service

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500+ MN National Guard soldiers activated amid protests, looting after death of George Floyd

ARTICLE X. [**500+ MN NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS ACTIVATED AMID PROTESTS, LOOTING AFTER DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD**](#)

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Highlight: Gov. Tim Walz signed an executive order Thursday, activating the Minnesota National Guard as Minneapolis, St. Paul and Oakdale have been beset by protests in the wake of the death of **George Floyd** in police custody. The National Guard announced Thursday night that more than 500 soldiers have been activated to St. Paul, Minneapolis and [...]

Body

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The National Guard announced Thursday night that more than 500 soldiers have been activated to St. Paul, Minneapolis and surrounding communities.

"Our mission is to protect life, preserve property and the right to peacefully demonstrate," the National Guard said in a tweet. "A key objective is to ensure fire departments are able to respond to calls."

Looting has erupted at various locations in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"Local leaders have requested National Guard resources after extensive damage to private property occurred and peaceful protests evolved into a dangerous situation for protesters and first responders," Walz's office said in a statement Thursday.

The National Guard will work with local government agencies to provide personnel, equipment and facilities.

"It is time to rebuild," Walz said in a statement. "Rebuild the city, rebuild our justice system, and rebuild the relationship between law enforcement and those they're charged to protect. **George Floyd**'s death should lead to justice and systemic change, not more death and destruction. As **George Floyd**'s family has said, 'Floyd would not want people to get hurt. He lived his life protecting people.' Let's come together to rebuild, remember, and seek **justice for George Floyd**."

About 200 Minnesota State Patrol troopers will also be assisting for the next several days. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells](#)

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Protests erupt in Twin Cities over death of George Floyd

ARTICLE XI. [PROTESTS ERUPT IN TWIN CITIES OVER DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD](#)

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Highlight: Anger and grief erupted in a violent protest outside the Minneapolis police third precinct headquarters, while a more peaceful demonstration took place in Oakdale.

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Anger and grief over the death of [George Floyd](#) erupted Wednesday night in a violent protest outside the third precinct headquarters of the [Minneapolis Police Department](#), while more peaceful demonstrations took place elsewhere in Minneapolis and in Oakdale.

One man was shot to death in the area of the third precinct protest, and a suspect was taken into custody, police said.

It was the second night of clashes between protesters and law enforcement following Floyd's death Monday evening, shortly after being pinned to the ground beneath the knee of Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#) until he lost consciousness. In a [viral video that captured much of the incident](#), a handcuffed Floyd lying prone on the ground can be heard telling Chauvin that he can't breathe.

Chauvin and three other officers involved in the incident were [fired by the department on Tuesday](#). At a Wednesday afternoon press conference, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey called on Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman .

Wednesday evening, demonstrators at the third precinct hurled rocks and bottles at the building and officers assembled outside, while the police fired tear gas, stun grenades and less-lethal projectiles at the crowd.

The unrest escalated as the night wore on. By midnight, dozens of stores and restaurants for blocks around the third precinct were looted and vandalized, including the Minnehaha Center strip mall, which comprises Target, Cub Foods, Dollar Tree and other businesses. Through broken windows, security alarms blared unanswered until dawn.

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Frey appealed to Gov. Tim Walz to activate the National Guard. Information from Walz's office wasn't immediately available Thursday morning.

Some businesses displaying spray-painted "Minority Owned" signs appeared to have been spared.

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo urged calm in a late-night interview with KMSP-TV, imploring the public to allow the processes of the criminal justice system "to play out."

"Justice historically has never come to fruition through some of the acts we're seeing tonight, whether it's the looting, the damage to property or other things," he said.

A handful of protesters remained outside the third precinct early into the morning where they faced down a wall of Minnesota State Patrol troopers in riot gear, chanting and shouting epithets.

Just across the street, looters carried out armloads of beer, wine and liquor from Minnehaha Lake Wine & Spirits. On the other side of Lake Street, thick black smoke billowed out of the burning AutoZone store, which was reduced to rubble by dawn. It was just one of many fires started overnight in the neighborhood.

On that same block, what began as a small fire in a six-story building under construction at 29th Street and 26th Avenue had fully engulfed the structure by 2 a.m., causing the building to collapse into itself. The heat from the blaze could be felt more than 100 yards away and was sufficient to warp the tower of a nearby construction crane.

The fire then jumped across 26th Street to the building that houses 7-Sigma, a plastic fabrication firm.

About 9:25 p.m., Minneapolis police officers responding to a report of a stabbing found a man lying on the sidewalk in grave condition at Bloomington Avenue and Lake Street, about a mile west of the third precinct.

The officers provided first aid and paramedics took the wounded man to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder said. His injury was later determined to be a gunshot wound. Police have one person in custody in connection with the homicide.

Elder did not directly link the incident to the protests and said the shooting was under investigation. He said there had been no other reports of serious injuries to officers or protesters.

"Tonight was a different night of protesting than it was the night before," Elder said, noting the "widespread civil disobedience" in the area around the third precinct.

"It's sad," he added.

There were three arrests for burglary and looting Tuesday, Elder said. He was not aware of any arrests as of shortly after midnight Thursday.

About 40 St. Paul police officers were dispatched to support the Minneapolis Fire Department as they put out fires and to "work to keep people and property safe" at the protest in South Minneapolis, according to Steve Linders, a St. Paul police spokesman.

In addition to St. Paul police, Minneapolis officers were assisted by Metro Transit police and Minnesota State Patrol troopers.

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Less than two miles away from the third precinct, a more subdued vigil at the site of Floyd's death at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue continued for a third day.

Meanwhile, a rally outside the Oakdale home of ***Derek Chauvin*** also drew nearly 200 protesters from across the Twin Cities. An officer told protesters that Chauvin was not there, and no one answered when an Associated Press reporter knocked on the door.

Red cans of paint were earlier spilled on his driveway, and someone wrote "A murderer lives here" in chalk in the street in front of the house.

Among the protesters in Oakdale was 25-year-old Delyla Doshie of St. Paul, who said Chauvin must be arrested and prosecuted for murder in Floyd's death.

"We want justice," Doshie said. "People have been arrested for less. There's no reason why he shouldn't be in jail right now."

The protesters faced off against a line of helmeted officers from the Washington County Mobile Field Force, who prevented the protesters from moving deeper into the neighborhood. The demonstration remained peaceful as of 9 p.m.

"We understand we're in a residential neighborhood," Doshie said. "We just want people to know who lives here."

In California, hundreds of people protesting Floyd's death blocked a Los Angeles freeway and shattered windows of California Highway Patrol cruisers on Wednesday.
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Graphic

A six-story building under construction across from Minnehaha Center in Minneapolis burns out of control early Thursday, May 28, 2020. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

Protesters confront police outside the home of former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** in Oakdale on Wednesday evening. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

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Al Sharpton, Eric Garner's mother visit George Floyd site, call for national 'We Can't Breathe' movement

ARTICLE XII. [AL SHARPTON, ERIC GARNER'S MOTHER VISIT GEORGE FLOYD SITE, CALL FOR NATIONAL 'WE CAN'T BREATHE' MOVEMENT](#)

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Highlight: The Rev. Al Sharpton, Eric Garner's mother and City Council President Andrea Jenkins told a crowd gathered Thursday near the site where [George Floyd](#) died in Minneapolis that they stand with community members demanding justice and prosecution of the police involved. That should start with the immediate arrest of the four officers, Sharpton said. "In [...]"

Body

The Rev. Al Sharpton, Eric Garner's mother and City Council President Andrea Jenkins told a crowd gathered Thursday near the site where [George Floyd](#) died in Minneapolis that they stand with community members demanding justice and prosecution of the police involved.

That should start with the immediate arrest of the four officers, Sharpton said.

"In order to get an arrest, all you need is probable cause. ... Then a grand jury decides if there is an indictment," Sharpton said. "You don't need anything more than you have now to arrest those folks ... You have a deceased person ... You have a tape showing how he (became) deceased. ... They should tell those four police what they tell all the people in the hood: 'Tell it to the judge.'"

Sharpton went on to say that while he is nonviolent, he did not come to Minneapolis to address riots or any violence that broke out in response to Floyd's death.

"The violence I am addressing is how a man could hold a man down with his knee on his neck for nine minutes. ... The violence started on this corner when (Floyd) was choking and begging for his life," Sharpton said. "We are not asking for a favor. We are asking for what is right."

Sharpton said he planned to stay in town to attend Floyd's funeral services at the request of his family and called on people across the country to come together to be part of a national "We Can't Breathe movement" that would kick off Saturday.

Floyd, a black man, repeatedly told Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#), who is white, that he couldn't breathe while the officer kept his knee pinned against Floyd's neck as Floyd lay handcuffed and face-down on the ground on Monday.

Al Sharpton, Eric Garner's mother visit George Floyd site, call for national 'We Can't Breathe' movement

The incident - which took place after Floyd allegedly attempted to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at a gas station and resisted arrest - was caught on video by a bystander.

"I Can't Breathe" became a rallying cry after another black man, Eric Garner, was put in a chokehold by a New York City police officer while Garner was resisting arrest for selling single cigarettes from packs in 2014.

The medical examiner ruled Garner's death a homicide, but a grand jury decided not to indict the officer.

Garner's family eventually received a \$5.9 million settlement from the city, and the officer was subsequently fired in 2019, five years after Garner died.

His mother, Gwen Carr, recalled the persistence it took to secure the officer's termination while speaking in Minneapolis on Thursday, saying she was told by several people along the way that the time had come to give up.

"I (said) 'You may not go forward, but I am,' and that is what you must do because this is not going to be an easy fight," she told the crowd.

While Minneapolis has "everyone with you now," she warned that "a lonely road" is ahead.

"Don't let this (just) be another news story. ... We all have to get out and stand together and we don't have to do it violently. We can do it politically," Carr said. "Don't sit around and say, 'My vote don't count.' We put these politicians in and we can take them out."

Jenkins joined Sharpton and Carr at the gathering hours after speaking with Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo at a press conference.

She opened her remarks at the earlier press conference by singing "Amazing Grace" as an offering of grace to Floyd's family before telling media gathered that Floyd's death felt for the black community "as if there was a knee on all of our collective necks that says black life does not matter to the institutions that dictate what happens in this culture and society."

While understanding and supporting the collective grief and outrage that people felt about his death, and the persistent "disease" of racism, she said looting, arson and violence were not acceptable means to express those emotions.

She alluded to those sentiments again when she spoke to the crowd gathered at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue on Thursday afternoon.

"We are going to fight for our streets and we are going to fight for justice for George," she said.

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A group of artists paint a mural of ***George Floyd*** on the wall outside of Cup Foods, where Floyd was killed in police custody, on May 28, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. People have gathered at the site since Floyd was killed earlier this week. (Stephen Maturen/Getty Images)

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Six George Floyd protesters arrested at fired Minneapolis police officer's Oakdale home

ARTICLE XIII. **SIX GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTERS ARRESTED AT FIRED
MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICER'S OAKDALE HOME**

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Highlight: Monique Cullars-Doty, whose nephew was fatally shot by St. Paul police officers five years ago, was one of six protesters arrested Wednesday night in Oakdale near a house belonging to Minneapolis officer ***Derek Chauvin***. Chauvin, the officer who was seen kneeling on ***George Floyd***'s neck before he died, owns a house in the 7500 block [...]

Body

Monique Cullars-Doty, whose nephew was fatally shot by St. Paul police officers five years ago, was one of six protesters arrested Wednesday night in Oakdale near a house belonging to Minneapolis officer ***Derek Chauvin***.

Chauvin, the officer who was seen kneeling on ***George Floyd***'s neck before he died, owns a house in the 7500 block of 17th Avenue North. Cullars-Doty was arrested about a block away near the intersection of 16th Street and Helmo Avenue on suspicion of unlawful assembly.

Dozens of law-enforcement officers from multiple agencies responded to the area; an Oakdale police spokeswoman declined to give exact numbers or agency names for "tactical and safety reasons."

The spokeswoman, Michelle Stark, said the officers were called to the area around 3:30 p.m. to "to keep peace during the active protests." City streets in the area were blocked off and a "Code Red" alert was sent to nearby residents "requesting no unnecessary vehicle traffic near Helmo Ave/17th Street."

At 11:10 p.m., officers issued a "dispersal order for an unlawful assembly," and "multiple warnings were given," Stark said in a statement. "While many left the area, a large crowd did not respond." Officers then deployed tear gas, she said. No injuries were reported.

Erik Sykes, 24, of Oakdale, was arrested for unlawful assembly and obstruction of legal process and was transported to the Washington County Jail in Stillwater.

Five adults, including Cullars-Doty, 53, of Woodbury, were arrested for unlawful assembly and released at the scene, pending citations, Stark said.

The others were: Jaysin Hodges, 38, of Ham Lake; Kathryn Newhouse, 22, of Hancock; Chrystal Immonen, 45, Bemidji; and Chloe Sherrill, 21, of St. Paul.

Six George Floyd protesters arrested at fired Minneapolis police officer's Oakdale home

Cullars-Doty, who is a member of Twin Cities Coalition 4 Justice 4 Jamar, ***Black Lives Matter*** Minnesota and other groups, is the aunt of Marcus Golden, who was 24 when he was shot by St. Paul police on Jan. 14, 2015.

A grand jury cleared two St. Paul police officers in the shooting. Police said a loaded handgun was found within Golden's reach in the SUV, though Golden's family disputes that and other information in police reports, including that Golden was trying to run over an officer in the parking lot of the Valley Hi-Rise apartments at 261 E. University Ave., near Regions Hospital.

Protesters continued to gather in the area on Thursday.

"While much of the protests have been peaceful, a continued law enforcement presence and traffic disruptions to the neighbor should be expected," she said. "Again, we are requesting no unnecessary motor vehicle traffic in the area of Helmo Avenue and 17th Street." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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ARTICLE XIV. **LEADERS PLEAD FOR CALM AS DISORDER SPREADS TO ST. PAUL
AND SUBURBS; WALZ CALLS IN NATIONAL GUARD**

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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey on Thursday called for calm, following a night of violent outbursts that left dozens of businesses looted or burned and at least one person dead in the aftermath of a man's death while in custody of Minneapolis police. Even as he spoke, however, additional unrest was springing up far from the street where ***George Floyd*** died.

"We must restore the peace so that we can do this hard work together," Frey said.

Governor Tim Walz activated the National Guard Thursday at Frey's request. Around 200 guard troopers will provide support to local police until the unrest has settled. State patrol helicopters and aircraft have been made available to law enforcement.

"As Governor, I will always defend the right to protest," Walz said in a statement. "It is how we express pain, process tragedy, and create change. That is why I am answering our local leaders' request for

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Minnesota National Guard assistance to protect peaceful demonstrators, neighbors, and small businesses in Minnesota."

Frey has also authorized Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo to pull and command police from other jurisdictions, he said, and state troopers have also been helping to restore calm.

The conference came after days of increasing tension between protesters and the *Minneapolis Police Department* following Floyd's death. The department initially said only that Floyd was "suffering medical distress;" video later showed a police officer kneeling on the man's neck before he lost consciousness. Floyd was later pronounced dead. Frey has called for the arrest of *Derek Chauvin*, the Minneapolis police officer shown kneeling on Floyd's neck.

Protests against the police evolved into clashes on Tuesday. On Wednesday night violence grew worse, with multiple businesses damaged, looted or burned.

"There was a different tenor last night," Arradondo said of Wednesday night's events. He blamed a small group of protestors who set out to cause property damage and loot while emphasizing that the majority of protestors were peaceful.

It's not clear if some of the people causing damage were even related to the police protests. Many of those who were damaging property, Arradondo said, were not from Minneapolis.

Disruption continued on Thursday. In St. Paul, police and state troopers faced off for hours against dozens of people reportedly trying to loot a Target store on Snelling Avenue. The Target on Lake Street in South Minneapolis was ransacked the previous day.

"Officers attempted to stop the thefts from occurring, and the would-be thieves dropped the stolen merchandise and fled on foot," St. Paul Police Department public information coordinator Steve Linders said in an email to the Business Journal. A group of people still remains in the area causing property damage, Linders said.

In Roseville, a spokeswoman for Rosedale Center said the mall had been asked to close by local authorities. And the Maplewood Police Department warned of the potential for "flash looting," [*told residents to stay away from retail areas.*](#)

The Mall of America has also closed for the rest of Thursday.

Twin Cities Metro Transit announced this afternoon that it would be suspending its service starting from 4 p.m. through at least the rest of Thursday. The transit agency said it would be providing an update later tonight.

And in Minneapolis' Uptown, Calhoun Square took the step of boarding up all of its first-story windows. Some of those windows were broken during Wednesday night's protests; other stores, however, had not yet been damaged.

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Protesters stop LA freeway traffic, smash patrol car windows

ARTICLE XV. [**PROTESTERS STOP LA FREEWAY TRAFFIC, SMASH PATROL CAR WINDOWS**](#)

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Body

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Hundreds of people protesting the death of a black man in Minneapolis police custody blocked a Los Angeles freeway and shattered windows of California Highway Patrol cruisers on Wednesday.

One demonstrator who jumped from another police vehicle was possibly injured in the rally by ***Black Lives Matter*** and other protesters. Hundreds of demonstrators gathered in the late afternoon on downtown streets and eventually moved towards U.S. 101. Dozens walked into lanes despite police efforts to keep them away.

When a CHP patrol car arrived, demonstrators surrounded it. The car's back window was smashed by a skateboard and it jerked forward and moved away with several protesters who had jumped onto the hood. Television news footage showed one man finally hopping or jumping from the side of the moving car and then flopping onto the ground.

A second CHP car arrived and was attacked, with one demonstrator hurling what appeared to be a board through the back window before it moved off.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the man on the ground was seriously injured but protesters surrounded him and others formed a line across the lanes to prevent traffic from moving forward.

Firefighters then arrived and took the man away on a gurney. He was upright and raised one hand in a salute or protest. He was expected to be evaluated at a hospital.

After about 20 minutes, the crowd then began streaming away from the freeway.

Protesters stop LA freeway traffic, smash patrol car windows

Traffic was blocked but appeared to be lighter than during a normal rush hour because of coronavirus restrictions. Most demonstrators weren't wearing masks or following social distancing suggestions aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The protest was organized by the group ***Black Lives Matter***-LA. At its peak, hundreds of people gathered outside the Los Angeles County Hall of Justice.

The demonstration lasted for several hours and was mostly peaceful. No arrests were immediately made, Los Angeles police Officer Mike Lopez said.

The gathering coincides with a large protest in Minneapolis after a white police officer there was seen on video with a knee against the neck of a handcuffed black man who complained that he could not breathe.

Based on the video, Mayor Jacob Frey said officer ***Derek Chauvin*** should be charged in the death of ***George Floyd***, who died in police custody.

In a statement, Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore said the actions in the video were "incredibly disturbing and go against the basic law enforcement principle of preservation of life." He said they showed lack of compassion and use of excessive force.

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Soucheray: Nothing we didn't see in Floyd video can change the conclusion we reached at what we did see

ARTICLE XVI. ***SOUCHERAY: NOTHING WE DIDN'T SEE IN FLOYD VIDEO CAN CHANGE THE CONCLUSION WE REACHED AT WHAT WE DID SEE***

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Highlight: The timing is bad. The world needs peace and it gets an unimaginably horrific death. Citizens, essentially bound up for two months against a mysterious virus, bust loose and start to burn and loot the town. Police officers with rifles in their hands are on the roof of their precinct building at Lake Street and [...]

Body

The timing is bad. The world needs peace and it gets an unimaginably horrific death. Citizens, essentially bound up for two months against a mysterious virus, bust loose and start to burn and loot the town. Police officers with rifles in their hands are on the roof of their precinct building at Lake Street and Minnehaha Ave.

The timing is off the rails. The center at long last is not holding. W.B. Yeats wrote that as part of his poem "The Second Coming." He wrote that in 1919.

How did we make it this far? Or, more accurately, have we reached the point where the abuse of humanity has reached its tipping point and degradation spills across the land? It feels like a knee on the neck.

On the night of Memorial Day, a fellow named ***George Floyd*** was taken into police custody outside a convenience store at 38th and Chicago in Minneapolis. He allegedly had tried to use a forged \$20 bill. He didn't resist arrest. In fact, it looked like he needed help getting out of his car. He was handcuffed. All of this is seen on surveillance video that surfaced on the second day, after the video that broke the spirit, like a knee on the neck.

After being cuffed, Floyd appeared to be sitting on the sidewalk with his back against a building. Then he was up again. We will need police body cameras for this part; now he was in the street, face down, his hands cuffed.

Nothing we didn't see can change the conclusion we reached at what we did see. A veteran officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, had his knee on Floyd's neck for three, four, five minutes. The video taken by a bystander is 10 minutes and eight seconds long. Floyd is begging for his life. He can't breathe. The bystanders are begging for Floyd's life, begging Chauvin to get up. Chauvin's partner, ***Tou Thao***, whose own humanity also vanished, did nothing.

Soucheray: Nothing we didn't see in Floyd video can change the conclusion we reached at what we did see

Two other officers on the scene did nothing. The four officers have been fired. Are we supposed to believe that this is some sort of brotherly code, that you don't interfere with your partner's play? Then it's a hell of a lousy code.

It felt like springs and coils and hinges and neurons were snapping. Humanity flapped its wings but they were dark wings and humanity flew away, painfully, slowly and lumbering, leaving Chauvin to occasionally look up blankly at the crowd begging him to stop.

But he didn't.

What were you thinking, man? You had him down, and we don't even know why that was necessary. He offered no resistance and might very well have been incapable of offering resistance. You guys keep that cliché in your shirt pocket, like a calling card.

Chauvin finally got up, but it was too long after Floyd stopped talking, at one point calling out to his mother. Maybe we all do at the end. Maybe it's a reflex that comes with death, the yearning for the peace and comfort of your mother's arms. But that was minutes ago, before he lost his pulse and fell silent.

Yeats:

"Turning and turning in the widening gyre

The falcon cannot hear the falconer;

Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;

Mere anarchy is loosed on the world,

The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere

The ceremony of innocence is drowned;

The best lack all conviction, while the worst

Are full of passionate intensity."

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Target closes dozens of Twin Cities stores (again); Frey declares local emergency

ARTICLE XVII. **TARGET CLOSES DOZENS OF TWIN CITIES STORES (AGAIN);
FREY DECLARES LOCAL EMERGENCY**

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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey declared a local emergency and Gov. Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard to help quell looting and violent unrest that spread throughout the Twin Cities on Thursday in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd*** in the custody of Minneapolis police earlier this week.

Meanwhile, Target Corp. (NYSE: TGT) said late Thursday that it would close 29 Twin Cities stores - virtually its entire retail footprint in the metro - until further notice, following looting incidents by mobs at at least two of its locations. Dozens of other businesses were damaged or destroyed overnight, and the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** evacuated its Third Precinct building, located in a commercial district of the Longfellow neighborhood, [*as protesters set it ablaze.*](#)

UPDATE: Target opened all but a half-dozen of the stores Friday morning, then [*closed at least 20 of them again Friday afternoon.*](#) the Star Tribune notes.

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"We are heartbroken by the death of **George Floyd** and the pain it is causing our community," the Minneapolis-based retailer [said in a statement](#). "Our focus will remain on our team members' safety and helping our community heal."

Target's move came after days of increasing disorder following the death of Floyd, a bouncer at a Minneapolis restaurant and nightclub who died Monday in an incident with police officers. The department initially said only that Floyd was "suffering medical distress," but video later showed a police officer kneeling on the man's neck for several minutes while Floyd pleaded with him to stop and said he couldn't breathe.

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[Four officers were fired](#) following the incident, and Frey on Wednesday said the officer captured on the video should be arrested.

So far, no arrests have been made. State and federal authorities on Thursday promised a "thorough and expeditious" probe into Floyd's death. In a press conference that began nearly two hours late, U.S. Attorney Erica McDonald said, "We thought we would have another development we could tell you about, but unfortunately we don't at this point." Instead, McDonald, FBI special agent Rainer Drolshagen and Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman asked the public for patience and to send in any evidence or eyewitness accounts of Floyd's encounter with the police.

Of the video the authorities had already seen, Freeman called it "graphic and horrific," but also said that there was evidence "that does not support a criminal charge." He did not elaborate.

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Those statements came as violence, which developed Wednesday evening after initially peaceful protests at the **Minneapolis Police Department's** Third Precinct, grew worse and spread beyond the city. Crowds that had looted and burned dozens of small businesses along Lake Street - as well as some large ones, like Target's Lake Street store and a nearby Cub Foods - appeared at retail locations in St. Paul. Target's Midway store was struck by looters, leading to an hours-long standoff with police and Minnesota state troopers. Police reported fires at NAPA Auto Parts, T.J. Maxx, The UPS Store and Furniture Barn, [the Pioneer Press reported](#).

When police managed to block entrance to the Midway Target, crowds ran to the nearby T.J. Maxx store instead and broke windows there, [the Star Tribune reports](#). Police, warning of other "flash looting" incidents, warned people to stay away from retail areas. Rosedale Shopping Center closed its doors and will stay closed at least for Friday.

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Walz's move lets National Guard units support local authorities with personnel, facilities and equipment. Additionally, 200 state troopers, along with State Patrol helicopters and other aircraft will "assist in public safety efforts for the next several days," the governor's office said.

"As governor, I will always defend the right to protest," Walz said. "It is how we express pain, process tragedy and create change. That is why I am answering our local leaders' request for Minnesota National Guard assistance to protect peaceful demonstrators, neighbors and small businesses in Minnesota."

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The Star Tribune reports that Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo also pledged to work with local community leaders [to encourage peaceful protest](#).

"There was a different tenor last night," Arradondo said of Wednesday night's events. He blamed a small group of protestors who set out to cause property damage and loot while emphasizing that the majority of protestors were peaceful.

It's not clear if some of the people causing damage were even related to the police protests. Many of those who were damaging property, Arradondo said, were not from Minneapolis.

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Minneapolis firefighters battle fires after George Floyd protests turn violent; businesses deal with aftermath

ARTICLE XVIII. **[MINNEAPOLIS FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE FIRES AFTER GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS TURN VIOLENT; BUSINESSES DEAL WITH AFTERMATH](#)**

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Highlight: The fires were intentionally set, according to the fire department.

Body

Smoke hung over East Lake Street Thursday following a night of protest that turned to rioting, looting and numerous fires authorities say were intentionally set in area buildings. The path of damage stretched for miles.

Minneapolis braced for more violence as protests and looting continued through the day.

Fire crews responded to about 30 incidents along East Lake Street, including at least 16 structure fires, since Wednesday during the [protests over the death of George Floyd](#) while he was in custody of Minneapolis police.

Also, a man was found shot Wednesday night at Bloomington Avenue and Lake Street, about a mile west of the [Minneapolis Police Department](#)'s third precinct, where protests had been centered.

He died at the hospital. Police have arrested a suspect.

BUSINESS OWNERS PROTECT STORES FROM LOOTERS

At about 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, armed with a handgun and AR-15 rifle, Tory Bremer stood beside friend Matthew Lerner outside East Lake Liquor Store to survey damage to the store that Lerner owns.

The glass front door had been smashed and metal gate cut through the night before. Lerner had yet to account for what had been stolen.

"I was surprised it made it this far down (Lake Street)," said Lerner, whose store is about a mile east from the city's third precinct.

After Bremer heard of the damage to his friend's store, he and several others headed over there at about 1:30 a.m. to protect the business from further looting.

"Over the course of four hours, we probably chased 30 to 40 people away," Bremer said. "You start walking at someone with an AR-15 and they immediately turn around."

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'IT LOOKS LIKE A BOMB WENT OFF'

Bremer, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1995, was shocked by the scene on Lake Street Thursday morning. At the nearby Target parking lot, it "looks like a bomb went off," he said.

"This is by far the craziest thing I have literally seen in my entire life, let alone in my neighborhood," he said.

Further west down Lake Street, dozens of business had been vandalized with graffiti and had windows smashed. Security alarms still sounded at about 7 a.m. and people continued taking items from stores. Firefighters worked to put out fires and smoke filled the air as onlookers surveyed the damage.

At Town Talk Diner, sprinklers continued to drop water on tables and chairs in the dining area. The floors were filled with water and littered with liquor bottles and broken glass.

"They looted all the booze," said co-owner Charles Stotts, carefully walking into the building.

He said the restaurant had been open Wednesday night doing take-out service when people told them to close down and leave the area. He described the scene on Lake Street as like a "war zone."

"We have our whole lives tied into this restaurant," he said with his hands on his head as he and his wife watched water pour into the street.

'THIS ISN'T PROTESTING'

Mary Wattley is the director of transportation and family liaison at Minnesota Transitions Charter School near Hiawatha Avenue and East Lake Street next door to the Target store hit by looters Wednesday night.

Wattley said 300 students from seventh to 12th grade attended school at the site. The school facility has been all but destroyed and flooded.

Meanwhile, residents of Hiawatha Commons nearby said Thursday that they did what they could overnight to protect their building and calm down rioters.

"Is this safe? It's totally unsafe. There's no police. There's no rules or regulations," said Abdikafi Mohamud. "There's a lot of kids here, a lot of older people."

Kiumars Ehtiatkar said 14 cars were stolen from his seven-year-old business, A Auto Mall, and the store window and glass from the front door were smashed overnight.

"They smashed and broke all the windows, everything," he said, adding that he thinks police should have done more to protect the area from rioting and looters.

Outside the GM Tobacco store Thursday morning looters were still taking products. They tried to break open the store's ATM machine and passed around items from inside the store.

"It's a free-for-all. This isn't protesting," said former area resident Steve Edwards. "It's the worst destruction I've ever seen."

Mara H. Gottfried contributed to this report.

This story contains information from the Associated Press.

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Graphic

Firefighters work to put out a fire that had gutted a building on Lake Street in Minneapolis by the morning of Thursday, May 28, 2020. A protest over the death of **George Floyd** turned violent the previous night. (Andy Rathbun / Pioneer Press)

Matthew Lerner, left, owner of East Lake Liquor Store, and friend Tory Bremer discuss how to secure the building Thursday, May 28, 2020, after looters broke into the building the night before. (Andy Rathbun / Pioneer Press)

Sprinklers pour water onto the dining area of Town Talk Diner on Lake Street in Minneapolis on Thursday, May 28, 2020. The building had been looted the night before. (Andy Rathbun / Pioneer Press)

Charles Stotts and wife Kacey White, owners of Town Talk Diner on Lake Street in Minneapolis, watch as water pours out of the restaurant on Thursday, May 28, 2020. The building had been looted the night before. "We have our whole lives tied into this restaurant," said Stotts. (Andy Rathbun / Pioneer Press)

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George Floyd protests in Minneapolis: The latest on what we know so far

ARTICLE XIX. [**GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS IN MINNEAPOLIS: THE LATEST ON WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR**](#)

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Here's what we know as of Thursday about the situation:

One person died Wednesday night after [*Minneapolis police say he was shot by a store owner*](#). Authorities are investigating the shooting as a homicide. Firefighters responded to [*30 fires overnight in Minneapolis*](#). Numerous businesses were broken into and looted, and some were burned. [*Metro Transit is suspending service*](#) Thursday afternoon out of concerns for safety. [*Rosedale Center has shut down*](#) as a precaution. Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey asked Gov. Tim Walz to bring in the Minnesota National Guard to assist police in responding to rioting. [*Walz said he is activating the National Guard*](#). Federal authorities are [*investigating the death of George Floyd*](#) and will consider federal charges if necessary. [*Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform*](#). [*'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress*](#). [*Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books*](#). [*'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd*](#). [*Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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George Floyd protests: The latest on Minneapolis riots, death investigation

ARTICLE XX.

GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS: THE LATEST ON MINNEAPOLIS RIOTS, DEATH INVESTIGATION

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Police, national experts condemn knee restraint used on George Floyd

ARTICLE XXI. **[POLICE, NATIONAL EXPERTS CONDEMN KNEE RESTRAINT USED
ON GEORGE FLOYD](#)**

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Body

Police around the nation and law enforcement experts on Thursday broadly condemned the way ***George Floyd***, who died in Minneapolis police custody this week, was restrained by an officer who dug his knee into the man's neck, saying no circumstances warrant such a dangerous technique.

Deeply disturbing video shot by a bystander shows Floyd handcuffed, lying on his stomach and seemingly subdued as the officer trying to arrest him pressed his knee down on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes.

Some police officials and experts said equally shocking was something not seen in the video: Other officers on the scene apparently did not try to intervene even as Floyd repeatedly cried out that he couldn't breathe and moaned in pain.

"Any officer who abuses their power or stands by and allows it to happen does not deserve to wear the badge, period," Chicago Police Superintendent David O. Brown said.

Floyd, 46, was arrested Monday after an employee at a grocery store called police to accuse him of trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. The cellphone video shows Floyd, who is black, face-down on the ground with his hands cuffed behind his back, as officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who is white, uses the knee restraint on his neck.

Floyd's head is turned to the side and he does not appear to be resisting. As the minutes tick by and Chauvin continues to hold him down, Floyd's complaints about not being able to breathe stop as he falls silent and motionless. Toward the end of the video, paramedics arrive, lift a limp Floyd onto a stretcher and place him in an ambulance.

"He wasn't actively resisting, and he was saying he couldn't breathe," said Charles P. Stephenson, a former police officer and FBI agent with expertise in use-of-force tactics. "You have to understand that possibility

Police, national experts condemn knee restraint used on George Floyd

is there (that Floyd couldn't breathe), and you release any kind of restriction you might have on an airway immediately."

Chauvin and the three other responding officers have been fired, and the FBI is investigating whether they willfully deprived Floyd of his civil rights. Chauvin has not spoken publicly, and his attorney has not responded to calls seeking comment.

Police recruits learn a variety of use-of-force techniques at the academy, all with the idea that any force employed may equal but not exceed the physical resistance offered by a suspect.

One technique is to restrain someone on the ground face-down, but officers are taught to press a part of the lower leg, such as the shin or top of the ankle, across the shoulders or the back. In some cases officers will "hog-tie" suspects' legs to prevent flight or violent resistance.

But "no police academy that we know of teaches a police officer to use their knee, to put it on their neck," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, which researches and advises on police practices. "That's just not taught because that can impact their breathing and their carotid artery (a crucial vessel that supplies blood to the brain). So when police look at that video, they are shocked that those tactics were used."

What's more, officers are taught to get a suspect up from the ground as soon as possible, either sitting or standing, since lying on one's stomach can cause breathing problems, especially for larger people.

"If what we saw was a continuing, ongoing fight, I could see how a leg, for example, could slip to the back of the neck. But this is not what I'm seeing," said John Bostain, a former officer and president of Command Presence, which trains police around the country. "I'm seeing a fight that appears to be over."

Floyd's case and the recent shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia have once again laid bare the divide between minority communities and law enforcement that grew to a nationwide uproar following the officer killings of Eric Garner and Michael Brown in 2014 and the death of Freddie Gray in police custody in 2015, among others. Videos from bystanders and police cameras have helped elevate such cases to national scrutiny.

Law enforcement officials often ask that people reserve judgment in such cases until all facts - what transpired before or after what a video shows - are known. But the Floyd case has drawn swift and widespread condemnation.

The Fraternal Order of Police, for example, issued a statement saying in part: "The fact that he was a suspect in custody is immaterial - police officers should at all times render aid to those who need it. Police officers need to treat all of our citizens with respect and understanding and should be held to the very highest standards for their conduct."

Law enforcement experts say tempers can flare when a suspect resists arrest, but it's incumbent upon fellow officers with cooler heads to defuse the situation and put a stop to excessive force.

But there's no sign from the video that any of the officers at the scene with Chauvin tried to intervene. For some that had chilling echoes of the police beating of Rodney King in Los Angeles in 1991 despite the presence of a supervising officer.

Police, national experts condemn knee restraint used on George Floyd

"That bothered me greatly," said Stephenson, the use-of-force expert. "They all have an affirmative duty and obligation to uphold the law and uphold the procedures and to stop any violation of law or excessive use of force that they're a witness to. ... It didn't look like those officers were making any effort to go over or say something or do anything." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Coronavirus Thursday update: 35 more Minnesotans die from COVID-19

ARTICLE XXII. **[CORONAVIRUS THURSDAY UPDATE: 35 MORE MINNESOTANS DIE FROM COVID-19](#)**

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Highlight: Minnesota's coronavirus outbreak marked two daily record highs Thursday for both the number of COVID-19 deaths and test results. The deaths of 35 patients were reported Thursday by the Minnesota Department of Health. The previous daily high of 33 fatalities was set last week and tied on Wednesday. The state's COVID-19 death toll is now [...]

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The state's COVID-19 death toll is now at 967 people. Those whose deaths were reported Thursday ranged in age from their 30s to more than 100 years old.

State Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said the two youngest patients whose deaths were announced Thursday - one in their early 30s and another in their early 40s - did not have immediate evidence of underlying health conditions.

The state Department of Health also reported the results of 8,676 coronavirus tests. That's 54 more than the previous record; health officials hope to soon have the capacity to screen 10,000 samples per day.

In a call with reporters Thursday, Malcolm noted the demonstrations and unrest in both Minneapolis and St. Paul after the death of **George Floyd**, a 46-year-old black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pinned Floyd to the ground with a knee pressed on his neck for several minutes.

In a video circulated online, Floyd can be seen pleading with the officer and saying: "**I can't breathe.**"

Malcolm urged protesters to do anything they could to protect themselves from the coronavirus while participating in demonstrations.

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"As we know, large gatherings do pose a risk in any epidemic, but certainly where we stand today," Malcolm said. "Please be mindful of the risk and that the risk can be reduced, not eliminated but reduced, with social distancing and wearing a mask."

The state Department of Health reported 483 new coronavirus infections on Thursday, bringing the state total to 22,947 laboratory-confirmed cases. Stevens County recorded its first case Thursday leaving only two of Minnesota's 87 counties, Cook and Lake of the Woods, without confirmed cases.

Minnesota's most serious coronavirus cases have been in residents who are older or have underlying health conditions. The average age of those who've died is 83.

Yet most of the state's confirmed cases are in residents between the ages of 20 and 60. About 67 percent of the state's infections fall into that group.

Seventy-three percent of people with confirmed cases in the state have recovered enough they no longer need to be isolated.

Since the outbreak began, 2,880 patients have required hospitalization. The latest information from state health officials showed 606 patients hospitalized with 242 in critical condition.

Malcolm said Thursday that health officials were making progress controlling coronavirus infections in congregate care facilities around the state. More than 80 percent of the state's deaths have been residents of such facilities, which include nursing homes, assisted living and rehabilitation centers.

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State, federal authorities continue investigation into George Floyd's death but no charges as of Thursday

ARTICLE XXIII. **STATE, FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CONTINUE INVESTIGATION INTO GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH BUT NO CHARGES AS OF THURSDAY**

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Highlight: State and federal authorities are continuing to investigate the death of ***George Floyd*** while he was in the custody of Minneapolis police. However, authorities did not announce decisions on charges in the case as of Thursday. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI continue to review the facts surrounding Floyd's death during his [...]

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The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI continue to review the facts surrounding Floyd's death during his arrest Monday for allegedly trying to pass counterfeit money at a convenience store. Video taken by a bystander and shared on social media shows officer ***Derek Chauvin*** pressing his knee into Floyd's neck, as Floyd was handcuffed and lying face-down on the ground.

Floyd is heard on the video saying he couldn't breathe and died a short time later. His death has sparked days of protest that reached a boiling point Wednesday night when rioting and looting broke out on East Lake Street and several buildings burned. Further looting was reported across the metro area Thursday and more protests are planned.

Chauvin and three other officers at the scene have since been fired and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey has called for the arrest and charging of Chauvin.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said his office has been deluged with communications urging him to charge the four officers. Freeman said he is working as quickly as possible.

"We have to do this right," he said. "We have to prove it in a court of law ... I will not rush justice."

He also said at one point that while the officer's conduct depicted in the video "is graphic and horrific and terrible and no person should do that," it was his job "to prove that (the officer) violated criminal statute, and there is other evidence that does not support a criminal charge," adding "we need to wade through all that evidence to make a meaningful determination."

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His office issued a clarification later Thursday, saying his remarks had been misinterpreted and that he intended to make it clear that all evidence, including unfavorable evidence, needed to be considered.

"Evidence not favorable to our case needs to be carefully examined to understand the full picture of what actually happened," the statement read. "This happens in every case. This statement does not indicate in any way the horror that we all feel when viewing the video. As in any case, it is simply a matter of adequately preparing for trial."

Meanwhile, the state investigation is accompanied by a federal one.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI will determine whether there are grounds to bring federal charges in connection with Floyd's death.

"It is a violation of federal law for an individual acting under color of law to willfully deprive another person of any right protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States," according to the statement from U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald and FBI Special Agent In Charge Rainer Drolshagen.

MacDonald said Thursday that the investigation has been given top priority by the U.S. Department of Justice and that she has been in touch with Attorney General William Barr about the case.

"We are working round the clock," MacDonald said. "We have been for the last 72 hours and will continue to do (so) until justice is (done)."

Both state and federal authorities urge anyone with additional information about the incident to come forward. They asked the community to try and remain calm as they continue the investigation so that they can do their job right.

Anyone with information can call the FBI at 1-800-CALLFBI (800-225-5324). [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [Dozens of homeless people evicted from Minneapolis hotel](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in **George Floyd** unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [Suspect charged, sought in fiery Minneapolis crash that killed Coon Rapids motorist](#)

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Metro Transit suspending service through weekend because of safety concerns

ARTICLE XXIV. [METRO TRANSIT SUSPENDING SERVICE THROUGH WEEKEND
BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS](#)

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Highlight: Metro Transit announced Thursday afternoon that it will be suspending service "out of concern for the safety of riders and employees." Bus and rail service was suspended beginning 4 p.m. Thursday with a potential of restarting on Friday. Later, however, Metro Transit said it would suspend service through the weekend. Airport shuttle and Northstar trips [...]

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Airport shuttle and Northstar trips will continue to operate.

The service suspension follows protests over the death of ***George Floyd*** that turned violent in Minneapolis Wednesday night and in St. Paul on Thursday.

Metro Transit said it would provide an update about next week's service no later than 8 p.m. Sunday via social media or its [rider alerts service](#). [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#). ['Stop the pain,' a brother of ***George Floyd*** tells Congress](#). [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#). ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for ***George Floyd***](#). [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in ***George Floyd*** unrest](#)

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More than 170 St. Paul businesses looted or damaged Thursday night-Friday morning, police say

ARTICLE XXV. [**MORE THAN 170 ST. PAUL BUSINESSES LOOTED OR DAMAGED THURSDAY NIGHT-FRIDAY MORNING, POLICE SAY**](#)

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Highlight: The unrest continued into the morning.

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What appeared to start as impromptu demonstrations for *George Floyd*, the man who died in Minneapolis police custody, turned into a day of scattered arson, looting and significant destruction of retail shops in St. Paul's Midway and elsewhere in the capital city on Thursday.

The unrest continued into the evening - more than 170 businesses were damaged or looted, and dozens of fires were set, according to police. There were no reports of serious injuries in St. Paul.

Just after 1 a.m. Friday, a fire broke out at Lloyd's Pharmacy, which dates back to 1918, at Snelling and Minnehaha avenues. A large crowd gathered, many visibly upset the neighborhood business was targeted. By 1:30 a.m., the two-story building was fully engulfed, with several fire crews fighting to contain the flames.

Gov. Tim Walz announced he was calling up the National Guard Thursday afternoon after receiving requests from St. Paul and Minneapolis.

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and Police Chief Todd Axtell said groups of young people were traveling around the city in groups of up to 20 vehicles - many without license plates in an attempt to go undetected - and breaking into ubusinesses and looting.

Carter said Thursday the "anguish, the anger, the anguish, the sadness, the rage that we're seeing in the community, it's understandable. And I think it's shared by a whole lot of people throughout humanity right now who have looked at that video (of Floyd) and just said, "That doesn't feel like the kind of community, the kind of state, the kind of city, the kind of country, the kind of world that I want to live in."

But Carter said his plea was that people channel their energy toward honoring Floyd and preventing something similar from happening again.

Floyd, 46, died Monday after a Minneapolis officer knelt on his neck when Floyd was handcuffed on the ground. Protests erupted in Minneapolis, and people began looting and setting fires on Wednesday night.

More than 170 St. Paul businesses looted or damaged Thursday night-Friday morning, police say

On Thursday, people's anger also overflowed into St. Paul and other places braced for the potential for unrest.

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- Dave Orrick (@DaveOrrick) [May 28, 2020](#)

Rosedale Center and Maplewood Mall shut down as a precaution on Thursday, and the Roseville mall will remain closed Friday. Roseville police said several businesses had been impacted by attempted theft and burglaries. And Target announced that 24 of its stores in the Twin Cities are closed until further notice.

The Mall of America was set to officially reopen Monday, after it has been closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, but tenants were told Thursday that the date will be pushed out and will be announced when it's finalized.

On St. Paul's Grand Avenue, where a liquor store had its windows broken out, people boarded up windows on restaurants near Lexington Parkway, also as a precaution. A pawn shop in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood had a window smashed.

Metro Transit suspended bus and rail service in the Twin Cities through the weekend.

All state agencies that operate out of the Capitol complex in St. Paul are closed Friday, state employees have been told.

As the day wore on, all sense of law and order had completely broken down on the commercial stretch of University Avenue east of Snelling Avenue in the Midway neighborhood.

It appears to have started around 11:30 a.m., when St. Paul police were initially called to the Target on University Avenue. They found 50 to 60 people running into the store, grabbing merchandise and running out, said Steve Linders, a police spokesman.

When police arrived, people dropped merchandise and ran away, Linders said, a pattern that would repeat itself countless times throughout the afternoon.

Soon after, some people in the Target parking lot chanted, "No justice, no peace," and a few held signs. While numerous people said they were there for justice for Floyd, there was no evidence of organized demonstrators. People said they heard on social media and traditional media about people gathering and those present were mostly teens and young adults.

"Can you please put in the paper that people like us are here being peaceful?" pleaded Rhianna Lindsey, who stayed in her vehicle with her son, Jayden, uncomfortable with the situation. "There's no reason for more violence."

An officer estimated there were at least 200 people in the University Avenue Target parking lot shortly after 2 p.m., and they described the crowd as increasingly hostile. After police gave orders for people to leave, police used a chemical irritant to disperse the group.

The activity worsened as the day went on, with groups of officers in riot gear responding as people were seen breaking store windows, going inside and taking things, and setting fires. Young drivers sped around

More than 170 St. Paul businesses looted or damaged Thursday night-Friday morning, police say

parking lots, often with a passenger seated on the passenger door, hanging out the open window, his or her cell phone apparently recording or streaming the scene.

A pattern developed: A store with no police nearby would be looted, starting with teenage or young adult males smashing windows and culminating with a rush of people running in and running out, arms full of merchandise. In one instance, a man repeatedly backed his car into a garage door of Discount Tire, eventually breaking it.

Then the police would come, often dispersing the crowd with gas or projectiles. As they secured the location, looters would hit a different stretch of stores. Once the police left an area, looters would return.

Once inside, some would set fires. There were fires at NAPA Auto Parts, T.J. Maxx, The UPS Store, Furniture Barn and other Midway businesses. The NAPA building collapsed Thursday night.

NAPA collapsed, firefighters trying to save that deli next door pic.twitter.com/9OImZILpes

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress) [May 29, 2020](#)

A "significant number of businesses were damaged and also looted," Linders said. The Midway area was hardest hit, but the Sun Ray Shopping Center and Target on Suburban Avenue were also affected, according to police.

In areas where police congregated, a different type of crowd congregated - those with an anti-police message. Some merely hurled insults. But others threw bottles, bricks and flashlight batteries at officers and squad cars. Some cursed at police and said, "You killed him," presumably referring to Floyd.

Officers released tear gas, less-lethal munitions and mace, Axtell said, "because, again, we have to send a strong message - if you decide that you're going to take that brick and launch it at an officer, you're not going to do that without some type of consequence."

In one instance witnessed by a Pioneer Press reporter, store operators - who had been guarding a tobacco shop earlier - returned as it was being looted. One of the men fired a shotgun in the air, dispersing the looters. No one was hit.

Century-old Lloyd's Pharmacy is fully engulfed pic.twitter.com/R13x9OqMuq

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress) [May 29, 2020](#)

At New Asia Express on Lexington Parkway, near University Avenue, current and former employees stood guard outside the long-time restaurant on Thursday night.

Jake Nitzschke, 27, went to the restaurant after hearing about the nearby UnBank being looted and came to help his former employer.

"I'm holding down the fort," he said.

City Council President Amy Brendmoen said people are "focused first on preventing loss of life and secondarily preventing loss of property to fire," according to a Thursday night Facebook post. "They have been trying to make space to allow and accommodate peaceful protests. The hope is to keep crowds calm and not contribute to the escalating tension in the city."

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Earlier in the day, Axtell spoke with Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan and Walz and requested support from the National Guard. Mutual aid from neighboring cities and up to 75 Minnesota State Patrol troopers were also on the way, Axtell said Thursday.

The National Guard announced Thursday night that more than 500 soldiers have been activated to St. Paul, Minneapolis and surrounding communities.

"Our mission is to protect life, preserve property and the right to peacefully demonstrate," the National Guard said in a tweet. "A key objective is to ensure fire departments are able to respond to calls."

The [Hamline Midway Coalition](#) and are planning community clean-ups along University Avenue on Friday.

St. Paul Chamber of Commerce President B Kyle said Thursday that the organization's "first consideration is the tragic loss and collective grief experienced as a result of the killing of **George Floyd**. In this context we want safety for all in our community."

Kyle noted that Minnesota has one of the largest economic disparity gaps in the country.

"This reality, in combination with blatant disregard for life has caused much distress and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce maintains our commitment to building a prosperous East Metro region that works for all of us," she said in a statement.

Mara H. Gottfried and Nick Woltman contributed to this report. [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [Union Park District Council](#) [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [23-year-old arrested in fatal shooting of man, 65, in Shakopee](#)

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'It's a death blow': Lake Street small businesses clean up, prepare for another night (gallery)

ARTICLE XXVI. ***'IT'S A DEATH BLOW': LAKE STREET SMALL BUSINESSES CLEAN UP, PREPARE FOR ANOTHER NIGHT (GALLERY)***

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While a burned AutoZone shop and a looted Target store were two of the more visibly damaged businesses following a night of protests in South Minneapolis, dozens of small businesses on Thursday morning were sweeping up broken glass, assessing the damage, and bracing for what could be another difficult night.

"All of those businesses that were up and running in supporting families and putting the wealth back into the community - it's like we just got put back 30 years because it's either on fire, broken or looted," said Chris Montana, owner of Du Nord Craft Spirits, a distillery just a block from the Third Precinct. "For some of these small businesses along the street, that's a death blow. And if you add Covid on top of that - they didn't have deep pockets anyway, because most of us are burning cash. It's a death blow."

The Lake Street Council said at least 80 businesses were damaged on East Lake Street. The damage has occurred in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd***, who died Monday after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes in an incident caught on cellphone video.

'It's a death blow': Lake Street small businesses clean up, prepare for another night (gallery)

"I understand the anger and frustration around the death of ***George Floyd***, but I wish that response didn't include damage to small-business owners that make up the community," said Allison Sharkey, head of the business association. "The livelihoods of owners and employees have been impacted."

The Lake Street Council has launched a [crowdfunding campaign](#) to help those businesses rebuild their storefronts. Liquor stores, banks, retailers and restaurants suffered smashed windows, graffiti and looting.

Du Nord's staff posted "Black Owned" signs on the building and Montana's distillery was spared on Wednesday night. Montana grew up in the neighborhood and was saddened at what happened to all of the businesses along Lake Street. But as a black man, he said he also understood the pain and anger.

"I know that people are going to look at this and say, 'Why would people do these things? Why would they do it to their own community? Doesn't this just hurt your own community?' And the answer is yes, it does. People are angry, people are depressed, people are sad. They're emotional. And there's no place for it to go, because all of the traditional channels don't get anything changed."

He added, "I don't condone looting, but I understand it."

Looting went well beyond Lake Street. A small group broke into Ken & Norm's Liquors at 4801 Chicago Ave. around 4:50 a.m. and stole the most expensive liquors in the locked cabinets, said Arpad Nagy.

Nagy called the police. At first, he said, no one answered for 15 to 20 minutes. Then the dispatcher told him the police wouldn't be coming and to take pictures of the damage. Nagy immigrated from the former Soviet Union 19 years ago and has owned the store for 10 years.

"Never did I expect the day to come that I would call 911 and they would tell me no one is coming," he said.

Nagy had a crew installing metal barricades over his windows and was considering hiring security as he prepared for another night, though he wondered how effective it would be.

"You just can't stop 10 or 15 people," he said. "You just can't do much."

Montana had cleared out any patio furniture or large objects that could be thrown through his windows. But he wasn't planning on sticking around all night.

"I love this business. I love what it's become. I love that it is a community asset. I love my kids more," he said. "And so I'm not going to stay here overnight to defend it. I leave it to the hands of South Minneapolis. And if she chooses to keep it intact, then we will reopen it when we can. And we'll go back to business as usual as it can be."

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Mobs ransack stores, torch buildings as police protests turn violent; 1 person killed

ARTICLE XXVII. [MOBS RANSACK STORES, TORCH BUILDINGS AS POLICE PROTESTS TURN VIOLENT; 1 PERSON KILLED](#)

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Protests that began in the wake of [George Floyd's](#) death in police custody turned violent Wednesday night, as crowds looted or vandalized dozens of stores and set fires in the neighborhood around Hiawatha Avenue and Lake Street.

The Star Tribune [has a report on the violence](#), which included a fatal shooting at a Lake Street pawn shop. Police said early Thursday that shots had been fired by the store's owner; one person is in custody.

Stores, including the Target and Cub Foods at the Minnehaha Center strip mall and several smaller shops in the neighborhood, were broken into and ransacked. A Target Corp. (NYSE: TGT) spokesperson [told Business Insider](#) that employees were safe but the store will remain closed until further notice.

Looting apparently continued this morning at the Target store according to MPR reporter Jon Collins, [who is walking the Lake Street area](#).

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Stores were also damaged in the Uptown neighborhood, miles away from the scenes of the worst violence. Several storefronts, including Timberland, Urban Outfitters and See Eyewear had windows smashed and merchandise taken or damaged; windows at the Apple store on Hennepin Avenue were damaged but didn't shatter.

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Multiple fires were set, including one at the Cub Foods and [another that engulfed an AutoZone supply store](#), KMSP reports. The Star Tribune also has video of a blaze [at an under-construction affordable housing project](#). The Pioneer Press [reports that the heat of the blaze](#) "could be felt more than 100 yards away and was sufficient to warp the tower of a nearby construction crane," and neighbors used garden hoses to try to keep the fire from spreading to their homes.

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Some of the fires are still smoking this morning. Tony Webster is going around the neighborhood this morning and [has video of the aftermath in his Twitter feed](#).

The violence followed two days of steadily increasing tensions in Minneapolis over the death of Floyd, following the release of video of a police officer kneeling on the man's neck while a handcuffed Floyd pleaded that he couldn't breathe. Police had confronted Floyd following a complaint over counterfeit money, and initially said only that he was "suffering medical distress."

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[Four officers were fired](#) following the incident, and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey on Wednesday said the officer captured on the video should be arrested. [MPR has more on Frey's statements](#).

A first day of demonstrations ended with clashes between police and thousands of protesters. Crowds were largely peaceful but after some precinct windows were smashed, police launched tear gas and rubber bullets at the protesters. Some critics, including City Council members, [said the police reaction to those initial protests made violence more likely](#).

Frey, late Wednesday, asked for calm. KMSP also reports he's also asked Gov. Tim Walz for state assistance in helping control the area, including possibly using the National Guard. Currently, the state has deployed several dozen state troopers to the scene.

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Affordable apartment project destroyed during night of protests

ARTICLE XXVIII. [**AFFORDABLE APARTMENT PROJECT DESTROYED DURING NIGHT OF PROTESTS**](#)

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Fires continued to smoulder Thursday morning at the site of Midtown Corner, a partially built apartment building in Minneapolis that burned down during a night of protests over the killing of ***George Floyd***.

The project was run by developer Wellington Management; Executive Vice President David Wellington confirmed that the building was his and that all members of his team were safe.

The project broke ground in the summer of 2019, and was expected to finish later this year. The exterior of all six floors was already finished but only the first floor, designated for retail use - and, unlike the stick-built upper levels, made of concrete - was left standing.

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Midtown Corner's upper five stories were [*planned affordable housing*](#). The building would have had 190 units, with rent keyed to households making between 60 and 80 percent of the area's median income.

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The apartments were the final piece in Wellington's development of the [former Rainbow Foods](#) space on East Lake Street. It had already finished adding an Aldi and a charter school called Universal Academy. Both of those buildings were also damaged in the protests.

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Banks near riot suffer damage; close until further notice

ARTICLE XXIX. ***BANKS NEAR RIOT SUFFER DAMAGE; CLOSE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

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Bank branches in South Minneapolis near where the riots took place last night and into Thursday morning suffered damages and are closed until further notice.

Protests began in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death while he was in police custody earlier this week. They turned violent Wednesday night around Minnehaha Avenue and Lake Street, and now nearby banks are closing due to the destruction and to ensure employees' safety.

A BMO Harris branch, located at 320 Lake St. E, was damaged and bank employees have been shifted to another location, said bank spokesman Patrick O'Herlihy.

"No employees or customers were injured as a result of the incident," he said in an email to the Business Journal. "The branch is secured, and we are in the process of assessing the damage. We're directing customers to the drive-up at our Richfield location at 6625 Lyndale Ave. S."

Banks near riot suffer damage; close until further notice

Two TCF Bank branches suffered damages, as well, said spokesman Tom Wennerberg. A branch located at 3801 Minnehaha Ave. was damaged and is now closed until further notice.

Another branch, located inside a Cub Foods at 2850 26th Ave. S, was also damaged; however, that branch was already closed due to Covid-19, Wennerberg said.

"Extensive property damage at both locations currently due to the situation," he said. "Employees contacted last night to not enter the area today. We are currently securing both locations and will determine a reopen date soon."

Wells Fargo also said it has closed several branches around the riot location, although spokesman Steve Carlson couldn't immediately provide details on which locations. At the very least, the branch at 2218 E. Lake St. is closed because of civil unrest, [according to the bank's website](#).

"We've temporarily closed several branches and offices as a result of ongoing protest activity in Minneapolis," Carlson said. "When we determine it is safe for our employees and customers, we will resume operations at those locations. Customers can check Wells Fargo's branch locator for the current status of branches."

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Firm loses lease after alleged racial profiling

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Highlight: Venture capitalist said he would call 911 on black entrepreneurs using co-working space's gym.

Body

A Minneapolis venture capitalist's office lease has been terminated after a video went viral showing him asking a group of black entrepreneurs if they were tenants of the building and thus allowed to use its gym.

In the video posted Tuesday night, Tom Austin, who is white, said he was going to call 911 on the group. (He ended up calling the building's property manager instead.)

On Wednesday afternoon, Austin said he messed up. He had an office at the Mozaic East building in Uptown for his company, F2 Group. The office building is owned by the Ackerberg Group.

"Should have handled it differently," he said in an e-mail. "Not my job to have done anything."

Top Figure, a Minneapolis-based social media and branding agency, posted the video to its Instagram account saying that it showed racial profiling in action. The company is a member of the WeWork co-working space in the building. The men were

working out in the gym in the building when Austin confronted them.

"I'm Tom Austin," the man says in the video. "I'm a tenant in the building - are you?"

The men in the group, who are black, respond that they are all tenants. Austin demands to know which office they work in. They respond that they don't have to tell him. He says he's going to call 911.

"As you guys can see, we're dealing with racism here," one of the voices says in the video.

The men who work at Top Figure could not be reached for comment.

Austin, who was a vocal critic of renaming Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska, said in an interview Wednesday that he regretted saying anything to the men and insisted he was not being racist.

Firm loses lease after alleged racial profiling

He said the building had recently sent out an e-mail reminding them that only tenants were allowed to use the gym and other amenities in the building. He said he was suspicious that the men were not all tenants because he saw one person in the group of five men using his key fob to let others into the bathroom and other doors.

He said they became "aggressive" when he confronted them.

"There's a whole bunch of people who don't appear to be" part of the building using the gym, he is heard saying on the phone in the video.

He said a maintenance person ended up coming and talking to the group and then left.

In its social media post, Top Figure noted that it pays rent to work in the building. It also said the entrepreneurs do not often speak out about the racial profiling and age discrimination they face.

"We are sick and tired of tolerating this type of behavior on a day-to-day basis, and we feel that we had to bring light onto this situation," they wrote.

The social post generated more than 3,000 comments and more than 20,000 likes by Wednesday afternoon and also was being widely shared on Twitter.

It comes in the same week of two other racially charged viral videos, one of which showed a white woman in New York City calling the police on a black man who asked her to follow the rules and leash her dog in Central Park. She was subsequently fired from her job.

The other showed a white police officer in Minneapolis kneeling on the neck of George Floyd, who is black, and who died shortly after, sparking protests in the city on Tuesday night.

Stuart Ackerberg, CEO of Ackerberg Group, which owns the Mozaic East building, said he was already feeling heartbroken upon seeing the Floyd video when he saw the video of the confrontation at the gym in his own building.

"My heart hurts," he said. "This is not how we do business. ... I'm alarmed by what I saw."

He said that two WeWork members had used their key fobs to access the gym on Tuesday night. And he assumes the other people in the Top Figure group also were employees.

"It appears they had every right to be there and to use that amenity," he said.

Ackerberg said he spoke to Austin on Wednesday and expressed his dismay.

"I shared with him that I did not think it was handled well and there are other ways to go about this," he said. "It's unfortunate. Our goal is to create a safe and inviting experience for everybody."

Austin said he and the other men continued to work out after the confrontation.

"By the end of the night, we were on talking terms," he said. "I said, 'I'm sorry you thought I was being racist, but I was not. If you were a bunch of women, I would have done the same thing.' "

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Gophers football program tapping Illinois for talent

Rosedale Center, Maplewood Mall shut down amid Thursday's continued protests; MOA delays reopening

ARTICLE XXXI. **ROSEDALE CENTER, MAPLEWOOD MALL SHUT DOWN AMID THURSDAY'S CONTINUED PROTESTS; MOA DELAYS REOPENING**

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Roseville police were also monitoring the Target store across from the mall on Snelling Avenue and the Walmart off Interstate 35W, according to a city spokesman.

Protests have been underway since the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody. On Thursday, people gathered at the Target store in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood and damaged squad car windows as officers stood in front of the University Avenue store to prevent them from entering.

A group of people also gathered in the parking lot of the Target on Snelling Avenue in Roseville, according to police and social media reports. The store had already closed down.

Rosedale spokeswoman Lisa Crain released a statement around 1:45 p.m. that said local authorities asked the Roseville mall to close. The mall will remain closed Friday.

The Mall of America was set to officially reopen Monday, after it has been closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, but tenants were told Thursday that the date will be pushed out and will be announced when it's finalized. Tenant and employees, who have been preparing for reopening, aren't being allowed into the Bloomington mall through at least Sunday.

Some MOA businesses have had curbside pickup, but those are also being suspended through the weekend.

"We continue to monitor the news - with the uncertainty and unrest in Minneapolis and surrounding communities - and out of an abundance of caution we have made the decision to close Mall of America at 2:00 today," the MOA said in a Thursday message to tenants. "All tenants are required to secure their spaces

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and leave the building no later than 2:00 this afternoon. Any tenants with exterior entrances must make sure they are locked securely."

Pictures on social media showed a large police presence outside Maplewood Mall Thursday afternoon.

Local authorities have asked us to close Rosedale Center. Please watch social media for notice on reopening.

- Rosedale Center (@RosedaleCenter) [May 28, 2020](#)

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UMN cuts ties with Minneapolis police in light of George Floyd case

ARTICLE XXXII. [UMN CUTS TIES WITH MINNEAPOLIS POLICE IN LIGHT OF GEORGE FLOYD CASE](#)

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The University of Minnesota will no longer contract with the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) for support services following the death of [George Floyd](#).

City and university police forces in the past would work together during large-scale events like football games, concerts and ceremonies. But the university will no longer look to the department for help in those cases, President Joan Gabel said in a letter published online late Wednesday.

Instead, Gabel wrote, university police at the Twin Cities campus will limit their involvement with Minneapolis police to joint patrols and investigations that "directly enhance the safety of our community or that allow us to investigate and apprehend those who put our students, faculty and staff at risk."

Also scrapped are agreements with the Minneapolis police for specialized services such as K-9 explosive detection.

"Our hearts are broken after watching the appalling video capturing the actions of [Minneapolis Police Department](#) officers against (Floyd) leading to his tragic death," Gabel said in a letter posted to Twitter.

"University students, staff, and faculty are day-to-day participants in the life of every community in this state, and we must act when our neighbors are in pain," she continued.

The decision comes days after a video circulated online of a Minneapolis police officer kneeling on the black man's neck as he lay prone on the ground. The footage has triggered investigations into Floyd's eventual death Monday night and sparked demonstrations that in some cases turned violent.

Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#) and three other officers involved in the incident - [Thomas Lane](#), [Tou Thao](#) and [J. Alexander Kueng](#) - were fired as the investigations continue.

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Former Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin charged with murder in death of George Floyd, arrested by BCA

ARTICLE XXXIII. **FORMER MINNEAPOLIS OFFICER DEREK CHAUVIN CHARGED WITH MURDER IN DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD, ARRESTED BY BCA**

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Highlight: Charges have been filed against **Derek Chauvin**, who was arrested earlier Friday by the BCA.

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The Minneapolis police officer involved in the death of **George Floyd** was charged Friday by the Hennepin County attorney with third-degree murder and manslaughter.

The charging decision came after days of protests and violent rioting across the Twin Cities. Much of the destruction centered around the police department's third precinct on East Lake Street in Minneapolis. Protesters also camped out in front of Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman's house clamoring for justice and prosecution of the officers involved.

Speaking Friday, Freeman said he was not "insensitive" to the protests and riots across the Twin Cities in the days since Floyd's death. He said he and investigators worked as quickly as they could to reach the decision. Additional and more severe charges could follow, he said.

"We have now been able to put together the evidence we need. Even as late as yesterday afternoon we didn't have all we needed. We have now found it and we felt the responsibility to charge it as soon (as we could)," Freeman said.

FREEMAN: MORE CHARGES MAY COME

The other three Minneapolis officers at the scene Monday when Floyd died have not been charged. But Freeman said he expected criminal complaints against them to be forthcoming. He would not say what those charges might be.

All four officers were fired from the **Minneapolis Police Department** earlier this week.

Officer **Derek Chauvin** was seen on video taken by a bystander pinning Floyd to the ground with his knee to Floyd's neck for several minutes. Floyd is seen handcuffed and lying face-down while he pleads: "**I can't breathe.**"

SAME CHARGES AS THOSE BROUGHT AGAINST NOOR

Former Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin charged with murder in death of George Floyd, arrested by BCA

The charges against Chauvin are the same as those brought against former Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor in the death of Justine Damond in 2017. Though in that case, it took several months for a charging decisions to arrive.

That case lacked the bystander's video of the incident, Freeman said, which this one has, as well as other evidence. Besides the video, there is evidence includes body-camera footage worn by officers at the scene, statements from witnesses and preliminary findings produced by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner on Floyd's death.

Those findings indicate that the officers' restraints, as well as a pre-existing medical condition Floyd apparently had and "potential intoxicants" in his system all appear to have contributed to his death.

The charging document also notably states that Chauvin kept his knee pinned to Floyd's neck for nearly three minutes after he became unresponsive, even after a fellow officer, who was restraining Floyd elsewhere, suggested they roll Floyd to his side.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT GIVES ACCOUNT OF WHAT LED TO ARREST

According to the criminal complaint, on Monday police were called to Cups Food convenience store at Chicago Avenue and E. 38th Street after a report of someone trying to pass a counterfeit bill. They found Floyd and two others parked nearby in a car.

Two officers - identified in the charges as Officer Lane and J.A. Kueng - approached the vehicle. Lane pulled out a gun, pointed it at Floyd, who was in the driver's seat, and told him to show his hands. When Floyd put his hands on the steering wheel, the officer returned his gun to his holster, according to the complaint.

]Floyd was then pulled out of the car and arrested, at which time he "actively resisted being handcuffed," the complaint said.

But then he became "compliant" and walked with the two officers to a nearby sidewalk, where they sat him down, asked for his name and ID as well as whether he was "on anything," and told him why he was being arrested.

The tone shifted when they stood up and began walking him to a squad car, the complaint said. Floyd apparently "stiffened up, fell to the ground and told the officers he was claustrophobic."

MORE: [Read the criminal complaint filed against former Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin](#)

CHAUVIN, PARTNER ARRIVE AT SCENE

That's when Chauvin and his partner, Tou Cha, arrived in a separate squad car.

The officers reportedly continued to make "several attempts" to get Floyd into the squad car but he wouldn't cooperate, according to the complaint. Instead he repeatedly fell down, said he wouldn't get in the car and refused to stand still.

At that time - while Floyd was standing near the car - Floyd began saying he couldn't breathe, prompting Chauvin to go around to the passenger side of the squad to try and get him inside, according to the complaint.

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Chauvin then pulled Floyd out of the squad at about 8:18 p.m. Floyd went down to the ground "face-down and still hand-cuffed." The complaint did not clarify whether Chauvin took him down or he went down on his own.

Lane and Kueng then held down his back and legs while Chauvin placed his left knee into Floyd's head and neck as Floyd continually said "*I can't breathe*," "please" and "mama."

None of the officers moved from their positions while Floyd pleaded, the complaint said.

'NO. STAYING PUT WHERE WE GOT HIM.'

At one point, Lane asked "Should we roll him on his side," but Chauvin said: "No, staying put where we got him," the complaint said.

Lane expressed concern about "excited delirium," but Chauvin was resolute, saying, "that's why we have him on his stomach," the complaint said.

At 8:24 p.m. Floyd reportedly stopped moving, according to video footage, the complaint said. A minute later he stopped breathing or speaking.

That's when Lane said again he wanted to roll Floyd to his side to check for a pulse, which couldn't be found, according to the complaint. Nearly three more minutes passed until emergency responders arrived and Chauvin removed his knee from Floyd's neck.

Floyd was pronounced dead at Hennepin County Medical Center a short time later.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: OFFICER CONDUCT, MEDICAL CONDITION, POSSIBLE 'INTOXICANTS' CONTRIBUTORS IN DEATH

The medical examiner still has to conduct a complete autopsy. But preliminary findings indicate it was a combination of the police restraint, Floyd's pre-existing medical condition, and "potential intoxicants" in his system that contributed to his death, the complaint said.

Floyd's health conditions include coronary artery disease and hypertensive heart disease. The findings do not indicate traumatic asphyxia or strangulation caused his death, according to the complaint.

Chauvin had his knee of Floyd's neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds, nearly three minutes of which were after Floyd had gone unresponsive, the complaint said.

"Police are trained that this kind of a restraint with a subject in a prone position is inherently dangerous," the complaint said.

CHAUVIN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY BCA

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington announced Chauvin's arrest on Friday following a news conference with Gov. Tim Walz. Chauvin was booked into the Ramsey County jail.

Harrington said he learned of the arrest as he was walking out of the earlier media briefing. Reporters were asked to return and Harrington made a brief statement.

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During the news conference, Harrington, a former officer and St. Paul police chief, described Floyd's death as "murder."

"We'll call it a murder," he said. "That's what it looked like to me."

OTHER HIGH PROFILE POLICE-INVOLVED FATAL INCIDENTS

There have been several high profile fatal incidents involving police in the Twin Cities in recent years.

On Nov. 15, 2015, Jamar Clark, 24, a black man, was shot in the head after an encounter with Minneapolis police officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze on the city's North Side, sparking weeks of protest. Clark was unarmed. No charges were brought against the officers. According to the investigation, Ringgenberg felt Clark's hand on his gun after he took him to the ground and told Schwarze, his partner, to shoot. Schwarze told investigators he warned Clark to let go of Ringgenberg's gun before he fired at him.

[Minnesota lawmakers pressed to make changes after Floyd](#) [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#) On July 6, 2016 Philando Castile, a black man, was shot during a traffic stop in Falcon Heights by Jeronimo Yanez, a St. Anthony police officer. Yanez was charged by Ramsey County Attorney John Choi with second-degree manslaughter and two counts of dangerous discharge of a firearm. A jury found Yanez not guilty of the charges.

And, on July 15, 2017, Damond, a white Australian native was fatally shot by Minneapolis police officer Noor after she'd called 911, reporting an assault. Noor was convicted of second-degree manslaughter and third-degree murder. Noor is currently serving a 12-year prison sentence.

RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY: CASE WILL COME DOWN TO CAUSATION

Choi commended his colleague across the river for reaching the "lightning speed" decision, saying it was what the community needed. He added that, in contrast to other officer-involved fatalities, which took months to charge, this case lent itself to a faster decision.

That's because those cases involved scenarios where officers claimed justification for their actions based on the law that allows officers to use deadly force when they fear for their life or someone else's, he said.

"The person who stands accused here can't really use those defenses because you can't argue, in my opinion, that (Chauvin's) or the life of others or harm or substantial harm to him or others was present based upon the video," he said.

That leaves the most likely defense as that of causation, Choi said. The argument may be that other factors - Floyd's medical condition, medical drugs or alcohol, maybe something else - caused his death, not the officer's actions.

Further, Choi said he trusted that Freeman's office charged the case as aggressively as it could for the time-being, noting that more serious charges - such as second-degree murder - could come later if the investigation warrants.

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He acknowledged that there are "lots of different opinions" about third-degree murder, an unusual charge that in this case would likely involve proving Chauvin had a "depraved mind" at the time, but advised people to remember that Hennepin County has proven success with it from Noor's case.

He added that he felt personally relieved that a charging decision of any kind came Friday, but that much work remains ahead for the community.

"My hopes is the violence and a lot of the things that have come as a result of the anger will stop and that all of us in our community can now try to better understand why the civil rest unfolded," Choi said. "I am sure there are people in our community who are very upset about the civil unrest, and rightfully so, but I think we need to work harder and ... reach deeper ... to understand and comprehend what is going on and why there is so much deep-seated frustration and try to see this from a history context about racism and the way institutions have been built and designed to negatively impact, especially African Americans, and other communities of color.

"I think we all need to reflect on that, and then we need to start rebuilding," Choi said.

Dave Orrick contributed to this story.

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Derek Chauvin

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Trump tries a new response after George Floyd's death

ARTICLE XXXIV. [TRUMP TRIES A NEW RESPONSE AFTER GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH](#)

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"I feel very, very badly," Trump said Thursday of [George Floyd](#)'s death while handcuffed and in the custody of Minneapolis police. "That's a very shocking sight."

Once more likely to hew to the "[blue lives matter](#)" mantra, Trump and his allies are questioning an officer's conduct and calling for justice for Floyd. But some activists doubt that Trump has suddenly evolved on the issue of police brutality and instead see election-year political calculations.

"This is the first race-tinged case that I've ever heard him address" as president, said the Rev. Al Sharpton, a civil rights activist and Trump critic who has known the president for decades. "So therefore he cannot be upset when people feel that it's empty words because it is so out of character."

White House spokesman Judd Deere said Trump was taking the death seriously.

"This has nothing to do with politics and is only about making sure justice is done, and anyone who suggests otherwise is only seeking to sow division and ignore the President's unwavering support for the African-American community," Deere said, citing Trump's support for criminal justice reform legislation, Opportunity Zones and historically black colleges and universities.

Trump has been silent on a number of high-profile police-involved killings, including that of Stephon Clark, a black man shot by Sacramento police in 2018.

Trump tries a new response after George Floyd's death

"This is something that is a local matter and that's something that we feel should be left up to the local authorities," then-White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said at the time.

He has never addressed the 2014 death of Eric Garner, who was placed in a chokehold by police trying to arrest him for selling loose cigarettes. Video of the encounter was viewed millions of times online and Garner's dying words, "*I can't breathe*," became a rallying cry for the *Black Lives Matter* movement. Trump has, however, invoked those words on several occasions to mock political rivals, even bringing his hands to his neck for dramatic effect.

Trump has a long history of injecting himself into racially sensitive cases. In 1989, he took out full-page newspaper ads calling for the death penalty for the Central Park Five, five young men of color who were wrongly convicted of a brutal assault on a jogger. Trump has never apologized, telling reporters last year: "You have people on both sides of that."

Trump also spent years railing against NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick for kneeling during the national anthem to protest racial injustice and police brutality. And he has even appeared to advocate for the rougher treatment of people in police custody, speaking dismissively of the police practice of shielding the heads of handcuffed suspects as they are being placed in patrol cars.

But Trump's tone has changed in recent weeks as he has repeatedly expressed dismay at footage of the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, the 25-year-old black man fatally shot in February in Georgia while jogging.

"You know, my heart goes out to the parents and the family and the friends," he told reporters this month. "It's a heartbreaking thing."

The president has notably left open the possibility of some other explanation, saying: "it could be something that we didn't see on tape."

Trump and his allies have been even clearer on the death of Floyd, who can be heard and seen on tape pleading that he couldn't breathe before he slowly stops talking and moving.

Trump "was very upset when he saw that video," White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said Thursday. "He wants justice to be served."

Trump's conservative allies also rallied to the cause.

Fox News host Sean Hannity said he is "a big supporter of law enforcement," but expressed outrage Wednesday night, telling his audience: "The lack of training here is breathtaking."

"It defies common sense. It defies training. It defies arrest policies and procedures. There was no resistance," echoed Bernie Kerik, the former New York police commissioner pardoned by Trump.

"We got to get to the very bottom of how this poor individual was treated, and the death of him on the video itself is shocking from what I saw," said Republican House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

Even conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, who once called *Black Lives Matter* a "terrorist group," said Thursday that Floyd's death was totally "unjustified" and he was "so mad."

The outpouring comes as the Trump campaign has sought to chip into the advantage Democrats have with black voters. The campaign hopes either to win enough black support to keep pivotal states such as

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Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin in play or minimize enthusiasm for Democratic rival Joe Biden. There could be a small window after Biden last week told a prominent black radio host that African Americans who back Trump "ain't black," a gaffe he later said he regretted.

Trump and his allies have seized on that and other Biden statements, even though Biden, who served as vice president under the nation's first black president, remains deeply popular among black voters, who helped him secure the Democratic nomination.

Indeed, a recent Fox News poll found that just 14% of African Americans who are registered to vote have a favorable opinion of Trump, versus 75% who have a favorable view of Biden.

Chris White, the longtime director of the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality, questioned the sincerity of Republicans' response to the deaths of Arbery and Floyd. The White House and Department of Justice have long had the power to address these issues.

"Any time we hear politicians speaking about dealing with police brutality in the middle of election year, it's just meaningless rhetoric that has a hollow promise," he said.

Sharpton credited both the magnitude of outrage in response to Floyd's death as well as the upcoming election for the changed approach. But he doubted many black voters will be swayed with an approach they may see as too little, too late.

"It's like a father that misses a kid's graduation of high school, graduation of college," he said. "He can't be upset when the kid looks at him suspiciously when he's there when he graduates with his Ph.D."

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Police across US speak out against George Floyd custody death

ARTICLE XXXV. **[POLICE ACROSS US SPEAK OUT AGAINST GEORGE FLOYD
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But some civil rights advocates say their denunciations are empty words without meaningful reform behind them.

Authorities say ***George Floyd*** was detained Monday because he matched the description of someone who tried to pay with a counterfeit bill at a convenience store, and the 46-year-old resisted arrest. A bystander's disturbing video shows Officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who is white, kneeling on Floyd's neck, even as Floyd begs for air and slowly stops talking and moving.

"There is no need to see more video," Chattanooga, Tennessee, Police Chief David Roddy tweeted Wednesday. "There no need to wait to see how 'it plays out'. There is no need to put a knee on someone's neck for NINE minutes. There IS a need to DO something. If you wear a badge and you don't have an issue with this ... turn it in."

The reaction from some law enforcement stands in stark contrast to their muted response or support for police after other in-custody fatalities. Sheriffs and police chiefs have strongly criticized the Minneapolis officer on social media and praised the city's police chief for his quick dismissal of four officers at the scene. Some even called for them to be criminally charged.

"I am deeply disturbed by the video of Mr. Floyd being murdered in the street with other officers there letting it go on," Polk County, Georgia, Sheriff Johnny Moats wrote on Facebook. "I can assure everyone, me or any of my deputies will never treat anyone like that as long as I'm Sheriff. This kind of brutality is

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terrible and it needs to stop. All Officers involved need to be arrested and charged immediately. Praying for the family."

Typically, police call for patience and calm in the wake of a use of force. They are reluctant to weigh in on episodes involving another agency, often citing ongoing investigations or due process.

"Not going hide behind 'not being there,'" tweeted San Jose Police, California, Chief Eddie Garcia. "I'd be one of the first to condemn anyone had I seen similar happen to one of my brother/ sister officers. What I saw happen to George Floyd disturbed me and is not consistent with the goal of our mission. The act of one, impacts us all."

But Gloria Browne-Marshall, a civil rights attorney and professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said she wouldn't be a "cheerleader" for a "handful" of chiefs who harshly decried the officers' behavior.

"Any minute progress is seen as miraculous because so little has been done for so long," she said. "It's nothing close to progress or what outrage would be taking place if it was a white man as the victim of this assault."

Melina Abdullah, co-founder of Black Lives Matter in Los Angeles, said she wasn't "particularly moved" by the relatively few police who voiced outrage.

Abdullah said the three other officers who witnessed Chauvin's actions and did not intervene contributed to a long-standing system of police racism and oppression against people of color.

"We've got to remember that it was not just Officer Chauvin who was sitting on George Floyd's neck," she said.

Abdullah and hundreds of others protested what she called Floyd's lynching on Wednesday night. Some blocked lanes of a freeway and shattered windows of California Highway Patrol cruisers.

Minneapolis is bracing for more violence after days of civil unrest, with burned buildings, looted stores and angry graffiti demanding justice. The governor on Thursday called in the National Guard. On Thursday night, protesters torched a Minneapolis police station that the department was forced to abandon.

The heads of the Los Angeles and Chicago departments - both of which have been rocked before by police brutality scandals - addressed Floyd's death and its potential effect on race relations between law enforcement and communities of color.

Even the New York Police Department weighed in. Eric Garner died in the city in 2014 after he was placed in a chokehold by police and uttered the same words Floyd did: "I can't breathe."

It took city officials five years to fire the officer, and no criminal or federal charges were brought.

"What we saw in Minnesota was deeply disturbing. It was wrong," NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea wrote Thursday. "We must take a stand and address it. We must come together, condemn these actions and reinforce who we are as members of the NYPD. This is not acceptable ANYWHERE."

Before he was commissioner, Shea spearheaded the NYPD's shift to community policing that moved away from a more confrontational style favored by other commissioners after Garner's death.

Police across US speak out against George Floyd custody death

Harris County, Texas, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, who also spoke out online, told The Associated Press that law enforcement agencies keep promising reforms in the wake of fatalities, but they are "not delivering it on a consistent basis."

"When bad things happen in our profession, we need to be able to call it like it is," he said. "We keep thinking that the last one will be the last one, and then another one surfaces." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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In George Floyd's death, a police technique leads to a too-familiar tragedy

ARTICLE XXXVI. [IN GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH, A POLICE TECHNIQUE LEADS TO A TOO-FAMILIAR TRAGEDY](#)

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Body

In the cellphone video of *George Floyd's* death, the arresting officer, *Derek Chauvin*, keeps a knee pressed on the back of his neck for about eight minutes until Floyd stops speaking or moving.

"You don't have to sit there with your knee on his neck," exclaimed a bystander off-camera, addressing the officer in language salted with expletives. "He is enjoying that. You are. You are enjoying that. You could have put him in the car by now."

For police trainers and criminologists, the episode appears to be a textbook case of why many police departments around the country have sought to ban outright or at least limit the use of chokeholds or other neck restraints in recent years: The practices have led too often to high-profile deaths.

"It is a technique that we don't use as much anymore because of the vulnerability," said Mylan Masson, a former police officer who ran a training program for the Minneapolis police for 15 years until 2016. "We try to stay away from the neck as much as possible."

The full details of what happened have yet to emerge, in particular what police body cameras might show about any altercation between Floyd and Chauvin, 44, a 19-year veteran of the department who has since been fired. Department records indicate, however, that the Minneapolis police have not entirely abandoned the use of neck restraints, even if the method used by Chauvin is no longer part of police training.

The manual of the *Minneapolis Police Department* states that neck restraints and chokeholds are basically reserved for when an officer feels caught in a life-or-death situation. There was no apparent threat of that nature in Floyd's detention.

Experts viewing the footage suggest that it was more likely a case of "street justice," when a police officer seeks to punish a suspect by inflicting pain for something done to the officer during the arrest.

Criminologists viewing the video said the knee restraint not only put dangerous pressure on the back of the neck but also kept Floyd lying on his stomach for too long. Both positions - the knee on the neck and lying face down - run the risk of cutting off someone's oxygen supply.

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"Keeping Mr. Floyd in the face down position with his hands cuffed behind his back is probably what killed him," said Seth Stoughton, a former police officer who studies policing and is a professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Police training started emphasizing avoiding that prone position about 20 years ago, he said.

In terms of chokeholds, those departments that still allow them usually stress using a kind of wrestling hold, in which the officer wraps his arm around the person's neck and applies pressure, he said. The idea is to subdue them as quickly as possible in order to get them into a squad car, not to leave them in that possibly deadly position for minute after minute as happened with Floyd.

In addition, applying the knee to the back of the neck rather than to the sides risks killing or seriously injuring someone by cutting off the air supply or damaging the cervical spine and other delicate bones in the neck, Stoughton said. No department permits such a technique in ordinary circumstances, he and others said.

The manual for the Minneapolis police calls a chokehold a "deadly force option" and neck restraints a "non-deadly force option." Neck restraints involve compressing one or both sides of a person's neck with an arm or a leg without cutting off the air flow through the trachea. A chokehold is meant to cut off someone's air supply if the officer feels his life is threatened, the manual says.

The manual further explains that the conscious neck restraint may be used against a subject who is "actively resisting," while rendering the person unconscious should be limited to someone who is aggressive or "for lifesaving purposes."

John Elder, a spokesman for the *Minneapolis Police Department*, did not respond to a query about whether the knee restraint used by Chauvin corresponded to those guidelines.

Many police departments, including the one in Minneapolis, stopped teaching the knee restraint technique and also sought to limit the use of chokeholds after the highly publicized death of Eric Garner in 2014 at the hands of the New York Police Department.

Garner famously gasped "*I can't breathe*" 11 times while lying face down on the sidewalk, a sentence that Floyd also said several times. In the case of Garner, investigators determined that the officer who wrestled him to the ground was using a banned chokehold.

The medical examiner ruled Garner's death a homicide caused by the compression of his neck from a "chokehold" and the compression of his chest held on the ground in a prone position. Officer Daniel Pantaleo, who held Garner in a chokehold, was fired but not charged, inciting protests nationwide.

In Minneapolis, the law enforcement training course that Masson directed at Hennepin Technical College stopped teaching the knee restraint technique to aspiring police officers after the Garner case, she said, adding that veteran officers should also have learned of the change.

Students in the two-year degree program required of all prospective officers, she said, were instead taught to apply pressure across the upper back. "As soon as the threat is gone, you stop the force, whatever it might be," she said.

Department records, however, show that such restraint techniques have continued to be used in Minneapolis, although they are sometimes called by different names. In 2012, there were 79 occurrences and in 2013,

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there were 69. That dropped to 40 in 2018 and was back up to 56 last year. The technique was used against African Americans far more than other other groups, the records show.

Carl Takei, a senior staff lawyer at the American Civil Liberties Union who focuses on police practices, said departments that still allowed chokeholds try to differentiate between cutting off the flow of blood, which renders someone unconscious, and cutting off the flow of oxygen, which is deadly.

"There is still a significant risk that attempting to cut off the flow of blood will also cut off the flow of air," he said, which was why the ACLU opposed the technique. "Chokeholds should be banned across the board."

Restraint techniques have led to various officers being sent to prison around the country in recent years after being convicted of using excessive force.

The fact that Chauvin kept applying pressure when Floyd was no longer struggling made it appear to be a case of an officer trying to punish a suspect for doing something that the police did not like - which could include resisting arrest, spitting or insulting an officer, experts said. If it was a form of "street justice," that is considered a form of bullying that police academies also instruct against.

"It is teaching someone a lesson, next time you will think twice about what you do," said Philip Stinson, a former police officer turned criminal justice professor at Bowling Green State University.

Andy Skoogman, the executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, said the group's 300 members were appalled by the tactic the officer used in the Floyd case and the "lack of empathy" he showed.

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Derek Chauvin, former Minneapolis officer, charged with murder in death of George Floyd

ARTICLE XXXVII. [**DEREK CHAUVIN, FORMER MINNEAPOLIS OFFICER, CHARGED WITH MURDER IN DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD**](#)

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The Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said his office made the charging decision as fast as possible, and that additional or more severe charges could be coming as the investigation continues. The former officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, [*was arrested earlier Friday*](#) by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

The other three Minneapolis officers who were at the scene Monday when Floyd died have not yet been charged, but Freeman said he expects those charges yet to come. He did not say what kind of charges are being considered for those officers. All four were fired from the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** earlier this week.

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Twin Cities athletes, coaches, teams weigh in on George Floyd's death, aftermath

ARTICLE XXXVIII. [TWIN CITIES ATHLETES, COACHES, TEAMS WEIGH IN ON
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Community leaders, activists and friends of *George Floyd* gathered Friday afternoon at Minneapolis City Hall to pay tribute and demand justice after Floyd died in police custody earlier this week in Minneapolis.

Among them was Timberwolves star Karl-Anthony Towns wearing a "*Black Lives Matter*," hat as he showed his support. Towns is one of many athletes in the Twin Cities who has been visible in the days after Floyd's death. Many athletes, coaches and teams have spoken up as riots and protests have engulfed the Twin Cities in the days following Floyd's death on Monday.

Floyd, a black man, died after a white Minneapolis police officer, *Derek Chauvin* - who has since been fired and arrested - knelt on his neck while Floyd repeatedly told him that he could not breathe. Video of the encounter has circulated widely on both the news and social media and has sparked anger and sadness around the country.

Towns' teammate Josh Okogie, who has been vocal on his social media platforms in recent days, also reportedly was in attendance at Friday's press conference.

"I'm a big believer in being proactive, not reactive. It's cool to have justice for people after they die, and it's cool to punish cops accordingly. But instead of reacting to each situation, we need to look the real problem in the eye and stop any further unnecessary killings," Okogie tweeted this week. "Regardless of your race, background, and your upbringing ... no human's life is more precious than the next. These killings should not be normalized."

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- Josh Okogie (@CallMe_NonStop) [May 27, 2020](#)

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The Timberwolves and Lynx released a statement on Thursday, sharing their "deepest sympathy" with Floyd's family and vowing to "work tirelessly to influence change, encourage healing, and promote thoughtful action as we move forward."

Timberwolves coach Ryan Saunders posted a transcript of some of Floyd's last words with an impassioned plea on Instagram for people to look within themselves to "confront explicit or implicit biases."

"We must change how we view this horrific death, change the way we interact with people and change the way we let comments slide," Saunders wrote on Instagram. "Enough is enough. Silence and complacency only add fuel to the fire. We must be better. ***George Floyd*** deserved better."

Gophers wide receiver Rashod Bateman also posted a powerful tribute on Twitter along with a black-and-white photo of himself, head buried in his hand.

"My name is Rashod Bateman. I am an African Male from South Georgia. I never thought in a million years I would be scared to walk outside," the caption read. "I pray that we all wake up and start loving each other the correct way and stop taking each other (sic) lives. No matter the color, we are all one."

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- Rashod Bateman (@R_bateman2) [May 26, 2020](#)

Multiple Minnesota United players have spoken up on social media, too, with defender Michael Boxall tweeting Tuesday that "Unemployment doesn't seem like a fitting punishment for murder" in a quote-tweet of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey announcing that all four officers involved in Floyd's death had been terminated. Only Chauvin has since been taken into custody. Midfielder Marlon Hairston tweeted it was "hard to sleep" through everything that had been going on while wishing safety for everyone. Teammate Ike Opara also sent out a tweet this week, telling people they could choose to be blind about injustices, broken systems and privileges or choose to educate themselves and overcome biases.

[*My heart breaks for our city, but especially for my African American brothers and sisters, who I know feel this on a level I can't possibly understand. Please know I am with you. I hurt with and for you. WE must do better. WE must be better. May God pour out His mercy and grace such that we are better.*](#)

A post shared by [Kirk Cousins](#) (@kirkcousins) on May 29, 2020 at 1:09pm PDT

And Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins also chimed in on social media, posting an Instagram with a photo of him hand in hand with his teammates.

"My heart breaks for our city, but especially for my African American brothers and sisters, who I know feel this on a level I can't possibly understand. Please know I am with you. I hurt with and for you. WE must do better. WE must be better. May God pour out His mercy and grace such that we are better," Cousins wrote.

The Vikings, in a statement, said the organization was "deeply saddened by the loss of life" that occurred Monday near U.S. Bank Stadium, and the Wild's statement struck a similar tone, expressing sadness and the importance of everybody in the community feeling safe and protected, as did the Twins, who vowed to keep working with partners in the community to "move forward with courage, free of hate and thoughtful

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in our path, to create the change we want to see on the world - one, all-inclusive Twins Territory, where everyone is protected, safe and welcome."

George Floyd should be breathing right now. We have a lot of progress to make. A lot. Remember his name. Remember what happened.

- Rocco Baldelli (@roccobaldelli) [May 27, 2020](#)

"***George Floyd*** should be breathing right now," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli tweeted earlier in the week. "We have a lot of progress to make. A lot. Remember his name. Remember what happened."

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Minneapolis police precinct abandoned, torched; on Twitter, Trump threatens 'thugs'

ARTICLE XXXIX. [MINNEAPOLIS POLICE PRECINCT ABANDONED, TORCHED; ON TWITTER, TRUMP THREATENS 'THUGS'](#)

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Officers appeared to abandon the building at Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue about 10 p.m., after protesters pulled down a wire fence that surrounded the precinct.

Flames overtook the building's front entrance about half an hour later. Minnehaha Lake Wine & Spirits across the street was also burning, after being looted of most of its contents over the past 24 hours.

The third precinct and Minnehaha Lake Wine & Spirits in Minneapolis are now on fire. pic.twitter.com/UlM1U6ZkO8

- Nick Woltman (@nickwoltman) [May 29, 2020](#)

There appeared to be no remaining police presence in the area as protesters celebrated with fireworks in the intersection of Minnehaha and Lake.

A police spokesman confirmed late Thursday that staff had evacuated the 3rd Precinct station, the focus of many of the protests, "in the interest of the safety of our personnel" shortly after 10 p.m.

The protesters are demanding change after the death of *George Floyd*, a handcuffed black man who died while in police custody two miles from the 3rd Precinct headquarters. Four officers have been fired, including one seen on video with his knee on Floyd's neck as he gasped for breath, and state and federal investigations are underway.

Hundreds of demonstrators returned Thursday to the South Minneapolis neighborhood at the center of the violence, where the evening scene veered between an angry protest and a street party. At one point, a band

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playing in a parking lot across from the 3rd Precinct broke into a punk version of Bob Marley's "Redemption Song." Nearby, demonstrators carried clothing mannequins from a looted Target and threw them onto a burning car.

As night fell, a handful of demonstrators began tearing down the wire fence around the precinct, which had been erected overnight to keep the crowd at bay.

They then broke through the boards that covered the broken windows of the building's front entrance. This drew a swift response from the officers inside, who fired tear gas and less-lethal projectiles at the crowd from the roof.

Undeterred, some in the group continued to dismantle the fence until only a few sections around the parking lot remained standing.

About 10 p.m., officers in riot gear could be seen loading onto squad vehicles and fleeing the building.

Elsewhere in Minneapolis, thousands of peaceful demonstrators spent the afternoon marching through the streets calling for justice.

Floyd's death has deeply shaken Minneapolis and sparked protests in cities across the U.S. Local leaders have repeatedly urged demonstrators to avoid violence.

"Please stay home. Please do not come here to protest. Please keep the focus on George Floyd, on advancing our movement and on preventing this from ever happening again," tweeted St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, who is black.

Erika Atson, 20, was among thousands of people who gathered outside government offices in downtown Minneapolis, where organizers had called a peaceful protest. Many protesters wore masks because of the coronavirus pandemic, but there were few attempts at social distancing.

Atson, who is black, described seeing her 14- and 11-year-old brothers tackled by Minneapolis police years ago because officers mistakenly presumed the boys had guns. She said she had been at "every single protest" since Floyd's death and worried about raising children who could be vulnerable in police encounters.

"We don't want to be here fighting against anyone. We don't want anyone to be hurt. We don't want to cause any damages," she said. "We just want the police officer to be held accountable."

Hennepin County Sheriff David Hutchinson said the rally had been peaceful and there had been no arrests by late evening.

Much of the Minneapolis violence occurred in the Longfellow neighborhood, where protesters converged on the precinct station of the police who arrested Floyd. In a strip mall across the street from the 3rd Precinct, the windows in nearly every business had been smashed, from the large Target store at one end to the Planet Fitness gym at the other. Only the 24-hour laundromat appeared to have escaped unscathed.

"WHY US?" demanded a large expanse of red graffiti scrawled on the wall of the Target. A Wendy's restaurant across the street was charred almost beyond recognition.

Among the casualties of the overnight fires: a six-story building under construction that was to provide nearly 200 apartments of affordable housing.

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Same view, roughly 18 hours apart. This was a six-story affordable housing complex under construction at 29th Street and 26th Avenue in Minneapolis, about a block from the third precinct. At its peak, the fire was twice as tall as the building itself. pic.twitter.com/SS0fXdIvjQ

- Nick Woltman (@nickwoltman) [May 29, 2020](#)

"We're burning our own neighborhood," said a distraught Deona Brown, a 24-year-old woman standing with a friend outside the precinct station, where a small group of protesters were shouting at a dozen or so stone-faced police officers in riot gear. "This is where we live, where we shop, and they destroyed it." No officers could be seen beyond the station.

"What that cop did was wrong, but I'm scared now," Brown said.

Others in the crowd saw something different in the wreckage.

Protesters destroyed property "because the system is broken," said a young man who identified himself only by his nickname, Cash, and who said he had been in the streets during the violence. He dismissed the idea that the destruction would hurt residents of the largely black neighborhood.

"They're making money off of us," he said angrily of the owners of the destroyed stores. He laughed when asked if he had joined in the looting or violence. "I didn't break anything."

The protests that began Wednesday night and extended into Thursday were more violent than Tuesday's, which included skirmishes between officers and protesters but no widespread property damage.

Mayor Jacob Frey appealed for calm but the city's response to the protests was quickly questioned as things started spiraling into violence.

"If the strategy was to keep residents safe - it failed," City Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, who is black, tweeted. "Prevent property damage - it failed." On Thursday, he urged police to leave the scene of the overnight violence, saying their presence brings people into the streets.

President Donald Trump weighed in shortly before midnight, [tweeting](#), "I can't stand back & watch this happen to a great American City, Minneapolis." He also called the protesters "THUGS" and said either the "weak Radical Left Mayor" should bring the city under control "or I will send in the National Guard & get the job done right."

"Just spoke to Governor Tim Walz and told him that the Military is with him all the way. Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts, the shooting starts," he added on Twitter.

UPDATE: [Twitter adds 'glorifying violence' warning to Trump tweet about Minneapolis](#)

But Eric Kowalczyk, a police captain in Baltimore during the Freddie Gray riots in 2015, generally supported the Minneapolis police strategy to avoid confrontations with protesters when possible, saying heavy-handed police responses are only met with more violence.

"Nobody wants to see their city on fire, but at the same time, you don't want to see citizens injured by the very police department they are protesting," he said.

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Protests have also spread to other U.S. cities. In New York City, protesters defied New York's coronavirus prohibition on public gatherings Thursday, clashing with police, while demonstrators blocked traffic in downtown Denver. A day earlier, demonstrators had taken to the streets in Los Angeles and Memphis.

In Louisville, Ky., police confirmed that at least seven people had been shot Thursday night as protesters demanded justice for Breonna Taylor, a black woman who was fatally shot by police in her home in March.

Amid the violence in Minneapolis, a man was found fatally shot Wednesday night near a pawnshop, possibly by the owner, authorities said.

Fire crews responded to about 30 intentionally set blazes, and multiple fire trucks were damaged by rocks and other projectiles, the fire department said. No one was hurt by the blazes.

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Associated Press writers Amy Forliti, Tim Sullivan, Steve Karnowski and Jeff Baenen in Minneapolis, and Gretchen Ehlke in Milwaukee contributed to this report.

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Shots fired during Denver protest of George Floyd's death

ARTICLE XL. **[SHOTS FIRED DURING DENVER PROTEST OF GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH](#)**

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DENVER - Protesters swarmed Denver on Thursday, blocking traffic and smashing vehicles while running from gunfire and police tear gas after a demonstration against the death of a black man in Minneapolis police custody turned violent.

Hundreds of demonstrators stood in the downtown streets and chanted as darkness fell outside the Colorado State Capitol, where protesters spray-painted graffiti and broke car windows. In other areas of downtown Denver, police in riot gear fired gas canisters, used rubber bullets and walked in a phalanx through the streets to drive protesters away. The protest briefly spilled over onto Interstate 25, blocking all lanes of traffic until police used tear gas to disperse the crowd.

The protests continued into the night, despite Denver Mayor Michael Hancock pleading for calm.

"I certainly understand everyone's frustration and sense of pain and disgust following the murder of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis," he said in a video posted on Twitter. "But I want to plead to everyone. Let's demonstrate, but let's demonstrate peacefully. Leave the weapons home."

Earlier in the protest, gunfire outside the state Capitol sent people running for cover. Gary Cutler, a spokesman for the Colorado State Patrol, said the shots were fired in a park across the street. Most of the protesters already had left the area and were marching downtown.

Cutler said the Capitol building was locked down, and everyone inside was safe. No injuries have been reported from the shots.

State Rep. Leslie Herod, who was protesting at the Capitol, tweeted, "We just got shot at." She later said, "We will not be deterred by this unspeakable act of violence."

Police spokesman Kurt Barnes said it's unclear if the protesters were being targeted, and no one has been arrested.

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About six or seven shots were fired, he said.

Several hundred protesters had gathered to call for justice following the death of Floyd, who died in police custody in Minneapolis on Monday after an officer knelt on his neck for almost eight minutes. In footage recorded by a bystander, Floyd pleaded that he couldn't breathe.

Some among the Denver protesters carried signs reading "***Black Lives Matter***" and chanted, "Hey, hey. Ho, ho. Racist police got to go."

Aerial footage showed several protesters smashing the windows out of at least two vehicles parked outside the Capitol, and others spray-painted graffiti on the Capitol steps.

A cellphone video shot by protester Anabel Escobar, 29, showed a man on the hood of an SUV making its way through the crowd in front of the Capitol. The video showed the driver speeding up and then apparently trying to run the man over after he fell off the hood. The vehicle sped away as other protesters chased it. It was unclear if the man on the hood was injured.

Gov. Jared Polis said Thursday night he was "absolutely shocked" by the video.

"Coloradans are better than this," he said. "I share the immense anguish we all feel about the unjust murder of ***George Floyd***. But let me be clear, senseless violence will never be healed by more violence."

As the protest started, The Denver Police Department tweeted a message from Chief Paul Pazen sending condolences to Floyd's family and saying the city's officers do not use the tactics employed by the Minneapolis officers.

He called that type of force "inexcusable."

Four Minneapolis police officers have been fired, and the mayor has called for the officer who knelt on Floyd's neck to be criminally charged.

The death has led to violent protests in Minneapolis and demonstrations in other cities, including Los Angeles. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Former Minneapolis nightclub owner saw 'overkill' in Derek Chauvin's reaction to black clientele

ARTICLE XLI. **[FORMER MINNEAPOLIS NIGHTCLUB OWNER SAW 'OVERKILL' IN DEREK CHAUVIN'S REACTION TO BLACK CLIENTELE](#)**

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A white Minneapolis police officer and the black man he's charged with killing both worked as security guards at the same Latin nightclub as recently as last year, but its former owner says she's not sure if they knew each other.

What she is certain of is how aggressive Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** became when the club hosted events that drew a mainly black clientele, responding to fights by taking out his mace and spraying the crowd, a tactic she told him was unjustified "overkill."

"He would mace everyone instead of apprehending the people who were fighting," said Maya Santamaria, former owner of El Nuevo Rodeo club on East Lake Street in Minneapolis. "He would call backup. The next thing you would know, there would five or six squad cars."

Chauvin became the focus of outrage and four days of street protests across the nation this week after he was seen on cellphone video kneeling on the neck of ***George Floyd*** for more than eight minutes during his arrest on suspicion of passing a counterfeit bill. Floyd died in custody and Chauvin was fired Tuesday and arrested Friday on charges of third-degree murder and manslaughter. The three other officers who took part in the arrest were also fired, and they remain under investigation.

While Chauvin's off-duty job at the El Nuevo Rodeo club stretched over 17 years until a few months ago, Floyd only started working there recently as a bouncer and only worked about a dozen events put on by "African American promoters."

Santamaria, who sold the venue within the past two months, said she doesn't believe the two men knew each other prior to their fateful encounter Monday night. If Chauvin had recognized Floyd, she said, "he might have given him a little more mercy."

Former Minneapolis nightclub owner saw 'overkill' in Derek Chauvin's reaction to black clientele

She said Chauvin got along well with the club's Latino regulars, but his tactics toward unruly customers on what she referred to as "African American" nights led her to speak to him about it.

"I told him I thought this is unnecessary to be pepper-sprayed. The knee-jerk reaction of being afraid, it seemed overkill," Santamaria said. "It was a concern and I did voice my opinion, but police officers have a way of justifying what they do."

She said she was shocked to see the video of Chauvin pinning Floyd to the ground with his knee, even as Floyd complained that he couldn't breathe.

"I thought he would have more of a conscience," she said. "Even if he is a bit of racist, he's a human being. ... At what point does your humanity overpower your racial bias?"

Thomas Kelly, a lawyer for Chauvin, didn't immediately reply to messages left Friday seeking comment.

Outside Chauvin's home in Oakdale on Thursday, a message of anger aimed at the former officer was painted in red on his driveway: "murderer."

On Friday, protesters gathered in front of another Chauvin home in Windemere, Fla., which he has owned since 2011 with his wife, Kellie, a Laotian refugee, real estate agent and former Mrs. Minnesota pageant winner.

Both Chauvin and his wife have registered to vote there, rather than in Minnesota, records show. Chauvin last cast a ballot in Florida in November 2018. His wife's registration is listed as inactive. Both are Republicans.

"I don't mind peaceful protests at all," said Oscar Reyes who lives across the street in the quiet neighborhood near Orlando. "I hope everything stays safe."

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Demonstrators gathered outside a home owned by former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** in Oakdale on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

A can of red paint and protest signs stand with the trash bins outside ***Derek Chauvin***'s house in Oakdale on Wednesday, 27, 2020. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

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Letters: Address the ways we deny people their human dignity and rights

ARTICLE XLII. **LETTERS: ADDRESS THE WAYS WE DENY PEOPLE THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS**

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Byline: Letter Writers

Highlight: Sadness, frustration and anger are but a few of the disquieting emotions resulting from the egregious fatal arrest of ***George Floyd*** of Minneapolis. "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly," wrote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Again we feel the pain that the use of violent force is wreaking. We urge elected officials and the [...]

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We urge elected officials and the entire community to boldly address ways in which we demean or deny people their human dignity and rights. We implore our law enforcement agencies to pursue realistic alternatives to the use of deadly force. We support police training that places, as its overarching principle, respect for every individual in order to reduce the dangerous fear experienced by and of law enforcement. Let us act in ways that demonstrate that all lives, indeed ***Black lives, matter***.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet pray for the family of ***George Floyd***, for all those struggling with his senseless death, the officers who must live with the results of their actions, and for the entire community. As a women's religious community, we are impelled also to seek greater awareness of Whiteness and ways in which we contribute to the systems of oppression and division. We want to see all systems honestly and boldly address root causes of injustices. We are "caught in an inescapable network of mutuality," again revealing systemic injustice causing indescribable suffering to all and disproportionately to our Black brothers and sisters.

Cathy Steffens, CSJ Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Leadership Team, St. Paul Province

George Floyd died at the knee of a police officer and it is beyond wrong. There are no two ways about it. His murder exemplifies a continued pattern of racism and above-the-law actions by people in power. We have a pervasive problem that allows taking lives in the name of "community safety" to happen again and

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again and again. Situations that don't end in death, but add to injustice and in equality, happen all day, every day.

The system we have is not working. We know it's not working because we see the same terrible things happen over and over and over. We need culture change. We need oversight. We need justice. We need healing. We need police officers demanding change. We need all people demanding change.

You might ask: Who is this talking to me about change? I am no one special. I am a white suburbanite who can easily ignore a lot of terrible things and my life goes on. My life goes on because this society was built for people like me. But it is exactly me, us, who need to stand up and say "no more."

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Read the criminal complaint filed against former Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin

ARTICLE XLIII. [**READ THE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST FORMER MINNEAPOLIS OFFICER DEREK CHAUVIN**](#)

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More George Floyd protesters arrested in Oakdale; chief says police must 'protect life and property' in city

ARTICLE XLIV. [**MORE GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTERS ARRESTED IN OAKDALE;
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Byline: Mary Divine

Highlight: Officers in Oakdale on Friday continued to patrol the neighborhood where [**Derek Chauvin**](#), the Minneapolis officer who was seen kneeling on [**George Floyd**](#)'s neck before he died, owns a house. Six protesters were arrested Thursday night near Chauvin's house in the 7500 block of 17th Avenue North; six others were arrested Wednesday night, police said. [...]

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"Our job is to protect life and property in the city, and we owe it to all of our residents to meet that expectation to the best of our ability," said Police Chief Bill Sullivan.

Chauvin's house was vacated early in the week, prior to any protest activity, Sullivan said. Floyd was killed on Memorial Day.

"We are not defending or condoning the behavior of the officer in the Minneapolis incident," Sullivan said. "What happened to Mr. Floyd is horrible, and we extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. Nonetheless, our job is to uphold the rule of law even in times of distress and sadness. We ask for the Twin Cities community to assist law enforcement by demonstrating passionately, but peacefully."

Chauvin was arrested and charged on Friday with third-degree murder and manslaughter. [*Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform*](#) [*'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress*](#) [*Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books*](#) [*'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd*](#) [*Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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Walz says Minneapolis knew police station that was overrun might fall hours earlier

ARTICLE XLV. [**WALZ SAYS MINNEAPOLIS KNEW POLICE STATION THAT WAS
OVERRUN MIGHT FALL HOURS EARLIER**](#)

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He owned some of the blame and deflected some of it to local officials, and he enacted strong measures, including authorizing [mandatory Friday and Saturday night curfews](#) in St. Paul and Minneapolis to be enforced, in part, by forces under his control: the Minnesota National Guard, the State Patrol and other state resources.

Walz and other state law enforcement and military officials Friday morning attempted to explain what he acknowledged was an "abject failure" of the previous day and evening, which began with [unchecked looting in St. Paul](#) and culminated in an astonishing scene in Minneapolis, as a mob of people and set it ablaze - an outcome, Walz confirmed, that Minneapolis officials had conceded as a possibility earlier in the day.

Thursday's mayhem - quelled only after the state took over the scene in Minneapolis - was the evolution of days of growing unrest following the death Monday of [George Floyd](#). The 46-year-old African American died after Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#) was recorded on video kneeling on Floyd's neck as Floyd pleaded with him before appearing to lose consciousness. Chauvin, who was fired soon after the video surfaced,

All this as the state's death toll [neared 1,000 in the coronavirus pandemic overran the police department's 3rd Precinct headquarters was arrested Friday morning.](#)

In an hour-and-a-half news conference Friday, Walz ranged from somber to animated as he and key leaders - including Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, State Patrol chief Col. Matt Langer, and Maj. Gen Jon Jensen, adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard - discussed the matters.

Walz says Minneapolis knew police station that was overrun might fall hours earlier

WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?

Walz, Harrington and Jensen painted a picture of a previous day that was beset by confusion, inaction and even disagreements that was not flattering for Minneapolis and, perhaps, St. Paul.

To be clear, the three stopped short of singling out either Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey or St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter for pointed criticism, but Walz did seem to lay some blame on Frey.

Jensen said that while guardsmen under his command had been mustered and were awaiting orders, [*no orders to keep the peace in Minneapolis ever came*](#). That order should have come from Frey, he said. Harrington echoed the sentiment. Minneapolis did task the guard with protecting firefighters, but that's as far as Minneapolis ever went, they said.

A spokesman for Frey didn't respond to a request for response Friday.

In St. Paul, Walz ordered the Guard to protect the state Capitol, and Police Chief Todd Axtell provided the Guard a mission to protect the county jail and police law enforcement complex, as well as the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension building.

[*Axtell and Carter said Friday*](#) they decided not ask the Guard for assistance in the streets, but rather utilize cops familiar with the area. Those officers, they said, could be freed up by guardsman guarding buildings.

MINNEAPOLIS SURRENDER

One of the largest questions looming was why parts of Minneapolis were allowed to descend into such chaos - a spectacle that drew criticism from many quarters, including prominent Republicans ranging from President Donald Trump to state Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake.

"I lay responsibility fully on the Governor," Gazelka said Friday. "Not just from today moving forward, but from the beginning. To watch our cities burning, there's no excuse for that."

Walz appeared to blame Minneapolis officials for much of it.

Walz confirmed that Minneapolis leaders had told him - before noon Thursday - that the 3rd Precinct might fall. Walz didn't like it, he said.

"I think that the commitment to (not) hold the 3rd was not one that I felt comfortable with, and it's one that we discussed during the day," he said in response to reporters' questions.

A spokesman for Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo did not return a request for comment Friday.

But ultimately, Walz said, he deferred to local officials, acknowledging that he respected a sentiment of some that the specter of the Guard - soldiers with Humvees in combat fatigues - might inflame the situation worse. And no one knew whether the crowds would really attempt to overrun the place.

So he watched on TV - scenes that would soon be broadcast internationally. He said he felt it became clear by around 8:30 p.m. that the situation was dire, and he ordered Harrington and Jensen to begin to assemble a force of personnel from the National Guard and State Patrol.

"But it took time to build that force," Walz said. Police officers remained in the building, he said, adding that he didn't know if in fact they would surrender.

Walz says Minneapolis knew police station that was overrun might fall hours earlier

Around 10 p.m., police pulled out. Walz didn't explain why he didn't assume control at that moment, but he did say that it wasn't until around midnight that the city of Minneapolis finally requested the specific help of the state and National Guard for that scene.

Why so long?

"I think that's a question you'll have to ask Mayor Frey," Walz said.

He called it a "turning point."

"We did not believe that the 3rd should be given up, and that's why it's not, and that area was taken back by the force that we put together," he said.

STATE MOVES IN

Shortly after midnight, the state formally assumed control, Walz and Harrington said, and forces began to enter the city. Still, the contingent of several hundred from the State Patrol and National Guard didn't actually begin to re-take ground until around 3 a.m.

Harrington said by and large, the operation went smoothly. "We did it the old-fashioned way," said Harrington, who served as St. Paul police chief during street unrest during the 2008 Republican National Convention. He said little, if any, chemical irritants were used.

However, it was that force, under Walz's ultimate command, that created a scene of embarrassment: Around 5:15 a.m., State Patrol officers [arrested an entire CNN crew](#), including reporter Omar Jimenez, on live TV. They were later released without charges.

On Friday, Walz publicly apologized for the blunder.

PROBLEM OF TRUST

Walz noted that "the very same tools" that will be needed to restore order - uniformed officers with guns - are also, generally speaking, the symbol of oppression that the African-American community associates with historical violence embodied most recently in Floyd's death.

Walz said the problems needing to be addressed after the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody cannot be tackled "if anarchy reigns on the street," adding: "We have to restore order to our society before we can start addressing the issues."

"This has obviously been ... the most difficult week in Minnesota in recent history and maybe our entire history," Walz said. "Our community, especially our black community, is hurting beyond words. Minneapolis and St. Paul are on fire. The fires still smolder in our streets. The ashes are symbolic of decades and generations of pain, of anguish."

Mara H. Gottfried contributed to this report.

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Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington announces that Minneapolis Police Officer *Derek Chauvin* has been taken into custody by the BCA in the death of *George Floyd* during a news conference in St. Paul on Friday, May 29, 2020 (Glen Stubbe/Star Tribune via AP, Pool)

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Twin Cities suburbs report damage amid protests for George Floyd

ARTICLE XLVI. [TWIN CITIES SUBURBS REPORT DAMAGE AMID PROTESTS FOR GEORGE FLOYD](#)

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Byline: Dane Mizutani

Highlight: As protests over *George Floyd's* death continued Thursday night, various suburbs have reported damage. Most of the unrest was contained to the Twin Cities with more than 170 businesses damaged in St. Paul alone, according to police, and the Midway neighborhood along University Avenue hit the hardest. Additionally, St. Paul firefighters responded to 55 fires, [...]

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Most of the unrest was contained to the Twin Cities with *more than 170 businesses* damaged in St. Paul alone, according to police, and the Midway neighborhood along University Avenue hit the hardest. Additionally, St. Paul firefighters responded to , not all of which were structural.

That said, there was damage sustained on the outskirts of the Twin Cities before former Minneapolis police officer *Derek Chauvin* was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter on Friday.

Here's a look at various suburbs and what they experienced Thursday night and Friday morning:

APPLE VALLEY

Apple Valley police responded to an alarm at the Dakota County Western Service Center around 1:30 a.m.

Sheriff Tim Leslie credited Apple Valley police officers with acting quickly, saying they arrived to find multiple broken windows and a fire inside. There was about \$10,000 in fire and water damage due to the sprinkler system.

Two people were arrested on probable cause arson. No other damages were reported in Apple Valley, according to a police spokesperson.

While the city took precautions by closing down the Maplewood Mall as protests continued throughout the Twin Cities, a police spokesperson estimated that approximately two dozen local businesses were damaged Thursday night with a half dozen of those businesses experiencing a loss of property.

ROSEVILLE

Twin Cities suburbs report damage amid protests for George Floyd

There were 40 incidents involving criminal damage, burglaries, and/or looting in a 24-hour period, and police responded to more than 170 calls, Deputy Chief Erika Scheider said Friday. She suspected that those numbers were actually much higher since many of the reports had not yet been completed as of Friday morning.

WEST ST. PAUL

There were approximately 20 to 25 businesses damaged Thursday night, according to a police spokesperson, and the city is working with Dakota County to be prepared for the weekend ahead.

A local jewelry store sustained broken windows and forced entry Thursday night, but nothing was stolen, according to a police spokesperson. That was the only report of damage to a local business, though a public works facility was also vandalized.

There were at least five burglaries overnights of local businesses, according to Capt. Ryan George, and a total of six people were in custody in response. He said he has increased staffing ahead of this weekend.

"We are preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," George said. "Our goal is to make sure we're protecting the people and property in our city."

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Graphic

Multiple broken windows and a fire inside were found at the Dakota County Western Service Center in Apple Valley early Friday, May 29, 2020. (Courtesy of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office)

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Curfew ordered in St. Paul, Minneapolis, other communities

ARTICLE XLVII. [CURFEW ORDERED IN ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, OTHER COMMUNITIES](#)

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Highlight: St. Paul, Minneapolis and Dakota County residents will be under mandatory curfew starting at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Roseville, Bloomington and Anoka County and other places are also instituting curfews. Gov. Tim Walz, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and other leaders announced the curfews Friday. The St. Paul, Minneapolis and [...]

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The St. Paul, Minneapolis and [Dakota County](#) curfews will extend from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Carter encouraged residents to begin Friday night's curfew with an hour of prayer in their chosen faith.

"During the hours of curfew, all persons must not travel on any public street or in any public place," according to both the [St. Paul order](#) and the . That includes driving, it says, although it makes an exception for people going to and from work.

The unprecedented crackdown, which will be enforced by a host of authorities - including the Minnesota National Guard and State Patrol - comes after looting and arson began to run amok in Minneapolis on Wednesday night, started in St. Paul on Thursday and continued in both cities into Friday morning. Police struggled to maintain - or completely lost - control.

Here's how it came to this: What began as protests following the death Monday of [George Floyd](#), a black man who was videotaped pinned under the knee of a white police officer, steadily grew more violent for several days. The officer, [Derek Chauvin](#), was swiftly fired; .

Curfew ordered in St. Paul, Minneapolis, other communities

On Thursday afternoon, [rampant looting broke out in several areas of St. Paul Minneapolis order Chauvin was arrested Friday morning](#), especially in a commercial strip along University Avenue in the city's Midway neighborhood. Carter said 200 businesses in the city were damaged.

The events reached a crescendo later in the evening, when Minneapolis police essentially surrendered their 3rd Precinct headquarters to a mob, who [overran the building and set it ablaze](#).

Around midnight, the state assumed control of the scene, and the State Patrol and National Guard cleared the area and have held it since.

A militarized presence could already be felt by Friday morning, as armed guardsman and Humvees were posted around that scene, as well as other sites around the cities, including the state Capitol complex in St. Paul.

Various [suburbs have also reported businesses and other property being damaged](#).

CURFEWS EXPLAINED

[Roseville](#) and will each be under three-day curfews, and [Edina](#) and have two-day curfews - all beginning Friday.

Bloomington's and Richfield's two-day curfews start at 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Maplewood announced Saturday that curfews would be in effect from 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday until 6 a.m. the following morning.

The curfews are expansive.

According to the St. Paul and Minneapolis orders, which are nearly identical:

"No travel" means nothing, not on foot, bike, car, public transit, or even "skateboard." "Public place" appears to cover everywhere you might go except your own yard, if you have one, according to a list of prohibited spaces, which includes vacant lots and parks. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and up 90 days in jail.

Walz said that mayors across the state are free to issue their own curfews.

EXCEPTIONS

Law enforcement, fire and medical personnel are exempt.

Also exempt are people going to and from work, journalists, people in need of medical assistance, and those "fleeing dangerous circumstances, or experiencing homelessness." The mayors of each city also appear to have the ability to exempt other individuals as they see fit.

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St. Paul's University Avenue cleans up after fires, looting (gallery)

ARTICLE XLVIII. [**ST. PAUL'S UNIVERSITY AVENUE CLEANS UP AFTER FIRES,
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Riots following the death of ***George Floyd*** reached St. Paul on Thursday night and Friday morning as businesses along University Avenue were burned, looted and vandalized.

A Napa Auto Parts store was burned to the ground. The store shared a building with Bole Ethiopian Cuisine, which was also destroyed. Bole owner Solomon Hailie was going to open his new quick-serve Bole Express on Saturday, said Chad Kulas, executive director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

"That one hurt me the most," Kulas said.

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Nearly 200 St. Paul businesses were damaged in St. Paul, [*according to the Associated Press*](#). The riots in Minneapolis and St. Paul have followed the Monday night death of ***George Floyd***. During an arrest, Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** knelt on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, according

St. Paul's University Avenue cleans up after fires, looting (gallery)

to a criminal complaint. Chauvin on Friday afternoon was [*charged with third degree homicide and second degree manslaughter.*](#)

In St. Paul, rioters on University Avenue also burned the Big Top Liquors store, Lloyd's Pharmacy and the Foot Locker and looted several more.

"It's going to be tough because businesses were hurting already because of Covid-19," Kulas said. "But the Midway community has been going strong for well over 100 years. It went through the 1918 pandemic and the Great Depression and it's going to bounce back from this because the community has a lot of pride."

That pride was seen in the hundreds of volunteers who were sweeping up broken glass and cleaning businesses.

Both the Hamline-Midway Coalition and Union Park District Council organized a volunteer effort on Friday morning.

The Union Park District Council saw what was happening on Thursday night and quickly sent out email and Facebook blasts to call for volunteers, said Ellen Fee, a board member who was handing out water and supplies with Mike Robertson. Robertson is also a board member and works for Habitat for Humanity. He supplied plywood to businesses to board up their storefronts.

"We are just trying to help folks put stuff back together," Robertson said.

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Chauvin arrested, charged; Walz says more enforcement Friday night; cities enact curfew

ARTICLE XLIX. **[CHAUVIN ARRESTED, CHARGED; WALZ SAYS MORE ENFORCEMENT FRIDAY NIGHT; CITIES ENACT CURFEW](#)**

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State leaders hope that Friday night won't see a repeat of the looting and arson that has spread across the Twin Cities after announcing the arrest of the ex-police officer linked to the death of ***George Floyd***, the deployment of about 500 soldiers from the National Guard and an 8 p.m. curfew in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The violence arose in the wake of protests to the killing of Floyd, whose death was captured on video as ***Derek Chauvin***, a Minneapolis police officer, kneeled on Floyd's neck for minutes during an arrest while Floyd complained that he couldn't breathe. Chauvin and three other police officers were fired after the incident.

John Harrington, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, confirmed that Chauvin had been arrested. Chauvin has been ***charged*** with third-degree murder and manslaughter, said Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman.

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Earlier, at a press conference with Governor Tim Walz, Harrington described Floyd's death as a murder, though that was a personal judgement and not a criminal one, Harrington said.

In Minneapolis, Mayor Jacob Frey [declared a curfew](#) for Friday and Saturday nights stretching from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Violators of the curfew can be fined up to \$1,000 and 90 days in jail. St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter followed suit shortly afterward.

Walz said that the state had taken on a larger role in coordinating the police and National Guard throughout the cities, and that they would have a larger presence on Friday night than they did on previous nights. The option of instituting measures like a curfew are still in play, Walz said

"This has obviously been the most difficult week in Minnesota in recent history, and maybe in our entire history. My top priority now is the immediate security to make sure what happened the last 48 hours doesn't happen tonight. The state of Minnesota has assumed that responsibility," he said.

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In assuming that responsibility, Walz also offered a criticism to the response of the mayors and police leaders of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"If this would have been executed correctly, the state would not lead on this. The state would have supported those [actions] and would have moved forward. That did not happen," he said.

The St. Paul Police Department had forces in reserve that were not deployed to the [significant looting](#) on University Avenue and the city didn't request the presence of the National Guard until about 5 p.m, Walz said.

Representatives from both mayor's offices couldn't be reached at press time.

Walz did take responsibility for the arrest of a CNN reporter this morning at Minneapolis' besieged Third Precinct. The reporter, and his crew, were arrested during a state-led push to retake the precinct from protestors who had set it on fire.

Walz apologized to CNN President Jeff Zucker in a phone call this morning.

"I take full responsibility. There is absolutely no reason something like that should happen," he said.

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Mississippi mayor flouts calls to resign over Floyd comments

ARTICLE L. [MISSISSIPPI MAYOR FLOUTS CALLS TO RESIGN OVER FLOYD
COMMENTS](#)

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Highlight: PETAL, Miss. (AP) - A Mississippi mayor whose remarks about the death of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis police custody sparked outrage is resisting calls to resign, including from his own town's board of aldermen.

Body

PETAL, Miss. - A Mississippi mayor whose remarks about the death of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis police custody sparked outrage is resisting calls to resign, including from his own town's board of aldermen.

"Why in the world would anyone choose to become a police officer in our society today?" Petal Mayor Hal Marx tweeted Tuesday, the day four Minneapolis police officers were fired. The 46-year-old Floyd, a black man, was handcuffed and pleading for air as a white police officer kneeled on his neck Monday.

In a follow-up tweet, the Republican directly referenced the Floyd case, saying he "didn't see anything unreasonable": "If you can say you can't breathe, you're breathing. Most likely that man died of overdose or heart attack. Video doesn't show his resistance that got him in that position. Police being crucified."

Javon Patterson, an offensive lineman with the Indianapolis Colts, and Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Anthony Alford both criticized Marx on social media.

"You know as a former resident of Petal ... this is truly disturbing to see," Patterson tweeted, attaching a screenshot of a Facebook post where Marx again said, "If you can talk you can breathe."

"How could you watch this disturbing video and make such an idiotic comment. But this guy is supposed to be the leader of 'the friendly city,'" Alford, a Petal High School alumnus, wrote on Facebook. "This is why it's important to vote people. You don't want people like Mayor Hal Marx in charge."

Marx's Twitter account no longer exists.

The Petal Board of Aldermen held a special meeting Thursday, voting unanimously to ask for Marx's resignation, the Clarion Ledger reported.

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"Recently, Mayor Hal Marx has taken to social media and repeatedly made comments that have isolated, enraged and belittled individuals in a way that is unbecoming to our city," Aldermen Clint Moore read from a statement.

Residents also called for his resignation, and protests are planned for the coming days. As Marx addressed the meeting, audience members shouted over him.

"You already have your minds made up about me," he said.

Marx, who was first elected mayor in 2009 and entertained a run for governor in 2019, told the Hattiesburg American earlier this week that his remarks were misconstrued as racist, and that he was trying to caution people "to get all the facts before they judge" the police.

At Thursday's meeting, he said he and his family had received death threats and called people asking for resignation bullies.

"I will never surrender to the mob mentality," he said. In Mississippi, elected officials can only be removed from office if they've committed felonies, the Clarion Ledger reported.

Myla Cox grew up in Petal, a town of a little more than 10,000 people just east of Hattiesburg. She said she's been judged at her college, Brown University, because of her hometown

"Everybody looked down on me because they saw the type of people that run my city, specially you," the newspaper quoted her as addressing Marx. "For you to come here today and say that we are bullies, and you to not hold accountability for your statements that we clearly do not agree with already shows what type of person you are." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Target temporarily closes 24 Twin Cities stores during unrest

ARTICLE LI. **[TARGET TEMPORARILY CLOSES 24 TWIN CITIES STORES DURING UNREST](#)**

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Highlight: Target temporarily closed 24 stores in the Twin Cities as protests and looting have been underway in the wake of the death of a man in Minneapolis police custody. "We are heartbroken by the death of ***George Floyd*** and the pain it is causing our community," the Minneapolis-based company said in a Thursday statement. "At [...]"

Body

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"We are heartbroken by the death of ***George Floyd*** and the pain it is causing our community," the Minneapolis-based company said in a Thursday statement. "At this time, we have made the decision to close a number of our stores until further notice. Our focus will remain on our team members' safety and helping our community heal."

The stores currently closed are: North St. Paul, West St. Paul, East St. Paul, St. Paul Highland Park, St. Paul Midway, Minneapolis Northeast, Minneapolis Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis Lake Street, Minneapolis Dinkytown, Minneapolis Uptown, Oakdale, Roseville, Brooklyn Park, Knollwood, St. Louis Park, Crystal, Eden Prairie, Shoreview, Fridley, Richfield, Burnsville, Bloomington, Apple Valley and Apple Valley South. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Twitter obscures, warns on Trump tweet 'glorifying violence'

ARTICLE LII. [TWITTER OBSCURES, WARNS ON TRUMP TWEET 'GLORIFYING VIOLENCE'](#)

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Body

Twitter escalated tensions with President Donald Trump on Friday, adding a warning to one of his tweets for the first time and saying he violated the platform's rules by glorifying violence when he suggested protesters in Minneapolis could be shot.

Trump has been railing against the company since earlier this week, when it for the first time applied fact checks to two of his tweets. Those were about mail-in ballots.

The flap comes at a fraught moment for Twitter and social media more generally. Debate is heating up about when and how much these companies should police the content on their platforms as coronavirus misinformation swirls and the 2020 U.S. presidential election looms.

For Trump, the feud with Twitter serves as a convenient distraction from major challenges he faces heading into November, such as controlling a pandemic and dealing with soaring unemployment.

The Trump tweet that was flagged Friday came amid days of violent protests over the death of ***George Floyd***, a handcuffed black man who pleaded for air as a white police officer kneeled on his neck.

"These THUGS are dishonoring the memory of ***George Floyd***, and I won't let that happen," Trump tweeted about the protesters. "Just spoke to Governor Tim Walz and told him that the Military is with him all the way. Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts, the shooting starts. Thank you!"

The comment evoked the civil-rights era by borrowing a phrase used in 1967 by Miami's police chief to warn of an aggressive police response to unrest in black neighborhoods.

Twitter did not remove the tweet, saying it had determined it might be in the public interest to have it remain accessible. But the tweet was hidden so that a user looking at Trump's timeline would have to click on the warning to see the original tweet. Hiding it also effectively demotes the tweet by limiting how users can retweet it and ensuring that Twitter algorithms don't recommend it.

Twitter obscures, warns on Trump tweet 'glorifying violence'

Twitter said Friday it posted the warning label on Trump's tweet "based on the historical context of the last line, its connection to violence, and the risk it could inspire similar actions today," but left it up "given its relevance to ongoing matters of public importance."

A tweet using the same language as Trump's was later posted on the official White House Twitter account, and Twitter eventually put a warning on that too. It was also posted on Facebook, which hasn't taken any visible action on it.

Twitter taking a harder line than Facebook on Trump's posts likely has something to do with Twitter's decision last year to stop taking political ads, said Melissa Ryan, CEO of consultancy group Card Strategies, which researches online disinformation and right-wing extremism.

She said the coronavirus pandemic has also led Twitter to inch toward stronger enforcement of its policies at the same time that Trump's tweets have "amped up in terms of crazy and intensity and disinformation."

"Twitter and Trump have been playing a game of chicken," Ryan said. "It feels like they've both been moving toward this for a while."

Trump took to Twitter to complain, calling multiple times for the revocation of Section 230, part of a 1996 law overhauling telecommunications. That section generally protects social media platforms from liability for material users post on their platforms. Trump on Thursday signed an executive order challenging those protections.

The order directs executive branch agencies to ask independent rule-making agencies including the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission to study whether they can place new regulations on the companies, though experts express doubts much can be done without an act of Congress.

The president and fellow conservatives have claimed for years that Silicon Valley tech companies are biased against them. But there is no evidence for this, and while the executives and many employees of Twitter, Facebook and Google may lean liberal, the companies have stressed they have no business interest in favoring one political party over the other.

Twitter first outlined in early 2018 that it wouldn't block world leaders from the platform or remove their controversial tweets. But it announced nearly a year ago that it could apply warning labels and obscure the tweets of world leaders if they used their accounts to threaten or abuse others. That followed complaints from Trump critics that the president has gotten a free pass from Twitter to post hateful messages and attack his enemies in ways they say could lead to violence.

Twitter further clarified its rules in October, saying it will enforce its policies against any user who makes clear and direct threats of violence against a person, but carving out an exception for government officials' "foreign policy saber-rattling on economic or military issues."

The earlier tweets that Twitter flagged were not hidden but did come with an option to "get the facts about mail-in ballots," a link that led to fact checks and news stories by media organizations. Those tweets called mail-in ballots "fraudulent" and predicted that "mail boxes will be robbed," among other things.

Twitter's decision to flag Trump's tweets came as the president continued to use the platform to push a debunked conspiracy theory accusing MSNBC host and former congressman Joe Scarborough of killing a

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staffer in his Florida congressional office in 2001. Medical officials determined the staffer had an undiagnosed heart condition, passed out and hit her head as she fell.

Scarborough, who was in Washington, not Florida, at the time, has urged the president to stop his baseless attacks. The staffer's husband also recently demanded that Twitter remove the tweets. The company issued a statement expressing its regret to the husband but so far has taken no other action.

Twitter's decision also likely will be seized upon outside the U.S. to scrutinize the social media behavior of other world leaders. Israel has been waging its own pressure campaign on the company over it allowing Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to have an account.

In a letter dated Sunday, an Israeli official wrote to Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey complaining about Khamenei tweets that repeated comments he made in a recent speech in support of Palestinians that called Israel a "cancerous growth" that will be "uprooted and destroyed."

On the other hand, the company has removed tweets related to the coronavirus from the leaders of Brazil and Venezuela, and says it will remove content that has a call to action that poses a threat to people's health or well being.

It has also previously used the warning label for an elected official, Brazilian politician Osmar Terra, who tweeted that quarantine increases the spread of the virus.

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AP writers Tali Arbel in New York and Jon Gambrell in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, contributed to this report. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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MN National Guard leader says they didn't get clear direction on responding to protests

ARTICLE LIII. [MN NATIONAL GUARD LEADER SAYS THEY DIDN'T GET CLEAR DIRECTION ON RESPONDING TO PROTESTS](#)

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Highlight: When Gov. Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard on Thursday to respond to rioting and looting in Minneapolis and St. Paul, around 500 soldiers and airmen rushed to the Twin Cities to report for duty, but their leader said they didn't get clear directions on what they were expected to do when they arrived. [...]

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When Gov. Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard on Thursday to respond to rioting and looting in Minneapolis and St. Paul, around 500 soldiers and airmen rushed to the Twin Cities to report for duty, but their leader said they didn't get clear directions on what they were expected to do when they arrived.

As a result, many of the troops did not move into action until late that night when fires raged and looters ransacked businesses across the cities in disturbances sparked by the death of *George Floyd*, an unarmed black man who died Monday when a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes.

During a news conference Friday with Walz and other state officials, Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen, Minnesota National Guard adjutant general, said he wanted to deploy troops before dark Thursday "so my soldiers and airmen could become familiar with their terrain and their mission. We never got such a mission description."

Who was responsible for that "lack of clarity?" Jensen didn't say. But he noted that the Guard acts "in support of local civilian leadership," not on its own initiative.

Jensen and other state officials seemed to suggest that Minneapolis city leaders failed to tell Guard commanders what they wanted soldiers to do until late Thursday night when it was too late to prevent much of the damage. A spokesman for Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey couldn't be reached for comment on Friday afternoon.

In response to a request from Frey, Walz signed an order at 4 p.m. Thursday activating the Guard to, in Jensen's words, "protect life, preserve property and ensure people's right to peacefully demonstrate" during the disorder.

MN National Guard leader says they didn't get clear direction on responding to protests

"After checking in yesterday, we had our first group of soldiers out in the community around 6 p.m.," Minnesota National Guard spokesman Blair Heusdens wrote in an email to the Pioneer Press. Officers continued processing members into active duty through the night.

The troops came from units based in Stillwater, Monticello, Montevideo, Brooklyn Park, Faribault and the 133rd Airlift Wing in St. Paul.

Jensen said he had four missions for the troops. With Walz's consent, they and Minnesota State Patrol troopers first secured the Capitol complex in St. Paul. Armed soldiers and military vehicles surrounded the vacated building on Friday.

At the request of St. Paul law enforcement officials, the adjutant general said, his next two missions were to provide security at the Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension headquarters on the East Side, so St. Paul police officers could respond to other needs.

Their fourth mission, when it was finally clarified, was to escort Minneapolis firefighters to sites and provide security for them as they put out fires. The soldiers also "form lines between protesters and sites that are at risk of being harmed," Heusdens wrote.

Walz authorized the soldiers to be armed after the FBI reported a "credible threat" to the Guard, Jensen said. "Soldiers retain the right to self defense."

But they do not have the right to "arrest and detain civilians," Jensen said.

Attorney General Keith Ellison said he hopes protesters don't see the soldiers as "another occupation by another military force. It really isn't. They're here to restore calm and peace."

Guard troops will continue to support local authorities "as long as directed in order to ensure the safety of people and property," according to a National Guard statement.

The last time the Minnesota National Guard was activated in response to civil unrest was in 2008 when the St. Paul Police Department asked the governor to send in troops during a riot outside the Republican National Convention at the Xcel Energy Center.

Since its formation in 1856, the state Guard has been called to support local law enforcement agencies more than 91 times in response to a variety of racial, labor and other civil disturbances, according to Guard historian Daniel Ewer. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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St. Paul mayor says law enforcement help, curfew should help stem tide of rioting

ARTICLE LIV. **[ST. PAUL MAYOR SAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT HELP, CURFEW SHOULD HELP STEM TIDE OF RIOTING](#)**

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Highlight: St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter on Friday called for as many as 400 additional law enforcement officers and two nights of city-wide curfew to help quell the wave of destructive rioting. During a Zoom conference call earlier in the day, Carter said assistance is expected from the National Guard, the University of Minnesota police and [...]

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St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter on Friday called for as many as 400 additional law enforcement officers and two nights of city-wide curfew to help quell the wave of destructive rioting.

During a Zoom conference call earlier in the day, Carter said assistance is expected from the National Guard, the University of Minnesota police and other area police departments if necessary. The State Patrol has also been requested to help.

During a discussion with the media later Friday, he and Police Chief Todd Axtell said the decision had been made Thursday to use the National Guard to protect sites such as the Minnesota Capitol building, rather than deploy them on the streets.

Police Chief Axtell: "this has never happened before." From Dakota to Washington Co, police had hands full all at once, impacting mutual aid. National Guard protected specific sites like MN Capitol, freeing up police for streets. Tonight Guard, State Patrol will be more visible. pic.twitter.com/00Dk2R3Lpf

- Frederick Melo, Reporter (@FrederickMelo) [May 29, 2020](#)

The goal at the time was to free up city officers to focus on policing familiar corners, but the city was quickly overwhelmed with calls for help. Many looters returned to shops multiple times after police had left an area, only to scatter when police came back and then later return again.

Gov. Tim Walz and others appeared frustrated Friday that the Guard had not been used more extensively to protect private properties.

During the morning Zoom call, Carter, visibly upset, told 225 attendees that 200 St. Paul businesses were damaged overnight - including buildings burned, windows smashed, items stolen. Carter and Axtell said

St. Paul mayor says law enforcement help, curfew should help stem tide of rioting

Friday afternoon they were still determining where best to deploy the National Guard, but they expected them to be more visible than they had been the night before.

The riots were sparked after ***George Floyd***, an unarmed black man, died while in custody of the Minneapolis police. Video of the incident shows Floyd, handcuffed on the ground, with a policeman kneeling on his neck.

Carter said he feels the same outrage that the protesters do. But while he supports protesters, he said he despises anyone using that death as an excuse to break laws - looting, setting fires, breaking windows.

Thursday night, he said, was like a game of Whack-a-Mole for police and firefighters. Police were not available to answer calls for help because they had to protect firefighters battling the intentionally-set fires.

"That's one reason you didn't see mass arrests," said Carter.

The damage to businesses hurt the entire city, he said. Many businesses were already shut down because of the coronavirus.

"They were already fighting for their lives," said Carter.

St. Paul police reported only ten arrests, including two juveniles ages 13 and 14 who were released after being detained on suspicion of burglary at Sun Foods grocery on University Avenue.

The city received 1,189 emergency calls for police service through 911 from noon Thursday through 8 a.m. Friday. Of those calls, 89 were for shots fired. On top of that, there were 126 fire calls and 182 EMS calls.

Carter said that even though many looters may not have been arrested Thursday, video of their crimes would lead to arrests later. He addressed those law-breakers directly, saying: "You may think you are getting away with something, but you are not."

The coronavirus pandemic is making the urban mayhem worse, he said.

In times of crisis, he said, "my instinct always is to bring people together. I have not figured out how to do that and maintain social distance." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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55 fires, looting overnight leave extensive damage in St. Paul; Midway neighborhood hardest hit

ARTICLE LV. [**55 FIRES, LOOTING OVERNIGHT LEAVE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN ST. PAUL; MIDWAY NEIGHBORHOOD HARDEST HIT**](#)

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Highlight: After a night of looting and arson, the morning light revealed extensive damage to businesses and properties in St. Paul.

Body

Looting and arson Thursday evening and early Friday morning left a wake of burned out buildings and broken glass across St. Paul.

St. Paul firefighters responded to 55 fires, not all involving buildings, as they tried to keep on top of blazes breaking out as riots and protests over [**George Floyd**](#)'s death in Minneapolis spread to St. Paul. But as Friday night began, the Midway area was quiet.

The worst area hit in St. Paul on Thursday and Friday morning was the Midway along University Avenue between Snelling Avenue and Lexington Parkway, according to Deputy Chief Roy Mokosso.

"There were a multitude of fires so many businesses were damaged," Mokosso said, adding "we are working on compiling all that information."

FIRES CONTINUED TO SMOLDER OVERNIGHT

Crews deployed across the city to assess the extent of damage to determine "safety, habitancy and occupancy," Mokosso said He noted officials planned to visit more than 100 locations that reported damage.

Some smaller fires were still smoldering Friday morning as firefighters were not able to enter all the structures Thursday night due to safety concerns. So they sometimes had to do their best to contain them from the exterior and move on.

"Because of some of the compromised structures, interior firefighting wasn't able to be done, so there were potential pockets of activity where fires continue to smolder overnight," Mokosso said.

'THEY WERE JUST INSIDE AND STARTED DESTROYING'

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Firefighters were still trying on Friday morning to put out the remains of a blaze at the Sports Dome sports apparel shop near Snelling and University avenues. The storefront was blackened and debris crumbled onto the sidewalk.

Workers inside Culver's Restaurant nearby cleaned up broken glass. "It's pretty bad," a worker said. "We locked all our food up. They were just inside and started destroying."

At 7-Mile Sportswear in the Uni-Dale Male, 25-year-old Jin Lim, the owner, had a simple assessment of damage to the store he bought last year: "Completely destroyed."

Lim, his wife and six employees fled through the back door Thursday night as looters broke glass and overwhelmed the store. At least one fire was lit in his storage room, he said.

His business specialized in hair extensions, wigs, hair braiding, jewelry, hair products as well as sports jerseys. Lim estimates more than \$1 million in inventory alone is gone and there's property damage on top of that. His business was probably the worst hit at Uni-Dale, though other shops were also damaged.

Many gas stations and other stores throughout St. Paul, from the East Side to West Seventh, remained boarded up Friday.

As night fell on University Avenue, people were still cleaning up businesses and boarding up doors. Some onlookers filmed the damage on their phones, but it was distinctively quieter than the day before.

SHUTTING OFF GAS LINES, POWER, MAKING ARRESTS

Firefighters were working with gas and electric companies Friday to shut off power and disconnect gas lines and certain locations to ensure safety.

St. Paul police reported 10 arrests, which included five individuals who were booked into the Ramsey County Jail and two juveniles who were released after they were arrested for burglary at Sun Foods.

A spokesman noted that "the ability to make arrests was affected by the need to protect our partners with the St. Paul Fire Department, who were being assaulted as they worked."

The department received 1,189 calls for service between noon Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday morning.

VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE TO HELP CLEAN UP

Despite the destruction on view Friday morning, volunteers are already out to help with the long cleanup ahead. Megan Henning and Mark Larson of Blair Avenue were among a group of neighbors volunteering.

The Union Park District Council and the Grand Avenue Business Association were among the groups getting volunteers to work.

The executive director of the Hamline Midway Coalition, Kate Mudge, said more than 1,000 people showed up at Gordon Parks High School Friday morning to help with clean-up efforts in the area.

The show of support was "amazing," and a small but important dose of good news amid all the bad, Mudge said.

The damage to the area was extensive, especially between Griggs and Snelling Avenue, Mudge said.

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"There wasn't much in that (stretch) spared," she said.

Some places that were, though, appeared to be minority and immigrant-owned businesses, Mudge continued, saying she wasn't sure if that was because those businesses had staged a presence outside of their establishments overnight or posted something about their ownership on social media.

Other businesses that placed signs out indicating they were community or black-owned also found some success with those methods, Mudge added.

LIQUOR STORES, PHARMACIES, GAS STATIONS HIT HARD

Establishments that allowed easy access for quick grab-and-go looting jobs were targeted heavily, including liquor stores, gas stations and pharmacies, Mudge said.

They included two Speedways in the area, a Holiday Station, Lloyd's Pharmacy - which she said burned to the ground - Turf Club, Ax Man, Furniture Barn, the Midway Target, where much of the St. Paul looting began, Verizon, Noodles and Co., the Vitamin Store, and TJ Maxx.

NAPA Auto Parts also was set ablaze.

Mudge said she wasn't sure about damage to the neighborhood's Cub Foods, noting that early efforts had been made there to board up the store.

Residents and businesses are "nervous about tonight," but for now, the abundant "show of support" that has been seen from neighborhood residents "and beyond" has been encouraging and uplifting, Mudge said Friday.

INFO STILL COMING IN ABOUT DAMAGE ELSEWHERE

Meanwhile, along Grand Avenue, businesses also sustained damage, though not nearly as widespread.

Grand Avenue Business Association president, Bob Lawrence, said the Speedway at Cleveland and Grand Avenue appeared "a total loss" from a fire. Additionally, Golden Treasures, a jewelry store, as well as CVS and First Grand Avenue Liquor had been looted, and an ATM at Bank Cherokee drive-thru was busted open.

Lawrence was working to get an order of plywood delivered to businesses that hadn't already boarded up. He noted that several others, including his own State Farm insurance location, were open for business Friday.

Elsewhere, R.F. Moeller in Highland Park was badly looted.

The Neighbors United Funding Collaborative is helping Midway and Union Park small business and nonprofit communities rebuild their storefronts. People can make contributions at givemn.org/story/Nufc or send them to the Hamline Midway Coalition, 1558 Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104.

Nick Ferraro contributed to this report.

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Watch: CNN crew arrested in Minneapolis live on the air

ARTICLE LVI. [**WATCH: CNN CREW ARRESTED IN MINNEAPOLIS LIVE ON THE AIR**](#)

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Body

CNN reporter Omar Jimenez and three colleagues were arrested live on the air Friday morning while covering protests in Minneapolis.

Minnesota police arrest CNN reporter and camera crew as they report from protests in Minneapolis <https://t.co/oZdqBti776>

- CNN (@CNN)

CNN said in a statement that the team was arrested "for doing their jobs, despite identifying themselves - a clear violation of their First Amendment rights. The authorities in Minnesota, incl. the Governor, must release the 3 CNN employees immediately."

CNN later said Gov. Tim Walz apologized for the arrests and quoted Walz as saying he was "working to have the CNN team released immediately."

The team was later released and returned to air shortly afterward, recounting what had happened.

CNN's [@OmarJimenez](https://twitter.com/OmarJimenez) pic.twitter.com/3QbeTjD5ed [May 29, 2020](https://twitter.com/CNN/status/1265000000000000000) and his crew have been released from police custody. He recounts getting arrested and what happened while they were in custody. <https://t.co/v3kMq77Oro>

- CNN (@CNN)

The Minnesota State Patrol stated that the team was part of four arrests troopers made at scene Friday morning.

Watch: CNN crew arrested in Minneapolis live on the air

"In the course of clearing the streets and restoring order at Lake Street and Snelling Avenue, four people were arrested by State Patrol troopers, including three members of a CNN crew," the State Patrol said. "The three were released once they were confirmed to be members of the media." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform pic.twitter.com/JoqmwITc5i May 29, 2020](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Man dies after being shot in St. Paul's Highland Park area

ARTICLE LVII. [**MAN DIES AFTER BEING SHOT IN ST. PAUL'S HIGHLAND PARK AREA**](#)

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Byline: Mara H. Gottfried

Highlight: A man was fatally shot in St. Paul early Friday and police are looking for the suspect. It happened in Highland Park, in the area of Lexington Parkway and Otto Avenue west of Interstate 35E, about 12:20 a.m. Police said there was no indication on Friday morning that the killing was connected to unrest that [...]

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It happened in Highland Park, in the area of Lexington Parkway and Otto Avenue west of Interstate 35E, about 12:20 a.m.

Police said there was no indication on Friday morning that the killing was connected to unrest that was happening at the time in the city - people were looting and setting fires, particularly in the Midway area.

Officers found the man after being called to the 700 block of South Lexington on a report of a person in distress. Paramedics took him to the hospital, where he died soon after.

Police identified possible witnesses and collected evidence. No arrests had been made as of Friday morning and police asked anyone with information to call them at 651-266-5650.

The man's name will be released after his identity is confirmed by the Ramsey County medical examiner's office. The death is the 14th homicide of the year in St. Paul. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [23-year-old arrested in fatal shooting of man, 65, in Shakopee](#)

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St. Paul Farmers' Market Lowertown to close for the weekend

ARTICLE LVIII. **[ST. PAUL FARMERS' MARKET LOWERTOWN TO CLOSE FOR THE WEEKEND](#)**

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Highlight: The St. Paul Farmers' Market in Lowertown announced it would close temporarily over the weekend following days of protests and looting that have occurred since the Memorial Day death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody. The farmers' market will be closed Saturday and Sunday "in response to the civil unrest taking place across the [...]"

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The farmers' market will be closed Saturday and Sunday "in response to the civil unrest taking place across the Twin Cities," said a news release from the market.

Regular hours will resume next week at neighborhood markets including:

Roseville: Tuesday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to noon Andover: Tuesday, June 2 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Maplewood: Wednesday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to noon Burnsville: Thursday, June 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. St. Thomas More in Saint Paul: Friday, June 5 from 1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown location: Saturday, June 6 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, June 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"During this difficult time, we continue our commitment to the safety and well-being of our community, growers, customers and staff," said David Kotsonas, director of the St. Paul Farmers' Market. "We believe this is the right thing to do."

For more information, visit stpaulfarmersmarket.com.

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St. Paul fire department: Midway neighborhood endured worst of fire damage in overnight riots

ARTICLE LIX. **ST. PAUL FIRE DEPARTMENT: MIDWAY NEIGHBORHOOD
ENDURED WORST OF FIRE DAMAGE IN OVERNIGHT RIOTS**

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Byline: Sarah Horner

Highlight: St. Paul firefighters responded to 55 fires in the city last night, not all of which were structural, as they tried to keep on top of blazes breaking out across the city as riots and protests over **George Floyd**'s death continued into a third night. The worst area hit was the Frogtown/Midway neighborhood along University [...]

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The worst area hit was the Frogtown/Midway neighborhood along University Avenue between Snelling Avenue and Lexington Parkway, according to the department's spokesman, Deputy Chief Roy Mokosso.

"There were a multitude of fires so many businesses were damaged," Mokosso said, adding "we are working on compiling all that information."

Crews have been deployed across the city to assess the extent of damage to determine "safety, habitancy and occupancy, Mokosso continued, noting that planned to visit over 100 locations that had reported damage.

Some smaller fires were still smoldering Friday morning as firefighters were not able to enter all the structures Thursday night due to safety concerns, so they sometimes had to do their best to contain them from the exterior and move on.

"Because of some of the compromised structures, interior firefighting wasn't able to be done, so there were potential pockets of activity where fires continue to smolder overnight," Mokosso said.

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Update: Target temporary closures expand; some Walgreens and CVS locations also closed

ARTICLE LX. [**UPDATE: TARGET TEMPORARY CLOSURES EXPAND; SOME WALGREENS AND CVS LOCATIONS ALSO CLOSED**](#)

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Byline: Molly Guthrey

Highlight: A number of Target stores in the metro remain temporarily closed - including locations in St. Paul. In addition, some locations of CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens are closed, and Rosedale Center announced it will remain closed on Saturday. Target temporarily closed 24 stores in the Twin Cities on Thursday as looting, violence, fires and other [...]

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[Target temporarily closed 24 stores](#) in the Twin Cities on Thursday as looting, violence, fires and other unrest spread and intensified after the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody on Monday.

On Thursday, Target issued a statement about the crisis: "We are heartbroken by the death of [George Floyd](#) and the pain it is causing our community. At this time, we have made the decision to close a number of our stores until further notice. Our focus will remain on our team members' safety and helping our community heal."

Among the initial closures was the [Midway Target](#), where police said people entered and took merchandise on Thursday, at 1300 University Ave., and the location that was [heavily damaged and looted](#).

Target's closures fluctuated on Friday; at 3:30 p.m., the list of its temporarily closed stores was expanded to 32, including locations in Apple Valley, Woodbury, Stillwater, Edina and even beyond the metro in St. Cloud. For current closures in this fluid situation, go to .

OTHER STORES

Other retailers have also been affected by the unrest, including all seven CVS Pharmacy stores in the city of St. Paul.

Amy Lanctot Thibault, a spokeswoman for CVS Health, said in an email, "Sixteen of our pharmacies have been damaged during the unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul area throughout the week. None of our

Update: Target temporary closures expand; some Walgreens and CVS locations also closed

employees were hurt and the impacted locations will remain closed for the time being so we can assess the damage and ensure employee safety. Three additional CVS Pharmacy locations are closed at this time out of an abundance of caution and to ensure our store teams remain safe."

The CVS locations temporarily closed include the St. Paul stores on Grand Avenue, Snelling Avenue, Fairview Avenue and Maryland Avenue. Other closed stores are in Little Canada, Maplewood and Minneapolis.

"Some will open as soon as it is safe," Lanctot Thibault said. "Others need to be repaired. And these are changing frequently, as the situation unfolds."

For now, though, Lanctot Thibault says customers can still get help with their prescriptions.

"Each closed pharmacy's phone system has been rerouted to a nearby store that is open so our patients will continue to have access to pharmacy care," she said.

Walgreens has also closed some of its locations in the metro, [including the store at 734 Grand Ave. Lake Street http://pipr.es/Wp02xaf](http://pipr.es/Wp02xaf) in St. Paul.

"We recommend customers use [the store locator feature](#) for current information on store status on Walgreens.com or our mobile app before traveling to a location," a spokesman, Phil Caruso, said in an email to the Pioneer Press on Friday afternoon. "At this time we have select locations open and will be following curfew orders to close at 7 p.m. tonight (in advance of the 8 p.m. curfew start time in both St. Paul and Minneapolis)."

Also this weekend, Rosedale Center announced that the Roseville mall will remain closed on Saturday.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and work with local authorities to determine when it is safe for the mall to reopen," according to the statement issued on Friday afternoon. "No people or vehicles are allowed on Rosedale Center property. This includes tenants. We have secured the entrances so no one can enter."

HELP FOR SENIORS

With a number of stores closed, and Metro Transit service mostly suspended through the weekend, it might be challenging for some people to fill prescriptions, buy groceries or just get around.

Ann Bailey, president of DARTS - [a nonprofit serving seniors and their families in Dakota County](#) - says while most of the organization's clients use mail-order pharmacies, other routines have been affected by the recent unrest.

"We've been placing and delivering grocery orders to people during COVID-19," she said Friday. "Today Walmart canceled all the online orders, so we are having to figure out how to do those purchases."

Because DARTS is an essential service, the organization has been assisting clients throughout the stay-at-home order with services such as cleaning, yard work and transportation.

Still, the house-bound have been isolated, and now many people are even more afraid.

"Everyone's stress level is high," Bailey says.

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While the nonprofit focuses on Dakota County, Bailey says that people can call DARTS if they need assistance finding senior services in other areas. Call DARTS at 651-455-1560 or [Dartsconnects.org](https://www.dartsconnects.org). Another option is the Senior LinkAge Line at or 800-333-2433.

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Coronavirus Friday update: 29 more Minnesotans die as death toll approaches 1,000

ARTICLE LXI. [**CORONAVIRUS FRIDAY UPDATE: 29 MORE MINNESOTANS DIE AS DEATH TOLL APPROACHES 1,000**](#)

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Highlight: Minnesota's coronavirus-related deaths neared 1,000 people Friday when 29 more COVID-19 fatalities were reported. It's been a little more than two months since Minnesota's first COVID-19 death was announced by the state Department of Health on March 21. The death toll related to the coronavirus now stands at 996 people, ranging in age from 30 [...]

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Those whose deaths were reported Friday ranged in age from their 40s to more than 100 years old. Twenty-six of those who died were residents of congregate care facilities.

There are nearly 250 long-term care facilities with coronavirus outbreaks. Health officials classify a facility as having an outbreak when one or more residents or staff test positive for the coronavirus.

Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner, again noted the unrest happening across the Twin Cities after the death of ***George Floyd*** in police custody. She encouraged protesters to do their best to take precautions to protect one another from the ongoing coronavirus epidemic.

"These are hard days. In times of pain and grief, we want to come together - both to comfort each other and to demand a better future," Malcolm said in a statement. "The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic makes this more difficult. As Minnesotans find peaceful ways to express themselves and speak their truths, please help us protect our most vulnerable neighbors from additional suffering and pain."

The Minnesota Department of Health also reported another 584 infections Friday, bringing the state total to 23,531 laboratory-confirmed cases.

There are 592 patients hospitalized and 259 in critical condition. Another 16,930 patients have recovered enough that they no longer need to be isolated.

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The state continues to see testing for the coronavirus increase with the results of 8,665 tests released Friday. State leaders hope to soon be able to test 10,000 samples per day.

Since local testing became available, Minnesota has a cumulative positive test rate of 10 percent. Some private labs only report positive test results.

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Downtown Minneapolis prepares for weekend protests

ARTICLE LXII. **[DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS PREPARES FOR WEEKEND PROTESTS](#)**

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Byline: Carter Jones

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Downtown Minneapolis office workers only just recently started trickling back to work after staying away for weeks during the state's stay-at-home order. Restaurants on Nicollet Mall were preparing their patios for outdoor service to begin next week.

But on Friday, crews were boarding up storefronts, restaurants and office towers to protect from looting and vandalism that has erupted across the Twin Cities since the death of **George Floyd**, who died Monday after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes in an incident caught on cellphone video.

After initially peaceful protests, recent days have seen increasingly violent unrest erupt around the city. Protesters overran and burned the Police Department's Third Precinct building, as well as several small businesses around it and on Lake Street. On Thursday the mayhem spread to St Paul, where more than 170 businesses were damaged.

Downtown Minneapolis prepares for weekend protests

So far, protests downtown have been relatively quiet, though Nordstrom Rack and the Xcel Energy Inc. headquarters on Nicollet Mall had significant damage, but further intrusion was prevented by having security on-site, said Minneapolis Downtown Council CEO Steve Cramer.

Preparations for possible trouble started early Thursday, with a safety briefing that involved over 300 people.

"Folks were ready for what they knew was going to be a challenging evening," Cramer said. "There was a lot of property damage, but it doesn't compare to Lake Street."

Going into the weekend, Cramer advised downtown businesses to take precautions and be as prepared as possible for vandalism and wanton disregard of property.

"Having supplies on hand to quickly repair stops groups from coming back," Cramer said.

"Wells Fargo and large downtown corporations have resources to deal with damages. It's different in magnitude and companies being affected from Lake Street and University Avenue."

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Twin Cities CEOs, VCs speak out after week of racial strife

ARTICLE LXIII. ***TWIN CITIES CEOS, VCS SPEAK OUT AFTER WEEK OF RACIAL STRIFE***

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More than two dozen of Minnesota's most recognizable CEOs are signatories of a letter mourning the killing of ***George Floyd*** and calling for change at their respective businesses.

Venture capitalists, meanwhile, have released a letter of their own condemning the actions of Tom Austin, an investor who *threatened to call the police* on a group of black entrepreneurs who were using the gym in their shared building.

The CEO letter, released by health system Children's Minnesota, is signed by 28 local CEOs, including the leaders of corporations like Best Buy Co. Inc. Cargill Inc., General Mills Inc and US Bancorp. It addresses the death of Floyd earlier this week during an altercation with Minneapolis police officers, including one who kept his knee on Floyd's neck for several minutes while the man said he was having trouble breathing. The incident triggered days of protests that spun into violence, with hundreds of storefronts damaged or looted.

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"His death while being restrained by Minneapolis police officers is yet another senseless loss of life - one that reflects deeply ingrained, long-standing injustice within our society," the letter reads. "It is hard to watch the video of the event as it is clearly evident Mr. Floyd was not treated with the dignity and respect he was due as a human being. These acts are painful and traumatic for our entire community, especially our communities of color. "

The signatories committed to making "substantive change" in their organizations, though they didn't specify what those changes would be.

[Click here to read the full version of Children's Minnesota's letter](#)

Startup coalition Forge North also put out a letter signed by 18 venture capitalists and angel investors in response to what the letter describes as "racial profiling" [by Austin at the gym in the Mozaic East building in Uptown Minneapolis](#). Austin believed that members of the social media agency Top Figure were in the building without permission, even though Top Figure is a tenant of the WeWork in the same building.

"We, the Minnesota Venture Capital community, reject Tom Austin's actions," the letter reads. "We are committed to broadening and demystifying the closed networks that usually accompany venture capital. Our doors are open, and to our communities of color and all underrepresented entrepreneurs - we stand by you.'

[Click here to read the full version of Forge North's letter](#)

The list of signatories to the Children's Minnesota letter:

- Dr. Penny Wheeler - Allina Health
- Jay Lund - Andersen Corp.
- Corie Barry - Best Buy Co Inc.
- Dr. Craig E. Samitt - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
- David MacLennan - Cargill Inc.
- Dr. Marc Gorelick - Children's Minnesota
- Bob Biesterfeld - C.H. Robinson Worldwide Inc.
- Doug Baker - Ecolab Inc.
- Michael J. O'Leary - Ernst & Young
- Jeff Harmening - General Mills Inc.
- Peter Frosch - Greater MSP
- Andrea Walsh - HealthPartners
- Beth E. Ford - Land O'Lakes Inc.
- Geoff Martha - Medtronic
- Charlie Weaver - Minnesota Business Partnership
- Craig Leipold - Minnesota Wild
- Daniel L. Johnson - Mortenson Construction

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- David C. Mortenson - Mortenson Construction
- Chad Abraham - Piper Sandler Cos.
- Mark Urdahl - Red Wing Shoes
- Brian C. Murray - Ryan Cos. US, Inc.
- Lisa Brezonik - Salo
- Christopher M. Hilger - Securian Financial Group Inc.
- Archie Black - SPS Commerce Inc.
- Julie Sullivan - University of St. Thomas
- Andrew Cecere - US Bancorp
- Laurie Nordquist - Wells Fargo MN
- Ben Fowke - Xcel Energy Inc.

And the full list of signatories to the Forge North letter:

- Greg Beaufait - Dundee VC
- Brett Brohl - The Syndicate Fund
- Ryan Broshar - Matchstick Ventures
- Brittany Clements - Allianz Life Ventures
- Cathy Connett - Sofia Fund
- Lisa Crump - Sofia Fund/Cairn Ventures
- David Dalvey - Brightstone Venture Capital
- Andrew Felbinger - Urban Innovation Fund
- Mary Grove
- Joy Lindsay - Sofia Fund/StarTec Investments
- Kevin McArdle - SureSwift Capital, Tech.MN
- Andrew Murphy - Loup Ventures
- Mike Proman
- Matthew Risley - QED Investors
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- Dee Thibodeau - Sofia Fund
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Unrest may scramble reopening plans for patios

ARTICLE LXIV. ***UNREST MAY SCRAMBLE REOPENING PLANS FOR PATIOS***

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With their businesses stifled by the pandemic, many bar, restaurant and taproom owners were looking forward to reopening their patios June 1. Community unrest following the death of ***George Floyd*** may be rewriting those plans.

That's the case for Minneapolis-based Surly Brewing Co., whose beer garden is the largest patio in the Twin Cities. On May 28, after two days of protests both peaceful and destructive, the company posted a message to social media announcing a delay to the June 1 reopening of its outdoor dining and drinking areas.

"As a Minneapolis brewery, we're living through the news about our community," wrote Tiffany Jackson, Surly's senior communications manager, in an email.

Jackson said the brewery had also paused takeout and delivery operations, which are the only way many hospitality businesses have been able to reach customers since Gov. Tim Walz ordered dining rooms closed March 17 to slow the spread of Covid-19. Surly plans to resume those operations Tuesday, and Jackson said an announcement on the patio would follow.

Unrest may scramble reopening plans for patios

In the meantime, Surly planned an emergency food drive 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. at its brewery, 520 Malcolm Ave. SE. Donated items will be sent to residents of Minnehaha Commons, a residential facility run by Minneapolis nonprofit Touchstone Mental Health and located on a stretch of East Lake Street where grocery stores and other businesses were burned and looted.

Finnegan's Brew Co. was also evaluating its June 1 reopening plan as of Friday, a spokesperson for the downtown Minneapolis brewery and taproom said. Finnegan's donates all of its profits to hunger relief, and CEO Jacquie Berglund said she was eager to keep that mission on track.

"I'm trying to keep the wheels on the wagon," Berglund said.

Minneapolis-based Blue Plate Restaurant Co. announced via social media on Thursday that it was closing all of its Minneapolis restaurant locations "due to the current unrest in the community." A follow-up post about the Longfellow Grill, its East Lake Street restaurant with a large patio scheduled to open June 2, stated that all restaurant operations were suspended "until we feel like our communities are stable enough for us to open our patios and bring our teams safely into work to serve you."

Spokesperson Blois Olson said the company was taking things "day-by-day."

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Majority of those arrested in George Floyd protests and riots gave Minnesota addresses

ARTICLE LXV. [MAJORITY OF THOSE ARRESTED IN GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS
AND RIOTS GAVE MINNESOTA ADDRESSES](#)

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Highlight: State officials said Saturday that a number of outsiders are fueling the destruction and rioting in the Twin Cities, though most of those arrested so far appear to have Minnesota addresses. Gov. Tim Walz estimated on Saturday morning that about 80 percent of the people causing problems Friday night were from outside Minnesota. Later Saturday, [...]

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Gov. Tim Walz estimated on Saturday morning that about 80 percent of the people causing problems Friday night were from outside Minnesota. Later Saturday, he said, "We'll find out when this is over. We'll have a much bigger data set after tonight and we'll be able to see what's happening."

Hennepin County jail records and arrest records in St. Paul show the majority of those in custody gave Minnesota addresses.

Four of 18 people arrested in St. Paul between Thursday and Saturday at 6 a.m. were from out of state - from Fort Worth, Texas, La Crosse, Wis., Grand Forks and Fargo. Two did not have addresses listed.

The rest of the arrests in St. Paul were people from Minnesota:

Five from St. Paul Three from Woodbury Two from Minneapolis One from St. Louis Park One from Mankato

"The number of arrests we've made is a very, very small percent of the people who are out there causing problems," Steve Linders, a St. Paul police spokesman, said Saturday. "We've been focused on protecting people and firefighters so they can protect property. I don't think you can look at 18 people and say it reflects the total number of people out there causing problems."

Protests have been underway since [George Floyd](#) died in Minneapolis police custody on Monday and unrest has been growing, with rioting, looting and arson being seen. [Derek Chauvin](#), who has been fired from the [Minneapolis police department](#), was [charged Friday with third-degree murder and manslaughter](#).

Majority of those arrested in George Floyd protests and riots gave Minnesota addresses

Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said Saturday that as officials make arrests, they are investigating who those individuals are and whether they are associated with any groups.

"We have seen things like white supremacist organizers posting on platforms about coming to Minnesota," Harrington said. He added that officials are also looking into connections with organized crime.

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office provided the following details about arrests from 12:20 a.m. Friday to 11:21 a.m. Saturday, saying 42 of 57 people booked into the jail in connected to protesting gave a Minnesota address:

32 were from Minneapolis or St. Paul 13 were from other metro cities 2 were from non metro cities 10 were from other states/information not provided

A Pioneer Press analysis of Hennepin County jail records revealed details about eight arrested who gave addresses from other states. They were:

A Miramar, Fla., man, 22 , for burglary A Temperance, Mich., man, 27, for riot A Chicago man, 19, for burglary A Chicago man, 22, for burglary A Sutton, Ark., man, 21, for burglary A Matteson, Ill., man, 47, for possession of burglary tools A Kansas City, Mo., man, 29, for riot An Ames, Iowa, man, 22, was being held on a weapons charge.

The rest of those in the jail after protest-related arrests were from other Minnesota cities, including Brooklyn Park, Hastings, Blaine, Burnsville, Lakeville, Big Lake, New Brighton and Inver Grove Heights.

Attorney General William P. Barr said in a Saturday statement that while the outrage about Floyd's death was real and legitimate, it is also being exploited by agitators.

"Unfortunately, with the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful protest are being hijacked by violent radical elements," his statement said.

"Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate and violent agenda," Barr continued. "In many places, it appears the violence is planned, organized, and driven by anarchistic and *far left extremists*, using *Antifa*-like tactics, many of whom travel from out of state to promote the violence. We must have law and order on our streets and in our communities, and it is the responsibility of the local and state leadership, in the first instance, to halt this violence."

Barr also noted that it was a federal crime to "cross state lines or to use interstate facilities to incite or participate in violent rioting. We will enforce these laws."

Meanwhile, the St. Paul Branch of the NAACP released a statement on Saturday condemning the violence that accompanied protests as a "mockery of our long-standing efforts to create a peaceful society built on mutual respect, justice, and equality for all."

The NAACP said while it supports protesting "as a legitimate way of expressing the community's sadness, anger, and frustration at the continued and systematic oppression of people of color in Minnesota and throughout our country" it condemns the violence that accompanied the protests.

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Photos: Friday night protests around the nation sparked by George Floyd death

ARTICLE LXVI. **[PHOTOS: FRIDAY NIGHT PROTESTS AROUND THE NATION
SPARKED BY GEORGE FLOYD DEATH](#)**

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Highlight: ATLANTA - Protesters burned businesses in Minneapolis. They smashed police cars and windows in Atlanta, broke into police headquarters in Portland, Oregon, and chanted curses at President Donald Trump outside the White House. Thousands also demonstrated peacefully, demanding ***justice for George Floyd***, a black man who died after a white officer pressed a knee into [...]

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As anger over Floyd's killing spread to cities nationwide, local leaders increasingly said they could need help from National Guardsmen or even military police to contain the unrest.

Georgia's governor declared a state of emergency early Saturday to activate the state National Guard as violence flared in Atlanta. Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler also declared an emergency and ordered a nighttime curfew for the city.

Another 500 Guard soldiers were mobilized in and around Minneapolis, where Floyd died and an officer faced charges Friday in his death. But after another night of watching fires burn and businesses ransacked, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said early Saturday that he was moving to activate more than 1,000 more and was considering federal help.

The Guard was also on standby in the District of Columbia, where a crowd grew outside the White House and chanted curses at President Donald Trump. Some protesters tried to push through barriers set up by the U.S. Secret Service along Pennsylvania Avenue, and threw bottles and other objects at officers wearing riot gear, who responded with pepper spray.

"I just feel like he's just one of many names that we've had to create hashtags and T-shirts and campaigns for and I feel like nothing has changed," district resident Abe Neri said of Floyd. "And so that's why I'm out here. Yeah, when you say nothing you're taking the side of the oppressor."

Photos: Friday night protests around the nation sparked by George Floyd death

A person was killed in downtown Detroit just before midnight after someone in an SUV fired shots into a crowd of protesters near the Greektown entertainment district, police said. In Portland, Oregon, protesters broke into police headquarters and authorities said they lit a fire inside. In Virginia's capital, a police cruiser was set on fire outside Richmond police headquarters, and a city transit spokeswoman said a bus set ablaze was "a total loss," news outlets reported.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp tweeted that up to 500 members of the Guard would deploy immediately "to protect people & property in Atlanta." He said he acted at the request of Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, who earlier appealed in vain for calm.

In scenes both peaceful and violent across the nation, thousands of protesters chanted "No justice, no peace" and "Say his name. George Floyd." They hoisted signs reading: "He said I can't breathe. Justice for George."

Some demonstrators smashed police cars and spray-painted the iconic logo sign at CNN headquarters in downtown Atlanta. At least three officers were hurt and there were multiple arrests, Atlanta police spokesman Carlos Campos said, as protesters shot at officers with BB guns and threw bricks, bottles and knives.

Atlanta officials said crews were temporarily unable to reach a fire at Del Frisco's restaurant in the Buckhead neighborhood several miles north because of protesters there.

"This is not in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Bottoms said. "You are disgracing the life of George Floyd and every other person who has been killed in this country."

Bottoms was flanked by King's daughter, Bernice King, and rappers T.I. and Killer Mike.

"We have to be better than burning down our own homes. Because if we lose Atlanta what have we got?" said Killer Mike, crying as he spoke.

Video posted to social media showed New York City officers using batons and shoving protesters down as they took people into custody and cleared streets. One video showed an officer slam a woman to the ground as he walked past her in the street.

Demonstrators rocked a police van, set it ablaze, scrawled graffiti across its charred body and set it aflame again as officers retreated. Blocks away, protesters used a club to batter another police vehicle.

"There will be a full review of what happened tonight," Mayor Bill de Blasio tweeted, referring to the Brooklyn protest. "We don't ever want to see another night like this."

The police department said numerous officers were injured, including one whose tooth was knocked out.

The names of black people killed by police, including Floyd and Eric Garner, who died on Staten Island in 2014, were on signs and in chants.

"Our country has a sickness. We have to be out here," said Brianna Petrisko, among those at lower Manhattan's Foley Square, where most were wearing masks amid the coronavirus pandemic. "This is the only way we're going to be heard."

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Protesters in Houston, where Floyd grew up, included 19-year-old Jimmy Ohaz from the nearby city of Richmond, Texas: "My question is how many more, how many more? I just want to live in a future where we all live in harmony and we're not oppressed."

Demonstrators on the West Coast blocked highways in Los Angeles and Oakland, California.

About 1,000 protesters in Oakland smashed windows, sprayed buildings with "Kill Cops" graffiti and were met with chemical spray from police, who said several officers were injured by projectiles.

One Los Angeles officer received medical treatment, police said. An LAPD vehicle had its windows smashed, and at least one city bus was vandalized. Police declared an unlawful assembly throughout downtown, where aerial footage from KTLA-TV showed scores of people corralled by police.

An LAPD spokesman told The Associated Press they were still tallying arrests.

"I believe in our city. L.A. is strong enough to stand for justice and walk in love," Mayor Eric Garcetti tweeted, cautioning "violence and vandalism hurts all."

San Jose, California, police said that Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies shot at a fleeing SUV that was shown on video striking protesters, the San Jose Mercury News reported.

Protesters repeatedly clashed with police in San Jose, said Mayor Sam Liccardo, and police responded with flash-bang grenades and rubber bullets. One officer was hospitalized with a non-life-threatening injury, officials said.

Liccardo said his city's officers shared the community's outrage over Floyd's death.

"It was a horrible injustice," he told the AP.

Portland, Oregon, police said at least one shooting was tied to the protest, although details weren't immediately released. Two people were arrested during overnight riots in which protesters set fires throughout downtown and smashed storefront windows, police said, but arrest details were immediately available.

Police, who declared the protest a riot, said they deployed gas after people threw projectiles at them.

Mayor Wheeler tweeted a plea to protesters to remain peaceful and said that, while he had left the city to attend to his dying mother, he was heading back. He later declared a state of emergency.

"Portland, this is not us," he wrote. "When you destroy our city, you are destroying our community. When you act in violence against each other, you are hurting all of us. How does this honor the legacy of **George Floyd**?" [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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ARTICLE LXVII. [**WATCH: TIM WALZ SPEAKS AT 2 A.M. AS THOUSANDS IGNORE MINNEAPOLIS CURFEW IN GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS**](#)

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The Pentagon on Saturday ordered the Army to [*put military police units on alert*](#) to head to the city on short notice at President Donald Trump's request, according to three people with direct knowledge of the orders who did not want their names used because they were not authorized to discuss the preparations. The rare step came as the violence spread to other cities: a man shot dead in Detroit, police cars battered in Atlanta and skirmishes with police in New York City.

Criminal charges filed Friday morning against the white officer who held his knee for nearly nine minutes on the neck of Floyd, a black man, did nothing to stem the anger. [*Derek Chauvin, 44, was charged with third-degree murder*](#) and second-degree manslaughter.

Minneapolis police said shots had been fired at law enforcement officers during the protests but no one was injured.

As the night dragged on, [*fires erupted across the city's south side*](#), including at a Japanese restaurant, a Wells Fargo bank and an Office Depot. Many burned for hours, with firefighters again delayed in reaching them because areas weren't secure.

Shortly before midnight, scores of officers on foot and in vehicles moved in to curb the violence, one day after city and state leaders faced blowback for their handling of the crisis. On Thursday, [*protesters had torched a police station*](#) soon after it was abandoned by police and went on to burn or vandalize dozens of businesses.

Watch: Tim Walz speaks at 2 a.m. as thousands ignore Minneapolis curfew in George Floyd protests

The new round of unrest came despite [Gov. Tim Walz vowing early in the day to show a more forceful response](#) by the state than the one Thursday run by Minneapolis city leaders. But by early Saturday morning, Walz was acknowledging he didn't have enough manpower, even with some 500 Guard soldiers.

"We do not have the numbers," Walz said. "We cannot arrest people when we are trying to hold ground."

Walz said he was moving quickly to mobilize more than [1,000 more Guard members](#), for a total of 1,700, and was considering the potential offer of federal military police. But he warned that even that might not be enough, saying he expected another difficult night Saturday.

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association urged Walz to accept any help.

"You need more resources," the group said in a tweet. "Law enforcement needs leadership."

Not all the protests were violent. Downtown, thousands of demonstrators encircled a barricaded police station after the 8 p.m. Friday curfew. "Prosecute the police!" some chanted, and "Say his name: **George Floyd!**" Some protesters sprayed graffiti on buildings.

Anger filled the streets of Minneapolis.

Ben Hubert, a 26-year-old local resident, said he wasn't surprised people were breaking curfew and setting fires.

"I'm outraged," he said of the Floyd case. "But I'm also sad. The injustice has been going on for so long. It's been swelling for years."

Chauvin was also accused of ignoring another officer who expressed concerns about Floyd as he lay handcuffed on the ground, pleading that he could not breathe while Chauvin pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes. Floyd, who was black, had been arrested on suspicion of using a counterfeit bill at a store.

Chauvin, who was fired along with three other officers who were at the scene, faces more than 12 years in prison if convicted of murder.

An attorney for Floyd's family welcomed the arrest but said he expected a more serious murder charge and wants the other officers arrested, too.

Prosecutor Mike Freeman said more charges were possible, but authorities "felt it appropriate to focus on the most dangerous perpetrator."

[Protests nationwide have been fueled by outrage over Floyd's death](#) and years of **police violence against African Americans**. Protesters smashed windows at CNN headquarters in Atlanta, set a police car on fire and struck officers with bottles. Large demonstrations in New York, Houston, Washington, D.C., and dozens of other cities ranged from people peacefully blocking roads to repeated clashes with police.

"You are disgracing our city," Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms told protesters. "You are disgracing the life of **George Floyd** and every other person who has been killed in this country."

Watch: Tim Walz speaks at 2 a.m. as thousands ignore Minneapolis curfew in George Floyd protests

Police were trying to put Floyd in a squad car Monday when he stiffened and fell to the ground, saying he was claustrophobic, a [criminal complaint said](#). Chauvin and Officer Tou Thoa arrived and tried several times to get the struggling Floyd into the car.

Chauvin eventually pulled Floyd out of the car, and the handcuffed Floyd went to the ground face down. Officer J.K. Kueng held Floyd's back and Officer [Thomas Lane](#) held his legs while Chauvin put his knee on Floyd's head and neck area, the complaint said.

When Lane asked if Floyd should be rolled onto his side, Chauvin said, "No, staying put is where we got him." Lane said he was "worried about excited delirium or whatever."

An autopsy said the combined effects of being restrained, potential intoxicants in Floyd's system and his underlying health issues, including heart disease, likely contributed to his death. It revealed nothing to support strangulation as the cause of death.

There were no other details about intoxicants, and toxicology results can take weeks. In the 911 call that drew police, the caller describes the man suspected of paying with counterfeit money as "awfully drunk and he's not in control of himself."

After Floyd apparently stopped breathing, Lane again said he wanted to roll Floyd onto his side. Kueng checked for a pulse and said he could not find one, according to the complaint.

Chauvin's attorney had no comment when reached by The Associated Press.

The prosecutor highlighted the "extraordinary speed" in charging the case four days after Floyd's death and defended himself against questions about why it did not happen sooner. Freeman said his office needed time to gather evidence, including what he called the "horrible" video recorded by a bystander.

Trump said Friday that he'd spoken to Floyd's family and "expressed my sorrow."

He called video of the arrest "just a horrible thing to witness and to watch. It certainly looked like there was no excuse for it."

Attorney Benjamin Crump, who is representing Floyd's family, asked to take custody of Floyd's body for an independent autopsy.

The doctor who will do the autopsy is Michael Baden, former chief medical examiner of New York City, who was hired to do an autopsy for Eric Garner, a black man who died in 2014 after New York police placed him in a chokehold and he pleaded that he could not breathe.

State and federal authorities also are investigating Floyd's death.

Associated Press writers Amy Forliti, Steve Karnowski, and Doug Glass in Minneapolis, Gretchen Ehlke in Milwaukee, Bernard Condon in New York, and James LaPorta in Delray Beach, Fla., contributed to this report. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Before George Floyd's death, Minneapolis black activists saw progress on police reforms

ARTICLE LXVIII. [BEFORE GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH, MINNEAPOLIS BLACK ACTIVISTS SAW PROGRESS ON POLICE REFORMS](#)

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Years of dialogue about police and criminal justice reforms in Minneapolis had improved the relationship between the African American community and law enforcement, activists say - before the police killing this week of [George Floyd](#), a handcuffed black man who died after a white officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes as he pleaded for air.

Floyd's death and footage of his neck pinned under the officer's knee have unleashed protests and violent clashes with law enforcement - exposing simmering frustration and the fact that there's much work still ahead, several advocates and leaders told the Associated Press.

"Progress and change can ebb and flow," said Jeremiah Ellison, who won a City Council seat after participating in past protests against police killings of African Americans in Minnesota.

The four nights of unrest this week - including the torching of a police station that officers abandoned - "proved to me that we've regressed to the point of 2015," Ellison said, referring to the year that also saw protests after the death of Jamar Clark, a black man killed by police.

Minneapolis - a city of nearly 430,000 that is 60 percent white, 19 percent black and 9 percent Hispanic - has a long history of economic and educational disparities that have marginalized black residents for decades, despite its reputation for progressive values. It is one of the most segregated cities in the country for its size, and schools suffer from stubborn achievement gaps.

The city appointed its first black chief of police nearly three years ago, after slow progress toward making the department more inclusive. Earlier this year, a statewide task force made up of activists, people representing victims of police brutality, and law enforcement leaders released recommendations for policing reforms.

Before George Floyd's death, Minneapolis black activists saw progress on police reforms

That task force was formed in the wake of several high-profile fatal shootings of black men by police in the Minneapolis area. Those included Clark, who was killed during a struggle with two white Minneapolis officers, and Philando Castile, who was fatally shot by a Hispanic St. Anthony police officer during a Falcon Heights traffic stop in 2016.

While Nekima Levy Armstrong, a civil rights lawyer and former president of the Minneapolis NAACP, acknowledges that progress, she said that many old habits are still entrenched.

"The system itself has not changed," Armstrong said. "The culture within the Minneapolis Police Department has not changed."

The city's police department of more than 800 officers is still predominantly white, she said. The department did not respond to a request for up-to-date figures, but the Star Tribune reported in 2014 that the force, including cadets in field training, was 78.9 percent white, 9.2 percent black, 5.2 percent Asian, 4.1 percent Hispanic and 2.5 percent American Indian.

Some leaders, including former Mayor R.T. Rybak and state Sen. Jeff Hayden, have blamed the city's police union in recent days for fostering a culture that protects brutal officers and resists efforts at reform. The union's president, Lt. Bob Kroll, did not return a call seeking comment.

The eruption of anger in Minneapolis reflects frustration over these realities, despite some progress, said Teqen Zéa-Aida, a longtime activist in the city.

But the images themselves also demanded a "public response," he said, though he pushed for protests to happen online given the risks of gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic.

"We saw his eyes ... we saw a lynching. George Floyd is Emmett Till, 2020," he said, referring to the black 14-year-old who was abducted, beaten and killed in 1955 after he was accused of whistling at a white woman in Mississippi, a lynching that helped spur the civil rights movement.

Bystander video and photos of the arrest show Floyd on the ground with his neck under officer Derek Chauvin's knee, while Chauvin ignores his pleas for help. Two other officers appear to help hold him down, and a fourth attempts to keep space around the scene.

"My stomach hurts, my neck hurts, everything hurts ... I can't breathe," Floyd says in the video before eventually becoming motionless.

Police initially said they arrested Floyd because he matched the description of a man suspected of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill at a South Minneapolis grocery store and that he resisted arrest. Police were trying to put Floyd in a squad car when he stiffened up and fell to the ground, saying he was claustrophobic, according to the criminal complaint detailing charges against Chauvin.

In addition to igniting the turmoil in Minneapolis, Floyd's death has garnered national attention, and it drew comparisons to the case of Eric Garner, a black man who died in 2014 in New York after he was placed in a chokehold by police and also said he could not breathe.

The delay in Chauvin's arrest may have also helped to drive the protests, which turned markedly more violent than those that followed the deaths of either Clark or Castile. Authorities arrested Chauvin and charged him Friday with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. His attorney had no

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comment when reached by the AP. The other three officers involved have not been charged, but the investigation is continuing. All four were fired Tuesday shortly after the video began circulating.

Some activists and community leaders said they expected the protests to continue to push for the arrests of and charges for the three other officers.

Floyd's death "just touched people in a way that they didn't expect," said Armstrong.

"We must get to the underlying solutions or we will be right back here in a fairly short time," said Keith Ellison, the state's first African American attorney general, whose son is the Minneapolis city council member. "We've got to literally shift policing."

Ramsey County Undersheriff Bill Finney, who in 1992 became the first African American police chief in Minnesota when he was appointed to the job in St. Paul, said even when the relationship between police and the black community improves, all sides must guard against complacency.

"You have to constantly make deposits into the community bank of goodwill," Finney said. "You want to get to a place where the community stops considering you as 'the police' and starts seeing you as 'their police.'"

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A Minneapolis civic leader reflects on police brutality, race relations, protesters and looters

ARTICLE LXIX. ***A MINNEAPOLIS CIVIC LEADER REFLECTS ON POLICE
BRUTALITY, RACE RELATIONS, PROTESTERS AND LOOTERS***

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Body

After ***George Floyd*** died at the hands of Minneapolis police on Memorial Day, Abdul Omari was biking through the neighborhood at the center of the protests.

Omari said he saw "fear and anger and sadness, hope and hopelessness."

Omari is the founder of AMO Enterprise, a training institute that specializes in leadership development, diversity equity and inclusion. He also is lead consultant for a Minnesota Private College Fund's program for black men, which provides a financial scholarship, leadership development opportunities and mentoring.

Omari said he was reminded of the riots that occurred after the University of Minnesota men's hockey team won the national championship in 2003 and after the San Francisco Giants won the World Series in 2014.

"I want people to think of the events here as more warranted and justified," he said. "I thought of the differences between protesters, rioters and looters - there are major differences, and everyone should not be grouped together."

Omari, 34, served on the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents from 2013 to 2019 and led the regents' presidential search committee that picked Joan Gabel to be the U's 17th president.

He grew up in South Minneapolis, graduated from South High School and has three degrees from the U of M, including a doctorate in international development education.

In a phone interview with the Pioneer Press, Omari talked about race relations, riots and Gabel's decision to cut ties with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Thank you for agreeing to talk to us about ***George Floyd*** and what has happened.

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First and foremost, prayers and love to Mr. Floyd's loved ones and family and friends. Someone is dead, and he didn't have to die. He shouldn't be dead. Everything else comes later. I think the challenge for a lot of people is we ask too many questions right away; just stopping for a second and acknowledging that somebody is dead is very important.

Were you surprised by his death?

I am not surprised that ***George Floyd*** was killed. However, a death this close to home hits differently. I went to school very close to there. My father owned a small business right off of 35th and Cedar, so I was very frequently in those areas. I knew the folks who owned Cup Foods (where a clerk called 911 about Floyd) back when I was a kid.

One of the reasons why it's not surprising is because people of color, in particular black people, have had to try and find a way to shield themselves from the trauma and pain that things like this cause. We become numb to these things. It's very much a coping mechanism.

It's also important to note that none of these incidences are one-offs. What we are talking about is an accumulation of incidences that started with the beginning of policing, which came from the Ku Klux Klan as a way to keep [former] slaves enslaved. Those tactics and the laws have continuously shown that they disadvantage poor people and people of color.

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How can we change that?

When you have a system of policing that inherently is flawed, at its inception, to disadvantage people of color, plus a level of rules and regulations and laws that are being enforced that also significantly impact and disadvantage people of color, you have a system that is built to dismantle people of color. For me, none of this is a single thing.

Now, do I believe that the particular police officer who had his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck knew that what he was doing was wrong? Yes, yes, I do - absolutely. Do I think that he went into his day saying, "I'm going to try and kill a black person?" No. Do I believe that he has absorbed many of the things that America has absorbed and put into his mind that made him continue to act in the way that he did? Yes.

What do you think about the rioting?

Cub, Target, Aldi, which used to be Rainbow - I used to make weekly trips with my mom to those three stores, as much as I hated shopping. I live in downtown Minneapolis, but I still shop at that Cub, that Aldi and that Target. I am deeply saddened by what is happening.

All of the things that we've talked about from a systematic standpoint impact this. This is centuries of pent-up anger and frustration and, quite honestly, a yearning for how to display that - unfortunately, it's coming out in this way. It's not like all of a sudden a bunch of people decided to go and loot Target and burn it down. I'm not condoning it, but I just want to make that known.

What about the police response?

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There are lots of police officers who are extremely upset with what happened to *George Floyd*. I know there are police officers that overnight were saving lives and businesses by breaking up rioters; there were officers that went into apartments and woke residents up to get out before fires would catch their building. In the midst of the chaos, this is happening, simultaneously.

The professional protesters are arriving - the ones who go around the country and cause unrest. Law enforcement is going to grow tired, both physically and mentally. We know that lack of proper rest leads to worse decision-making.

How does the history of the neighborhood play into this?

We have to acknowledge the entire history of our nation and the lands that were stolen from indigenous Native peoples. Neighboring the Third Precinct is South High School, which during my time at South had many Native students.

Moreover, we have to acknowledge in a time of stealing and looting that the nation was stolen and that black people were also stolen from the motherland and brought to this nation. So, yes, material items are being stolen today. In the past, bodies and land have been stolen. The blueprint was drawn long before this all began.

Is there any hope for improving relations with police?

The reality of that is anytime people of color see law enforcement officers in that kind of tactical gear, significant emotions and trauma are triggered. I know probably more police officers than the average person, particularly the average person of color, and I have many friends and a very close family member who is a police sergeant, and I still get nervous around cops.

I have been arrested. I've been followed. I have been pulled over for virtually no reason. I've had the talk with my dad about where to put my hands. I don't drive with my wallet in my pocket. I don't drive with a hat on; I always take my hat off.

I have played this in my head so many times: "All right, here's what we do. Here's how you got to do it." I used to work Marshall Field's in downtown Minneapolis, and I was followed by police in there, and I was an employee.

What's the call to action for white people?

Someone can't simply not be racist. You're either racist or anti-racist. From my perspective, both of those require that you cannot be neutral. Saying that "I'm not a racist" is not enough. To say that we're not racist means you're the opposite of racist, which would be anti-racist and being anti-racist requires action. It requires words. It requires doing things.

Sitting by neutrally is not OK, and it hasn't been. Come out as being anti-racist publicly and get others on board. I saw a lot of white people while I was out - one had a huge smoker and was making food for protesters, and others were handing out water.

Some were in groups. This is another thing white people can do: Bring along other white people. Not only to protests, but also along the spectrum of equity and understanding of whiteness, *white privilege* and the systematic racism/inequity within which we live.

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Any suggestions for starting that conversation?

I think you have a level of ability to talk about this, as a white person, that is less charged and won't put other white people in a defensive mode. I think that for a lot of black people and people of color, we're exhausted. We've been talking about it, we've been seeing it, we've been traumatized by it since the inception of the United States.

It can be more challenging at times to talk about it in a calm way or in a less emotional way. I'm not saying white people should speak on behalf of people of color. It's not that. It's: Speak your truth to folks who are denying that this exists. That can be powerful.

What do you think of President Gabel's decision to cut ties with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***?

I'm a big fan of President Gabel. I think the statement that she made was bold, it was swift, it was decisive. It is commendable. I have gotten messages from people across the world who are alums of the university saying they have never been more proud to be an alum of the university.

If you look at the bus boycotts, it was boycotting the bus system to hit 'em where it counted - in their pockets. There is an incentive in the financial component, and I think that that is part of the brilliance of this move.

Any last thoughts?

Whenever I do seminars about equity, I always show pictures of my nieces and nephews, and I tell folks, "It's much easier to look at an adult and write off their experience. They'll be OK. They're grown adults." For me it's much harder when I look at a young person, when I look at my niece, when I look at my nephew. They are who I'm working for.

I took a walk shortly after Ahmaud Arbery (was killed in Georgia while out for a jog) with my nephew. He's 9. That's who I'm doing this for. I commend people who are still willing to have kids of color in the United States. I can't imagine being a parent. This is a frightening time.

Cornel West said, "Justice is unconditional love displayed in public." We need unconditional love right now. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Abdul M. Omari (Courtesy photo)

George Floyd (Courtesy of Christopher Harris via AP)

A protester gestures in front of the burning 3rd Precinct building of the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** on Thursday, May 28, 2020, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

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A chain portrait of *George Floyd* is part of the memorial for him, Wednesday, May 27, 2020. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

Police officers fire dispersal ammunition in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood Thursday, May 28, 2020, during rioting following the Monday death of *George Floyd* while in police custody in Minneapolis. (John Autey/ Pioneer Press)

Joan Gabel talks to reporters on Northrop Mall after she is installed as the University of Minnesota's 17th President in Minneapolis on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019. (Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

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Minnesota elected and community leaders plead with protesters to 'stay home' Saturday night

ARTICLE LXX. [**MINNESOTA ELECTED AND COMMUNITY LEADERS PLEAD WITH PROTESTERS TO 'STAY HOME' SATURDAY NIGHT**](#)

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Minnesota's top elected officials and a 10 community and religious leaders begged protesters who are mourning the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police to abide by an 8 p.m. curfew covering much of the Twin Cities metro area.

"To be on the street after 8 means we can't separate you from the bad people," state Attorney General Keith Ellison said at a Saturday afternoon news conference. "We need to be able to stop the burning and the looting and the destruction."

What in the world does burning down Migizi and Juxtaposition Arts in the Northside have to do with ***justice for George Floyd***? Nothing.

We are asking for you to let the National Guard have the street after 8:00 p.m. so that we can restore order and build justice. pic.twitter.com/LwAxjAisWz

- Attorney General Keith Ellison (@AGEllison) [May 30, 2020](#)

State leaders say outside agitators have co-opted demonstrations protesting Floyd's death on Monday while in custody of Minneapolis police. Officials said they had growing evidence violent protesters were not locals.

In the days following Floyd's death the four officers on the scene that night have been fired and Chauvin has been arrested and charged with third-degree murder. What started as mostly peaceful demonstrations has turned into large-scale riots with looting, arson and wanton destruction in Minneapolis, St. Paul and surrounding communities.

Minnesota elected and community leaders plead with protesters to 'stay home' Saturday night

"They are using us," said Lul Osman, an advocate for Somali American women. "They are hiding behind us as they are burning down our businesses."

Gov. Tim Walz and local leaders have faced growing criticism for not being prepared to control the riots and destruction of the past nights. State and local officials have acknowledged they underestimated the size of the crowds that have taken to the streets.

Walz said he called on the group of leaders Saturday to help show that communities of color supported the work state and local officials were doing to get *justice for George Floyd* and his family. The Democratic governor said there was widespread agreement that violence and destruction did not honor Floyd's memory.

"We must allow this community to grieve and we must vow to do better," Walz said, noting that several who spoke were mentors to him. "I felt a weight was lifted off my heart just being in the presence of the people who are here."

One of those was Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, who has not been in the same room as Walz in months because of the coronavirus pandemic. Flanagan, a member of the White Earth Nation, was a community organizer before being elected to state office and she worked with Walz when he was starting his political career.

Flanagan said her "heart and guts have been ripped out" because of the events of the last few days. She noted that landmarks and businesses important to communities of color have been destroyed by arson and vandalism.

"There are people who are burning down institutions that are at the core of who we are," Flanagan said. "We did not do that. We've been coming together to take care of our communities."

State and community leaders repeatedly made clear they were not condemning peaceful protests. They encouraged residents wanting to peacefully voice their anger and frustration about Minnesota's racial inequities to continue to do so.

But leaders begged them to be home by 8 p.m. to abide by curfews in place to try to quell the violence and destruction.

"I ask you to stay home tonight, but then to get up the next day and let's go to work because we have so much work to do," said Mary Merrill, the first woman of color to be superintendent of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Walz acknowledge that Saturday night will likely be a dangerous one on the streets of the Twin Cities. He encouraged residents wanting to fight for change in honor of Floyd to heed the message of community leaders and stay home.

"This is our Minnesota. This is who we are," Walz said. "This is a decent state. We're not perfect, but we stand together on shared values of decency, of inclusion and that everybody gets an opportunity." [*Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform*](#) [*'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress*](#) [*Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books*](#) [*'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd*](#) [*Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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Derek Chauvin's wife filing for divorce, report says

ARTICLE LXXI. [**DEREK CHAUVIN'S WIFE FILING FOR DIVORCE, REPORT SAYS**](#)

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She also asks that her family - her children from another marriage, her elderly parents and her extended family - be given safety and privacy.

Kellie Chauvin, who was profiled [in the Pioneer Press](#) in 2018, is a Laotian refugee who became the first Hmong Mrs. Minnesota. She told the Pioneer Press that she met **Derek Chauvin** when he dropped off a suspect at a Minneapolis hospital where she worked.

"Under that uniform, he's just a softie," the Oakdale resident said in the profile. "He's such a gentleman. He still opens the door for me, still puts my coat on for me. After my divorce, I had a list of must-haves if I were ever to be in a relationship, and he fit all of them."

On Memorial Day, **Derek Chauvin** was seen on a bystander's video pinning Floyd to the ground with his knee to Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. Floyd, who was suspected of trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at a South Minneapolis grocery, is seen handcuffed and lying face-down while he pleads: "Please, **I can't breathe**." He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

DEVELOPING: A lawyer has issued a statement from the wife of the now-arrested and charged former Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin**, and she said she has filed for divorce. | <https://t.co/yzS05Ohnt5>

- WCCO - CBS Minnesota (@WCCO) [May 30, 2020](#)

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Trump walks back his incendiary Minneapolis 'thugs' post

ARTICLE LXXII. [**TRUMP WALKS BACK HIS INCENDIARY MINNEAPOLIS 'THUGS' POST**](#)

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WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump spent Friday walking back his post-midnight "thugs" tweet about Minneapolis protesters that added to outrage over the police killing of a black man.

Trump's later repeated condemnation of the killing and outreach to the man's family was a marked change in tone from his earlier comments that also invoked a civil-rights-era phrase fraught with racist overtones.

"When the looting starts, the shooting starts," Trump had written in a tweet that was quickly flagged by Twitter as violating rules against "glorifying violence." Trump later said his comments had been misconstrued. "Frankly it means when there's looting, people get shot and they die," he said.

Trump's whiplash comments came after protesters torched a Minneapolis police station on Thursday night, capping three days of searing demonstrations over the death of George Floyd, who was captured on video pleading for air as a white police officer knelt on his neck for over eight minutes.

And they underscored Trump's complicated relationship with race as he tries to maintain a law-and-order mantle while looking to appeal to black voters during an election year. They also highlighted his refusal to avoid controversy or cede the spotlight even as the battered nation tries to make sense of another killing and reels over the mounting COVID-19 death toll.

Trump, in his tweets, borrowed a phrase once used by former Miami Police Chief Walter Headley in a 1967 speech outlining his department's efforts to "combat young hoodlums who have taken advantage of the civil rights campaign." In the speech, Headley said his department had been successful "because I've let the word filter down that when the looting starts, the shooting starts."

"We don't mind being accused of police brutality," he said in the same speech, according to news reports from the time.

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Trump, after hours of backlash, said Friday evening that he was unaware of the origins of the phrase. "But I've heard it for a long time, as most people have. And frankly it means when there's looting, people get shot and they die," he said.

Trump also revealed that he had been in touch with Floyd's family as he continued to denounce the circumstances of the man's killing, which he called "a terrible insult to police and to policemen."

"I just expressed my sorrow," Trump told reporters. "He was in tremendous pain, obviously, and couldn't breathe. And it was very obvious to anybody that watched it."

Still, Trump called on protesters to keep their demonstrations peaceful.

"The family of George is entitled to justice, and the people of Minnesota are entitled to live in safety," he said. "Law and order will prevail."

Criticism of the Trump's tweet had been swift, with his presumptive Democratic presidential rival Joe Biden saying it was "no time for incendiary tweets, no time to incite violence."

"It's not helpful," said Minnesota's Democratic Gov. Tim Walz. "Anything we do to add fuel to that fire is really, really challenging."

Rep. Emmanuel Cleaver, D-Mo., said that, as the country passed the grim milestone of more than 100,000 COVID-19 deaths, Trump had missed a chance to help the public cope with "two viruses: One is the coronavirus and the other is the virus of racial animus."

Trump has been accused of stoking racial tensions and exploiting divisions for personal gain since long before he ran for president, beginning with the full-page ads he ran in 1989 calling for the death penalty for the Central Park Five, five young men of color who were wrongly convicted of assaulting a white jogger.

Trump - who rarely holds his tongue - has been silent in the face of a long list of high-profile killings by police of black men, including Eric Garner, who was placed in a chokehold and whose dying words, "***I can't breathe***," became a rallying cry for the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement. (Trump has instead invoked those words on several occasions to mock political rivals, even bringing his hands to his neck for dramatic effect.)

He spent years railing against NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick and other players for kneeling during the National Anthem to protest racial injustice and police brutality. And in one speech he appeared to advocate rougher treatment of people in custody, speaking dismissively of the police practice of shielding the heads of handcuffed suspects as they are being placed in patrol cars.

At the same time, Trump and his campaign have tried to make inroads with black Americans, particularly after Biden suggested last week that black voters who support Trump "ain't black." A bedrock of the Democratic base, black Americans are unlikely to embrace Trump en masse, but his campaign believes even a marginal shift could make a difference - and send a message to white voters uneasy about the president's charged rhetoric.

Meanwhile, the unrest complicates the Trump campaign's plans for Minnesota, one of the key swing states he hopes to win in November.

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Twitter's decision to flag Trump's tweet - the second time it has acted this week - came a day after he signed an executive order challenging the social media giant's protections against lawsuits as he accuses it of stifling conservative voices. The warning label prevented the tweet from being shared or liked, though it could still be viewed by users. The White House, trying to skirt the blockage, reposted the message on its own official Twitter account Friday morning. Twitter quickly flagged that tweet, too, accusing the White House of promoting violence.

Supporters of the president balked at the move.

Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale accused the media, Biden and other Democrats of "purposefully misrepresenting what the President had said, and showing once again that they are incapable of resisting their base impulse of dividing Americans, solely for the purpose of political gain, ratings, and cable news profit."

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Tim Walz apologizes for arrest of CNN crew at George Floyd protest

ARTICLE LXXIII. **[TIM WALZ APOLOGIZES FOR ARREST OF CNN CREW AT GEORGE FLOYD PROTEST](#)**

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CNN correspondent Omar Jimenez and two colleagues were released within an hour after network chief executive Jeff Zucker called Walz to demand answers about why they were led away and held in a police van.

"We have got to ensure that there is a safe spot for journalism to tell this story," Walz said.

Jimenez and colleagues Bill Kirkos and Leonel Mendez were doing a live shot for CNN's "New Day" shortly after 5 a.m. Central Time, describing a night of fire and anger in the wake of Floyd's death after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck. Fired officer ***Derek Chauvin*** was charged with murder in that case later Friday.

When first approached by officers, Jimenez, who is black, told them, "put us back where you want us. We are getting out of your way."

After being told he was being arrested and his hands were tied behind his back, Jimenez asked why he was being arrested. He did not get an answer.

The Minnesota State Patrol said on Twitter that the journalists were among four people arrested as troopers were "clearing the streets and restoring order" following the protests. The patrol said the CNN journalists "were released once they were confirmed to be members of the media."

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It's not clear why they were confused: Jimenez was holding what appeared to be a laminated ID card before his hands were secured, and his fellow crew members told police that they were from CNN and showing the scene live on the air.

"I've never seen anything like this," CNN "New Day" co-anchor John Berman said.

After being released, Jimenez said that he was glad that his arrest was shown on the air.

"You don't have to doubt my story," he said. "It's not filtered in any way. You saw it for your own eyes. That gave me a little bit of comfort. But it was definitely nerve-wracking."

At a later news conference, Walz said that "I take full responsibility. There is absolutely no reason something like that should happen ... This is a very public apology to that team."

The arrest drew widespread condemnation across the news industry. CNN competitors MSNBC, CBS News and Fox News all issued statements in support of Jimenez, along with the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Association of Black Journalists.

CNN accepted Walz's apology, saying the network appreciated the sincerity of his words.

Walz's words in support of journalists have impact at a time when the news media is often under attack, said Jane E. Kirtley, Silha Professor of Media Ethics and Law and director of the Silha Center at the University of Minnesota.

"It's really important for the governor to make that kind of statement to emphasize to everyone, especially law enforcement, that the press has an important job to do ... and they need to be respected," said Kirtley, who lives blocks away from the protests and could still smell smoke from the fires on Friday.

Later Friday, the network was again thrust into the story when hundreds of protesters confronted police outside CNN's downtown Atlanta headquarters. Activists spray-painted a large CNN logo outside the building, breaking a window and tagging doors. One protester climbed on top of the CNN sign and waved a "***Black Lives Matter***" flag to cheers from the crowd.

As anchor Chris Cuomo opened his prime-time show, he told viewers the network's headquarters had been "swarmed and defaced." Footage of the damage outside was mixed with scenes from other protests around the country.

Correspondent Nick Valencia reported from inside the building as protesters hurled objects at the building and police.

"This is our home, Chris, you know, this is where we come to work every day, journalists who are trying to tell the truth, trying to deliver information. ... And these demonstrators have decided to come here today to take our their frustration and anger it seems not just on police but on our CNN center as well," Valencia said.

Meanwhile, there were signs Friday that cable news networks, who were spending much of their time covering the story, have become sensitive to the impact of showing witness video of Floyd's treatment by police.

News anchors on all three networks usually warned viewers of its graphic nature before showing the video.

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"I must warn you that this is difficult to watch," said CNN's Brianna Keilar, "but it is important to remember."

Associated Press writers Gretchen Ehlke in Milwaukee and Aaron Morrison in New York and Television Writer Lynn Elber in Los Angeles contributed to this report. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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As Minneapolis burns, mayor takes heat for the response

ARTICLE LXXIV. [AS MINNEAPOLIS BURNS, MAYOR TAKES HEAT FOR THE RESPONSE](#)

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Highlight: First-term Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey appeared to be doing everything right. He worked with the city's booming business community and the City Council. He reached out to minority neighborhoods and advocated for affordable housing. He implemented stricter disciplinary measures against police who violated the city's body camera policy. When [George Floyd](#), a handcuffed black man, [...]

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When [George Floyd](#), a handcuffed black man, died Monday after a white police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes and ignored his "[I can't breathe](#)" pleas, Frey quickly expressed outrage and called for charges against the officer. Four officers were fired the next day, and on Friday, officer [Derek Chauvin](#) was charged in Floyd's death.

But Frey's leadership is being questioned after police failed to quell several nights of rioting, arson fires and ransacking of local businesses that followed Floyd's death. Frey, who pleaded for calm, also approved the decision to abandon the city's 3rd Precinct station on Thursday night, surrendering it to protesters who set fire to the building.

The night the station burned, Frey appeared at an early-morning news conference after hours of criticism on social media for a police response that didn't confront the violence despite the activation of the National Guard. As he began talking, one reporter snapped, "What's the plan here?" Frey struggled to answer, and the next morning, Gov. Tim Walz - like Frey, a Democrat - criticized the "abject failure" of the city's response and said the state had taken control. President Donald Trump took to Twitter to call Frey a "very weak Radical Left Mayor" and threatened to get involved.

By early Saturday morning, it was Walz who found himself struggling with the enormity of the challenge, conceding that he didn't have enough people to cope with the protests and moving to mobilize another 1,000

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Guard members. Walz also took pains to praise Frey, who appeared alongside him after another night of unrest.

Some wonder whether Frey's approach to the crisis might damage his chances for reelection next year. The 38-year-old former lawyer, community organizer and one-term City Council member took office in 2018 after defeating Betsy Hodges, whose time as mayor was marred by two high-profile police shootings.

The 2015 shooting of 24-year-old black resident Jamar Clark after a scuffle with two white police officers set off weeks of protests; neither officer was charged. The 2017 shooting of unarmed Australia native Justine Ruszczyk Damond, who had called 911 to report a possible sexual assault behind her house, provoked an international outcry. The black officer in that case was convicted of third-degree murder and is serving a 12.5-year term.

Frey campaigned partly on a promise to add police officers. But a City Council committee this spring voted against applying for a federal grant to hire 10 new officers for traffic enforcement, with one member saying he worried it would exacerbate racial disparities in vehicle stops.

Community activist Mel Reeves, who said he has led rallies to protest Floyd's killing, refused to discuss the mayor's response except to say that Frey had been "put in a difficult position." He said the black community doesn't trust police and prosecutors to do the right thing.

"The mayor is new, and he said all the right things," Reeves said. "This is not about the mayor; it's about the police department."

The day after the 3rd Precinct fire, University of Minnesota political science professor Larry Jacobs said Frey was "out of his depth" and "clearly unable to understand what he has to do to restore order while also creating the kind of healing that has to happen in Minneapolis."

He said abandoning the police station "sent a powerful message" that the city was not in control.

"There needs to be another message: 'Here is the line and order will be maintained,'" said Jacobs. "You've got businesses that are just shocked without words to see property going up in flames, often with no police intervention at all. You have the black community (that has) heard his words but does not believe them.

"He worked really hard at those relationships and they appear to be in tatters. And I think a lot of residents are unnerved by the violence and the chaos."

Jonathan Weinhausen, president and CEO of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber, said the mayor still has his support, and that many businesses damaged by the violent protests, including those owned by minorities and immigrants, want to rebuild.

"There is a lot of fear right now. If your store has been hit, you feel violated," said Weinhausen, adding that some businesses already were suffering because of the coronavirus restrictions. "They were just beginning to see some light and this hit."

But he believes the mayor is "leading with his values" and getting a lot of things right, including requesting the National Guard assistance initially and implementing a curfew Friday and Saturday nights.

Jacobs said Frey has been energetic, upbeat and dynamic, effectively leading the fast-growing city. But his inexperience with crisis management has shown.

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"Until about a week ago, he looked to be on glide path to reelection, and within a week, his mayorship looks like it's crumbled," Jacobs said.

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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey calls on Hennepin County attorney Mike Freeman to charge the arresting officer in the death of **George Floyd** as he speaks during a news conference Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at City Hall in Minneapolis. (Evan Frost/Minnesota Public Radio via AP)

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Stunning mural of George Floyd provides community 'a place to process'

ARTICLE LXXV. ***STUNNING MURAL OF GEORGE FLOYD PROVIDES COMMUNITY
'A PLACE TO PROCESS'***

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With bouquets of flowers resting at his feet, and "I'll Be Missing You" by Puff Daddy blaring out of a nearby car stereo, Zarlee put his hands on his head as he looked at the portrait of the man who died under a Minneapolis police officer's knee on Memorial Day.

"Senseless," Zarlee said.

Anoka resident Makena Hess arrived on the scene about 10 minutes later, completely consumed by her surroundings as she gazed at the mural from afar. She eventually made her way closer to the front, trying to compose herself as she stared at the wall.

"Brokenness," Hess said.

Minneapolis resident Monica Simmons showed up just as "NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE" chants broke out from the hundreds of protesters in attendance. She joined in as tears welled up in her eyes.

"Suffering," Simmons said.

Eventually, the "NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE" chants morphed into "***I CAN'T BREATHE***" chants, referencing some of the final words Floyd pleaded before he died.

As the scene built to a crescendo, the image, the name, and more importantly, the memory, of ***George Floyd*** served as the backdrop. Which was always the goal for local artist Xena Goldman when she decided to paint the mural in the first place.

Stunning mural of George Floyd provides community 'a place to process'

"It provides people a place to process," Goldman said. "I think having a place for people to come and cry or scream or pray or do whatever they need to do is really important."

'THIS IS OUR TOOL'

Like so many people, Goldman felt powerless in the immediate aftermath of Floyd's death, her sadness and anger simultaneously manifesting in her head with no rhyme or reason.

She wanted to help. She just wasn't sure how she could.

Then it hit her.

"As artists, this is our tool," Goldman said. "This is something we can do to serve the community and honor his memory."

As protests erupted in the days after Floyd's death, Goldman went down to the intersection of East 38th Street and Chicago Avenue to scope out the scene. She talked to members of the community Wednesday, two days after Floyd died, asking where they thought the best spot would be to commemorate him.

"They told me that Cup Foods would be a good spot because that's where he was killed," Goldman said. "There was a mural on the side of the building that had already been tagged over so we felt like the artist probably wouldn't mind."

With a location in mind, Goldman contacted fellow artists Cadex Herrera and Greta McClain, asking if they wanted to be a part of it.

They agreed and the artists met Thursday morning at the intersection of East 38th Street and Chicago Avenue.

"We wanted to do something and take action," Herrera said. "We couldn't just watch this happen and not be part of a process of change."

'HE WAS A LIGHT'

Before arriving Thursday morning, Goldman already had an idea of the larger-than-life portrait of Floyd she wanted to emblazon on the wall.

Likewise, Herrera had a concept for the background that he felt would honor Floyd for the person he was.

It featured his full name displayed prominently across the wall, the portrait resting in between, and in the backdrop, a sunflower with the names of other individuals who have been killed by police over the years.

"His name needed to be bold and needed to be big and needed to be bright," Herrera said. "To remind people that George Floyd was a human being full of life. He was a light to his family and his friends and his community. That needed to stand out."

Look closely inside the George Floyd lettering and notice images of protesters with their fists in the air. While they might be faceless, it's clear they are fathers, mothers and children joining together.

"I wanted to show the collective voice we have as a community," Herrera said. "They have their hands up in a fist showing that we are a community of power."

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No doubt the most impactful part of the background is the long list of names inside the sunflower. From Tamir Rice to Philando Castile to Jamar Clark to Freddie Gray to Michael Brown to Eric Garner to Sandra Bland, and so many more in between.

"I wanted to think of a connection that George Floyd was not the first person to be killed by the police," Herrera said. "Those names inside the sunflower are seeds that never got to fully grow. We didn't have enough space to put all the names. I don't think we would ever find enough space to put all the names."

With the ideas in their minds, Goldman, Herrera, and McClain got to work.

"We got there and it was just kind of discussing amongst us the best colors and the best ways to fill in everything else," Goldman said. "We just felt confident it would come together as we went along."

'DON'T LOOK AWAY'

As the day progressed, and Goldman, Herrera, and McClain made headway on the mural, other artists showed up to offer a helping hand. Niko Alexander, Maria Javier, and Pablo Hernandez joined in on the project, doing whatever they could to serve as support.

"We just came together as a group even though most of us didn't even really know each other," Herrera said. "It was collaborative. It was like, 'OK. You want to use that yellow? You want to use that blue? You want to add to it? You want to take away from it?' It was a fluid thing."

Meanwhile, some protesters demonstrated in the intersection about 50 yards away, while other protesters gathered around the work in progress.

"They stood with us the whole time," Goldman said. "It was really moving to be in that space and have so many members of the community talking about how important that felt for them and how healing it was for them."

As the crowd started to grow around the artists, even Rev. Jesse Jackson showed up at one point, watching the mural go up in real time before joining the protest.

"I stopped for a quick second and looked back and was like, 'Oh my god,'" Herrera said. "He went into the crowd and I put my brush down and went to the corner and listened to him for a few minutes. It moved me that we were doing something good for the community. It's a space for healing and light and to honor George Floyd for his life."

It took 12 hours to complete the mural and, as the artists were wrapping up, a woman from the community suggested they add the words "I CAN BREATHE NOW" at the bottom.

Initially, Goldman was hesitant. She understood the sentiment. She just didn't want to put words in Floyd's mouth.

"We wanted to be certain that it felt appropriate," Goldman said. "We didn't have any black artists in the group and we wanted to make sure the community felt like that statement was representative."

They had a woman do a poll, asking different members of the the community for their thoughts, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. That said, Goldman, Herrera, and McClain didn't want to be the people to paint that part.

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"We lettered it and had someone from the community paint the words," Goldman said. "That was the final touch of the mural and when he finished there was a big applause and it was a really beautiful moment."

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As she reflected on the mural a couple of days after its completion, Goldman paused when asked what she wants people to feel when they look at it. She took time to figure out what she wanted to say, and finally, it came to her.

"The fact that we couldn't come close to fitting all the names in the sunflower is a testament to the fact that it's been going on for way too long," Goldman said. "And it has to stop. I feel like this is a moment that the whole world, particularly Minneapolis, is screaming and saying, 'Look at us. Pay attention.' And I think a mural is a good format for that, saying 'Don't look away from this any longer.'"

Graphic

From left to right: Niko Alexander, Cadex Herrera, Greta McLain, Xena Goldman, Pablo Hernandez (Courtesy photo)

A group of artists paint a mural of **George Floyd** on the wall outside of Cup Foods, where Floyd was killed in police custody, on May 28, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. People have gathered at the site since Floyd was killed earlier this week. (Stephen Maturen/Getty Images)

Cadex Herrera continues work on a mural to **George Floyd** on the side of Cup Foods at 38th St. and Chicago Ave. in Minneapolis on Thursday, May 28, 2020. (John Autey/Pioneer Press)

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Minnesota DFL postpones 'virtual' convention; GOP's will continue after rescheduling

ARTICLE LXXVI. **MINNESOTA DFL POSTPONES 'VIRTUAL' CONVENTION; GOP'S
WILL CONTINUE AFTER RESCHEDULING**

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Highlight: The Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party has postponed part of its 2020 virtual convention scheduled for this weekend in light of **George Floyd**'s death on Monday. In a Friday news release, DFL Chairman Ken Martin said postponing the convention is "the only appropriate course of action given the grief and anger gripping much of our state and [...]"

Body

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In a Friday news release, DFL Chairman Ken Martin said postponing the convention is "the only appropriate course of action given the grief and anger gripping much of our state and nation." Floyd died Monday night after Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin knelt** on his neck for several minutes and Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin was arrested and charged with murder on Friday.

After Floyd's death, thousands have protested throughout the Twin Cities - some peaceful and some resulting in stealing and arson fires. With Minnesota in unrest, Martin said, "Now is not the time for a partisan political rally."

The convention was slated to run Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon, with speaking appearances by former Vice President Joe Biden, Minnesota's Democratic congressional delegation and more. But the party said Friday the speaking and training portions of the convention are postponed to an unspecified date.

Electronic balloting to endorse the party's U.S. Senate candidate and other party positions opened earlier this week, and the party will still announce those results after ballots have been counted, per Friday's release.

A spokesperson for the Minnesota Republican Party said Friday that the state GOP's virtual convention is still scheduled for Saturday morning. The party was forced to reschedule its original convention weeks ago because of technical difficulties and suspected cyberattacks.

Both parties have opted for virtual conventions in order to avoid in-person gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Protests, some violent, spread nationally in wake of George Floyd death

ARTICLE LXXVII. [PROTESTS, SOME VIOLENT, SPREAD NATIONALLY IN WAKE OF GEORGE FLOYD DEATH](#)

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Highlight: ATLANTA (AP) - Demonstrators marched, stopped traffic and in some cases lashed out violently at police as protests erupted Friday in dozens of U.S. cities following the killing of [George Floyd](#) after a white officer pressed a knee into his neck while taking him into custody in Minnesota.

Body

ATLANTA - Demonstrators marched, stopped traffic and in some cases lashed out violently at police as protests erupted Friday in dozens of U.S. cities following the killing of [George Floyd](#) after a white officer pressed a knee into his neck while taking him into custody in Minnesota.

Georgia's governor declared a state of emergency in one county to activate up to 500 members of the state National Guard "to protect people & property in Atlanta."

Gov. Brian Kemp said in a pair of tweets early Saturday that the move came at the request of Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and in consultation with emergency officials. The Georgia National Guard will deploy "immediately" to assist law enforcement, he said.

In Minneapolis, where a police precinct was burned the night before, peaceful protests picked up steam as darkness fell, with thousands of people ignoring an 8 p.m. curfew to walk streets in the southern part of the city. Some cars were set on fire in scattered neighborhoods, business break-ins began and eventually there were larger fires. As a pair of restaurants and a Wells Fargo branch were set ablaze, a heavy contingent of National Guard, state troopers and police moved in, some on foot and some in vehicles.

In Phoenix, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and beyond, thousands of protesters carried signs that said: "He said [I can't breathe](#). Justice for George." They chanted "'No justice, no peace" and "Say his name. [George Floyd](#)."

After hours of peaceful protest in downtown Atlanta, some demonstrators suddenly turned violent, smashing police cars, setting one on fire, spray-painting the iconic logo sign at CNN headquarters, and breaking into a restaurant. The crowd pelted officers with bottles, chanting "Quit your jobs."

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At least three officers were hurt and there were multiple arrests, Atlanta police spokesman Carlos Campos said. Campos said protesters shot BB guns at officers and threw bricks, bottles and knives at them. People watched the scene from rooftops, some laughing as skirmishes broke out.

Bottoms passionately addressed the protesters at a news conference: "This is not a protest. This is not in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr."

"You are disgracing our city," she told protesters. "You are disgracing the life of *George Floyd* and every other person who has been killed in this country. We are better than this. We are better than this as a city. We are better than this as a country. Go home, go home."

Bottoms was flanked by rappers T.I. and Killer Mike, as well as King's daughter, Bernice King.

Killer Mike cried as he spoke.

"We have to be better than this moment. We have to be better than burning down our own homes. Because if we lose Atlanta what have we got?" he said.

After Mayor Bottoms appealed for calm, the violence continued. More cars were set on fire, a Starbucks was smashed up, the windows of the College Football Hall of Fame were broken, and the iconic Omni Hotel was vandalized.

Protesters gathered outside the White House, with President Donald Trump inside, and some tried to push through barriers set up by the U.S. Secret Service along Pennsylvania Avenue.

An initially peaceful demonstration in New York City spiraled into chaos as night fell, as protesters skirmished with officers, destroyed police vehicles and set fires.

In Brooklyn, activists who had marched from Manhattan chanted insults at officers lined up outside the Barclays Center and pelted them with water bottles. Police sprayed an eye-irritating chemical into the largely diverse crowd multiple times, then cleared the plaza.

Video posted to social media showed officers using batons and shoving protesters down as they took people into custody and cleared streets.

Demonstrators rocked a police van, set it ablaze, then scrawled graffiti across its charred hulk and set it on fire a second time as officers retreated from the area. Blocks away, protesters used a club to batter another police vehicle.

Numerous people were arrested and police brought in buses to carry off those they arrested.

"We have a long night ahead of us in Brooklyn," Mayor Bill de Blasio tweeted. "Our sole focus is deescalating this situation and getting people home safe. There will be a full review of what happened tonight. We don't ever want to see another night like this."

The police department said numerous officers were injured, including one who had a tooth knocked out.

The names of black people killed by police, including Floyd and Eric Garner, who died on Staten Island in 2014, were on signs carried by those in the crowd, and in their chants.

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"It's my duty to be out here," said Brianna Petrisko, among those at Foley Square in lower Manhattan, where most were wearing masks amid the coronavirus pandemic. "Our country has a sickness. We have to be out here. This is the only way we're going to be heard."

In Houston, where *George Floyd* grew up, several thousand people rallied in front of City Hall. Among them was 19-year-old Jimmy Ohaz, who came from the nearby city of Richmond, Texas.

"My question is how many more, how many more? I just want to live in a future where we all live in harmony and we're not oppressed."

Tensions rose in several West Coast cities as night fell and protesters blocked highways in Los Angeles and Oakland.

About 1,000 protesters gathered in Oakland. They smashed windows, sprayed buildings with "Kill Cops" graffiti and were met with chemical spray from police. Oakland Police were notifying a crowd that the demonstration was an unlawful assembly. Authorities said officers were injured when projectiles were thrown and that they were asking people to leave the area.

Demonstrators in Los Angeles scuffled at times with police, with a few protesters detained and one officer receiving medical treatment, police said. An LAPD vehicle had its windows smashed, and CNN reported that someone wrote "killer" on a patrol car.

Protesters repeatedly clashed with police in the Silicon Valley city of San Jose, said Mayor Sam Liccardo, and police responded with flash-bang grenades and rubber bullets. One officer was being treated at a hospital for an injury that was not life-threatening, he and police officials said.

Liccardo said his own officers shared the community's outrage over Floyd's in-custody death.

"It was a horrible injustice. I'd venture to guess that every police officer out there feels much of the same anger about what happened in Minneapolis," he told The Associated Press.

Thirty miles to the west, Santa Cruz police chief Andrew G. Mills said in a statement that the actions by Minneapolis officers in Floyd's death "are the antithesis of what we view as good policing." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Crowds ignore curfew amid more arson, looting; Walz will 'fully mobilize' National Guard

ARTICLE LXXVIII. [CROWDS IGNORE CURFEW AMID MORE ARSON, LOOTING; WALZ WILL 'FULLY MOBILIZE' NATIONAL GUARD](#)

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Minneapolis and St. Paul endured another night of violence Friday into Saturday morning. Gov. Tim Walz said that protests that had begun largely peaceably in the wake of [George Floyd](#)'s death in police custody had become mixed with "professional" violent influencers - whether from criminal gangs, domestic terrorists or international agents - who were aimed at destroying the city's social infrastructure.

"Our great cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are under assault by people who do not share our values," Walz said, "and certainly are not here to mourn [George Floyd](#)." He said the state would "fully mobilize" the National Guard and would get more assistance from neighboring states.

The Star Tribune [has a roundup of the night's violence](#), with fires flaring across the metro and especially around the Police Department's Fifth Precinct headquarters at Nicollet Avenue and 31st Street. Damaged buildings included a Wells Fargo bank, a Post Office and an office-supply store - but also a barbershop in North Minneapolis, a sign of targeted violence against black- and immigrant-owned businesses. In a press

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conference this morning, Mayor Jacob Frey said "the dynamic has changed," he said. "These people doing this are not from Minneapolis. ... This is no longer about protest; this is about violence and it needs to stop."

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said that all of the Friday night arrests in St. Paul - which was spared the worst of violence that night - [*were of people who came from out of state, the Pioneer Press reports.*](#)

Thousands of people were in the streets, defying an 8 p.m. curfew order for both Minneapolis and St. Paul, but law enforcement presence was virtually absent until nearly midnight, despite the addition of National Guard members on Friday. Firefighters were also often absent, at least early in the evening; the department said they could not enter a scene without protection. By early Saturday morning crews, were battling blazes with escorts of National Guard and police.

Minnesota Public Radio has a [*report on a late-night briefing*](#) by Walz and other leaders, during which Walz acknowledges underestimating the size and aggression of the crowds Friday night. He suggested that much of the actual arson and violence was being perpetrated by people unrelated to the more peaceful protests earlier this week - white supremacists groups, drug cartels or [*anarchists*](#) - but that there were so many people in the streets that making actual arrests was impossible.

The Associated Press reports that [*more than 1,000 additional National Guard members*](#) were being mobilized Saturday, and the Pentagon has ordered U.S. Army military police units to head to Minneapolis if ordered by President Donald Trump.

The ongoing violence is taking a toll on businesses across the metro - the Star Tribune [*has detailed neighborhood maps of the buildings that have suffered damage this week.*](#) It also talks with business owners on [*Lake Street whose shops were looted or burned.*](#) Many entrepreneurs were already struggling as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and state' stay-at-home order, which was lifted just recently.

The Business Journal also talked [*with University Avenue Business owners on Friday*](#) as they cleaned up damage from Thursday night riots.

Business insurance will likely cover much of the damage, [*but experts said owners should act quickly to document losses.*](#) The economic shock of the pandemic could also complicate insurance payouts.

Restaurants and other businesses that had hoped to reopen next week [*are delaying those plans.*](#)

The Associated Press has [*details on the professional background*](#) of former Minneapolis Police Officer **Derek Chauvin**, who became the focus of protests after video appeared of him kneeling on **George Floyd's** neck for nearly eight minutes before Floyd died.

Chauvin was fired shortly after the video became public and [*on Friday was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter.*](#)

The CEO of Target Corp., which had one its Lake Street store ransacked by looters, told the Star Tribune [*the company hoped to reopen by year-end.*](#) Several other stores were damaged and could reopen within weeks. Target has also shut down several other Twin Cities locations during the unrest.

Dozens of other chief executives, including the leaders of Best Buy Co. Inc. Cargill Inc., General Mills Inc. and U.S., Bancorp, signed a letter released by health system Children's Minnesota [*mourning the killing of George Floyd and calling for change at their respective businesses.*](#)

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Ex-Minneapolis officer charged in George Floyd's death held in Ramsey County Jail

ARTICLE LXXIX. [**EX-MINNEAPOLIS OFFICER CHARGED IN GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH HELD IN RAMSEY COUNTY JAIL**](#)

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Highlight: The former Minneapolis officer charged in the death of [**George Floyd**](#) has been held in the Ramsey County Jail since his arrest. Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agents took [**Derek Chauvin**](#) into custody on Friday. "Due to the civil unrest, the BCA communicated with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office which was dealing with potential threats [...]"

Body

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Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agents [took **Derek Chauvin** into custody on Friday.](#)

"Due to the civil unrest, the BCA communicated with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office which was dealing with potential threats to their facilities at the time of the arrest," said Jill Oliveira, BCA spokeswoman. "They directed us to book him into the Ramsey County Jail."

Most inmates at the Ramsey County Jail are being held in cells without another person because of the risk of the coronavirus, said Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher. The jail also has a system of classifying inmates to "ensure the safety of everybody in our facility," he said.

Bail for Chauvin, who is charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter, is set at \$500,000. [**Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform**](#) [**'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress**](#) [**Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books**](#) [**'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd**](#) [**Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest**](#)

Graphic

[**Derek Chauvin**](#) (Courtesy of Ramsey County Sheriff's Office)

Ex-Minneapolis officer charged in George Floyd's death held in Ramsey County Jail

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Expanded police/National Guard force gains upper hand in clashes with rioters

ARTICLE LXXX. [**EXPANDED POLICE/NATIONAL GUARD FORCE GAINS UPPER
HAND IN CLASHES WITH RIOTERS**](#)

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Highlight: Gov. Tim Walz is fully mobilizing the National Guard for the first time in state history in order to combat rioting in Minneapolis.

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After nights of violence, the difference seen Saturday night into Sunday morning was striking - but officials cautioned the Twin Cities weren't out of the woods.

State and city officials had urged residents, especially in St. Paul and Minneapolis, to stay off their cities' streets Saturday, the second night of a curfew intended to quell violence that has erupted this week after the death of ***George Floyd***.

Minneapolis - hit hard Friday night with fires and unrest - braced for another dangerous night but with a heavier presence of National Guard and law enforcement in the city.

Gov. Tim Walz said earlier in the day that he was taking the unprecedented action of fully mobilizing the National Guard.

In an update at 1 a.m. Sunday, Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell - who is helping oversee operations in Minneapolis - said there had not been large issues in terms of property damage, "which we feel is fortunate, but we also do not want to be overly confident."

Officials felt the night "went far better" than previous ones because there was "clarity of mission, there was an overwhelming number of resources ... and there was incredible compliance" with the curfew, Schnell said.

"Many thousands" of law enforcement and Guard members were working in Minneapolis or guarding critical infrastructure, Schnell said. There were also thousands of personnel working Friday night, but there were much larger crowds then "and that force was overwhelmed and tonight that was not going to happen," he added.

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Walz's message at the beginning of the evening to rapid-response teams and commanders overseeing mobile field forces was: "This will stop and it stops with us tonight. ... We need to give ... these neighborhoods back to the people who live there," according to Schnell.

Authorities closed freeways and highways around the Twin Cities metro area on Saturday at 7 p.m. They reopened between 4-5 a.m. on Sunday.

There had been no serious injuries reported as of early Sunday. Dozens of people had been arrested as of 10 p.m.

CALLING UP MORE GUARD MEMBERS

Up to 2,500 Guardsmen were expected to be deployed by midday Saturday and the rest will be available during coming days, according to Guard officials.

"We're gearing up, we're getting bigger, we're changing our approach and we are coming to stop it," said Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington.

A full activation could include between 7,000 to 10,000 members

Based on Saturday night and early Sunday, would there still be a need to fully activate the National Guard?

"I think the governor's commitment to this was we're in this until this is addressed and we do not feel that we are out of this yet," Schnell said. "I think it is critical for us to remain diligent ... until we are confident that regular, normal police operations can meet the public safety needs of the community."

Walz will also have to decide whether to extend the 8 p.m. curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis for another night.

ST. PAUL KEEPS MINNEAPOLIS PROTESTERS OUT

In St. Paul on Saturday night, police worked to keep an estimated 1,000 people from crossing the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge into the city. Police said they used tear gas, moved in to arrest people and protesters ran away.

Officials said Saturday that the looting and arson has been fueled by outsiders who came to Minnesota intent on using the protests over Floyd's death while in police custody to sow unrest, which has spread to other U.S. cities.

St. Paul officers stopped several vehicles Saturday night that were driving without license plates.

"Each time officers stopped the vehicles, people inside have raced away on foot, leaving vehicles and tools used to wreak havoc on our city behind," police said in a tweet.

Walz said on Saturday morning that officials estimated about 80 percent of the rioters Friday night were from outside Minnesota while 20 percent were residents. He said later in the day, "We'll find out when this is over."

[A review of arrest records in Minneapolis and St. Paul show the majority of those cited Friday night and early Thursday to be from the Twin Cities.](#)

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ARRESTS IN MINNEAPOLIS

A heavy and rapid police and National Guard presence in South Minneapolis caused large groups to splinter into smaller ones late Saturday and into early Sunday.

But one large group on foot and in vehicles threw objects at officers near Hiawatha Avenue and Lake Street, according to police.

Police made several arrests late Saturday.

One suspect reportedly shot at officers in the 1400 block of Lake Street around 11 p.m. A gun was recovered.

Four other suspects were taken into custody after a vehicle nearly rammed officers near Pillsbury Avenue and Lake Street, police said. A gun was also recovered.

"The people that we're continuing to deal with are people who are more bent on creating disorder and problems in our city," Schnell said.

As the night turned to early Sunday, St. Paul police officers and Ramsey County sheriff deputies were stationed at major interstate accesses in the city questioning motorists and sending them to side streets.

Earlier, hundreds of protesters gathered, apparently peacefully, outside the 5th police precinct - which was a focal point of violence Friday night - in advance of the 8 p.m. curfew. Soon after 8 p.m., police came out of the parking lot arm-to-arm to move the crowd back and deployed tear gas and rubber bullets.

Some in the group began hurling rocks and full water bottles toward the 5th precinct, where other officers were stationed. More protesters arrived and a police line moved them east under the Interstate 35W bridge by releasing tear gas. A caravan of Humvees and other vehicles arrived to assist police.

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- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress) [May 31, 2020](#)

Minneapolis police reported that people were on the I-35W bridge over 31st Street and throwing objects onto law enforcement below.

A veteran WCCO photographer covering the Minneapolis protests was [filming Saturday night as he was shot with a rubber bullet](#) and arrested by the State Patrol; he was released. Tom Aviles was one of at least three journalists, who are clearly listed as exempt from the curfew in Walz's order, who were either shot with rubber bullets and/or sprayed with tear gas within two hours of the 8 p.m. curfew.

They came by the hundreds but quickly retreated when the tear gas hit their eyes and lungs [#mplsriots2020](#)

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress)

FRIDAY NIGHT RIOTS

On Friday night, a law enforcement force of more than 2,000 was assembled to deal with rioting, but Harrington said it was met by many more protesters - "tens of thousands," he said.

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St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter had said that all the people arrested in St. Paul in connection with rioting were from out of state. However, Saturday evening Carter said he had misspoken and received inaccurate information about the arrests.

"Those folks who are agitating and inciting are taking advantage of the pain, of the hurt, of the frustration, of the anger, of the very real and legitimate sadness that so many of our community members feel, to advocate for the destruction of our communities," Carter said.

Despite an 8 p.m. curfew and a heavier law enforcement force, Minneapolis had another night of rioting, vandalism and looting Friday with more cases of arson.

Firefighters responding to burning buildings were targeted by rioters, officials said, making it hard for them to contain fires.

"Our police officers, our firefighters are facing something they've never faced before," Carter said of the mayhem.

'MORE OF A MILITARY OPERATION NOW'

Walz said Saturday it would "be a dangerous situation on the streets tonight," but officials will do everything in their power to restore order.

Walz also said there were instance of rioters stopping semi trucks on highways and looting their contents.

"The situation in Minneapolis is no longer in any way about the murder of ***George Floyd***," Walz said. "It is about attacking civil society, instilling fear and disrupting our great cities."

Officials have deployed a force that would have worked in any other civilian police operation, Walz said.

"But this resembles more of a military operation now," he said. "Ringleaders are moving from place to place."

State officials also said there have been incidents of shots fired at law enforcement and even improvised explosives used.

President Donald Trump urged Walz and other authorities in Minnesota to "be tough" in Minneapolis.

"We have our military ready, willing and able if they ever want to call our military, and we can have troops on the ground every quickly," Trump said. Pentagon officials have signaled they are ready to provide military support to quell unrest should Walz request it.

PEACEFUL PROTESTS, CLEANUP

Meanwhile, peaceful protests took place in South Minneapolis on Saturday afternoon.

Several hundred people gathered in front of the Cup Foods convenience store at Chicago Avenue and 38th Street where the 46-year-old Floyd, who was black, was arrested by Minneapolis police on Monday night after he was suspected of using a counterfeit \$20 bill.

Unarmed and handcuffed, he died after an officer pressed a knee on his neck for nearly nine minutes until he stopped breathing. The officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, was fired and charged Friday with third-degree murder

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and second-degree manslaughter. Three other officers were also fired and, along with Chauvin, remain the subject of state and federal investigations.

Also on Saturday, dozens of small business owners were still boarding up stores and shops. Among them was Kore Grate, who owns a martial arts studio at 38th Street and Cedar Avenue.

Grate was getting help from a number of volunteers through University Rebuild, a group of theater professionals. Since Friday the group had helped 140 business owners board up their doors and windows in both St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"They are angels," Grate said of the volunteers. Grate, 65, also owns a tattoo shop at Lake Street and Lyndale Avenue that was broken into and looted early Saturday morning.

Nick Ferraro, Dave Orrick, Mara H. Gottfried, Frederick Melo, Nick Woltman, Kristi Belcamino, Christopher Magan and Mary Divine contributed to this report.

Correction: An earlier version of this article misidentified the agency involved in the arrest of the WCCO-TV photographer Tom Aviles.

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Police approach protesters after curfew Saturday, May 30, 2020, in Minneapolis. Protests continued following the death of **George Floyd**, who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on Memorial Day, May 25. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Jiselle Henry, 4, jumps over flower petals strewn at the intersection of 38th St. and Chicago Ave. in Minneapolis Saturday, May 30 2020, in front of the CUP Foods where **George Floyd** died earlier in the week, (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Protests descend into chaos in Minneapolis Friday; more looting, fires in 'incredibly dangerous' situation

ARTICLE LXXXI. **[PROTESTS DESCEND INTO CHAOS IN MINNEAPOLIS FRIDAY;
MORE LOOTING, FIRES IN 'INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS' SITUATION](#)**

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Highlight: Cars were set on fire, business break-ins began and eventually there were larger fires as protesters outflanked authorities and converged on the 5th Precinct police station.

Body

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Peaceful protests over the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of police descended into chaos after darkness fell Friday, with thousands of people ignoring an 8 p.m. curfew to walk the streets in the south Minneapolis.

Demonstrators again squared off against law enforcement at the 3rd precinct headquarters of the city's police department, but a much larger crowd gathered outside its 5th precinct two miles west, chanting and lobbing fireworks at the building.

People who seemed less interested in the protest itself used it as an opportunity to loot and set fire to nearby businesses, including a Dollar Tree, an Office Depot and a Wells Fargo branch. A post office about a block from the precinct was also burned to the ground.

The crowd was driven out of the area shortly before 1 a.m. by police and Minnesota State Patrol troopers using tear gas and less-lethal projectiles, but many members of the group simply migrated west along Lake Street, embarking on a third straight night of nearly unchecked looting, vandalism and arson.

"The situation is incredibly dangerous," Gov. Tim Walz said in a live address at 1:30 a.m. "This is not grieving."

As officers cleared the area around the precinct, a contingent of newly activated Minnesota National Guard escorted the Minneapolis Fire Department into the neighborhood to fight the fires set by demonstrators.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety said on Twitter that 350 personnel were in the area and arresting people who refused to disperse.

"Go home," Walz urged protesters who had embraced violence while also admitting that public safety personnel were overwhelmed.

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"Quite candidly we do not have the numbers," Walz said.

To that end, the National Guard is activating another 1,000 soldiers to join the 500 who were called up Thursday; another 200 were activated Friday night. Walz said the 1,700 would constitute the largest peacetime force ever assembled in Minnesota.

[*The Pentagon also took the rare step Friday*](#) of ordering the Army to put several active-duty U.S. military police units on the ready to deploy to Minneapolis.

Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen of the Minnesota National Guard said during Walz's late-night news conference that option remained on the table.

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, who also spoke during the event, said the troublemakers, whom he termed "entrenched rioters," had grown more dangerous. Harrington also said there was evidence of outside agitators arriving in Minneapolis to stoke unrest.

Several Lake Street business were owners camped out at their shops and restaurants overnight to discourage the looters who were driven from the area around the 5th precinct. At least a couple even hired private security contractors to stand guard with loaded guns.

These guys are private security contractors hired by Lake Wine & Spirits to protect their store. They said they haven't had any trouble with looters, adding that their loaded guns are an effective deterrent. pic.twitter.com/mU5R5VGtCW

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As I was walking by earlier tonight, employees of Anthony's Pipe & Cigar Lounge were cleaning up a short time after looters laid waste to the shop. Joe Mosinski, a friend of the owner, had stopped by to check on the store and surprised "some kids" who had broken in, he said. pic.twitter.com/ESqrEQ8cPT

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"They're just young, dumb kids," Mosinski said. "It seems like just a bunch of kids who have nothing to do."

As he and the stores employees swept up broken glass and took stock of what was stolen, looters continued to approach the store. A stern, "We're closed," seemed to be enough to discourage them from entering.

"If you tell them not to come in, they pretty much just listen," Mosinski said.

Throughout the night, gun shots could be heard in different parts of the city. Some security personnel had been subjected to gunfire, though no one was injured, Harrington said.

John-Paul Syngh, 29, recounted seeing a man at 1st Avenue and Cecil Newman Lane shoot at a police squad vehicle.

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"Out of nowhere a dude whipped out a handgun," Singh said. "He got maybe six to eight shots off at a cop car. ... Everybody screamed a little bit."

By 4 a.m., law enforcement was pushing west down Lake Street, dispersing looters and making arrests. Lines of officers stood guard over several intersections around the 5th precinct to prevent the rioters from retaking them.

Following the Friday afternoon announcement by law enforcement officials that fired Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin**, who is white, [had been arrested and charged with murdering Floyd](#), who was black, thousands of protesters again gathered in front of the Hennepin County Government Center to demand justice.

Demonstrators then marched through downtown and onto Interstate 35W, shutting down its southbound lanes. The freeway occupation was continuing early Saturday.

Closer to the battered 3rd Precinct, which was left to burn Thursday night, officers again fired tear gas and less-lethal projectiles Friday to drive back crowds of protesters.

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The precinct building, which was abandoned by its contingent of officers about 10 p.m. Thursday after protesters breached a hastily erected perimeter fence, was just one of many buildings set ablaze during the chaos overnight.

Several businesses that survived the first round of rioting the night before were reduced to smoldering rubble by dawn. Community-led cleanup efforts were underway Friday in much of the city, including the heavily damaged area around Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue as well as Uptown.

Among the scores of casualties was Ghandi Mahal, an Indian restaurant located about a block away from the third precinct. In a post on the restaurant's [Facebook page](#), owner Ruhel Islam's daughter, Hafsa, thanked "our ?neighbors who did their best to stand guard and protect Gandhi Mahal."

"Don't worry about us, we will rebuild and we will recover," she wrote.

She also quoted her father: "Let my building burn," he said, according to the post. "Justice needs to be served, put those officers in jail."

A nearby U.S. post office on East 31st Street also burned overnight. The popular Hexagon Bar on 27th Avenue South was destroyed by fire, and the public library branch on East Lake Street was damaged.

Community volunteers spent much of the day Friday cleaning up debris and broken glass.

Dean Hanson, 64, lives in a subsidized housing unit nearby, which is home to many older residents. He said his building lost electricity overnight, and residents were terrified as they watched mobs of people loot and burn their way through the neighborhood.

"I can't believe this is happening here," he said. "It was pure hell."

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Also Friday, Walz apologized to CNN, saying he takes total responsibility for the arrest of one of the network's crews as they reported on the violent Minneapolis protests following Floyd's death.

"This is a very public apology to that team," Walz said at a news conference hours after correspondent Omar Jimenez and two colleagues were taken into custody by the Minnesota State Patrol and later released.

Jimenez was handcuffed and led away while reporting live on the air shortly after 5 a.m. His colleagues Bill Kirkos and Leonel Mendez were also taken away, with Mendez placing his still-running camera on the ground to record his arrest.

When first approached by officers, Jimenez, who is black, told them, "put us back where you want us. We are getting out of your way."

After being told he was being arrested and his microphone taken away for handcuffing, Jimenez asked why he was being arrested and did not get an answer.

The Minnesota State Patrol said on Twitter that the journalists were among four people arrested as troopers were "clearing the streets and restoring order" following the protests.

The patrol said the CNN journalists "were released once they were confirmed to be members of the media."

This report includes information from the Associated Press.

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Pentagon ready to send troops to Minneapolis if state asks

ARTICLE LXXXII. [PENTAGON READY TO SEND TROOPS TO MINNEAPOLIS IF STATE ASKS](#)

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By JAMES LAPORTA and ROBERT BURNS

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon said Saturday it was ready to provide military help to authorities scrambling to contain unrest in Minneapolis, where [George Floyd](#)'s death has sparked widespread protests, but Gov. Tim Walz has not requested federal troops.

Jonathan Rath Hoffman, the chief Pentagon spokesman, said several military units have been placed on higher alert "as a prudent planning measure" in case Walz asks for help. The Associated Press first reported on the potential deployments and, citing sources with direct knowledge of the orders, named four locations from which soldiers would be drawn.

Hoffman did not identify the units, but other officials said they are mainly military police. Hoffman said these are units normally on 48-hour recall to support state authorities in the event of crises like natural disasters. They are now on four-hour alert, Hoffman said.

Defense officials said there was no intent by the Pentagon to deploy any federal forces to Minnesota unless Walz asked for help. If he did make such a request, federal units such as military police could provide logistical and other kinds of support to the Minnesota National Guard or state law enforcement, but would not get directly involved in law enforcement under current plans, the officials said. They were not authorized to discuss the planning publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hoffman said Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had spoken to Walz twice in the past 24 hours and told him the Pentagon was prepared to help if needed.

Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen, the adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard, said the Pentagon's decision to place some military units on a higher state of alert for potential deployment was "a prudent move" that gave Walz more options.

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Earlier, Alyssa Farah, the White House director of strategic communications, told the AP that the deployment of active-duty military police to Minnesota was untrue. In an email, she referred to Title 10, the U.S. law that governs the armed forces and would authorize active duty military to operate within the country

"False: off the record - title 10 not under discussion," said Farah. No off-record agreement was negotiated with the AP.

President Donald Trump urged Walz and other authorities in Minnesota to "be tough" in Minneapolis.

"We have our military ready, willing and able if they ever want to call our military, and we can have troops on the ground every quickly," Trump said.

Soldiers from Fort Bragg in North Carolina and Fort Drum in New York have been ordered to be ready to deploy within four hours if called, according to three people with direct knowledge of the orders. Soldiers in Fort Carson, in Colorado, and Fort Riley in Kansas have been told to be ready within 24 hours. The people were not were not authorized to discuss the preparations publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The get-ready orders were sent verbally on Friday, after Trump asked Esper for military options to help quell the unrest in Minneapolis after protests descended into looting and arson in some parts of the city.

Trump made the request on a phone call from the Oval Office on Thursday night that included Esper, national security advisor Robert O' Brien and several others. The president asked Esper for rapid deployment options if the Minneapolis protests continued to spiral out of control, according to one of the people, a senior Pentagon official who was on the call.

The person said the military units would be deployed under the Insurrection Act of 1807, which was last used in 1992 during the riots in Los Angeles that followed the Rodney King trial. Another official said Saturday, however, that federal troops could be deployed to Minnesota without invoking that act. In that situation, they would perform non-law enforcement duties such as providing logistics help.

"If this is where the president is headed response-wise, it would represent a significant escalation and a determination that the various state and local authorities are not up to the task of responding to the growing unrest," said Brad Moss, a Washington D.C.-based attorney, who specializes in national security.

Members of the police units were on a 30-minute recall alert early Saturday, meaning they would have to return to their bases inside that time limit in preparation for deployment to Minneapolis inside of four hours. Units at Fort Drum are set to head to Minneapolis first, according to the three people, including two Defense Department officials. Roughly 800 U.S. soldiers would deploy to the city if called.

Protests erupted in Minneapolis this week after video emerged showing a police officer pressing his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes even after Floyd stopping moving and pleading for air. Floyd later died of his injuries. The officer, **Derek Chauvin**, was arrested and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter on Friday.

The protests turned violent and on Thursday rioters torched the Minneapolis Third Police Precinct near where Floyd was arrested. Mayor Jacob Frey ordered a citywide curfew at 8 p.m. local time, beginning on Friday. In that city, peaceful protests picked up steam as darkness fell, with thousands of people ignoring

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the curfew to walk streets in the southern part of the city. Some cars were set on fire in scattered neighborhoods, business break-ins began and eventually there were larger fires.

Active-duty forces are normally prohibited from acting as a domestic law enforcement agency. But the Insurrection Act offers an exception. There was no indication Saturday that Trump intended to invoke that act.

It would allow the military to take up a policing authority it otherwise would not be allowed to do, enforcing state and federal laws, said Stephen Vladeck, a University of Texas School of Law professor who specializes in constitutional and national security law.

The statute "is deliberately vague" when it comes to the instances in which the Insurrection Act could be used, he said. The state's governor could ask Trump to take action or Trump could act on his own authority if he's determined that the local authorities are so overwhelmed that they can't adequately enforce the law, Vladeck said.

"It is a very, very broad grant of authority for the president," he added.

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Charley Walters: Twins likely won't be able to dip into Rochester for help

ARTICLE LXXXIII. [**CHARLEY WALTERS: TWINS LIKELY WON'T BE ABLE TO DIP INTO ROCHESTER FOR HELP**](#)

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It's not yet official, but it appears inevitable that Rochester's entire season - which already has had 49 games canceled due to COVID-19 - will be canceled. Last season, the Red Wings shuttled some 80 players between the Twins and other minor league affiliates.

Major league rosters will be extended for depth for an abbreviated season, but high-minor league development of players is expected to be eliminated.

Coincidentally, this is the final season of the Red Wings' AAA affiliate agreement with the Twins.

The Red Wings, who have a 140-game schedule, averaged attendance of nearly 8,000 after Memorial Day last season. The team already had ordered its promotional merchandise for the season, including 2,000 bobbleheads celebrating popular utility player Willians Astudillo, nicknamed "La Tortuga" (The Turtle). The bobbleheads feature a shell on the back.

If there is no season, those might be sold to charity.

The Red Wings have obtained a small business loan through mid-June, allowing the team to retain employees through then. After that, the future, affected by the virus, is unknown.

Had it not been for the pandemic, on Sunday afternoon the Twins would be completing a four-game series against the White Sox in Chicago. [*Twins are prepared for an MLB draft like no other*](#) [*Here's what you need to know about Twins, locals ahead of MLB Draft*](#) [*What would a 50-game season mean for the Twins?*](#) [*Minor leaguers keep training despite a baseball season in jeopardy*](#) [*MLB players offer 114 games, no more pay cuts*](#)

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Pssst: The Vikings' recent signing of Anthony Harris to a questionable \$11.44 million franchise deal for the coming season probably means that either Harris, 28, or fellow safety Harrison Smith, 31, won't be back in Minnesota in 2021.

Most NFL teams don't pay safeties a total of \$22.19 million. Smith is to make \$10.75 million this year. Which safety to keep will be made based on who plays best, the other moving on.

Meanwhile, it had to be an easy decision for Harris to accept the franchise offer. With the COVID-19 pandemic, Vikings money could dry up. By signing, the \$11.44 million is guaranteed.

This year's U.S. Open men's golf championship at Winged Foot in New York has been rescheduled from June 18-21 to September 17-20. Exactly 50 years ago on June 18-21, the U.S. Open was held at Hazeltine National in Chaska.

That was 1970, when promoters, eager to sell tickets, offered a \$35 special - including clubhouse credentials and onsite parking for the entire tournament - if tickets were purchased in December, five months ahead of the event.

At Winged Foot in September, a clubhouse ticket, just for the first day of the tournament, cost \$1,284.

At Hazeltine, remember, it was Dave Hill who was fined \$150 for suggesting the course could use 80 acres of corn and a few cows to be complete. Hill finished runner-up to champion Tony Jacklin, the Englishman who won by seven shots. Jacklin's payday: \$30,000 from a total purse of \$195,700. The winner at Winged Foot in September will get a check for \$2.25 million from a \$12.5 million prize fund.

In the tournament at Hazeltine, played in cold and windy conditions, was 18-year-old amateur Ben Crenshaw, just out of high school in Texas. He would go on to win two Masters at Augusta National. Defending U.S. Open champion Orville Moody missed the cut.

Golf's greatest player, Jack Nicklaus, who previewed the tournament for Sports Illustrated and called the course a blind man's bluff because of the doglegs, shot an opening round 81 but made the cut with subsequent rounds of 72, 75, 76 to finish in a tie for 49th. Arnold Palmer tied for 54th (79-74-75-77).

Lower level ticket price for the scheduled Sept. 13 Vikings-Packers game in Minneapolis: \$1,736 on vividseats.com.

Last week's naming of Gophers Max Meyer and Zach Raabe as All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball increased John Anderson's total of 15 he has coached. Between 1990-2006 at Minnesota, Anderson coached 15 players who went on to the major leagues.

Anderson, 65, in his 39th season as Gophers coach, is the Big Ten's all-time winning coach. But he's only the eighth-highest paid baseball coach in the conference at \$232,000. Michigan's Erik Bakich is No. 1 at \$625,000.

Jon Leuer, 31, the former Osseo star, after making nearly \$35 million in nine NBA seasons that included a couple disabling injuries, has decided to retire.

Mike Rostampour, the 6-8, 230-pound Henry Sibley grad who has been playing professional basketball in Tehran, has had his season canceled due to the global pandemic but is still in Iran rehabbing from finger surgery. He'll return to St. Paul in a month or so.

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A Minnesota first: Last week, Paige Bueckers (basketball) from Hopkins and Jalen Suggs (football-basketball) from Minnehaha Academy were named national female and male high school athletes of the year by MaxPreps.

Meanwhile, Minnehaha Academy's 7-foot incoming senior Chet Holmgren has been named the nation's No. 2 basketball recruit by MaxPreps.

Twenty-four of the NBA's 30 teams have contacted Cretin-Derham Hall for background checks on Daniel Oturu, the former Raiders star who is leaving the Gophers after his sophomore season to turn professional.

The 6-10, 240-pound Oturu will be represented by Bill Duffy, who also will represent point guard Tre Jones from Apple Valley via Duke. Duffy, a former Gophers guard, is among the NBA's prominent agents. He also represents Tre's brother Tyus, who has a \$28 million, three-year guaranteed contract with the Memphis Grizzlies. Tre also is leaving college after his sophomore season.

It looks like Oturu will be a top-15 overall pick, Jones late in the first round.

The NBA draft, initially scheduled for June 25, has been indefinitely postponed, probably until at least August, depending on playoffs.

By the way, Zeke Nnaji, the 6-11 Hopkins' grad via Arizona, could be a first-round pick, as could Tyrell Terry, the 6-3 point guard from DeLaSalle via Stanford.

Four NBA first-round draft picks would be unheard of for Minnesota.

A year from now, Suggs and Holmgren are expected to be considered as first-round picks.

The way it looks now, the Timberwolves' first-round draft pick will come from among James Wiseman from Memphis, LaMelo Ball from Australia or shooting guard Anthony Edwards from Georgia.

Still scheduled is the St. John's-St. Thomas football rivalry for Nov. 7 at U.S. Bank Stadium. Ticket prices have not been decided.

Byung Ho Park, 33, who batted .191 for the Twins in 201 after the club paid \$12.85 million just for the rights to sign him, is batting .227 with five home runs for the South Korean Kiwoom Heroes, who can be seen on ESPN on Wednesday at 5:30 a.m. against the Hanwha Eagles.

Condolences to the family of former Gophers QB and hockey captain Larry Johnson, who lost wife Susan, a former Minneapolis Washburn cheerleader, after 62 years of marriage to complications from COVID-19.

The same to the family of Eveleth hockey icon Bobo Kochevar at age 84 last week with dementia in a nursing home.

That was Mendota Heights' 13-year-old Sammy Udovich shooting a 3-under-par 68 from Southview Country Club's 6,404-yard back tees last week. A day later, Bella McCauley, 16, who last year for Simley won the Class A girls state high school championship by nine shots, shot 69 from the same tees.

Happy birthday: Wayne "Twig" Terwilliger, the beloved former Twins-Saints coach, turns 95 next month.

Before baseball's postponed season, Twins starter Michael Pineda was to sit out 39 of the 162-game schedule due to a 60-game drug violation suspension, of which he served 21 games last season.

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Now, even though the new season has been proposed for 82 games, Pineda still has to serve the remaining 39 games. It will also cost the 31-year-old, who is signed for \$10 million this season, millions resulting from the owners-proposed new pro-rated salary structure.

If Gophers junior pitcher Max Meyer is still available at No. 10 overall in major league baseball's draft on June 10-11, look for him to be chosen by the San Diego Padres.

The Colorado Rockies, who have the No. 9 pick, also have a lot of interest in the 6-0, 185-pound right-hander from Woodbury. The Rockies, by the way, drafted shortstop Terrin Vavra from the Gophers in the third round two years ago.

Due to baseball's reduction of the draft to just five rounds this year, Meyer will be the only Gopher chosen. That means a handful of other Gophers will not.

Rumors persist that 6-11 Gophers commitment Treyton Thompson of Alexandria, a top-100 recruit, is considering a transfer to Cretin-Derham Hall for his senior season this year.

As important as quarterbacks are to NFL teams, the Vikings are expected to place special emphasis on Kirk Cousins to try to insulate him from exposure to COVID-19 when practices begin.

CBS-TV's Jim Nantz, Nick Faldo, Ian Baker-Finch and Frank Nobile - and perhaps Michelle Wie and Davis Love III - are expected in town July 23-26 to cover the 3M Open if the pandemic doesn't postpone or cancel the PGA Tour tournament.

Ironically, Richard Pitino's new Gophers men's basketball assistant Jeff Mailhot, the Hopkins grad, last season was an assistant at Iona, where Pitino's father, Rick, has taken over coaching.

That was former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, 53, said to be contemplating a comeback, in downtown St. Paul on Thursday with his entourage.

With the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference expanding to 10 teams last week, some people are convinced the next two schools joining the MIAC will be University of Northwestern-St. Paul and Martin Luther College of New Ulm.

By the way, it was esteemed former Vikings-Packers director of research and development Mike Eayrs, a member of the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame for football, who two years proposed how the MIAC could expand to 10 teams with two divisions.

Football coach P.J. Fleck, in his fourth year at Minnesota, is paid \$4.5 million. Woody Hayes, who coached Ohio State to five national championships, was paid \$43,000 in his final season in 1978, USA Today points out. Hayes believed the Buckeyes football coach shouldn't be paid more than the state's governor.

Fleck on Wednesday morning speaks to the Dunkers club via Zoom.

Ex-Vikings QB Tommy Kramer, living in Centerville, Minn., is planning a 40th anniversary reunion of his last-second 1980 "Hail Mary" pass to Ahmad Rashad that stunned Cleveland at Met Stadium to win the Central Division.

Justin Morneau's No. 33 could be the next jersey retired by the Twins. When he came to the major leagues in 2003, his jersey number was 27.

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Speaking of retired Twins jerseys, Tony Oliva wore No. 38 before switching to No. 6. Kent Hrbek was No. 26 before his No. 14 was retired. Tom Kelly came to the majors as No. 16 but retired as No. 10.

Zoilo Versalles (No. 2) is the only former Twins' American League MVP (1965) whose jersey is not retired.

Jim Kaat's No. 36 jersey would seem a good bet to be retired if he's finally - and appropriately - voted into baseball's hall of fame.

That was Wild owner Craig Leipold zooming into St. Paul in his private jet last Wednesday for the first time in a long time.

The Wild are 85-to-1 odds to win the 24-team reformatted Stanley Cup by sportsbattingdime.com

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer on first-round draft pick wideout Justin Jefferson, to NBC Sports: "I think every coach and GM say that they were surprised that he was there when we picked him, but we really were this time."

Insiders say ex-Timberwolves coach Tom Thibodeau remains the favorite as the next Knicks coach.

Jacksonville University, which was in the Pioneer Football League that St. Thomas hopes to join for the 2021 season, has dropped the sport. Meanwhile, San Diego, which won the league with an 8-0 record last season, averaged 2,096 attendance per home game. St. Thomas last season, tied for first with St. John's with a 7-1 MIAC Conference record, averaged 2,095 per home game.

Tony Dungy, who spent four years as a Gophers QB and four more as a Vikings assistant, on last week's killing of ***George Floyd*** by police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** in South Minneapolis and subsequent destruction of property protests, on Mike Tirico's "Lunch Talk Live" on NBCSN: "That's what really hurts. I'm very familiar with that neighborhood and driven by there hundreds of times. There's a lot of minority community leaders, there's minority businesses, and to see that area just get taken down like this, it's very sad." [Charley Walters: 'He just wanted to help' Mike Robertson says of Michael Jordan](#)

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Joe Biden ally sees Amy Klobuchar as less likely running mate

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By ALAN FRAM

WASHINGTON (AP) - Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar seems a less likely choice to become Joe Biden's running mate on his presidential ticket following this week's death of a black man in police custody in Minneapolis, a key ally of the former vice president said.

Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., told reporters on Friday that while he believes Klobuchar is "absolutely" qualified to be vice president, "This is very tough timing for her."

Klobuchar was a prosecutor years ago in the county that includes Minneapolis. During that period, more than two dozen people - mostly minorities - died during encounters with police. Following customary practice at the time, she sent the cases to grand juries, which brought no criminal charges against any of the officers involved.

Clyburn, who called his view a "gut feeling," played a pivotal role in helping Biden become the Democratic Party's all-but-certain presidential nominee. Clyburn is the No. 3 House Democratic leader and Congress' highest-ranking black lawmaker.

"So often in politics, timing really dictates things. Barack Obama I don't think could have gotten elected four years before he got elected," Clyburn said of the former president during a conference call. "And I don't know whether he could get elected today."

Clyburn helped revive Biden's badly flagging presidential campaign earlier this year, lifting him to a decisive win in a South Carolina primary in which large numbers of voters were black. That fueled a Biden run to a string of victories in other state contests that resulted in his becoming the party's presumptive nominee.

Joe Biden ally sees Amy Klobuchar as less likely running mate

On MSNBC, Biden said the tensions in Minnesota following the death of ***George Floyd*** have "nothing to do with my running mate."

Pressed on whether Floyd's killing increases pressure to place an African American woman on his ticket, Biden said he's talked about putting women of color on the Supreme Court and in his Cabinet. "And I also already said that there are women of color under consideration," he said.

Klobuchar did not respond to a request Friday by The Associated Press for an interview. On CNN, she sidestepped a question about her vice presidential prospects.

"He's going to make the best decision on whoever he wants to govern with," she said of Biden.

Before being elected to the Senate in 2006, Klobuchar, who is white, spent eight years as prosecutor for Minnesota's largest county. Most of the more than two dozen people who died during police encounters in her tenure were people of color, according to data compiled by Communities United Against Police Brutality and news articles reviewed by the AP.

An officer involved in one of those past fatal incidents was ***Derek Chauvin***, who was arrested and charged Friday in this week's death of Floyd. A video showing Floyd complaining that he could not breathe as Chauvin kneeled on his neck has helped spark unrest in cities around the country.

Chauvin was among six officers who fired on and killed a man in 2006 who reportedly stabbed two people and then aimed a shotgun at police.

Chauvin's 2006 case went to the grand jury after Klobuchar was elected to the Senate and had left the county attorney's office. Mike Freeman, Klobuchar's successor as prosecutor, made "all prosecutorial decisions" about Chauvin, according to a Freeman statement that Klobuchar's office provided Saturday.

Klobuchar told MSNBC that she now believes the practice of asking a grand jury to decide whether to charge officers was wrong.

Klobuchar and 27 other Democratic senators wrote Friday to the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, asking it to investigate "patterns and practices of racially discriminatory and violent policing" by the Minneapolis police.

AP reporters Sara Burnett in Chicago and Will Weissert in Washington contributed to this report.

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St. Paul police rebut social media theory that officer instigated Minneapolis unrest

ARTICLE LXXXV. **[ST. PAUL POLICE REBUT SOCIAL MEDIA THEORY THAT OFFICER
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"It's malicious and it's character assassination," St. Paul police spokesman Steve Linders said.

A white male dressed in black, wearing a large gas mask and holding an umbrella was [caught on video smashing windows](#) of an AutoZone shop in the early evening Wednesday, before protests escalated into large-scale property damage that destroyed several businesses in the area of East Lake Street. Twitter posters quickly identified the man, whose face was largely covered, as a St. Paul police officer - and later an Eagan police officer.

Those accusations were still spreading Friday evening.

Linders said the officer in question was not in the area at the time because he was working alongside Minneapolis firefighters.

"I want people to know about this and know it's not true," he said. "This has spread so far and so wide that the only thing we can do is tell the truth."

Eagan police also released a statement via Twitter, saying it had been "made aware of a social media post that falsely identifies one of our officers as the person caught on video breaking windows in Minneapolis. We have seen the photo and this person does not work for the Eagan Police Department."

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St. Paul police rebut social media theory that officer instigated Minneapolis unrest

- Eagan Police (@EaganPolice) [May 29, 2020](#)

In the video, a protester is seen trying to stop the man from breaking windows, and others follow him away as he leaves, one asking, "Are you a cop?"

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison made reference to the video while speaking to a cable network early Thursday evening and asked protesters to continue to document "suspicious people doing damage."

"I urge all the protesters, don't let somebody tear down the good reputation of your righteous protest," he said. "Take pictures of these people that might be provocateurs. That evidence is on YouTube; I urge people to take a look at it and see they can identify that guy."

RUMOR CONTROL ...

We are aware of the social media post that erroneously identifies one of our officers as the person caught on video breaking windows in Minneapolis.

We've seen it. We've looked into it. And it's false.

- Saint Paul Police Department (@sppdmn) [May 29, 2020](#)

Asked if he believed some of those who looted businesses and burned down buildings were from out of state, or not actually protesting Floyd's death, Gov. Tim Walz said Friday, "I'm not going to speculate on that."

"I think we can't tell that right now," he added, "but I think much of how all this happened, certainly all the things that have led to this, this is Minnesota, and I think we need to find out. I don't think it changes that calculus of how we got to this, how do we responded to it? We own it."

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Want to donate? Help clean up? Here are some ideas.

ARTICLE LXXXVI. [**WANT TO DONATE? HELP CLEAN UP? HERE ARE SOME IDEAS.**](#)

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Hundreds of volunteers across Minneapolis and St. Paul have been out in full force to help clean up city streets and donate to those in need.

The Pioneer Press has heard from many residents that they want to help in some way. Here's a list of places where people can donate and participate in cleanups after three days of civil unrest following the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis. The list will be updated online. If you have any updates about organized donation or cleanup efforts, please email kbelcamino@pioneerpress.com.

Here are some places to explore if you are interested in helping. These resources are also great places to turn to for help if you are someone who needs help right now. Please try to reach out to the organization first (please look up phone numbers and email addresses) to make sure the information is up to date and the help is still needed.

CLEAN UP/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Midway St Paul - 436 N. Roy St. is still looking for volunteers

[*YWCA Minneapolis*](#) is collecting personal hygiene, home, baby and other supplies every Tuesday and Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Volunteers are also needed.

MINNEAPOLIS

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Sanford Middle School is asking for 85 food kits that can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday in the school parking lot at 3524 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis. Donations should be in brown paper bags and they are asking the kits to include the following items: one loaf of bread, one package tortillas, one bag of

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rice, two cans of beans, two cans of soup, one small bag of apples, one bag of baby carrots, one box of cereal. Diapers or small jugs of laundry soap are also needed. Any extra food donated will go to local food shelves. Note: Organizers only want fully completed kits in brown paper bags to minimize contact and protect against COVID-19 risk.

Sanctuary Covenant Church, 2108 Aldrich Ave. N., collects food and financial donations for families in need. Food items requested include: water, beef hot dogs (not pork), hot dog buns, hamburger patties, hamburger buns, ketchup, mustard and relish, paper plates, clementines, individual chip bags, individual snacks, napkins, hand sanitizers, grill utensils. Also accepting financial donation at <https://sanctuarycov.org/give>.

Pow Wow Grounds, 1414 E. Franklin Ave., Needs sausage, eggs, pancake mix, bread, butter, peanut butter, potatoes, noodles, pasta sauce, meat, ground beef, lunch meat, presliced cheese, fruit, pop, juice boxes, snacks, protein bars

U.S. Bank, 1030 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis. Taking donations of nonperishable food items.

Pimento Kitchen, 2524 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis Looking for water, milk, masks, gloves, medical supplies.

ST. PAUL

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 436 N. Roy St., will be accepting and donating food and supplies from noon until 7 p.m. Sunday at 436 Roy St. N. in St. Paul.

Unidale Mall, Dale Street and University Avenue. Residents asked to donate diapers, wipes, formula, food, household supplies and hygiene supplies.

ONLINE

[*We Love Lake Street*](#) is collecting monetary donations to help rebuild Lake Street's small businesses and community organizations. The effort is being organized by the nonprofit, Lake Street Council. Organizers assure that 100 percent of funds collected will help go toward small businesses and nonprofits in the Lake Street community.

[*People & Pets Together*](#) is looking for donations to help families in south Minneapolis feed and care for their pets. People looking to donate pet food or cat litter can use the drop-box in the parking lot behind the People & Pets Together pet food shelf at 3745 Bloomington Ave. in Minneapolis.

[*The Neighbors United Funding Collaborative*](#), a nonprofit fundraiser helping the Midway/Hamline Coalition, is helping the Midway + Union Park small business and nonprofit community rebuild the storefronts and repair the businesses in need.

[*Minnesota Rapid Response Coalition*](#) "Many of our local small businesses are being adversely impacted by the protests related to the murder of ***George Floyd***. This coalition has joined together to help with the clean-up, in efforts to lower their unforeseen expenses so that they can get back to work and thrive. We will start with businesses along the Lake Street, Midway and East Saint Paul business corridors then allocate resources throughout the Twin Cities."

OTHER

Want to donate? Help clean up? Here are some ideas.

Women for Political Change say people who need a ride to get to safety can text "TRANSPORTATION" to 612-492-1507.

More businesses in need [here](#).

THANK YOU to the community who came out this morning to help our City crews clean up damage caused by recent riots. [#MinneapolisStrong](#)

- City of Minneapolis (@CityMinneapolis)

I'm crying. Minneapolis is wonderful. I love this city. Hundreds are gathered at US Bank at West Broadway at Emerson to drop off and pick up donations. This area has been devastated by fires from rioters. [#GeorgeFloyd pic.twitter.com/CbcsaO9lqk May 30, 2020 pic.twitter.com/eLgN3wOmQG](#)

- Aaron Lavinsky (@ADLavinsky) [May 30, 2020](#)

Ongoing food pantries in MPLS & St.Paul [pic.twitter.com/NTBU3HHgy4](#)

- defund & disinvest in the police (@daniellemkali) [May 30, 2020](#)

Hundreds of people are near Midtown Global Market this morning helping clean up the neighborhood. Volunteers are handing out brooms, gloves and other material [pic.twitter.com/i2POEBGKBS](#)

- Natalie Rademacher (@nrademacher1) [May 30, 2020](#)

Minneapolis right now: neighbors from different backgrounds filling Lake St in mass clean up. Hold this image in your head-w/the image of a knee on a neck-to show what we can do and what we urgently need to fix. Don't let destruction by vandals from elsewhere distract [pic.twitter.com/w43IsfJyDr](#)

- R.T. Rybak (@R_T_Rybak) [May 30, 2020](#)

Went to clean up East Lake Library this morning. Some burned books, but just a lot of mess. [pic.twitter.com/2zRAqMi5Xa](#)

- Tracy Mumford (@mumfordmumford) [May 30, 2020](#)

IN THESE TRYING TIME WE AS PIMENTO WANT TO MAKE SURE AS A PILLAR IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY WE DO OUR PART.PLEASE DROP OFF ANY WATER MILK, MASK'S, GLOVES, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO OUR MINNEAPOLIS LOCATIONTO BE SHUTTLED TO CENTRALIZED LOCATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE IN NEED

- Pimento Kitchen (@Pimentokitchen) [May 28, 2020](#)

Community coming together to clean up in South Minneapolis. Of course the media won't show you this part though. [pic.twitter.com/Cpywly5MRq](#)

- Monica Chung (@lolwtfnotmonica) [May 28, 2020](#)

Dozens of people have turned up with shovels, brooms and trash bags to help clean up the destruction left in the neighborhood after last night's violence. [#GeorgeFloyd @France24 en](#)

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- Kethevane Gorjestani (@ketgorjestani) [May 30, 2020 #Minneapolis pic.twitter.com/5wzhaOVdpd](#)

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4 charged in separate rioting/looting incidents in St. Paul and Falcon Heights

ARTICLE LXXXVII. **4 CHARGED IN SEPARATE RIOTING/LOOTING INCIDENTS IN ST. PAUL AND FALCON HEIGHTS**

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Highlight: Charges have been filed against four people arrested in Falcon Heights and St. Paul involving separate incidents stemming from rioting and looting that followed the Memorial Day death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis, according to criminal complaints filed Friday in Ramsey County District Court. Theodore Aaron Roloff, 26, of New London, Wis., was arrested on [...]

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Theodore Aaron Roloff, 26, of New London, Wis., was arrested on suspicion of felony third-degree burglary after authorities said he broke into and burglarized a Falcon Heights gas station.

According to the criminal complaint, about 12:50 a.m. Friday deputies saw three men walking out of the broken-glass door of the BP gas station at 1691 N. Snelling Ave. in Falcon Heights. Deputies chased, caught and arrested one of the men, who was wearing a ski mask and later identified as Roloff. As he fled, Roloff dropped a backpack, which contained "multiple packs of lottery tickets and unopened packs of cigarettes."

The other two men were not caught.

Felicia Ann Kelly Prestidge, 26, of Crystal, was arrested on suspicion of felony first-degree property damage after authorities said she threw rocks at a police car.

According to the criminal complaint, which didn't say when the incident happened, deputies responding to reports of a burglary at Merwin liquor store at 1559 Larpenteur Ave. in Falcon Heights, saw Prestidge coming out of the store carrying bottles of liquor. Deputies ordered her to put the bottles down and leave. She left but then returned "yelling profanities and throwing rocks" at a squad car. Surveillance video shows she threw rocks nine different times at the police car.

She said she threw the rocks because she was protesting, the complaint said.

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Saidhamza Isaq Omar, 23, of Mankato, Minn., was arrested on suspicion of felony third-degree burglary and carrying a firearm without a permit, after authorities said he broke into the Walgreens drugstore at 734 Grand Ave. in St. Paul early Friday morning.

According to the criminal complaint, about 4:30 a.m. Friday, officers responding to reports of two burglars inside the pharmacy found three men in the parking lot when they arrived.

The three men fled. Officers chased after them. As the men ran, authorities say a box of albuterol sulfate fell from Omar's jacket pocket. Officers eventually caught and arrested Omar and found a handgun magazine in his pocket that held 20 .40-caliber bullets. "Omar denied that he had a handgun and said he was only carrying the magazine."

When officers traced the path Omar had fled, they found a "Glock handgun with an extended clip in an area where Omar had fallen. The Glock was loaded to capacity and had a round of ammunition in its chamber."

In their investigation, officers also found "numerous prescriptions and medications strewn in the pharmacy's parking lot and in a nearby alley."

Walgreens alarm company sent police a photo of the two men who had broken into the pharmacy and authorities say Omar was one of the men.

Prince Marien Williams, 20, of Brooklyn Park, was arrested on suspicion of felony third-degree burglary after authorities said he broke into a gas station on Thursday.

According to the criminal complaint, a 911 caller reported a burglary in progress at 2057 Marshall Ave. in St. Paul on Thursday. (The complaint didn't give a time.) The caller said two young men broke into the Marshall Stop gas station and then walked back to a red Ford Focus. The caller gave the license plate number to 911 dispatchers. When officers arrived, they parked behind the vehicle and two men inside ran away.

The driver, Williams, was found hiding next to a garage in the 2100 block of Iglehart Avenue. Officers found tobacco products and a stack of gift cards inside the car. Upon investigation, officers found the front window of the gas station had been smashed. While metal bars prevented anyone from going inside, tobacco products were within reach.

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Mother of Louisville police shooting victim calls for peace

ARTICLE LXXXVIII. [MOTHER OF LOUISVILLE POLICE SHOOTING VICTIM CALLS FOR PEACE](#)

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Body

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Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear read the statement from Breonna Taylor's mother hours after gunshots erupted during protests late Thursday outside City Hall. One person was in critical condition, Louisville Metro Police said Friday.

Mayor Greg Fischer said police officers fired no shots. Instead, they provided aid to the wounded, he said. TV video showed terrified protesters fleeing as gunfire erupted.

With more rallies planned, Taylor's mother joined the chorus of calls for protests to remain peaceful. In her statement, Tamika Palmer said her daughter - an emergency medical technician - devoted her life to others and the "last thing she'd want right now is any more violence."

"Please keep saying her name," her statement said. "Please keep demanding justice and accountability, but let's do it the right way without hurting each other. We can and we will make some real change here. Now is the time. Let's make it happen, but safely."

On Friday evening, what appeared to be several hundred people gathered downtown for the second night of protests. The crowd briefly blocked traffic near City Hall and chanted, "No justice, no peace."

Protesters carried signs calling for justice for Breonna Taylor and ***George Floyd***, the black man who died after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

Police presence intensified around 9:45 p.m. Friday, as officers in riot gear stood shoulder-to-shoulder moving people down a key street near City Hall, the Courier Journal reported.

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A police officer was seen on camera during a WAVE-TV broadcast firing what appeared to be pepper bullets directly at the camera crew.

"I'm getting shot! I'm getting shot!" WAVE-TV reporter Kaitlin Rust is heard yelling off-camera. She told the indignant anchors in the studio that the crew was behind the line, but police wanted them to move further away.

Police spokeswoman Jessie Halladay said no shots had been fired at Friday's protest as of 10:40 p.m. and no significant injuries had been reported. Two people were arrested.

Bracing for more protests, police said they wouldn't tolerate violence or property destruction.

"We value the right to free speech and understand this community has a lot to say right now," Louisville police Lt. Col. LaVita Chavous said. "We hear you."

But she added that police were prepared to "take whatever action we must to try to ensure no one else is injured during this time of unrest. We ask the community to please voice your opinions in a peaceful way."

Meanwhile, Louisville's mayor said the use of no-knock warrants by police was being suspended, the latest in a series of policy changes and other actions in response to Taylor's death.

"To the people who gathered downtown last night to protest, and to many more throughout our city and throughout our country who feel angry, hurt, afraid, frustrated, tired and sick of story after story of black lives ending at the hands of law enforcement, I hear you," Fischer said.

Two people wounded in the gunfire underwent surgery, while five were in good condition, he said.

Beshear, speaking on CNN, said Thursday's protest started peacefully but some people later "turned it into something that it should not have been."

Local Councilwoman Keisha Dorsey termed the protest as "a revolt against a system in which people have felt oppressed," the Courier Journal reported. "What I'm seeing is people who are trying their best to do something with their hurt, their pain and their frustration."

The Louisville protests followed the release of a 911 call Taylor's boyfriend made on March 13, moments after the 26-year-old EMT was shot eight times by narcotics detectives who knocked down her front door. No drugs were found in the home.

Hundreds of demonstrators marched through downtown Louisville, ending in the early hours of Friday as rain poured down. Windows were broken and several vehicles were damaged during the unrest, police said. Shots were fired into government buildings, including police headquarters, they said. Bricks were thrown into buildings and graffiti was splashed in several places, including a firefighter memorial, they said. The police description of the damage made no reference to any looting.

Jordan Basham, a 24-year-old white bartender, said she was a few feet from where the people were shot. As people fled in terror, a man she didn't know pushed her to the ground, told her not to move and used his own body to shield her, she said Friday.

"I'll never be able to get that picture out of my mind," she said. "But I am still very glad that I was there. As long as they're out there protesting, I'll be back."

Mother of Louisville police shooting victim calls for peace

Many protesters wore masks as Kentuckians are strongly urged to follow health guidelines to contain the coronavirus pandemic.

Attention on Taylor's death has intensified since her family sued the police department this month. The case has attracted national headlines alongside the shooting of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia in February and the recent death of Floyd. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Major highways in Twin Cities shutting down at 7 p.m. Saturday

ARTICLE LXXXIX. **MAJOR HIGHWAYS IN TWIN CITIES SHUTTING DOWN AT 7 P.M. SATURDAY**

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Highlight: Freeways and highways around the Twin Cities metro area are being closed Saturday night, according to a tweet by MnDot, which also noted that "routes will remain open for motorists to exit downtown areas." The following stretches will be shut down starting at 7 p.m. Saturday: I-35W north and south bound lanes between I-694 and [...]

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The following stretches will be shut down starting at 7 p.m. Saturday:

I-35W north and south bound lanes between I-694 and Highway 62. I-35E north and south bound lanes between Highway 36 and Highway 62 I-94 east and west bound between I-694 and the I-694 and I-494 interchange I-394 east between Highway 100 and I-94 Highway 55 north and south bound between Highway 62 and I-94

Officials warn of another night of protests that could turn dangerous in the Twin Cities Saturday night. A curfew is in effect in Minneapolis and St. Paul starting at 8 p.m.

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St. Paul small business owners, volunteers assess damage, prepare for worst while hoping for quiet night

ARTICLE XC. ***ST. PAUL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, VOLUNTEERS ASSESS
DAMAGE, PREPARE FOR WORST WHILE HOPING FOR QUIET NIGHT***

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Highlight: With plywood boards purchased in a hurry and more donated by Penumbra Theatre, Tetra Constantino and five volunteers calmly but resolutely boarded up Elsa's House of Sleep, his University Avenue furniture store. Like many small businesses across St. Paul, Constantino prayed for the best while prepping for the worst Saturday. During the riots Thursday night, [...]

Body

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Like many small businesses across St. Paul, Constantino prayed for the best while prepping for the worst Saturday.

During the riots Thursday night, Constantino approached teens congregating in the alley behind his store and explained to them, in no uncertain terms, that a fire at his shop would cause flammables to explode, and they would die.

Next door, Tim Wilson, proprietor of Urban Lights music store, acknowledged he hadn't slept in over 24 hours after catching a would-be fire starter behind his store, one of several in St. Paul's hard-hit Midway neighborhood marked "Black-Owned Business."

"We saw a guy bent over, lighting palettes, so we chased him off," said Wilson, standing in front of 10 carloads of friends and associates in the parking area next to his shop late Friday night, all of them ready to send a strong message if the troublemakers returned.

A REPRIEVE FRIDAY

For most of those St. Paul business owners whose shops survived heavy looting and rioting on Thursday, Friday night provided a welcome reprieve.

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter on Friday ordered a two-night, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and joined Police Chief Todd Axtell in calling for back-up from State Patrol and the Minnesota National Guard, if necessary.

St. Paul small business owners, volunteers assess damage, prepare for worst while hoping for quiet night

"Yesterday we were braced for anything to happen, and we ended up seeing most of the activity take place in Minneapolis," said Carter, in an online discussion with business owners on Saturday afternoon organized by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

The mayor said police and local government heard plenty of rumors about potential protests and group mayhem that might occur Friday night but none panned out. He urged demonstrators to respect the curfew and stay home.

The chamber is connecting volunteer business consultants to small business owners who may need help applying for state and federal relief or private financing at saintpaulchamber.com/payitforward.html.

Also Friday, an estimated 1,000 community volunteers fanned out along University Avenue with brooms and buckets, looking for opportunity to lend a hand. Some delivered water and meals to passersby in an effort to lift spirits.

Efforts were organized by Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Roy Street, the Hamline-Midway Coalition and other groups, though families looking to help others arrived from as far as Woodbury unaffiliated with any organization.

On Saturday, dozens of volunteers gathered at Galtier Elementary School, two blocks north of University Avenue in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood, to distribute community donations of canned and packaged food to families in need.

"Even in the ugliest moments you can set your clock by the beautiful spirit that arises in St. Paul" to help out, Carter said.

COSTLY DESTRUCTION, A TOSSED BRICK AWAY

In St. Paul's Midway and throughout most other corners of the capital city, Friday evening unfolded relatively quietly, with some isolated arrests of people mostly from outside the city, the mayor said.

Carter would not speculate on whether the curfew would be extended to a third night. Store owners said they were well aware that costly destruction is just a tossed brick or match strike away.

Friends of Urban Lights record store owner Tim Wilson are making the rounds around his shop at Pascal and University Avenue. He hasn't slept since 7 am Thursday, and confronted a guy last night trying to light palettes on fire. "So we chased him off," Wilson said. pic.twitter.com/bL39sIYcSy

- Frederick Melo, Reporter (@FrederickMelo) [May 30, 2020](#)

Several owners vowed to remain close to their shops Saturday night in case rioters returned.

MIDWAY STORES DESTROYED

Among the Midway stores destroyed in Thursday's riots was Lloyd's Pharmacy at 720 Snelling Ave. N., which opened in 1918 as Florian's Pharmacy. Also leveled was a Napa Auto Parts store at 1271 University Ave. W. and the Bole Ethiopian Cuisine at 590 Syndicate St. N.

A fire that destroyed the Sports Dome apparel shop and the Boost Mobile store at 1505 University Ave. W. on Thursday started up again on its own Friday night, bringing out St. Paul Fire trucks.

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At the east end of the Midway Shopping Center by Allianz Field, nothing but ash and burnt metal remained of a Foot Locker sneaker store, a Game Stop video game store and several neighboring vendors.

For her faith-based podcast, Frogtown resident Dinina Jay toured a Furniture Barn store that had sustained visible damage Thursday at University Avenue and Albert Street.

"I spoke to the owner. He's heartbroken," Jay said. "We need the law of the land done, and the law of the Lord." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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ARTICLE XCI. **RETHINKING REOPENING**

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 5B**Length:** 868 words**Byline:** SHARYN JACKSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Restaurants were ready for outdoor dining, but this week's unrest has some altering plans.**Body**

Long circled on the calendar for restaurateurs, June 1 was supposed to be the day for a new beginning. After more than two months without seated customers due to the coronavirus, restaurants finally got the greenlight from the state to open their patios on Monday.

But three nights of escalating community unrest in the aftermath of the death of *George Floyd* - which saw several Minneapolis restaurants damaged by fire, looting or vandalism - has owners reconsidering whether they will take Gov. Tim Walz up on the offer to reopen for outdoor dining.

"We're just flabbergasted," said Luke Derheim, director of operations for Craft & Crew Hospitality, which owns four restaurants, including two in Minneapolis. "Just when we thought things were going to get better, now we're having to grapple with an even larger crisis in the city."

All of Craft & Crew's restaurants are taking reservations for patio seating next week. But Derheim and his team will be making a final decision on opening the Minneapolis spots - the Howe Daily Kitchen & Bar in south Minneapolis, and Stanley's Northeast Bar Room - over the weekend.

"We're just trying to piece it together day by day or hour by hour," he said.

Brit's Pub, in downtown Minneapolis, was preparing to open its rooftop Monday

for lunch. Now, general manager Shane Higgins said that opening could be a week or two away. Takeout has been suspended, too, and the restaurant on Nicollet Mall has been boarded up.

"We don't want anybody on the premises," he said. "For the safety of guests and employees, there's absolutely no point in trying to do carryout."

Surly Brewing's expansive beer garden was ready for outdoor dining under the state's parameters - tables placed at least 6 feet apart, no more than 50 customers at a time. Staffers would have their temperature checked before they could work.

Rethinking reopening

Those plans are on hold after a manager who lives in the neighborhood hit hardest by the unrest came to work in tears ahead of a COVID-19-related safety training.

"That was the thing that catapulted everybody into realizing this is a bigger situation than what we're trying to do right now," said Dan DiNovis, Surly's vice president of hospitality.

The company will reconvene Tuesday, after suspending takeout this weekend, and decide the next move.

The decision is almost existential, in light of the devastation faced by fellow restaurants and bars in other parts of the city.

"It's the abyss," DiNovis said. "What is going on in the world right now? What is trying to operate a restaurant? I don't know, because I see a lot of them getting burned down."

Not only restaurants are re-evaluating their long-wished-for reopenings.

The Mall of America will not open for retail Monday as planned either. MOA officials said they would announce a new opening date when it is finalized. Access to the property will be restricted through at least Sunday to ensure safety of employees. Curbside pickup also has been suspended.

"Many of our tenants were planning on using this weekend to prepare their stores and train their employees for reopening," the mall said in a statement. "With no access to the building, that will not be possible. By delaying our reopening date, it will give mall retailers additional time to prepare."

Staff at Amore Uptown, an Italian restaurant on West Lake Street - a 3-mile straight shot from the epicenter of the looting and rioting on East Lake Street - say they have "every intention" to open the rooftop Monday as planned.

"We would be pretty devastated if we weren't able to go forward with that," said assistant general manager Corey McHugh.

Eating at a restaurant, after all this time at home, might even be a salve for Minneapolis' wounds.

"We certainly understand people's grievances and we want to be able to serve great food, give great service in this time of uncertainty," McHugh said. "Even a short evening spent dining out with friends and family can change morale."

Baldamar, in Rosedale Mall's parking lot, shuttered Friday at the request of mall management. But owner Randy Stanley also hopes the restaurant's patio will be up and running Monday if it's safe. A lingering question: How might citywide curfews, should they extend beyond the weekend, affect dinner hours and staff's ability to come and go? That's just "another curveball," among many this year, said Stanley.

"You know, it's just been one punch in the gut after another," he said.

But Stanley said he's ready for whatever comes next. "Failure is not an option," he said. "We're going to march on, no matter what."

Peter Campbell, owner of Red Wagon Pizza in southwest Minneapolis, hadn't planned to open his patio June 1 ("The seating doesn't justify the expense," he said).

But he also hadn't planned on suspending takeout and covering the windows with wooden boards on Friday.

Rethinking reopening

It was a decision he made after two nearby businesses were vandalized the night before, and a decision that shook him as someone whose business is hospitality.

"We've spent the last two months saying, 'Don't come near us; don't walk in the building,' " Campbell said. "And now to board up the building? That goes against everything we've built. It's devastating."

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Officials blame differing groups of 'outsiders' for violence

ARTICLE XCII. **OFFICIALS BLAME DIFFERING GROUPS OF 'OUTSIDERS' FOR VIOLENCE**

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - As protests over the death of *George Floyd* grow in cities across the U.S., government officials have been warning of the "outsiders" -- groups of organized rioters they say are flooding into major cities not to call for justice but to cause destruction.

Body

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and KATHLEEN HENNESSEY

WASHINGTON (AP) - As protests over the death of *George Floyd* grow in cities across the U.S., government officials have been warning of the "outsiders" - groups of organized rioters they say are flooding into major cities not to call for justice but to cause destruction.

But the state and federal officials have offered differing assessments of who the outsiders are. They've blamed *left-wing extremists, far-right white nationalists* and even suggested the involvement of drug cartels. These leaders have offered little evidence to back up those claims, and the chaos of the protests makes verifying identities and motives exceedingly difficult.

Police officers across the country were gearing up Saturday for another night of potentially violent clashes in major cities. Some states had even called in the National Guard to aid overwhelmed police.

The finger pointing on both sides of the political spectrum is likely to deepen the political divide in the U.S., allowing politicians to advance the theory that aligns with their political view and distract from the underlying frustrations that triggered the protests.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz on Saturday told reporters he'd heard unconfirmed reports that white supremacists were coming from elsewhere to stoke the violence and that even drug cartels "are trying to take advantage of the chaos." John Harrington, the state's commissioner of public safety, later said they had received intel reports on white supremacists.

"But I cannot say that we have confirmed observations of local law enforcement to say that we've seen cells of white supremacists in the area," he said Saturday.

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But federal officials later pointed to "far left *extremist groups*." President Donald Trump alleged the violence was "being led by *Antifa* and other radical groups." *Antifa*, short for anti-fascists, is an umbrella term for far-left-leaning militant groups that resist neo-Nazis and white supremacists at demonstrations.

Attorney General William Barr later seemed to echo Trump's assertion, saying the violent incidents in Minneapolis were driven by groups using "*Antifa*-like tactics." Barr vowed that federal prosecutors across the country would use federal riots statutes to charge protesters who cross state lines to participate in violent rioting.

A Justice Department spokesperson said the attorney general's assertion was based on information provided from state and local law enforcement agencies, but did not detail what that information entailed.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf was even more vague, declining to point to any particular ideology in his assessment. His agency has heard that "a number of different groups are involved in these whether it's *Antifa* or it's others, frankly," he said. The groups appeared to be organized and using tactics that wouldn't normally happen in peaceful protest, he said, though he didn't elaborate.

While the motives behind the violence were unclear, there was firmer evidence that some of the protesters were coming to the demonstrations from outside the urban centers that have been the epicenter of the demonstrations.

In New York City, federal officials were bringing charges against several suspects, including one of two sisters from upstate New York accused of throwing a Molotov cocktail through the back window of a police van in Brooklyn, a law enforcement official said. The initially peaceful demonstrations in New York City over Floyd's death spiraled into chaos as night fell Friday. Protesters confronted police officers, destroying police vehicles and setting fires.

In Detroit, 37 of the 60 people who were arrested in overnight protests did not live in the city - and many came from nearby suburbs, police Chief James Craig said Saturday. Although Detroit is about 80% black, many of those arrested were white.

"We support the right to free speech. We support peaceful protests," Craig told reporters. "If you want to disrupt, stay home and disrupt in your own community."

Initially, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said he'd been told all of those arrested in his city Friday were from outside the state. But a spokesman said Saturday night the mayor had later learned more than half are from Minnesota.

In Hennepin County, which includes Minneapolis, 47 of the 57 people arrested in protest incidents through Saturday morning had provided a Minnesota address to authorities, according to Jeremy Zoss, a spokesman for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

Carter expressed the opinion of many black activists in the Twin Cities who have expressed disbelief that local residents would destroy their own neighborhoods, burning down essential services and damaging small businesses. And while it was local protesters and groups that staged initial angry, but peaceful, demonstrations, it was agitators from elsewhere that strategically escalated the tension by causing damage and setting fires, they said. Their beliefs were reinforced by the large numbers of white people in the protests in Minneapolis.

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"I think about a third of the people are from out of town here to make the city burn," said Justin Terrell, executive director of the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage. "It is just putting black people in a crossfire not just between fascists and anarchists - but putting us in a crossfire with the national guard."

It's exceedingly difficult in the chaos and dark of the events to prove these claims. The challenge is made harder in the Minnesota protest, where very few arrests were made in the first two nights of unrest. St. Paul arrest records showed 18 people were arrested on charges related to civil unrest from Thursday to early Saturday morning. Of those, only four were from outside the state; two were listed as unknown.

Still, some civil rights leaders had a clear message for anyone coming to protest, even those who show up to call for justice for Floyd.

"The moment has passed. Go home, stay away from here. We are a vulnerable population. At the end of that day if black folks can't rebuild then the only thing we've done is build more power for white folks," said Terrell. "You're talking about years, decades of work undone by these groups - and by the officer."

Trump vowed Saturday that the "radical left criminals, thugs and others" would "not be allowed to set communities ablaze."

"I will not allow angry mobs to dominate," he said. "Won't happen."

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Hennessey reported from Minneapolis. Associated Press writers Jill Colvin in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Michael R. Sisak in New York and Corey Williams in Detroit contributed to this report.

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Letters: Is this the society into which we're welcoming our 2020 high school graduates?

ARTICLE XCIII. **LETTERS: IS THIS THE SOCIETY INTO WHICH WE'RE
WELCOMING OUR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES?**

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Highlight: I've been taught to trust and forgive, but ... My name is Kaia Fitzgerald. I am 17 years old and a 2020 high school graduate. May 26, 2020, I turn on the news like I do every single day. The first thing I see is "**I can't breathe**" and above the headlining, a white police [...]

Body

My name is Kaia Fitzgerald. I am 17 years old and a 2020 high school graduate.

May 26, 2020, I turn on the news like I do every single day. The first thing I see is "**I can't breathe**" and above the headlining, a white police officer pinning a black man down with his knee. The police officer slowly grinding his knee into his neck, while the man pleads, groans and moans. The man says "**I can't breathe**" and "My stomach hurts. My neck hurts. Everything hurts. Water or something. Please. Please. I cannot breathe. I cannot breathe."

I start sobbing; I sink down into my chair and a wave of anger and sadness washes over me. Every single week I see another one of my brothers and sisters die due to the actions of policemen. I am disgusted. I have been told my whole life as a young black woman to look up to policemen, to trust them. But as I got older I have developed nothing but fear of the police. My white counterparts cannot share the same fear. Some members of their family are even policemen. They see the police as their everyday heroes battling the "evil" of society. Who knew the "evil" the police were battling was the color of my skin? So I ask you policemen of Minneapolis, is this the society you are welcoming your 2020 high school graduates to?

To **Derek Chauvin** #1087: I have grown up in a household where you forgive those who do wrong. But as I write this letter, and research more and more, I find it harder to forgive your actions. In my eyes you have killed an innocent man. There were a hundred other ways you could've dealt with this situation, even whilst you were killing him. The man was handcuffed, and on the ground, yet you decided the penalty for suspected forgery is death. While I am writing this letter, you and three other police officers have been fired. But I believe justice has not been served until you are behind bars.

To **George Floyd**'s family and friends: There are no words to express how sorry I am for your loss. You have lost a loved one to the hands of ignorance and bigotry. I hope you all take your time to grieve, and know that justice will be served for **George Floyd**. You will all be in my prayers.

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Kaia Fitzgerald, Roseville

I am a Californian, but I will always be a Minnesotan. I grew up in Spring Valley, went to University of St. Thomas, have a degree from the University of Minnesota, taught in Anoka, and lived in White Bear Lake. I have been a supporter of Al Franken and am now a supporter of Amy Klobucher.

But what I am not is a supporter of the thugs who have burned the Twin Cities. I feel the killing of George Floyd was murder, a totally racist act. However, the violent and destructive actions by out-of-control criminals are wrong. As a loyal Minnesotan, even as a member of the diaspora, I am ashamed of what has gone on. Ashamed of the murder and ashamed of the thoughtless destruction. The mayor, the police chief, and the governor, are all honorable, and should be trusted to allow justice to prevail.

I have been proud to be a Minnesotan, and hope to restore that pride.

Stephen P. Collins, Petaluma, CA

Come to Minnesota where opening a store or swimming pool without permission could get you arrested but rioting, arson, burglary, and looting won't.

Richard Iffert, Eagan

The uprising of the people in the streets of Minneapolis is a simple call for justice to the murder of George Floyd by four Minneapolis police. Floyd's humanity is in need of justice for a murder that demeaned his humanness. Floyd's family is in need of justice for their loved one. The Black community of Minneapolis is in need of justice for yet another horrendous case of police brutality.

And what does justice look like? Derek Chauvin has been arrested and charged with murder. The other three policemen must be charged as accomplices in the murder of George Floyd.

Justice means that politicians such as Mayor Jacob Frey and state legislators and administrators should no longer support increased funding of police departments without instituting deep, structural reform that ends the culture of abuse endemic to policing in America.

Justice means that County Attorney Mike Freeman must treat this case of police murdering a civilian as he would when a civilian takes the life of another. Police should no longer be treated as privileged individuals who operate above the law.

And finally, justice means that Gov. Tim Walz and his administration must take concrete actions toward ridding this state of some of the worst racial disparities in this country. Like it or not, the people's uprising in Minneapolis is a cry against the huge inequalities plaguing this state.

Sanna Nimtztz Towns, St. Paul

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The recent column by Joe Nocera about lockdowns and their worth shows how a health view is distorted when a business writer is given credence instead of doctors and health science experts. It was not fair and balanced. Obvious facts Nocera failed to include were that the H3N2 virus, or Hong Kong flu, lasted about one and a half years. The COVID-19 pandemic has been only three months, and with strong mitigation, i.e. stay at home orders, it has killed as many Americans.

Several scientific projections have said that by doing nothing, much the same as during the Hong Kong flu, as many as 2.5 million Americans could have died by this fall. That is only about a nine month period. Some predictions say, with mitigation, as many as 500,000 could still die.

Much more can be said on this issue by science experts, but my point is to present fair and balanced information on this highly deadly virus.

Gary Thompson, St. Paul

A priest, an imam, and a rabbi sign into a Zoom call ... In years past, that might have been the beginning of a joke, but now it's a promising reality. For the past several weeks, at the request of Commissioner John Harrington of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul has hosted Zoom conversations with the commissioner and leaders of many diverse religious denominations. Participants shared ideas, examples and concerns about how to serve and lead during this pandemic.

Recently our conversations turned to how we should prepare to re-open our doors and on what timeline. Our views differ, as do our religious perspectives and lived experiences. One minister in a community hard-hit by coronavirus at a meatpacking facility implored us to move with utmost caution. An African American minister shared sobering statistics about how communities of color are being disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Some wondered why the Mall of America could open but churches could not.

Our discussions revealed many differences. In some cases, urban concerns are different from rural concerns. Different faith traditions present different viewpoints regarding prayer and ritual practices. How might we handle communion? Seder? Eid? We expressed collective concern about the youth in our congregations and brainstormed about drive-in and outdoor worship services. The thing we all agreed on is this: Our choices matter. We know that how faith communities behave in the coming weeks will have significant impact on the 2 million to 3 million Minnesotans who belong to a church, synagogue, mosque or other place of worship.

We believe that listening is critical right now and leads us to better decision-making. We commend Commissioner Harrington for repeatedly bringing faith leaders together to discuss and debate as he seeks to understand all of our needs and perspectives and ensures that they are heard and represented in the recommendations offered to the Governor.

None of us has walked this path before. As ELCA Bishop Ann Svennungsen said, "We cannot go back. The question is, 'How do we go forward?'"

So how do we build a new statewide approach in these troubled times? Let's start with the values that our various faith traditions share: safeguarding lives, caring for our neighbors, and providing for those in need. Careful balancing of our religious and public safety needs asks much of us. We are fortunate to live in a state where the balancing is informed by all of our voices, in which we're all at the table, and in which listening, as Commissioner Harrington has demonstrated, is careful and authentic.

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Randi Ilyse Roth, Jon Anderson, Aaron S. Weininger, Jill E. Crimmings and Asad Zaman Roth is executive director of Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul. Anderson is bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod ELCA. Weininger, Adath Jeshuran Congregation rabbi, and Crimmings, Bet Shalom Congregation rabbi, are co-chairs of the Minnesota Rabbinical Association. Imam Zaman is executive director of the Muslim American Society of Minnesota.

Nothing makes my blood boil more than a male venting about abortion. Might I remind your recent letter writer ("Tax-funded abortions," May 22) that ALL unwanted pregnancies are caused by men. And if men had to bear the consequences of their actions there never would have been any anti-abortion laws passed by the all-male legislatures of the day. No male judge, senator, governor, doctor or even spiritual advisor has a right to tell a woman what to do with her body. If your letter writer is so opposed to abortion, I suggest that he shouldn't get one.

LaVonne McCombie, Hudson

The St. Paul City Council has a tenant protections ordinance coming up and I am strongly in favor. Nearly every problem addressed in the list of solutions offered by this ordinance is one that's been inflicted on me by a St. Paul landlord at one point or another living here.

I've had ludicrously big security deposits surcharged to nothing with fees that all evaporated when challenged with photos. I was accidentally evicted by a landlord who just forgot to file our lease renewal, I only found out when the maintenance guy waltzed in and proclaimed "Oh ... you're still here." I had my home of five years sold out from under me after Fred Melo (Sorry, Fred) wrote an article about a hot real estate market. I could have afforded that rickety little house too. I've been screwed time and again by the landlords in this town, and I've barely been able to defend myself, and I'm someone who knows my rights.

Tenants deserve rights, and they deserve to have them enumerated.

Furthermore, the council and city should take this further, we need to be talking about and advocating for things like expanded public housing, rent control, and more homeless shelters. We are just going to be trapped in this endless loop of plot-by-plot development squabbling, pitting neighborhood against neighborhood until we have the bravery to act big. The market will not save us, the landlords are not our friends, and until we do something gutsy to solve our housing crisis (which was bad before COVID!) we will be stuck in the most interminable aggravating variance-obsessed cycle until we're all broke and Jim Crockerell owns the whole city.

Tom Basgen, St. Paul

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DC mayor: We have to be concerned about virus rebound

ARTICLE XCIV. [**DC MAYOR: WE HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT VIRUS REBOUND**](#)

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Body

By KELLI KENNEDY, DANICA KIRKA and PABLO GORONDI

MIAMI (AP) - In hindsight, Rosa Jimenez Cano realizes that attending a protest against police brutality was risky - and not just for the usual reasons.

"This can be kind of a tinderbox for COVID," the 39-year-old venture capitalist said after attending a demonstration in Florida, one of many around the country sparked by the death of **George Floyd**, a black man who died after he was pinned at the neck by a white Minneapolis police officer.

As more beaches, churches, mosques, schools and businesses reopened worldwide, the sudden and mass civil unrest in the United States is raising fears of new virus outbreaks in a country that has more confirmed infections and deaths than any other. And it's not just in the U.S. - London hosted a large anti-racism protest Sunday where demonstrators violated social distancing rules.

Rosa Jimenez Cano said she planned to self-quarantine for 14 days, worrying she was perhaps "irresponsible" when she attended Saturday night's protest in Miami, where she exposed herself to crowds of people.

Protests over Floyd's death - the latest in a series of killings of black men and women at the hands of police in America - have shaken the country from Minneapolis to New York, from Atlanta to Los Angeles. Some turned into riots and clashes with police, leaving stores in flames and torched cars in the streets.

Health experts fear that silent carriers of the virus could unwittingly infect others at protests where people are packed cheek to jowl, many without masks, many chanting, singing or shouting. The virus is dispersed by microscopic droplets in the air when people cough, sneeze, sing or talk.

"There's no question that, when you put hundreds or thousands of people together in close proximity, when we have got this virus all over the streets ... it's not healthy," Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

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"Two weeks from now across America, we're going to find out whether or not this gives us a spike and drives the numbers back up again or not."

The U.S. has seen over 1.7 million infections and nearly 104,000 deaths in the pandemic, which has disproportionately affected racial minorities in a nation that does not have universal health care.

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser said Sunday she was very concerned that the protests in the nation's capital and elsewhere could provide fertile ground for a new series of outbreaks. Many of the protesters were wearing masks, but there were no attempts at social distancing.

"We've been working very hard in these last eight to 10 weeks to not have any mass gatherings," she said. "As a nation, we have to be concerned about a rebound."

Even the many protesters wearing masks are not guaranteed protection. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says cloth masks keep infected people from spreading the virus but are not designed to protect wearers from getting it.

Mass protests in connection with Floyd's death were also being held in Europe.

In London, thousands of people marched Sunday chanting "No justice! No peace!" while carrying signs reading "***Justice for George Floyd***" and "Racism is a global issue." Many demonstrators were not wearing masks and most in the crowd at Trafalgar Square were packed closely together. Britain has seen nearly 38,500 virus deaths, the second-highest in the world after the United States.

In Berlin, hundreds of protesters picketed outside the U.S. Embassy on Saturday night under the motto: "***Justice for George Floyd***." Others marched near the U.S. embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Many Americans returned Sunday to in-person church services for the first time in weeks and tens of thousands of mosques reopened across the Middle East, but countries from India to Colombia still saw rising numbers of new infections.

Nearly 6.1 million infections have been reported worldwide, with nearly 370,000 people dying, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The true death toll is believed to be significantly higher, since many victims died of the virus without ever being tested.

The situation worsened Sunday in India, where new daily cases topped 8,000 for the first time and 193 more deaths were reported. Despite that, India still is easing restrictions on shops and public transport in more states beginning Monday, although subways and schools will remain closed.

In Saudi Arabia, mosques reopened Sunday for the first time in more than two months, but Islam's holiest site in Mecca remained closed. In Jerusalem, throngs of worshippers waited outside the Al-Aqsa Mosque before it reopened. Many wore surgical masks and waited for temperature checks as they entered.

In Bogota, the capital of Colombia, authorities were locking down an area of nearly 1.5 million people as cases continued to rise. Mayor Claudia Lopez said no one in the working-class Kennedy area - inaugurated by the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy in 1961 - will be allowed out, except to seek food or medical care or in case of an emergency. Factories must also close.

In Spain, Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said Sunday that he would ask Parliament for a final two-week extension of the nation's state of emergency that is set to expire on June 7. That allows the government to

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keep ordering lockdown measures to control its coronavirus outbreak, which has claimed at least 27,000 lives, many of them in overwhelmed nursing homes.

"We have almost reached safe harbor," Sánchez said.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis cautioned people against being pessimistic as they emerge from coronavirus lockdowns.

During Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to mark Pentecost Sunday, Francis noted a tendency to say that "nothing will return as before." That kind of thinking, Francis said, guarantees that "the one thing that certainly does not return is hope."

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Kirka reported from London and Gorondi reported from Budapest. AP reporters from around the world contributed to this report.

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1,500 protesters march from Capitol onto I-94 in St. Paul for about 1 hour

ARTICLE XCV. [**1,500 PROTESTERS MARCH FROM CAPITOL ONTO I-94 IN ST. PAUL
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Body

NOTE: This story stopped being updated Sunday evening. For the latest on what happened at the Capitol, including perhaps a dozen arrests, read [this more recent story](#).

About 1,500 people who gathered for a large protest at the Capitol in St. Paul on Sunday began marching later in the afternoon and walked onto Interstate 94. They headed westbound for about an hour before they exited.

Police described the group as organized and peaceful. After leaving the Capitol, the group used the St. Anthony Avenue ramp to enter Interstate 94 West shortly after 4 p.m. They exited at Lexington Parkway about 5 p.m. to University Avenue, headed east and returned to the Capitol.

The protest began at 1 p.m., with people calling for a special prosecutor to be appointed in the case of [George Floyd](#), who died on Monday after a Minneapolis police officer was seen on video kneeling on his neck.

[Derek Chauvin](#), who was fired from the police department, was charged Friday with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd's death.

People at Sunday's protest were also calling for three other officers who were present, and who have also been terminated from the [Minneapolis police department](#), to be arrested and charged.

Michelle Gross said Communities United Against Police Brutality, of which she is president, has worked for 20 years on attempting to approve police accountability.

"We need to get the framing back where it belongs - it's not about burned buildings and smashed windows," Gross said before Sunday's protest. "... This is about the murder of an innocent man who was unarmed. ...

1,500 protesters march from Capitol onto I-94 in St. Paul for about 1 hour

It's about the decades of murders by police in this state and across this country that have brought us to this moment."

During the protest at the Capitol, the city closed University Avenue from Rice to Jackson streets, which remains closed.

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False claim targets wife of officer charged in Floyd's death

ARTICLE XCVI. **[FALSE CLAIM TARGETS WIFE OF OFFICER CHARGED IN FLOYD'S DEATH](#)**

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Body

By BEATRICE DUPUY

Amid reports that the wife of the white officer charged with murder in the death of ***George Floyd*** filed for divorce, false social media posts emerged claiming her brother was among the officers involved in the arrest.

"THE PLOT THICKENS!" shouted a Facebook post Saturday claiming that ***Derek Chauvin***'s wife, Kellie Chauvin, was the sister of an officer captured on video standing by as the 46-year-old black man cried out for help.

But Kellie Chauvin is not the sister of ***Tou Thao***, one of the officers on the scene.

"***Tou Thao*** is NOT Ms. Chauvin's brother. I would GREATLY appreciate help putting that rumor to rest," Amanda Mason-Sekula, her divorce lawyer, said in an email. "Her family has been harassed and threatened based on multiple incorrect reports."

Kellie Chauvin, who competed for the title of Mrs. Minnesota in 2018 with the hope of becoming the first Hmong winner, does have a brother, but it's not Thao. Her brother is a police officer in St. Paul, said Mason-Sekula, adding he was not involved in any aspect of Floyd's death.

Both Kellie Chauvin and Thao are Asian. Kellie Chauvin was born in Laos in 1974. Her family fled to Thailand in 1977 following the war.

Posts making the false claim spread across Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, with the rumor swirling in Minneapolis' Hmong community. The widely shared posts included side-by-side photos of Thao, Chauvin and Kellie Chauvin. ***Derek Chauvin*** has been charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the death of the Floyd, which has led to days of protests in the U.S. and violence. All four officers involved in the arrest were fired.

False claim targets wife of officer charged in Floyd's death

"Kellie Chauvin is the wife of *Derek Chauvin*, *Tou Thao* is Kellie Chauvin's brother," said one post on Instagram with more than 3,000 likes.

False information surrounding Floyd's death has snowballed on social media amid protests calling for justice in the killing of Floyd who had recently moved to Minneapolis to start a new life for himself.

Charges have not been filed against Thao and the other officers at the scene. Thao was sued in federal court in 2017 for alleged excessive force, according to online records obtained by The Associated Press. According to the lawsuit, Lamar Ferguson claimed that in 2014 Thao and his partner stopped him and beat him up while he was on his way to his girlfriend's house. The lawsuit was settled for \$25,000.

Associated Press writer Michael R. Sisak contributed to this report.

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Truck drives through crowd in Minneapolis, apparently hitting none; evening sees mass arrests but little violence

ARTICLE XCVII. **TRUCK DRIVES THROUGH CROWD IN MINNEAPOLIS,
APPARENTLY HITTING NONE; EVENING SEES MASS ARRESTS BUT LITTLE
VIOLENCE**

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Body

An afternoon of peaceful demonstrations across the Twin Cities Sunday was shattered when a tanker truck drove into a crowd of demonstrators marching on Interstate 35W in Minneapolis.

But apparently, it hit none of them, according to authorities, who were unclear of the driver's motives.

As evening drew on after curfew, the evening became punctuated by orderly mass arrests of curfew violators, but as of 11 p.m., no fires and little violence. Around 11:30 p.m., Minneapolis responded to a fire at a small grocery store, and after midnight they responded to a few reports of looting and fires that could not be readily confirmed.

"We're seeing very few incidents," Gov. Tim Walz said around 10:30 p.m.

One large group of demonstrators gathered in Minneapolis, preparing for a standoff with police on the ground where **George Floyd**, whose death sparked protests last week. Floyd, who was unarmed, died Monday after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on him.

The group neither exhibited - nor allowed - violence within its ranks, disobeying curfew for hours in what was a largely solemn display. "This is a safe space," one of the [*demonstrators said*](#).

By 1 a.m., the group had hauled in trailers, signs and parts of fences to barricade the area from police, whom they assumed would arrive, sooner or later.

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- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress) [June 1, 2020](#)

The lack of carnage in the truck incident was astounding to many.

Truck drives through crowd in Minneapolis, apparently hitting none; evening sees mass arrests but little violence

"Not to have a tragedy and many deaths is just an amazing thing," Walz said at 7 p.m., a little over an hour after the incident happened.

The driver was mobbed by the crowd and detained for police, who arrested him. Video of the event shows him being forcibly removed and roughed up while some in the crowd pleaded with those grabbing him to not harm him. After being treated at a hospital for non life-threatening injuries, he was released into police custody.

The horrifying and chaotic incident was still being investigated as nightfall approached, heralding the third straight night of curfew and highway closures as the metro area and thousands of law enforcement and National Guard personnel braced for whatever the night might bring.

As the sun set and crowds dispersed from a peaceful protest in front of the State Capitol in St. Paul, several hundred previously peaceful protesters in Minneapolis ignored the curfew and marched on a different stretch of I-35W, apparently destined for a police confrontation. After sunset, police began to make mass arrests of curfew breakers in Minneapolis - about 150 as of 10 p.m.

A small group remained at the Capitol and briefly clashed with police, resulting in perhaps a dozen arrests, officials said.

Those arrests - slow and methodical constrictions of police surrounding peaceful demonstrators - contrasted sharply with the tear gas-tinged incursions of law enforcement the evening before. Officials said the difference was that authorities were able to determine that Sunday's groups did not include violent actors, but rather those engaging in peaceful disobedience.

Some arrests at [#GeorgeFloydProtests](#) in Minneapolis

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress)

The entire area is reeling following a week that witnessed widespread and unchecked violence, looting and fires until Saturday night, when the state's largest-ever assemblage of law enforcement - a militarized force, really - was aided by widespread curfew compliance and seized control of the streets.

In a pattern that has played out in cities across the nation, the demonstrations were followed by escalating violence after the death of Floyd.

NO DECISION ON MONDAY CURFEW

While the early part of Sunday evening appeared relatively quiet, officials said that no decision had been made on whether curfew would be imposed Monday. Top law enforcement officials will make a recommendation to Walz, who has instituted the previous curfews jointly with the respective mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis and authorized local officials across the state to do so as they see fit.

ARSONISTS' CACHES

There were signs that those intent on doing harm - and it's [unclear exactly who they are pic.twitter.com/4awDyw3ZXh June 1, 2020](#) - would try again Sunday.

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said authorities continued to discover caches of incendiary materials in vehicles and other places. Some appeared to be days old and were found in areas where fires

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previously had been set, while others appeared to have been placed within the previous 24 hours. They were associated with a fleet of vehicles, many if not all stolen, that have been stripped of license plates.

Harrington said the pattern speaks to sophisticated planning and coordination.

TRUCK VS. CROWD

TV aerial video and state traffic cameras showed a disturbing and chaotic series of events before 6 p.m. after a large crowd of marchers had taken to I-35W, which was officially closed at 5 p.m.

Absolutely frightening scene on I-35W as a tanker truck drivers through thousands of protesters. [@WCCO](#) has live coverage right now!

- Jeff Wagner (@Jeff_Wagner4)

Harrington said that preliminary reviews of state traffic cameras suggested the driver was already on the highway when crews began closing it. Later, Department of Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell said that the driver did drive around a traffic "diversion" that was being set up to shunt vehicles off the highway.

Authorities initially planned to close the highways later in the evening. However, when throngs of peaceful demonstrators marched from a mostly peaceful event at U.S. Bank Stadium, several thousand headed toward the interstate. The Minnesota Department of Transportation announced the 5 p.m. closure time about 20 minutes before it took effect.

Harrington said that action - by what he estimated were 4,000 to 7,000 people - prompted officials to decide to close the highway earlier than planned to protect the safety of the demonstrators, who were not authorized to march on the interstate.

The 18-wheeler tanker truck drove toward and into the edge of the crowd at what appeared to be swift speed - Schnell suggested it could have been above the speed limit - before coming to a halt. The crowd largely appeared to scatter in advance of the truck, and some videos posted online showed the driver sounding his horn at one point.

"It was sheer panic," said Rachel Quinn, a nurse from Minneapolis who was in the crowd when the truck rolled in.

The truck did not appear to swerve or veer toward the crowd as it came to a stop.

The cab was soon mobbed. Video shows the truck then begin to drive forward again with people on its hood and clinging to both sides of the cab. One of them appeared to break the driver's front window, and the truck stopped came to a stop a second time. That person can be seen breaching the cab through the driver's front window.

While protestors were taking a knee on I-35 a semi truck driver ran into protestors. The police have arrived macing protestors instead of going after the truck driver.
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- Shade Pratt (@ShadePratt22) [May 31, 2020](#)

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Immediately following, the crowds fled - or attempted to flee - from the stretch of interstate, which is elevated as it approaches a span over the Mississippi River. Some people could be seen vaulting over guardrails, while others stayed put.

Harrington said authorities didn't know if the tanker and its content might be hazardous or explosive - or if they were secure. As such, police aggressively cleared the crowd, using chemical irritants and other tactics that have become commonplace lately. The tactic drew criticism from many in the crowd, who noted their demonstration, while civilly disobedient, had been non-violent.

Harrington said it was necessary for their safety and so authorities could reach and secure the tanker truck, which some witnesses told a TV reporter was leaking fuel.

Hennepin County jail records indicate the name of the trucker as Bogdan Vechirko, 35, of Otsego, booked under suspicion of assault.

The trucking company described the driver as an independent contractor.

[Kenan Advantage Group](#), a major petroleum transportation company, released the following statement Sunday evening:

"Our hearts go out to all those who are grieving the events of this past week. We have been informed of an incident involving one of our independent contractors in Minneapolis, MN during recent protests. Our first and foremost concern is for the safety and security of the public, our employees and our customers. We will be cooperating fully with the investigating authorities in the days ahead. It would be inappropriate to comment at this time until we have additional facts as the investigation is in its early stages. We will comment further once we have more information."

ST. PAUL PROTEST

Some [1,500 people rallied at the Capitol in St. Paul](#) and also took to the interstate afterward, but that event featured none of the horror of the otherwise-similar scene in Minneapolis. Later, however, the situation became more heated.

The afternoon protest led to road closures around the Capitol complex and featured some tense moments near the front of the crowd, where police and soldiers from the Minnesota National Guard stood behind a fence they had erected. Around 4 p.m., a contingent of the crowd marched onto the Interstate 94, headed west, and exited at Lexington Avenue.

By 8 p.m., only a few remained at the Capitol. St. Paul officers were assisting with the arrest of a small group of people at the Capitol for curfew violations about 9:30 p.m.

Satara Strong, ***Black Lives Matter*** Twin Cities, says organized March officially dispersed when they got to the State Capitol, and they're not in charge of this particular action at the fence. That's organic and they need to be aware. 19 min to curfew. Some organizers nervous. pic.twitter.com/wmeMl6tNJA

- Frederick Melo, Reporter (@FrederickMelo) [June 1, 2020](#)

Schnell said at one point a small group of people attempted to breach the fence around the Capitol. This led to an exchange where authorities deployed gas. Schnell said the number of those arrested was "10 to 12 or less."

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CHAUVIN COURT APPEARANCE

Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer charged with third-degree murder for in Floyd's death, was to make his first court appearance on Monday, but it was rescheduled to June 8, according to a court record, which did not list an attorney for him.

Chauvin was [booked into the Ramsey County Jail](#) after Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agents took him into custody Friday. He was transferred Sunday to the Hennepin County Jail, according to a jail roster, and then moved to the state prison in Oak Park Heights Sunday, Schnell said.

Nick Ferraro, Frederick Melo and Mara H. Gottfried contributed to this report.

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Graphic

Bogdan Vechirko, 35, was arrested Sunday, May 31, 2020, after he drove a semi through a crowd of protesters on Interstate 35W in Minneapolis. No one was injured. (Courtesy of the Hennepin County Jail)

Derek Chauvin

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155+ people arrested in George Floyd unrest on Saturday night, Sunday

ARTICLE XCVIII. [155+ PEOPLE ARRESTED IN GEORGE FLOYD UNREST ON SATURDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY](#)

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Highlight: More than 155 people were arrested on Saturday night and Sunday as law enforcement and the Minnesota National Guard changed tactics after several nights of arson and looting in the Twin Cities. Based on intelligence gathered by law enforcement and with the cooperation of community members, the Minnesota Multi-Agency Command Center "deployed fast-moving teams to [...]"

Body

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Based on intelligence gathered by law enforcement and with the cooperation of community members, the Minnesota Multi-Agency Command Center "deployed fast-moving teams to targets that were of high value and high probability of attack," according to a statement from the Department of Public Safety.

Thousands of officers from the National Guard, Minnesota State Patrol, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and local law enforcement worked on the strategy.

There has been unrest in the Twin Cities since [George Floyd](#), 46, died on Monday after a Minneapolis officer pinned him with his knee by the neck. The officer has since been charged with murder.

"We prepositioned staff so they would be immediately adjacent and told them 'get there fast,'" said Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington. "Speed was of the essence to stop the violence and criminal activity."

People were arrested on suspicion of curfew violation, weapons possession, narcotics possession and rioting, according to DPS.

The State Patrol confiscated seven firearms and [Minneapolis Police Department](#) recovered five firearms. St. Paul police officers stopped several vehicles without license plates and "within those vehicles were tools that could be used for destructive purposes," according to a DPS statement.

St. Paul police arrested 15 people between Saturday and early Sunday; the number doesn't reflect all the arrests in the city, but only those made by St. Paul officers. Seven had St. Paul addresses, four had

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Minneapolis addresses, and one each were residents of Blaine and St. Michael in Wright County. Two had unknown addresses.

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office reported 73 people were cited and released for curfew violations - 50 had Minnesota driver's licenses, five had California driver's licenses, two had Colorado driver's licenses, and one each had licenses from Florida, Illinois, South Dakota and Texas. Information about the addresses of the others couldn't be confirmed.

There were 52 protest-related arrested in Hennepin County - 22 on suspicion of riot, 20 for failing to comply with a peace officer, five for weapons, two for assault, one for assault and weapons, one for burglary and one for curfew violation.

Forty-one of those arrested listed a Minnesota address. Of the others, four listed a Wisconsin address, two an Iowa address and one each from Oregon, Nebraska, North Dakota, Illinois and Australia.

Gov. Tim Walz said an 8 p.m. curfew will continue tonight in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and major highways in the Twin Cities closed at 5 p.m.: [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Gandhi Mahal Restaurant burned in George Floyd riot, but owner still supports protest

ARTICLE XCIX. **GANDHI MAHAL RESTAURANT BURNED IN GEORGE FLOYD RIOT,
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Highlight: On Friday morning, as dawn broke through the smoke hanging over Minneapolis, the Gandhi Mahal Restaurant was severely damaged by fire. Hafsa Islam, whose father owns the Bangladeshi Indian restaurant with members of his family, woke at 6 a.m. to hear the news. "At first, I was angry," said Islam, 18. "This is my family's [...]"

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"At first, I was angry," said Islam, 18. "This is my family's main source of income."

But then she overheard her father, Ruhel Islam, speaking to a friend on the phone. "Let my building burn," he said. "Justice needs to be served."

On Friday afternoon, after the fire stopped smoldering and the family came together, he repeated his support for the protests that had closed his restaurant. "We can rebuild a building, but we cannot rebuild a human," said Ruhel Islam, 42. "The community is still here, and we can work together to rebuild."

For days, the family has watched the protests over the arrest and killing of ***George Floyd***, the African American man who died Monday after a white police officer pinned him to the ground, a knee pressed against Floyd's neck for several minutes. The officer has been fired and on Friday was arrested and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter, authorities said.

The restaurant is just a few doors away from the 3rd Precinct headquarters of the ***Minneapolis Police Department***, which was set ablaze by protesters Thursday night. Other buildings also burned, and fire eventually reached the restaurant.

Hafsa Islam, who delivers food part-time for DoorDash, said she had stopped her car at a red light Monday as Floyd was arrested. She watched, horrified, from her car, she said. She learned only later that he had died.

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"I understand why people did what they did," she said of the demonstrators. "They had tried with the peaceful protesting, and it hasn't been working."

Gandhi Mahal opened in 2008, during the Great Recession. Although Ruhel Islam believes in nonviolent protest - he named his restaurant in honor of Mohandas K. Gandhi, also known as Mahatma Gandhi - he empathizes with the frustration of many Minneapolis residents.

"I am going to continuously promote peaceful ways and nonviolent movement," he said. "But our younger generation is angry, and there's reason to be angry."

So as mounted police fired tear gas into the crowd Tuesday, the Islam family opened a room in their spacious restaurant to medics, who set up a makeshift field hospital. Hafsa Islam said she saw at least 200 people come in and out on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Some needed to catch their breath after inhaling tear gas, she said. One woman had been hit in the eye by a rubber bullet, damaging her vision. A rubber bullet tore open the back of another man's neck. When he fell unconscious, the medics laid him out on a table.

"We were just trying to do what we could to help our community," said Hafsa Islam, who helped treat wounded protesters. "Sure, we had our business. Sure, we were trying to keep our kitchen open. But more than anything, we were concerned for our people."

The tension in Ruhel Islam's adopted city reminds him of his childhood in Bangladesh, when he lived through a dictatorship. Two of his fellow students were killed by police, he said. "We grew up in a traumatic police state, so I am familiar with this type of situation," he said.

The restaurant has been a hub for interfaith efforts against climate change, and a related art collection was lost to the flames. In the basement, the family cultivated a small aquaponics farm to supply the restaurant with fresh ingredients.

"Now probably the whole basement is aquaponics with the water," Ruhel Islam said, joking about the sprinkler damage.

Both Tuesday and Wednesday night, before the medics had to relocate to a nearby church to protect their patients, Ruhel Islam kept cooking. As wounds were bandaged and hands were held in the front room, he was in the kitchen, preparing daal, basmati rice and naan. Simple food, he said, but high in protein - just the thing to get his community through a long, dark night.

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'We're sick of it': Anger over police killings shatters U.S.

ARTICLE C. ['WE'RE SICK OF IT': ANGER OVER POLICE KILLINGS SHATTERS U.S.](#)

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Tense protests over the death of *George Floyd* and other police killings of black people grew Saturday from New York to Tulsa to Los Angeles, with police cars set ablaze and reports of injuries mounting on all sides as the country convulsed through another night of unrest after months of coronavirus lockdowns.

Body

MINNEAPOLIS - Americans awoke Sunday to charred and glass-strewn streets in dozens of cities after another night of unrest fueled by rage over the mistreatment of African Americans at the hands of police, who responded to the violence with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Tens of thousands marched peacefully through streets to protest the death of *George Floyd*, a black man who died Monday after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on his neck until he stopped breathing. But many demonstrations sank into chaos as night fell: Cars and businesses were torched. The words "*I can't breathe*" were spray-painted all over buildings. A fire in a trash bin burned near the gates of the White House.

The fury sparked by Floyd's death was compounded by the coronavirus pandemic, which has left millions out of work and killed more than 100,000 people in the U.S., including disproportionate numbers of black people.

"We're sick of it. The cops are out of control," protester Olga Hall said in Washington, D.C. "They're wild. There's just been too many dead boys."

People set fire to squad cars, threw bottles at officers and busted windows of storefronts, carrying away TVs and other items even as some protesters urged them to stop. In Indianapolis, multiple shootings were reported, including one that left a person dead amid the protests, adding to deaths in Detroit and Minneapolis in recent days.

In Minneapolis, the city where the protests began, police, state troopers and National Guard members moved in soon after an 8 p.m. curfew took effect to break up the demonstrations.

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At least 13 police officers were injured in Philadelphia, and at least four police vehicles were set on fire. In New York City, dangerous confrontations flared repeatedly as officers made arrests and cleared streets. A video showed two NYPD cruisers lurching into a crowd of demonstrators who were pushing a barricade against one of them and pelting it with objects. Several people were knocked to the ground. It was unclear if anyone was hurt.

"The mistakes that are happening are not mistakes. They're repeated violent terrorist offenses, and people need to stop killing black people," Brooklyn protester Meryl Makielski said.

Overnight curfews were imposed in more than a dozen major cities nationwide, including Atlanta, Denver, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, San Francisco and Seattle.

Few corners of America were untouched, from protesters setting fires inside Reno's city hall, to police launching tear gas at rock-throwing demonstrators in Fargo, North Dakota. In Salt Lake City, demonstrators flipped a police car and lit it on fire. Police said six people were arrested and an officer was injured after being struck in the head with a baseball bat.

By daybreak, cleanup had already begun in Nashville along Broadway Street - known for its famous honky tonks - after protesters broke windows, lit fires and destroyed light poles. Police said in a tweet that at least 30 businesses and buildings were damaged.

Republican Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp authorized the deployment of up to 3,000 National Guard troops to Athens, Savannah and any other cities where more demonstrations were planned Sunday. Kemp had already approved up to 1,500 Guardsmen to help enforce a 9 p.m. Saturday curfew in Atlanta.

"The protesters need to know we're going to support their efforts in a peaceful, nonviolent protest," Kemp told television station WSB late Saturday. "The agitators need to know that we'll be there ... to take them to jail if they're destroying lives and property."

President Donald Trump appeared to cheer on the tougher tactics Saturday night, commending the National Guard deployment in Minneapolis, declaring "No games!" and saying police in New York City "must be allowed to do their job!"

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden condemned the violence as he continued to express common cause with those demonstrating after Floyd's death.

"The act of protesting should never be allowed to overshadow the reason we protest," Biden said in a statement Saturday night.

In Ferguson, Missouri, where Michael Brown Jr. was shot and killed by a white police officer in 2014, sparking a wave of protests throughout the country, six officers were hurt after being hit with rocks and fireworks.

Police have arrested nearly 1,700 people in 22 cities since Thursday, according to a tally by The Associated Press. Nearly a third of those arrests came in Los Angeles, where the governor declared a state of emergency and ordered the National Guard to back up the city's 10,000 police officers as dozens of fires burned across the city.

This week's unrest recalled the riots in Los Angeles nearly 30 years ago after the acquittal of the white police officers who beat Rodney King, a black motorist who had led them on a high-speed chase. The

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protests of Floyd's killing have gripped many more cities, but the losses in Minneapolis have yet to approach the staggering totals Los Angeles saw during five days of rioting in 1992, when more than 60 people died, 2,000-plus were injured and thousands arrested, with property damage topping \$1 billion.

But not all protests were marred by violence. In Juneau, Alaska, local police joined protesters at a rally in front of a giant whale sculpture on the city's waterfront.

"We don't tolerate excessive use of force," Juneau Police Chief Ed Mercer told a gathering where most people wore masks and some sang Alaska Native songs.

The show of force in Minneapolis came after three days in which police largely avoided engaging protesters, and after the state poured more than 4,000 National Guard troops into Minneapolis. Authorities said that number would soon rise to nearly 11,000.

"The situation in Minneapolis is no longer in any way about the murder of *George Floyd*," said Gov. Tim Walz, who also said local forces had been overmatched the previous day. "It is about attacking civil society, instilling fear and disrupting our great cities."

Some residents were glad to see the upheaval dissipating.

"I live here. I haven't been able to sleep," said Iman Muhammad, whose neighborhood saw multiple fires set Friday night. Muhammad said she sympathized with peaceful protests over Floyd's death but disagreed with the violence: "Wrong doesn't answer wrong."

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Fox News reporter attacked, chased from White House demonstration

ARTICLE CI. [**FOX NEWS REPORTER ATTACKED, CHASED FROM WHITE HOUSE DEMONSTRATION**](#)

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Body

NEW YORK - A Fox News reporter was pummeled and chased by protesters who had gathered outside the White House early Saturday as part of nationwide unrest following the death of *George Floyd*.

For several journalists across the country, the demonstrations were taking an ominous, dangerous turn.

A television reporter in Columbia, S.C., was hurt by a thrown rock Saturday and a journalist in Minneapolis was shot in the thigh by a rubber bullet. A television news photographer in Pittsburgh said he was beaten by demonstrators, and police in Louisville, Kentucky, apologized after an officer fired what appeared to be pepper bullets at a television news crew.

Fox's Leland Vittert was rattled following the Washington attack that he said was clearly targeted at his news organization.

"We took a good thumping," he told The Associated Press. A live shot he was doing was interrupted by a group of protesters who shouted obscenities directed at Fox. Flanked by two security guards, he and photographer Christian Galdabini walked away from Washington's Lafayette Park trailed by an angry group before riot police dispersed them.

Vittert said there were no markings on him or the crew's equipment to identify them as from Fox. But he said during the demonstration, one man continually asked him who he worked for. He didn't answer, but the man found a picture of Vittert on his cell phone and shouted to other protesters that he was from Fox.

"The protesters stopped protesting whatever it was they were protesting and turned on us," he said, "and that was a very different feeling."

He compared it to when he was chased away from a demonstration in Egypt during the Arab Spring of 2011 by a group that shouted, "Fox News hates Muslims."

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A correspondent from the website The Daily Caller followed Vittert and the demonstrators as they left the park. At one point, someone took Vittert's microphone and threw it at his back. One woman chasing him wore a t-shirt that said, "***I can't breathe***," a reference what Floyd said earlier this week when a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against his neck.

Vittert said he was "extremely grateful" to the Daily Caller for documenting the scene; Galdabini's camera was smashed. "They were putting themselves at risk," he said.

"It makes me proud to do my job and to be a journalist," he said. "I'm proud to be an organization that is unyielding in our coverage. We're going to keep on telling our story and doing exactly what we're doing."

Suzanne Scott, CEO of Fox News Media, said in a memo on Saturday that Fox was taking all necessary security precautions to protect its journalists covering the story.

"We are truly living in unprecedented and transformative times and freedom of the press is a vital element to the foundation of our society," Scott wrote.

On Friday, CNN correspondent Omar Jimenez and his two-person crew were arrested while covering overnight protests in Minneapolis. They were quickly released, and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz apologized to CNN.

CNN's headquarters in Atlanta was damaged later Friday by a group of protesters who also fought with police and set cars afire. While police tried to keep them away from the CNN Center, demonstrators broke windows there and scrawled obscene graffiti on the network's logo.

Ian Smith, a photographer for KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh, said that he was attacked by protesters who stomped and kicked him at a demonstration there. Smith, who said other protesters jumped in to save him, posted a picture on Twitter showing him with a bruised face and bloody hand.

In Louisville, WAVE-TV was on the air covering a demonstration when video showed a police officer aiming a rifle at reporter Kaitlin Rust and her crew. She was heard yelling, "I've been shot! I've been shot!" and described them as pepper bullets.

Louisville Police spokeswoman Jesse Halladay apologized for the incident, and said police would review the video for potential discipline.

Two Associated Press photographers have been hit by projectiles while documenting protests, one in Minneapolis on Thursday and another in Los Angeles on Friday. Neither was seriously injured.

Demonstrators surrounded the police department headquarters in Columbia, S.C. on Saturday and a scuffle broke out with someone wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat. Rocks were thrown and Miranda Parnell, a television reporters from WIS-TV, was injured and taken to the hospital, according to a tweet from network anchor Judi Gatson.

It was not clear who threw the rock that hit Parnell.

In Minneapolis on Saturday, a Swedish journalist was shot in the thigh with a rubber bullet, apparently from a police gun, while covering a protest, according to the Norwegian newspaper VG. Later Saturday night, a CNN crew said some of its members were hit with rubber bullets.

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Cities fear George Floyd protests may fuel new wave of coronavirus outbreaks

ARTICLE CII. ***CITIES FEAR GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS MAY FUEL NEW WAVE
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Body

LOS ANGELES - The massive protests sweeping across U.S. cities following the police killing of a black man in Minnesota have sent shudders through the health community and elevated fears that the huge crowds will lead to a new surge in cases of the coronavirus.

Some leaders appealing for calm in places where crowds smashed storefronts and destroyed police cars in recent nights have been handing out masks and warning demonstrators they were putting themselves at risk.

"If you were out protesting last night, you probably need to go get a COVID test this week," Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said Saturday evening. "There is still a pandemic in America that's killing black and brown people at higher numbers."

Minnesota's governor said too many protesters weren't socially distancing or wearing masks after heeding the call earlier in the week.

But many seemed undeterred.

"It's not OK that in the middle of a pandemic we have to be out here risking our lives," Spence Ingram said Friday after marching with other protesters to the state Capitol in Atlanta. "But I have to protest for my life and fight for my life all the time."

Ingram, 25, who was wearing a mask, said she has asthma and was worried about contracting the virus. But she said as a black woman, she always felt that her life was under threat from police and she needed to protest that.

The demonstrations over the killing of *George Floyd*, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis officer pressed a knee into his neck, are coming at a time when many cities were beginning to relax stay-at-home orders.

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That's especially worrisome for health experts who fear that silent carriers of the virus who have no symptoms could unwittingly infect others at gatherings with people packed cheek to jowl and cheering and jeering without masks.

"Whether they're fired up or not that doesn't prevent them from getting the virus," said Bradley Pollock, chairman of the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of California, Davis.

Even for the many protesters who have been wearing masks, those don't guarantee protection from the coronavirus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cloth masks because they can make it more difficult for infected people to spread the virus - but they are not designed to protect the person wearing the mask from getting it.

The U.S. has been worst hit by the coronavirus outbreak, with more than 1.7 million cases and over 103,000 deaths, according to a tally kept by Johns Hopkins University.

In New York, where more than 21,000 people have died during the pandemic, a large crowd in Brooklyn tossed water bottles at officers and torched a police van Friday outside the Barclays Center. Officers cleared the crowd by spraying an eye-irritating chemical.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said after another night of unrest in Minneapolis that many protesters wearing masks were simply trying to hide their identities and "cause confusion and take advantage of this situation."

"I will continue to stress, because it seems like a lifetime ago: We are still in the middle of a pandemic and passed 1,000 deaths yesterday. We still have hospitals on the verge of being overrun with COVID-19," he said.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey echoed those concerns: "We have two crises that are sandwiched on top of one other."

The state's health commissioner had warned just days earlier that the massive protests were almost certain to fuel new cases of the virus. Minnesota reported 35 deaths on Thursday, a single-day high since the start of the outbreak, and 29 more on Friday.

But it wasn't just protesters at risk - unmasked officers stood within arm's reach of shouting demonstrators. In Atlanta, police Chief Erika Shields waded into a crowd without a mask Friday while she listened to people air frustrations.

When Los Angeles officials announced earlier in the week that the city was relaxing stay-at-home orders and reopening stores, they said political protests could resume but with a cap of 100 people.

Several hundred people showed up for a protest organized by ***Black Lives Matter***-LA and later shut down a freeway. Most wore masks, but many did not observe a buffer zone.

Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said Friday that was an ongoing concern.

"Show respect for each other by putting on that face covering so that your respiratory droplets aren't unintentionally getting into somebody else's mouth, nose or eyes," she said.

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Those same concerns surfaced Saturday in Paris when unions flouted a ban on large gatherings at a march to protest conditions for workers in the country illegally. Police used tear gas to disperse the crowds and said they had banned the march due to the "health risks that such an event is likely to generate."

Meanwhile, the European Union on Saturday urged President Donald Trump to rethink his decision to terminate the U.S. relationship with the World Health Organization as spiking infection rates in India and elsewhere reinforced that the pandemic is far from contained.

Trump on Friday charged that the WHO didn't respond adequately to the pandemic and accused the U.N. agency of being under China's "total control." The U.S. is the largest source of financial support for the WHO, and its exit is expected to significantly weaken the organization.

The head of the EU's executive arm urged Trump to reconsider. "The WHO needs to continue being able to lead the international response to pandemics, current and future," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told Germany's Funke media group that Trump's decision was the "wrong signal at the wrong time."

In China, where the virus outbreak began, only four new confirmed cases were reported Saturday, all brought from outside the country.

More than 6 million coronavirus infections have been reported worldwide, with over 368,000 deaths and more than 2.5 million recoveries, according to the Johns Hopkins tally. The true death toll is widely believed to be significantly higher, with experts saying many victims died of the virus without ever being tested for it.

Elite sporting events will be allowed to resume in England starting Monday, but without spectators, paving the way for the planned June 17 return of the Premier League, the world's richest soccer competition.

England's deputy chief medical officer Jonathan Van-Tam warned that the situation overall remained precarious. "I believe this is also a very dangerous moment," he said. "We have to get this right."

India registered another record single-day jump of 7,964 cases and 265 deaths. The government had been expected to end a 2-month-old nationwide lockdown but instead extended measures in some areas due to coronavirus outbreaks.

Italy, though, added 111 new victims to its death toll and nearly 420 new infections, in line with its recent daily tallies, suggesting the virus is under control nearly four weeks after the country began gingerly loosening a strict lockdown in the onetime European epicenter of the pandemic.

Seewer reported from Toledo, Ohio. AP reporters from around the world contributed to this report.

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Keith Ellison will take lead in case against ex-Minneapolis cop after ACLU request

ARTICLE CIII. ***KEITH ELLISON WILL TAKE LEAD IN CASE AGAINST EX-MINNEAPOLIS COP AFTER ACLU REQUEST***

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Byline: Kristi Belcamino

Highlight: Hours after the ACLU called Sunday for Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison to be involved in the ***George Floyd*** murder case, Gov. Tim Walz said Ellison will take the lead in the prosecution of the case. Shortly before that, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman had announced that he asked Ellison to work with him on [...]

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Shortly before that, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman had announced that he asked Ellison to work with him on the prosecution and that Ellison had agreed to help.

"It (is) with a large degree of humility and a great seriousness, I accept for my office the responsibility for leadership on this critical case involving the killing of ***George Floyd***. We are going to bring to bear all the resources necessary to achieve justice in this case," Ellison tweeted.

Walz made the announcement in a Sunday night press conference.

Earlier Sunday, the ACLU and the Legal Rights Center called for the third-degree murder charges against former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** be "immediately amended" and demanded a special prosecutor be appointed in the case.

Freeman's statement did not mention amending the charges.

Ellison "has accepted Freeman's invitation to be a full partner in further proceedings in this case," and the two were planning to meet Monday to begin working together, according to a prepared statement by Freeman.

"There have been recent developments in the facts of the case where the help and expertise of the Attorney General would be valuable," Freeman said in the statement Sunday.

Calling the third-degree murder charge "potentially defective," the ACLU and the Legal Rights Center said they have "grave concerns about the legal sufficiency of the criminal complaint" charging Chauvin in the

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death of ***George Floyd***, saying it may "allow Chauvin to evade the punishment warranted for his actions." Chauven held his knee on Floyd's neck during an arrest this past week for nearly 9 minutes, including nearly 3 minutes after Floyd became unresponsive.

Chauven also has been charged with manslaughter.

The ACLU sent a letter to Walz, Freeman and Ellison demanding that the prosecution be taken out of the Hennepin County Attorney's office and turned over to Ellison.

"The horrific extrajudicial of Mr. Floyd by the police has once again focused a national spotlight on racial bias and use of excessive force by police in Minnesota, in particular against Black, Indigenous, and other people of color," the letter said. "Many people feel a deep chasm between themselves and the police who are supposed to serve them, deepened by a history of failures to hold police accountable for their misconduct."

The letter said since Minneapolis police and Freeman work closely on other matters, "it is untenable for people to investigate the same officers they work with and rely on daily. Having them do so fosters distrust and suspicion in the community."

The current charge "combined with the delay by the Hennepin County Attorney's office in charging Chauvin and the other involved officers, further strengthens and validates demands for appointment of a special prosecutor to handle charges arising from this tragic event and its aftermath."

The complaint is "potentially deficient" because "Minnesota courts have repeatedly ruled that to support a (third-degree murder) charge, the offender's actions need to be 'eminently dangerous to more than one person,' " the statement said, noting that Chauvin's actions were only toward Floyd.

Because prosecutors did not recognize the "potential flaws," they wrote, the current charge "only serves to further undermine community trust in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office."

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Gov. Walz: Minneapolis, St. Paul curfews continue Sunday night. Highway closures started at 5 p.m.

ARTICLE CIV. **[GOV. WALZ: MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL CURFEWS CONTINUE
SUNDAY NIGHT. HIGHWAY CLOSURES STARTED AT 5 P.M.](#)**

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An overnight curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis and closures of major highways during the evening will continue tonight, Gov. Tim Walz announced Sunday.

After days of looting and arson, law enforcement from across Minnesota and the National Guard were able to quell it Saturday night into Sunday morning, Walz said.

Overnight highway closures in the Twin Cities were to begin at 7 p.m., but the Minnesota Department of Transportation announced about 4:40 p.m. that they would take effect at 5 p.m. instead. Protesters started marching from the Capitol and [onto westbound Interstate 94](#) in St. Paul shortly after 4 p.m. before exiting the highway about 5 p.m.

Protests began after [George Floyd](#), who was handcuffed, died on Monday after a Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into his neck. [Derek Chauvin](#), who was fired from the police department, was charged Friday with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Road closures will now begin at 5PM, and will be more extensive than previously planned. <https://t.co/8Znf2BVk9x>

- Minnesota Department of Transportation (@MnDOT)

On Sunday, Walz thanked Minnesotans for protecting their neighbors. He said law enforcement and the Minnesota National Guard executed "the most complex public safety operation in state's history. They did so in a professional manner. They did so without a single loss of life and minimal property damage."

[More than 155 people were arrested pic.twitter.com/1PfoEIRTRL May 31, 2020](#) between Saturday night and Sunday.

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Walz said he received a call on Saturday night from Jay-Z, "not international performer, but dad, stressing to me that justice needs to be served and that as he's listening and hearing it, that this is a place that wants to do it."

Walz [*gathered on Saturday with elected officials, community leaders and clergy.*](#)

"We were there together for dual purpose - the first was to send a message to stay home last night, to stay off the streets to allow us to execute this, so that we wouldn't have a loss of life and we could restore order," Walz said. "But it was very clear that was not the primary message. That message was a means to an end ... to open up the space for the real conversation, a real understanding that **George Floyd** was dead and the conditions here in Minnesota contributed to that."

Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said they set up a new operational approach on Saturday, recognizing the group of rioters who attacked Minneapolis, St. Paul and surrounding areas had large numbers, speed and a tactical advantage over officers and firefighters in the earlier days.

Speed was of the essence to stop the violence and the criminal activity, Harrington said.

Thousands of National Guard members were called up and they stood watch over critical infrastructure, freeing up officers "to be the rapid response" that was needed, according to Harrington.

People were arrested for being out after the 8 p.m. curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis and also weapons violations. There were AR-15s found on people, Harrington said.

One officer who was shot at was not injured. Police arrested two people in the vehicle where the shot came from and recovered an AR-15.

Law enforcement noted vehicles were seen driving in communities without license plates and their headlights off. When police stopped them, drivers ran. Officers found they were stolen locally and full of rocks, Harrington said.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE:

Our officers have been busy stopping several vehicles driving around the city without license plates. Each time officers stopped the vehicles, people inside have raced away on foot, leaving vehicles and tools used to wreak havoc on our city behind.

- Saint Paul Police Department (@sppdmn) [*May 31, 2020*](#)

Police also received tips from community members with rumors of riots and looting coming to their communities, most of which were debunked, Harrington said.

Also on Sunday, Walz [*apologized to journalists*](#), who he said were "inadvertently but nevertheless detained. ... It is unacceptable."

Minnesota has high rankings nationally for public schools, personal income, home ownership and life expectancy.

"But if you take a deeper look and peel it back - which this week has peeled back - all of those statistics are true if you're white," Walz said. "If you're not, we rank near the bottom. And what this week has shown all

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of us is those two things can't operate at the same place. You cannot continue to say you're a great place to live if your neighbor, because of the color of their skin, doesn't have that same opportunity."

Walz continued, "The ultimate end of that type behavior is the ability to believe that you can murder a black man in public and it is an unusual thing that murder charges were brought days later."

Restoring order to the streets "simply gets us back to a place where we were before," Walz said. "And that place is not good enough. ... If we do not get to that systemic problem eventually this will get us back to a point that led to our communities on fire, our security and safety in question and a searching for who we are."

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Houston mayor says George Floyd's body will return to hometown

ARTICLE CV. [**HOUSTON MAYOR SAYS GEORGE FLOYD'S BODY WILL RETURN TO HOMETOWN**](#)

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Floyd was a Houston native before moving to Minnesota. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said at a news conference that Floyd's body would be coming back to Houston but provided no additional details. His family has not announced funeral plans.

"This is the same city that *George Floyd* grew up in. And his body will be returning to this city," Turner said. "And so the focus needs to be on supporting and uplifting this family."

Turner spoke alongside Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, who said his department had arrested more than 130 people since protests began Friday in the nation's fourth-largest city.

Floyd, 46, grew up in Houston's Third Ward, one of the city's predominantly black neighborhoods. At 6 feet, 6 inches, Floyd emerged as a star tight end for Jack Yates High School and played in the 1992 state championship game in the Houston Astrodome. Yates lost to Temple, 38-20.

Floyd's death Monday and other police killings of black men have fueled tense demonstrations nationwide.

The white police officer who held his knee to Floyd's neck as he begged for air was arrested Friday and charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. But many protesters are demanding the arrests of the three other officers involved.

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George Floyd (Courtesy of Facebook)

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Police make nearly 1,400 arrests nationwide as George Floyd protests continue

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LOS ANGELES - Police have arrested nearly 1,400 people in 17 U.S. cities since Thursday as protests continue over the death of **George Floyd**.

Floyd died Monday in Minneapolis after a police officer put his knee on Floyd's neck for more than 8 minutes. The officer, Derrick Chauvin, was arrested on Friday and charged with third-degree murder. Floyd was black. Chauvin is white.

The arrest has done little to quell protests across the country over the weekend. Most have been peaceful, but some have erupted in violence.

An Associated Press tally of arrests found at least 1,383 people have been arrested since Thursday. The actual number is likely higher as protests continue Saturday night.

More than a third of the arrests, 533, came from Los Angeles alone on Friday.. The mayor of the nation's second-largest city has imposed a citywide curfew until 5:30 a.m. Sunday. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#). ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#). [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#). ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#). [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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ARTICLE CVII. [**BOLÉ TOPS \\$100,000 REBUILDING GOAL IN A DAY; ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT DESTROYED IN RIOT FIRES**](#)

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Byline: Isabel Saavedra-Weis

Highlight: After fires in St. Paul burned down Ethiopian restaurant Bolé, the owners created a GoFundMe page to raise \$100,000 to rebuild. One day later, over 2,300 people donated more than \$106,000. Many businesses in the East Midway neighborhood caught on fire on May 28 during rioting. The fire destroyed both the Bolé restaurant and Bolé [...]

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Many businesses in the East Midway neighborhood caught on fire on May 28 during rioting. The fire destroyed both the Bolé restaurant and Bolé Express, the new fast food option set to open May 31.

Lelna Desta, a business partner at Bolé, created a GoFundMe page on May 31 at the request of the restaurant owners Solomon Haile and Rekik Abaineh. In a message posted to the site on behalf of the Bolé staff, Desta said the staff is mourning the loss of their business and **George Floyd**, whose death while being arrested by Minneapolis police has led to days of protest and unrest.

"As we silently watched our beloved Bolé go up in flames, it was heartbreaking to witness what we all considered our home reduced to ashes," Desta wrote.

On May 31, Desta posted another message on behalf of the Bolé staff expressing gratitude after surpassing their fundraising goal.

"We are overwhelmed and speechless by the amount of love and support you have shared with us," she wrote.

Desta urges any further donations to be directed to other businesses in the Twin Cities impacted by civil unrest.

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Hudson mayor asks governor for National Guard help

ARTICLE CVIII. [**HUDSON MAYOR ASKS GOVERNOR FOR NATIONAL GUARD HELP**](#)

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Length: 225 words**Byline:** Kristi Belcamino**Highlight:** The mayor of Hudson has asked the Wisconsin governor to send in the National Guard to help keep his city safe. Hudson Mayor Rich O'Connor issued a statement Saturday saying he asked for help as an "overabundance of caution to ensure that in the absolute worst-case scenario we are prepared." "The City of Hudson recognizes that [...]"**Body**

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Hudson Mayor Rich O'Connor issued a statement Saturday saying he asked for help as an "overabundance of caution to ensure that in the absolute worst-case scenario we are prepared."

"The City of Hudson recognizes that there is concern in our community about the unfortunate situation occurring to our neighbors in Minnesota," he said in his statement. "Please rest assured the City is doing everything possible in conjunction with our County and State partners to keep our citizens safe. I did request that the Governor provide the National Guard to assist in these efforts."

There was no word on Saturday evening whether Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers would send the Guard to Hudson, which lies about 18 miles east of St. Paul.

Earlier on Saturday, Evers [authorized](#) Wisconsin National Guard to assist Milwaukee police dealing with looters and "agitators" disrupting peaceful **George Floyd** protests. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Byline: Dave Orrick

Highlight: Minnesota is fending off cyber-attacks aimed at crippling the state's computer systems, officials announced Sunday afternoon. Officials haven't explicitly said that the attacks are connected to attempts to foment civil unrest as law enforcement and the National Guard mount an unprecedented mobilization to tamp down unprecedented violence over the past several days following the death [...]

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Here's a statement from Tarek Tames, the state's chief information officer and commissioner of MNIT, the state's information technology agency:

"MNIT's Security Operations Center is defending against distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) cyber-attacks aimed at overloading state information systems and networks to tip them offline. Keeping our communications systems secure during times of crisis is critical to protecting the Minnesotans that we serve, and we work to meet the challenging and evolving threat to those systems every day. At this time, these attacks have not successfully disrupted the state services that Minnesotans depend upon, and MNIT is working in close coordination with partners at the Department of Public Safety and with the federal government to share intelligence and stay proactive on cyber threats."

The situation was first mentioned publicly by Gov. Tim Walz at a Sunday morning briefing.

Further details weren't immediately available.

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Residents, business owners guarded homes and storefronts

ARTICLE CX. **[RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS GUARDED HOMES AND STOREFRONTS](#)**

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Length: 1305 words**Byline:** Frederick Melo**Highlight:** Armed with a small camp heater and boxes of pretzel bites, donuts and tea donated by a local gas station, longtime West Seventh Street resident Barbara Jungbauer, 58, spent all Saturday night into Sunday morning seated in the parking lot of Cooper's Foods, keeping an eye out for slow-moving cars lacking license plates. It was [...]**Body**

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It was her third overnight in a row playing unofficial neighborhood guardian, but this time, she had plenty of company. About 14 neighbors joined her, most of them carrying bats. One brought a slingshot and a pile of stones. A restaurant server showed off a bent metal pipe with a nail punched through the end. A father brought his two teenage daughters, as well as bats for each one.

"Being an Air Force veteran, I demanded that nobody in our group be packing," said Jungbauer, who asked for no guns. "Our point was to be a presence, so if anyone saw us, they would just keep driving." The night unfolded uneventfully, despite a few suspicious passersby. St. Paul Police squad cars made frequent rounds.

How much of this did you see last night or partake in? Whole families came out to protect their neighborhoods - including [#BatDad](#) and his two . I don't condone violence. One member of group of 15 said the goal was by showing strength numbers, they aimed to avoid it. pic.twitter.com/JrPjhi9v8T

- Frederick Melo, Reporter (@FrederickMelo)

Two days after widespread rioting and looting destroyed numerous businesses, many of them in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood, residents and business owners throughout the city took security measures into their own hands. Some homeowners spent the night on their three-season porches, lights on, to monitor their streets. Others gathered friends to help guard their storefronts. It was a scene repeated in Minneapolis, which has felt the brunt of the damage from rioters and looters.

Residents, business owners guarded homes and storefronts

Many said they were horrified by the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man shown on video restrained face-down with a police officer's knee in his neck for an extended period, but they saw little relationship between calls for police reform and looting and fire-starting near residential neighborhoods.

NORMALCY AMONG THE PLYWOOD

To discourage looters, entire business districts were boarded up in precautionary plywood, creating the surreal feel of a Hollywood movie set stripped down and yet to be switched to the next scene.

Pockets of normalcy stood out, even during preparations for nightfall. On Rice Street, Dar's Double Scoop continued to serve ice cream cones, and Mama's Pizza sold whole pies until the mayor's 8 p.m. curfew went into effect for a second night. A third night of curfew was announced Sunday.

Mischief Toy Store owner Dan Marshall joined his son and a friend outside their Grand Avenue shop, prepping for looters. Instead, they found five welcome intruders: a robin guarding her four baby chicks in a nest formed in the "C" of their decorative outdoor sign. During the pandemic, nature had reclaimed some territory.

Ask owner [@DanMarStP #BatDaughters May 31, 2020](#) and he'll tell you there's some serious mischief up at Mischief Toys on St. Paul's Grand Avenue tonight - but only if you look closely. Hints: Batman and R-- . Plus four chicks just hanging out. I mean literal . [pic.twitter.com/T3SnCiPO88](#)

- Frederick Melo, Reporter (@FrederickMelo) [May 31, 2020](#)

"Last night started out menacing with several unplated cars cruising Grand," said Marshall on Sunday by way of Twitter. "As the night wore on all we saw were squad cars and unmarked cop cars. By 2 a.m. all was quiet and we went to bed cold, bored and relieved."

For most of the day Saturday into early Sunday morning, rumors and misinformation about additional looting and violence in St. Paul circulated on social media, but little of it was true. One claim had it that workers at Setzer Pharmacy in Roseville had barricaded themselves into a storage room to protect themselves from rioters. A reporter who drove to the site found amused workmen and a growing drive-through line at a nearby Starbucks, but little additional activity.

TAKING A STAND IN MINNEAPOLIS

Most of the unwanted activity occurred across the river in Minneapolis, where peaceful demonstrations against police brutality drew violent agitators at the edges. Videos posted to social media showed young men dressed in hooded black gear, goggles, boots and other paramilitary-style outfits committing acts of vandalism in alleys just outside the central post area before being confronted by demonstrators.

Sometime around 10 p.m., authorities stationed on the Minneapolis side of the Mississippi River used gas and non-lethal rounds to keep an estimated crowd of 1,000 marchers from crossing the Lake Street Bridge into St. Paul.

In the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis, young men from the Somali community barred entry into the area around residential towers in an effort to protect it. The same was true by the Karmell Mall in South Minneapolis. "We have poor immigrant people over here, and they've been working hard for every

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penny," said Abdi Mohamed, filmed by a reporter for social media. "I'm a security guard, and I promised them I would save this place."

The best part of the night was when we went by the Karmel Mall. Somali teenagers vetted me on Twitter, making me lower my mask. Then they thanked me for being there. This is Abdi Mohamed, a security guard.

Such a strong sense of community. pic.twitter.com/Pbvs9eHB92

- Jared Goyette (@JaredGoyette) [May 31, 2020](#)

Native Americans erected barricades and patrolled to the Little Earth Community off Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis. In [an exchange caught on camera](#), employees of a liquor store near the Minneapolis Convention Center attempted to question a man sitting in a black sport utility vehicle with no front or black plates. The man drove off hurriedly.

Social media sites were created in neighborhoods like [Southside Responds](#) where Minneapolis residents reported suspicious vehicles and offered tips on safety. Media reports going up and down Lake Street showed business owners gathering in front of their stores late into the night. Rich Johnson helped guard the Casablanca Foods store on Nicollet Avenue with community members, . They had a sign that read: "Looters & arsonists will be shot."

He was there because "it's one of the only stores still open in this area that isn't burned down or damaged," he told MPR.

"There's a lot of people that live here that use this store that need it, that rely on it," he said.

ENOUGH WAS ENOUGH

In St. Paul, John Keenan, grandson of Keenan's Irish Bar founder Bill Keenan Sr., said he had no interest in violence. But seven or more pickup trucks full of looters swarmed a West Seventh Street liquor store across the street from the family business Thursday, broke its windows, reached through its metal bars and grabbed what they could.

After that, he felt obligated to guard the Cooper's lot with Jungbauer, and word of their efforts spread, drawing others. For the first two nights, slow-moving drivers would eye them, then zip away. Then came the speeders taking advantage of the empty streets.

Friends, It's powerful to see Black men in our community standing in the gap all night to protect Black businesses in North Minneapolis. pic.twitter.com/BFICzGkzti [according to Minnesota Public Radio #CommunityPatrols](#)

- Nekima Levy Armstrong (@nvlevy) [May 31, 2020](#)

"There was one driving at 100 miles per hour, and I'm not exaggerating," Jungbauer said.

Nick Ferraro contributed to this report.

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ARTICLE CXI. [JOURNALISTS REPORT BEING FIRED ON, ARRESTED, GASSED
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Byline: Kristi Belcamino

Highlight: A veteran WCCO photographer covering the Minneapolis unrest was filming as he was shot with a rubber bullet and arrested Saturday night by the Minnesota State Patrol. Tom Aviles was one of several journalists from across the country and world in the Twin Cities who reported they were either shot with rubber bullets and/or sprayed [...]

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Tom Aviles was one of several journalists from across the country and world in the Twin Cities who reported they were either shot with rubber bullets and/or sprayed with tear gas after the 8 p.m. curfew. Aviles [was later released](#).

Media are listed as exempt from the curfew in Gov. Tim Walz's order. The State Patrol said Sunday they are "reviewing these incidents and its training protocols in an effort to prevent similar incidents in the future."

In a Sunday morning news conference, Walz said he "failed" the media, taking "full responsibility" for the attacks on the journalists.

"It is unacceptable," Walz said. "It is critically important that I'm able to maintain or restore our trust in the necessity of them being out there to tell the story."

"You can rest assured that we will look back at what happened and try to make those changes," Walz said, noting that he has had a history of openness toward the press and it is his intention to keep that.

Walz had already publicly apologized for the treatment of journalists before after he intervened to have a CNN reporter released after the [reporter was arrested by state patrol](#) on Friday while filming live.

Walz had said he took "full responsibility" for that incident, as well, involving CNN reporter Omar Jimenez, saying "We have got to ensure that there is a safe spot for journalism to tell the story. The issue here is trust."

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Along with the arrest of the WCCO reporter, other local and international journalists reported being fired on, thrown the ground, and gassed by authorities:

* Freelance journalist Linda Tirado [said on Twitter](#) she might lose her eye after getting hit by a tracer round.

* A producer for VICE news [said he was thrown to the ground and pepper sprayed by police.](#)

* Two Reuters journalists [reported](#) they were struck and injured by rubber bullets in southwest Minneapolis. Cameraman Julio-Cesar Chavez filmed a police officer aiming at him while firing rubber bullets and dispersing tear gas.

"A police officer that I'm filming turns around points his rubber-bullet rifle straight at me," said Chavez in a Reuters story. Chavez was struck in the back of his neck and arms.

His colleague, Reuters security advisor Rodney Seward was also struck and injured, suffering a "deep gash under his left eye" and injuries to his arms.

"The Reuters journalists were clearly identified as members of the news media. Chavez was holding a camera and wearing his press pass around his neck. Seward was wearing a bullet proof vest with a press label attached," the story said.

* A Los Angeles Times reporter tweeted a video saying she was struck "point blank" range with tear gas by the Minnesota State Patrol after identifying herself as press.

Molly Hennessy-Fiske with the Times said she was at the 5th Precinct with "at least a dozen" other media. She had her notebook in her hand when the State Patrol "advanced" on her group, who identified themselves as journalists, she said.

Minnesota State Patrol just fired tear gas at reporters and photographers at point blank range. pic.twitter.com/r7X6J7Lko8

- Molly Hennessy-Fiske (@mollyhf) [May 31, 2020](#)

"They fired tear gas canisters on us at point blank range," she said. She was hit in the leg. "I was saying 'Where do we go? Where do we go? They did not tell us where to go. They didn't direct us. They just fired on us.'"

* Former Pioneer Press reporter Ryan Faircloth, now with the Star Tribune, said he was struck by broken glass when his car window was shot out as he tried to drive out of the way of police.

This is [@RyanFaircloth](#), a reporter with the . He says he was trying to get home when police shot out his window.

He is bleeding but seems ok.

- Jared Goyette (@JaredGoyette) [May 31, 2020](#) [@StarTribune](#) pic.twitter.com/LYH0h7c4hf

* A KSTP-TV reporter [tweeted](#) that he and his crew were also fired upon with tear gas and pepper sprayed after identifying themselves as press.

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Myself, photographer, and producer just made it back to the car. We were with a group of media and thought we were in a safe spot. We kept saying we're media. Police tear gassed and pepper sprayed the entire group. Everyone ran. It was insane. It happened so fast. pic.twitter.com/Wl3Fzzlsnw

- Ryan Raiche (@ryanraiche) [May 31, 2020](#)

* A Star Tribune reporter, Chris Serres, reported [in a Tweet](#): "Regarding police behavior last night, I was twice ordered at gunpoint by Minneapolis police to hit the ground, warned that if I moved "an inch" I'd be shot. This after being teargassed and hit in groin area by rubber bullet. Waiving a Star Tribune press badge made no difference."

* Another CBS reporter, not from the local WCCO affiliate, said Minneapolis police struck his sound engineer with a rubber bullet.

"We were not standing within 500 feet of any protesters and we had credentials displayed and cameras out," he [tweeted](#).

Police in Minneapolis are firing on us (press) with rubber bullets. Our sound engineer John Marschitz was hit. He is ok. We were not standing within 500 feet of any protesters at the time, and we had credentials displayed and cameras out. [#cbsnews](#)

- Michael George (@MikeGeorgeCBS)

* A [KMSB-TV news crew said pic.twitter.com/Ai6Qd8gLjz](#) [May 31, 2020](#) their windshield was shattered by rubber bullets fired during the protest. They didn't say which agency fired the bullets.

On Sunday, the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists condemned the way journalists were treated in a tweet:

The board of the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists condemns in the strongest possible terms the violence and contempt that the [@MinneapolisPD](#) and other law enforcement has shown journalists in recent days and calls on and city leaders to do the same.

- MN SPJ (@mnspj)

Police fire rubber bullet at FOX 9 crew as officers clear out protesters in Minneapolis <https://t.co/Moe8IOWtyC> [@GovTimWaltz](#) [May 31, 2020](#)

- FOX 9 (@FOX9) [May 31, 2020](#)

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WCCO photojournalist records himself getting shot in the leg with a rubber bullet and arrested by state patrol pic.twitter.com/kPVn6SZU65

- CJ Fogler (@cjzero) [May 31, 2020](#)

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- Chris Serres (@ChrisSerres) [May 31, 2020](#)

Correction: An earlier version of this article misidentified the agency involved in the arrest of the WCCO-TV photographer Tom Aviles.

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MN Republicans call on Tim Walz, Jacob Frey to resign at virtual convention amid Twin Cities chaos

ARTICLE CXII. [**MN REPUBLICANS CALL ON TIM WALZ, JACOB FREY TO RESIGN AT VIRTUAL CONVENTION AMID TWIN CITIES CHAOS**](#)

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Highlight: As the Twin Cities braced for a potential fifth night of rioting - which officials pin on possible outside agitators - the Minnesota Republican Party during its virtual convention took aim at Democrats in power for what they call a "failure of leadership" in the state. In order to avoid a large gathering amid the [...]

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In order to avoid a large gathering amid the coronavirus pandemic, the GOP held its convention virtually on Saturday, a rescheduled date since the first was postponed due to technological issues and suspected cyberattacks.

After several days of protests in the Twin Cities - some violent, some peaceful - responding to the death of **George Floyd**, GOP Chair Jennifer Carnahan opened Saturday's convention calling for the resignations of Democrats Gov. Tim Walz and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey.

"(Walz and Frey) have failed Minnesota," she said. "(They) failed our business owners, both small and large. They failed our residents and families. They failed our police. They failed our National Guard. They failed our minority and non-minority communities. They failed us all. And most importantly, they failed **George Floyd**."

Carnahan, followed by Minnesota's Republican Washington delegation and state Republican leaders, said the events in the Twin Cities demonstrate a need to elect more Republicans in November.

U.S. Rep. Tom Emmer said Minneapolis' three-decade-long blue voting record "clearly is coming to a head right now."

"You want to know whether leadership matters? Just look at what's happening to this state today," he said. "There is a reason why Republicans offer the only hope going forward."

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As for official party business of the day, members voted to endorse former congressman Jason Lewis for November's U.S. Senate election against Democrat U.S. Sen. Tina Smith. Out of 1,066 voters online for Saturday's convention, nearly 73 percent voted for Lewis. Runners-up were Rob Barrett Jr. and Forest Hyatt.

Lewis urged convention goers to unite on party platforms, noting that President Donald Trump only lost Minnesota in 2016 by about 44,000 votes.

"This is going to be razor thin no matter what. Every vote counts," Lewis said. "This state is up for grabs and it is one we must flip if we are going to keep control of the Senate and help President Trump."

Noticing 2016's thin margins, state and national Republican organizers have been eyeing Minnesota as a flip opportunity for months for both Trump and congressional seats. At his last Minnesota rally in October, Trump vowed to snap Minnesota's longest-in-the-country streak of voting for Democratic presidential candidates come November.

Meanwhile, [*the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party postponed part of its 2020 virtual convention*](#) scheduled for this weekend in light of Floyd's death.

The convention was slated to run Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon, with speaking appearances by former Vice President Joe Biden, Minnesota's Democratic congressional delegation and more. But the party said Friday the speaking and training portions of the convention are postponed to an unspecified date.

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Graphic

Jennifer Carnahan (Courtesy of Minnesota Republican Party)

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St. Paul police stop cars without plates, find within 'tools to wreak havoc in our city'

ARTICLE CXIII. [**ST. PAUL POLICE STOP CARS WITHOUT PLATES, FIND WITHIN
'TOOLS TO WREAK HAVOC IN OUR CITY'**](#)

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Highlight: St. Paul police said they stopped several vehicles without license plates on Saturday night and found "tools used to wreak havoc on our city" inside. "Each time officers stopped the vehicles, people inside have raced away on foot," the department said in a tweet shortly after 10 p.m. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE: Our officers have been [...]

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PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE:

Our officers have been busy stopping several vehicles driving around the city without license plates. Each time officers stopped the vehicles, people inside have raced away on foot, leaving vehicles and tools used to wreak havoc on our city behind.

- Saint Paul Police Department (@sppdmn) [May 31, 2020](#)

Officers found the cars were stolen locally and were full of rocks, [Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said](#).

Authorities last week investigated [reports that outsiders have largely fueled the destruction and rioting in the Twin Cities](#). However, most of those arrested appeared to have Minnesota addresses.

Last night's stopping of plate-less cars coincided with clashes between law enforcement and protestors. At one point, confrontations ensued on the Lake Street Bridge [as about 1,000 protesters tried to move from Lake Street in Minneapolis to Marshall Avenue in St. Paul but were stopped by authorities firing tear gas](#).

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Two crises convulse a nation: a pandemic and police violence

ARTICLE CXIV. [TWO CRISES CONVULSE A NATION: A PANDEMIC AND POLICE VIOLENCE](#)

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Highlight: Two Crises Convulse a Nation: A Pandemic and Police Violence

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They are parallel plagues ravaging America: The coronavirus. And police killings of black men and women.

Jimmy Mills' life has been upended by both. His barbershop in Midtown Minneapolis was one of many small, black-owned businesses that have struggled to survive the pandemic. But Mills, 56, was hopeful because, after two months shut down, he was due to reopen next week.

Then early Friday, the working-class neighborhood where Mills has cut hair for 12 years went up in flames as chaotic protests over the death of [George Floyd](#) and police killings of African-Americans engulfed Minneapolis and cities across the country.

"To have corona, and then this - it's like a gut shot," Mills said.

The upheaval sparked by a video capturing Floyd's agonizing last minutes as a white police officer kneels on his neck is pulsing through an America already ragged with anger and anxiety. Emotions are raw over the toll of a pandemic that has killed more than 100,000 people across the country and cost millions of jobs.

Minneapolis residents said outrage and protests in the aftermath of the killing of Floyd were a result of a community being tested repeatedly in recent weeks by both police violence and the virus - and in ways that put America's deep racial inequalities in stark relief.

The outbreak has inflicted disproportionate economic and health tolls on racial minorities and immigrants in Minneapolis and beyond. Black and Latino workers have been more likely to have lost their jobs. Many others are among the low-paid hourly workers who risk their health by going to work at grocery stores, nursing homes, factories, slaughterhouses and other jobs that cannot be done remotely.

The black community in Minnesota has also been hit hard by cases of the virus, just as African-Americans across the country are being infected and dying at higher rates.

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By one estimate, black people accounted for at least 29% of known COVID-19 cases in Minnesota, despite making up about 6% of the state's population. African-Americans make up 35% of coronavirus cases in Minneapolis, although they are less than 20% of the city's population.

"There are no words to describe what people are going through," said state Rep. Mohamud Noor, who represents a district with many Somalis and other immigrants.

His great-uncle died of the coronavirus a few days ago, and Noor said he is losing track of how many other relatives and constituents are dying.

Noor said that the school closures had hurt poorer students without laptops or reliable internet access to take classes online, and that waves of job losses had sent local unemployment rates soaring. Now, with more than 200 businesses damaged or destroyed in the unrest, Noor said he was worried about new waves of foreclosures, job losses and business failures.

"Many people who are poor who didn't have much, this devastation will really impact them," Noor said.

Even before the pandemic, the Midtown neighborhood, where buildings were burned, damaged and looted, had been trying to rebuild itself after years of economic hardship. The area is in a historically segregated part of town where some residents had felt neglected. A railway was repurposed into a bike and walking trail that runs through the neighborhood. The Midtown Global Market had sprung up, attracting diners and shoppers to its Hmong, Indian, Moroccan and other international food and crafts.

But now, next door to Mills, the barber, a dollar store and beauty-supply shop have been burned to rubble. The front windows of Mills' barbershop were smashed, and looters stole his televisions, video equipment and his clippers.

Now, with the power out, water seeping across the floor and phalanxes of police officers and National Guard troops blockading his neighborhood, he does not know when his J-Klips barbershop might reopen.

"Half of the place is condemned," he said. "Where do we go from here?"

Phillipe Cunningham, a city council member, represents a poor ward in northern Minneapolis with a large black, Hmong and Native American population. He said had spent the past two months fighting to get a coronavirus testing site opened and fielding calls from laid-off workers falling behind on rent and black business owners unable to navigate the maze of federal relief programs.

On Friday, Cunningham drove around surveying damaged buildings, helping some of the same business owners board up their storefronts and trying to prevent looters from breaking into stores.

"We were already struggling," Cunningham said.

In many pockets of the city where the virus seemed to be more concentrated, residents have not had access to masks and hand sanitizer, even as the mayor ordered masks be worn when inside businesses as of last week, said Jia Starr Brown, pastor of First Covenant Church in downtown Minneapolis.

Even healthy people in Minneapolis were feeling anxious after a long stretch of being holed up in their homes as spring arrived; a limited reopening of businesses was not set to begin until Monday. That loosening of restrictions came with a long list of social-distancing and sanitation rules.

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Brown spoke as she stepped away from a protest outside a county building Friday afternoon, saying she was heartened to see so many people attend rallies calling for justice for Floyd, even when doing so was a health risk.

"This is about collective widespread grief, and how great must the grief be that people would risk their livelihoods?" she said. "Who we are as a people is greater than the risk to be out there. This is urgent. This isn't about just our own individual lives as black people, but this is about our futures and children."

Many young people, especially minorities, were gig-economy workers holding two or three part-time jobs that evaporated when the outbreak hit, said Tyler Sit, pastor of the New City Church, which is blocks away from where Floyd died and from the Third Precinct that was burned in the protests. They were left jobless and worried about not having benefits should they become ill.

Sitting at home during lockdown, with no work and no prospect of finding work for the foreseeable future, he said, they were more aware than usual of news reports and then had the time to react by taking to the streets.

"I hear messages from community members trying to deliberate whether or not they're going to show up. They don't want to catch COVID-19 and spread COVID-19 if they happen to be an asymptomatic carrier," he said. "But there's a deep feeling of we have to do something because our city is burning."

In Atlanta, Denver, New York and beyond, protesters have also emerged despite the pandemic. They have slipped on face masks and bandannas to guard against the coronavirus, as well as tear gas.

Rashawn Ray, a sociologist and fellow at The Brookings Institution, said one crucial difference between the two plagues is that the coronavirus, like past diseases, may one day dissipate with a vaccine or medical breakthrough.

"We've never gotten to a place where racism is not a significant part of everyone's life in the United States," he said.

Graphic

A person wears a mask reading "I Can't Breathe" during a protest over the death of ***George Floyd*** in Chicago, Saturday, May 30, 2020. Protests were held throughout the country over the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on May 25. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

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Business People: Mpls. Foundation deploys \$500,000 to aid community healing

ARTICLE CXV. [**BUSINESS PEOPLE: MPLS. FOUNDATION DEPLOYS \\$500,000 TO AID COMMUNITY HEALING**](#)

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Highlight: OF NOTE: PHILANTHROPY The Minneapolis Foundation announced that it will deploy \$500,000 from its Fund for Safe Communities to support the people of Minneapolis as they strive for justice, equity and healing in the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death in police custody, and an additional \$453,000 in OneMPLS grants to 41 nonprofit organizations that are [...]

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Minneapolis creative agency Bolin announced it has promoted Justin Zwieg to chief creative officer and Lindsey Denne to chief growth officer, and the additions of staff members Kris Growcott, senior creative director and strategist; Ivan Trushin, design director; Shannon Fletcher, copywriter and strategist; Jessica Anderson, director of project management; Mitchell Baker, project Manager, and Aryanna Amos, senior account manager.

St. Paul-based TKDA announced that Craig Bursch has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

First State Bank and Trust, Bayport, recently announced the promotions of Jason Howard, executive vice president and chief operating officer, to bank president, and Chad Fett, executive vice president of trust services, to president of trust services. ... Firefly Credit Union, Burnsville, and TruStone Financial, Plymouth, have announced their intent to merge subject to regulatory approval and a member vote; the combined entity will operate under the TruStone Financial name and will serve 190,000+ members with a branch network of 23-locations across Minnesota and southeast Wisconsin. ... Ideal Credit Union, Woodbury, announced that Ian Walker has joined as branch manager in North St. Paul.

The Minneapolis Regional Chamber and the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce announce plans to merge. The president and CEO of the merged chamber will be Jonathan Weinhagen, the current president and CEO of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber; TwinWest Chamber President Shannon Full will assume the role of executive vice president for the new organization. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises](#)

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'Back in the game': SpaceX ship blasts off with 2 astronauts

ARTICLE CXVII. **'BACK IN THE GAME': SPACEX SHIP BLASTS OFF WITH 2 ASTRONAUTS**

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Highlight: CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - A rocket ship built by Elon Musk's SpaceX company thundered away from Earth with two Americans on Saturday, ushering in a new era in commercial space travel and putting the United States back in the business of launching astronauts into orbit from home soil for the first time in nearly a decade.

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NASA's Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken rode skyward aboard a white-and-black, bullet-shaped Dragon capsule on top of a Falcon 9 rocket, lifting off at 3:22 p.m. from the same launch pad used to send Apollo crews to the moon a half-century ago. Minutes later, they slipped safely into orbit.

"Let's light this candle," Hurley said just before ignition, borrowing the historic words used by Alan Shepard on America's first human spaceflight, in 1961.

The two men are scheduled to arrive Sunday at the International Space Station, 250 miles above Earth, for a stay of up to four months, after which they will come home with a Right Stuff-style splashdown at sea, something the world hasn't witnessed since the 1970s.

The mission unfolded amid the gloom of the coronavirus outbreak, which has killed more than 100,000 Americans, and racial unrest across the U.S. over the case of **George Floyd**, the handcuffed black man who died at the hands of Minneapolis police.

NASA officials and others expressed hope the flight would lift American spirits and show the world what the U.S. can do.

"We are back in the game. It's very satisfying," said Doug Marshburn, of Deltona, Florida, who shouted, "USA! USA!" as he watched the 260-foot rocket climb skyward.

'Back in the game': SpaceX ship blasts off with 2 astronauts

SpaceX becomes the first private company to launch people into orbit, a feat achieved previously by only three governments: the U.S., Russia and China.

"This is something that should really get people right in the heart of anyone who has any spirit of exploration," Musk, the visionary also behind the Tesla electric car company, said after liftoff, pounding his chest with his fist.

The flight also ended a nine-year launch drought for NASA. Ever since it retired the space shuttle in 2011, NASA has relied on Russian spaceships launched from Kazakhstan to take U.S. astronauts to and from the space station.

Over the past few years, NASA outsourced the job of designing and building its next generation of spaceships to SpaceX and Boeing, awarding them \$7 billion in contracts in a public-private partnership aimed at driving down costs and spurring innovation. Boeing's spaceship, the Starliner capsule, is not expected to fly astronauts until early 2021.

NASA plans to rely in part on commercial partners as it pursues its next goals: sending astronauts back to the moon within a few years, and on to Mars in the 2030s.

At a post-liftoff rally held at NASA's massive 525-foot-high Vehicle Assembly Building, President Donald Trump commended Musk and proclaimed: "Today we once again proudly launch American astronauts on American rockets, the best in the world, from right here on American soil."

He vowed the U.S. will be the first to land on Mars, promising a "future of American dominance in space."

Vice President Mike Pence, who also witnessed the launch, said that as the nation deals with the coronavirus and racial strife, "I believe with all my heart that millions of Americans today will find the same inspiration and unity of purpose that we found in those days in the 1960s" during Apollo.

The first attempt to launch the rocket, on Wednesday, was called off with less than 17 minutes to go in the countdown because of lightning. On Saturday, stormy weather threatened another postponement for most of the day, but the skies began to clear just in the time.

The astronauts set out for the launch pad in a gull-wing Tesla SUV after Behnken pantomimed a hug of his 6-year-old son, Theo, and said: "Are you going to listen to Mommy and make her life easy?" Hurley blew kisses to his 10-year-old son and wife.

Nine minutes after liftoff, the rocket's first-stage booster landed, as designed, on a barge a few hundred miles off the Florida coast, to be reused on another flight.

"Thanks for the great ride to space," Hurley told SpaceX ground control. The two crewmates batted around a floating blue dinosaur plush toy doubling as a dragon, demonstrating that they had reached zero gravity.

SpaceX controllers at Hawthorne, California, cheered and applauded wildly, and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine declared: "This is everything that America has to offer in its purest form."

Attendance inside Kennedy Space Center was strictly limited because of the coronavirus, and the crowd amounted to only a few thousand. By NASA's count, over 3 million viewers tuned in online.

'Back in the game': SpaceX ship blasts off with 2 astronauts

Despite NASA's insistence that the public stay safe by staying home, spectators flocked to beaches and roads, some of them not wearing masks or keeping 6 feet from others.

Among the spectators was Neil Wight, a machinist from Buffalo, New York.

"With everything that's going on in this country right now, it's important that we do things extraordinary in life," he said. "We've been bombarded with doom and gloom for the last six, eight weeks, whatever it is, and this is awesome. It brings a lot of people together."

Hurley, a 53-year-old retired Marine, and Behnken, 49, an Air Force colonel, are veterans of two space shuttle flights each.

Because of the coronavirus, the astronauts were kept in quasi-quarantine for more than two months. The SpaceX technicians who helped them get into their spacesuits wore masks and gloves that made them look like black-clad ninjas. And the SpaceX controllers had masks and were seated far apart.

In keeping with Musk's penchant for futuristic flash, the astronauts wore angular white uniforms with black trim. Instead of the usual multitude of dials, knobs and switches, the Dragon capsule has three large touchscreens.

Once settled in orbit, Hurley disclosed that the capsule has been christened Endeavour, a storied name in the history of exploration, also given to one of the space shuttles.

SpaceX has been launching cargo capsules to the space station since 2012.

Under the new corporate-public model, aerospace companies design, build, own and operate spaceships, and NASA is essentially a paying customer on a list that could eventually include non-government researchers, artists and tourists. (Tom Cruise has already expressed interest.)

Saturday's mission is technically considered a test flight. The next SpaceX voyage to the space station, set for the end of August, will have a full, four-person crew: three Americans and one Japanese.

The first flight was originally targeted for around 2015. But the project encountered bureaucratic delays and technical setbacks. A SpaceX capsule exploded on the test stand last year. And Boeing's first Starliner capsule ended up in the wrong orbit and was nearly destroyed during a test flight in December.

For SpaceX and the future of public-corporate space exploration, the stakes on Saturday were extraordinarily high.

With the spaceship finally on its way, Musk got choked up talking about the weight of his responsibility for the astronauts' lives and their families and noted that the return to Earth is more dangerous in some ways than ascent, "so we don't want to declare victory yet."

Still, Musk said he wasn't nervous about the launch on Saturday the way he was during the previous attempt.

"Today, I don't know, it felt like just the fates were aligned," he said.

Associated Press writers Jill Colvin and Mike Schneider in Cape Canaveral, Fla., contributed to this report.

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Excess savings actually hurting economy

ARTICLE CXVIII. **EXCESS SAVINGS ACTUALLY HURTING ECONOMY**

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Body

Since the last recession ended in 2009, Americans have generally saved about 5% of what they made.

That held up until March, when the savings rate shot up to 13%. Then on Friday morning April's savings rate was reported, and it had zoomed to 33%.

If that seems strange, Americans saving one-third of their incomes, that's because it is. Nothing like this has happened before.

Could this be a good thing? More old-fashioned thriftiness when times are hard?

No, it's not.

One person's spending is somebody else's income. Nothing about a savings rate of 33% should be comforting.

The story of the pandemic recession of 2020 is usually told as one of horrific job losses and lost income for business owners. But the other worrisome part of this story is that even people with money may not want to spend it. How long this goes on will largely shape the economic recovery.

It was a terrible week here in the Twin Cities, beginning with the shocking death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis. This article is being written with the smell of smoke from burned-out buildings in the air. Given all that, it was hard to look at yet another extraordinary report on the economy in hopes of finding a glimmer of optimism.

But after a read-through of Friday's numbers on spending and saving, it's difficult to see how a quick rebound in consumer spending can happen.

It's understandable that spending might have slowed in April, of course, as there were no Twins games to attend or leisurely nights out at a favorite casual restaurant. Lots of things were closed, as the COVID-19 pandemic kept people home, either by government order or their own choice.

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Spending by consumers really matters, of course, as nearly 70 cents of every dollar in gross domestic product is consumption spending.

As for the numbers, consumption spending in April was down more than 13% from March and more like 20% from February. Spending declined in April more or less across the board, everything from money spent on long-lasting items to spending on services. Even interest expense was down, which makes sense if people are not

using their credit cards as much.

Incomes in April actually increased, however, but that's just another really weird aspect about the world we are living in right now. It was not due to big boosts in worker pay or business profits, as both declined sharply from the pre-pandemic levels of February.

What increased were government benefits, including surging unemployment insurance payments and a whopping increase on a line on a Department of Commerce chart simply labeled "other," capturing the individual federal stimulus payments. There could be more than one federal stimulus check, but no one in my family is counting on it.

That's part of the problem, because if people don't expect another check they might try to save more of the one they just got.

If incomes look shaky out into the future, and for a lot of people they must here in May 2020, then one thing to do is adjust spending down now. People, after all, aren't really in a position to quickly move to a smaller house or sell a car if future prospects suddenly don't look so rosy.

Rather they want to keep household spending close to what it had been. One way to do that if incomes seem to be at risk is to cut back some on spending right now and start putting more money away.

This reality has been reflected in consumer confidence surveys, including the well-known one by the University of Michigan. The last one reported that confidence in future expectations declined further from the April survey, even though the first steps toward more shopping and other activity were being taken in Minnesota and elsewhere.

"The CARES relief checks and higher unemployment payments have helped to stem economic hardship," the principal author was quoted saying in the most recent release. "But those programs have not acted to stimulate discretionary spending due to uncertainty about the future course of the pandemic."

It's hard to imagine that spending can keep declining, and the Wall Street Journal last week cited an uptick in automobile sales in its coverage of the start of a recovery. Car sales did bounce back from a shocking collapse at the end March, yet as of the latest report in May, sales were still running about 25% below the previous forecast for the year.

Meanwhile, the stock market has recovered strongly from March. While this is just another thing that seems hard to easily understand, there is a good explanation.

The value of any business, including the 30 that have their stocks included in the famous Dow Jones industrial average, comes from how much money they will make in the future, not what happened in April.

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Without being a stock market guru, we intuitively know that eventually consumers will stop stashing away so much money and get back to spending at least close to what they were before the pandemic. That will generate profits for businesses and let them hire more people.

What no one yet knows is if that will be later this year or next year - or even the year after that.

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Roundup: Twin Cities protests continue, but National Guard and neighbors help quiet violence

ARTICLE CXIX. **[ROUNDUP: TWIN CITIES PROTESTS CONTINUE, BUT NATIONAL GUARD AND NEIGHBORS HELP QUIET VIOLENCE](#)**

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Body

Protesters again took to the streets on Saturday in demonstrations against police, but the Twin Cities were largely spared another night of arson and looting. Relatively widespread adherence to an 8 p.m. curfew, a much stronger presence by the police and National Guard as well as watchful neighborhood groups helped thwart violence, even as unrest spread to other cities around the United States.

The Star Tribune [has a report on the second night of ordered curfew](#), which saw a marked change in the balance of power on the streets. The National Guard presence grew to more than 4,100, with thousands more at the ready, and authorities took a much more active role in clearing the streets with tear gas and other crowd-control implements. Dozens of people were arrested.

Demonstrators, meanwhile, turned out in force during the day to protest the death of ***George Floyd*** during an altercation with Minneapolis Police last Monday. But unlike Friday night, when crowds openly defied the curfew for hours, they largely dispersed after the curfew took effect. "First responders would not have

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had any opportunity to succeed" if people had not stayed home, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said Sunday morning.

Gov. Tim Walz [extended the state-ordered curfew in Minneapolis/St. Paul for another night](#), beginning at 8 p.m. Sunday through 6 a.m. Monday. "The curfew on Friday and Saturday night allowed our law enforcement to target those who meant to do harm to our communities," he said in a statement, noting that arrests on Saturday yielded seizures of "weapons, narcotics, long guns, handguns, magazines and knives."

Law enforcement also drew criticism for their tactics. KMSB reports on video from the Whittier neighborhood of Minneapolis in which residents standing on their porches are fired upon with "paint canisters." (It's legal to be outside during a curfew, as long as you're on your own property.) The video identifies the shooter as National Guard, but the National Guard said in a statement that, "The enforcement officers in this tweet are not members of the Minnesota National Guard."

Even as violence abated somewhat, debate continued over just who was behind it. Early Saturday, Gov. Tim Walz and St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said that most of the arrested protesters so far had been from out-of-state. KARE-11 checked the arrest records [and found that wasn't so](#), and Carter later said his information was wrong.

But authorities continued to say that extremists were using the protests as cover to burn and loot buildings. Minnesota Public Radio reports on several [eyewitness accounts of armed white men](#) around the city and trucks bearing white-supremacist stickers. WCCO notes that President Trump and U.S. Attorney General William Barr [blamed left-wing radicals](#). Walz, on Sunday, noted that state computer systems were subjected to a "denial of service" attack

The Pioneer Press reports that St. Paul Police [stopped several cars without plates in the city](#). Passengers fled on foot, leaving behind both cars and "tools used to wreak havoc on our city," according to the police department.

Neighborhood groups, convinced that outsiders of some type were targeting businesses in their areas, took a more active role in keeping watch Saturday, the Star Tribune reports. In North Minneapolis, where unknown arsonists targeted neighborhood fixtures like barbershops on Friday, [residents sat in chairs all night along North Broadway](#). In Cedar Riverside, Somali-American residents stood watch on the streets.

Minneapolis was the first city to experience plagues of violence and protests in the wake of Floyd's death, but outbursts have since spread across the country. [The New York Times has a roundup](#).

Target Corp., whose store in South Minneapolis was badly damaged by looters in one of the first nights of unrest in Minneapolis, has expanded the number of stores it's closing to other states. In addition to virtually all of its Twin Cities stores, the Minneapolis-based retailer is shuttering more than 70 other locations in states like Texas, California, Oregon, Illinois and New York. [The full list is here](#). Target CEO Brian Cornell told the Star Tribune Friday that the retailer hoped to reopen [most damaged Twin Cities stores within weeks](#), though repairing South Minneapolis store could take much longer.

Forbes reporter [Andrew Solender](#) in New York spotted crowds trying to break into the Target store in Brooklyn; they were stopped by protest organizers.

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The ongoing violence is taking a toll on businesses across the metro. The Star Tribune [*has detailed neighborhood maps of the buildings that have suffered damage this week.*](#)

The Star Tribune also has a wrap-up of local nonprofits and other groups [*taking donations and organizing cleanup efforts for businesses hit by the riots.*](#)

Neighborhoods hit badly in Thursday and Friday night violence saw scores of people turn out Saturday to clean up debris and help repair buildings. [*The Southwest Journal has details on the effort.*](#)

Business insurance will likely cover much of the damage, [*but experts said owners should act quickly to document losses.*](#) The economic shock of the pandemic could also complicate insurance payouts.

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Sunday coronavirus update: 14 additional MN deaths, 664 new cases

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Highlight: Minnesota's death toll from the coronavirus has reached 1,040 as 14 additional cases were reported on Sunday. Of the total deaths, 848 were residents of long-term care of assisted living centers, according to Minnesota Department of Public Health data updated Sunday morning. The state also lists 10 probable COVID-19 deaths, where the coronavirus is listed [...]

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The state's report details an additional 664 confirmed infections, raising the state's overall number of cases to 24,850. State officials say there are likely many more cases who have not been tested.

HOW ARE THEY DOING? There were 18,695 patients Sunday who have recovered enough that they no longer need to be isolated, an increase from 17,864 patients the day before. There were 555 with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, a decrease from 589 on Saturday. Of those hospitalized, 257 were reported Sunday in intensive care units, a decrease from 263 the day before. **WHO'S GETTING SICK?** Age group with most confirmed infections: 30- to 39-year-olds, with 4,964 cases. Age group with most deaths: 80-to 89-year-olds, with 357. Number of health care workers with COVID-19: 3,690.

The latest figures come as the Twin Cities area and nation grapples with protests and riots sparked by the death of 46-year-old **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody. Demonstrations held in the metro have drawn large crowds that threaten to increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

But any spikes that occur as a result of this past week's protests will likely take three weeks to become apparent, given the incubation period of new cases and the lag time for test results to return. That places those cases in late June, a period already forecast as a window for a peak in the outbreak.

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Forum News Service contributed to this report.

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Target announces indefinite closure of several stores, including two in Minnesota

ARTICLE CXXI. [**TARGET ANNOUNCES INDEFINITE CLOSURE OF SEVERAL STORES, INCLUDING TWO IN MINNESOTA**](#)

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Highlight: In addition, the Minneapolis-based retail chain said it has "adjusted or closed over 200 stores over this weekend." These included several dozen temporary store closures in and around the Twin Cities.

Body

Target has announced the indefinite closure of six stores, including two in Minnesota.

One of these, the store on Lake Street in Minneapolis, was badly damaged during recent looting, and is scheduled to reopen in late 2020.

[Target did not specify](#) estimated reopening dates for the other five stores, saying only they are "closed until further notice."

Those stores are:

Uptown in Minneapolis Broadway, Oakland, Calif. Buckhead, South Atlanta, Ga. South Loop, Chicago Washington Square, West Philadelphia

The Minneapolis-based retail chain said it has "adjusted or closed over 200 stores over this weekend."

These included several dozen temporary store closures in and around the Twin Cities. About 24 of these closed their doors well prior to the weekend.

Target didn't say how it chose which of these stores to shutter, nor when they will reopen.

"As the situation is so fluid, and we're evaluating temporary adjusted hours and closures on a store-by-store basis, we don't have any more specifics to share at this time," spokeswoman Aryn Ridge said. "We'll keep [this page](#) updated as needed."

Target said employees at stores that are closed will be paid for up to 14 days, including premiums they are earning due to the coronavirus pandemic. They will also be able to work at Target locations that remain open.

Target announces indefinite closure of several stores, including two in Minnesota

"We are heartbroken by the death of ***George Floyd*** and the pain it is causing communities across the country," Target said in a statement. "Our focus will remain on our team members' safety and helping our community heal."

[*Dozens of homeless people evicted from Minneapolis hotel 1,000 face layoffs as owner idles paper mills in Duluth, Wisconsin*](#) [*'Like the first day of school': Fitness centers across Minnesota prepare to reopen*](#) [*Fever checks at the door, no facials or blow drying: Hair salons 'reinventing' under coronavirus*](#) [*St. Paul police officer one of six area leaders to land 2020 Bush Foundation fellowships*](#)

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ARTICLE CXXII. **[THE LATEST: CALIFORNIA CLOSES ALL DOWNTOWN STATE BUILDINGS](#)**

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The Associated Press

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SAN FRANCISCO - The state Department of Human Resources sent a directive to close all California state buildings "with offices in downtown city areas" on Monday, a sweeping mandate that covers everything from Department of Motor Vehicles offices to those that license workers and provide health care.

"After consultation with the California Highway Patrol and Office of Emergency Services, the decision was made this evening to advise all state departments with offices in downtown city areas to close tomorrow, and to notify staff of the decision," said Amy Palmer, a spokeswoman for the state Government Operations Agency.

The directive was sent Sunday evening and it was left up to officials at individual agencies to determine which buildings should be closed.

A state Department of Justice memo sent to employees said the attorney general's offices in Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego would be closed, though employees who can work from home should do so.

"Staff assigned to these offices should not report to work for any reason. Staff who are able to telework should continue to do so despite the office closures," the memo said.

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PORTLAND, Ore. - Police in Portland deployed tear gas to disperse a large crowd downtown late Sunday night after authorities said projectiles were thrown at officers.

Earlier, police said protesters smashed windows at the federal courthouse, and authorities on loudspeakers declared the gathering a civil disturbance.

Thousands of people marched throughout Oregon's largest city on Sunday, the third day of ***George Floyd*** protests in Portland. For much of the afternoon and evening protesters were largely peaceful, but there were reports of increased violence directed at police into the night.

SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper on Monday reported the demonstrations across the United States in reaction to the death of ***George Floyd***, saying protesters "harshly condemned" a white police officer's "lawless and brutal murder" of a black citizen.

The article, published with photos, said hundreds of protesters gathered in front of the White House chanting "No justice, no peace." It also said there were demonstrations in Minneapolis, New York, Denver, Chicago, Los Angeles and Memphis and that the protests were expected to grow further.

Several thousand people marched Monday in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, to protest ***George Floyd***'s death and show solidarity with the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement.

The protesters marched from Aotea Square to the U.S. consulate, where they kneeled. They held banners with slogans such as "***I can't breathe***" and "The Real Virus is Racism." Hundreds more joined protests and vigils elsewhere in the country, on a day that was a public holiday.

The protests were peaceful. Protesters said they were also standing up against police violence and racism in New Zealand.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - More than 15 people were arrested during protests in Charlotte on Sunday night, the city's police department said.

Police said four demonstrators were arrested for assaulting officers, including one for hitting an officer with a rock. Three others were arrested on illegal weapon charges, police said.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri - Shortly after local officials praised what had been a peaceful protest in Kansas City, Missouri, police fired tear gas into the crowd after some demonstrators began lobbing water bottles, law enforcement officials said.

A large crowd had gathered at County Club plaza and police had allowed it to slowly dissipate after the city's 8 p.m. curfew took effect. But police used stronger tactics against the smaller crowd that remained when rocks and water bottles started flying and two television station news vehicles were smashed and set on fire.

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Police declared the scene an "unlawful assembly" and said the area was clear of activity by midnight.

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Washington Gov. Jay Inslee late Sunday ordered a statewide activation of the National Guard following vandalism and stealing in stores and shopping malls in multiple cities.

Inslee had previously authorized 400 troops for Seattle and 200 for Bellevue. On Saturday night people smashed downtown Seattle store fronts and stole items from many businesses, tossing mannequins into the street. On Sunday there were break-ins and thefts in stores and shopping malls in Bellevue, Spokane, Tukwila and Renton.

Inslee's activation means more troops will be used to help control unrest.

"We must not let these illegal and dangerous actions detract from the anger so many feel at the deep injustice laid so ugly and bare by the death of George Floyd," Inslee said in a statement. "But we also will not turn away from our responsibility to protect the residents of our state."

WASHINGTON - Break-ins and stealing were rampant in downtown Washington and elsewhere in the city as protests over George Floyd's death turned violent for a third straight night.

Protesters broke into a branch of Capital Bank, and empty jewelry boxes could be seen scattered on the sidewalk outside a Mervis Diamonds store.

After protesters broke into a La Colombe coffee shop, someone in the crowd yelled, "What are you looting a coffee shop for? You're messing up the whole message."

NEW YORK - The mayor of New York City's own daughter is one of the nearly 790 people who have been arrested in the city since protests over the death of George Floyd began last week.

A law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter tells The Associated Press that 25-year-old Chiara de Blasio was arrested Saturday night. An arrest report obtained by The New York Post says she refused to leave a Manhattan street ordered cleared by officers because people were throwing things.

Chiara de Blasio, who is black, was later given a court summons and released.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, who is white, didn't mention the arrest in his Sunday press briefing. City Hall spokespeople didn't have an immediate comment.

- By Michael R. Sisak

AUSTIN, Texas - Police fired rubber bullets and pepper spray late Sunday night at demonstrators who gathered outside the downtown police station in Austin.

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Live television cameras on Spectrum News showed officers firing several shots into the crowd and several people on the ground. Some people could be seen throwing water bottles at police.

The officers were stationed above the crowd on the steps of the police station and a raised section of Interstate 35.

Unlike Dallas, where police made dozens of arrests to enforce a downtown curfew, Austin doesn't have a curfew and demonstrators have been roaming downtown from the police station to the state Capitol several blocks away for nearly 10 hours. The crowd has ebbed and flowed from a few thousand to a few hundred.

Demonstrators could not get on the Capitol grounds, which were protected by a large police presence.

DENVER - Police fired tear gas and projectiles at demonstrators defying a Denver curfew Sunday night following a day of peaceful marching and chants of "Don't shoot" alongside boarded-up businesses that had been vandalized the night before.

Dozens of demonstrators, some throwing fireworks, taunted police and pushed dumpsters onto Colfax Avenue, a major artery, in the sporadic confrontations that occurred east of downtown. The demonstration over the death of George Floyd came after turbulent protests that led to the arrest of 83 people Saturday night.

Denver Mayor Michael Hancock called the behavior of unruly protesters "reckless, inexcusable and unacceptable."

PHOENIX - Protests held Sunday night in downtown Phoenix appeared to be peaceful, according to local media reports.

An hour before a curfew went into effect, activist Armonee Jackson told protesters in the parking lot of an art gallery downtown that they should avoid any violence, The Arizona Republic reported.

"Listen to me: We are not ending in violence. I refuse to end in violence," Jackson told the crowd.

David Riutta told the newspaper that he came out to protest police brutality and wants to see a panel of civilians investigate officers' use-of-force cases.

WASHINGTON - As demonstrations continued past an 11 p.m. curfew, D.C. police said they were responding to multiple fires that were "intentionally set" around the city. One was at St. John's Episcopal Church, which is located across Lafayette Park from the White House.

The church says every president beginning with James Madison, "until the present," has attended a service at the church, giving it the nickname, "the church of presidents."

The first services at the church were held in 1816, according to its website.

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WASHINGTON - The entire Washington, D.C., National Guard - roughly 1,700 soldiers - is being called in to help with the response to protests outside the White House and elsewhere in the nation's capital, according to two Defense Department officials.

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser said Sunday she had requested 500 Guardsman to assist local law enforcement. Later on Sunday, as the protests escalated, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy ordered the rest of the Guardsman - about 1,200 soldiers - to report.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the matter.

The D.C. National Guard did not reply to a request from The Associated Press for comment.

- By James LaPorta

WASHINGTON - Protesters started fires near the White House as tensions with police mounted during a third straight night of demonstrations held in response to the death of George Floyd at police hands in Minnesota.

An hour before the 11 p.m. curfew, police fired a major barrage of tear gas stun grenades into the crowd of more than 1,000 people, largely clearing Lafayette Park across the street from the White House and scattering protesters into the street.

Protesters piled up road signs and plastic barriers and lit a raging fire in the middle of H Street. Some pulled an American flag from a nearby building and threw it into the blaze. Others added branches pulled from trees. A cinder block structure, on the north side of the park, that had bathrooms and a maintenance office, was engulfed in flames.

As the curfew hit, police sealed the perimeter of the park. Shortly beforehand, police pushed a crowd of about 300 demonstrators several blocks with a series of charges with batons and riot shields.

Enraged protesters screamed, "Who do you serve? Who do you protect?" Police shot pepper powders point black at several protesters.

Several miles north, a separate protest broke out in Northwest D.C., near the Maryland border. The Metropolitan Police Department says there were break-ins at a Target and a shopping center that houses Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue Men's Store, T.J. Maxx, a movie theater and specialty stores. Police say several individuals have been detained.

At least 4,100 people have been arrested over days of protests across the country since George Floyd's death Monday, according to a tally compiled by The Associated Press.

Arrests ranged from thefts to blocking highways and breaking curfew.

The arrest figures as of 11 p.m. EST on Sunday included those from demonstrations in New York and Philadelphia on the East Coast, Chicago and Dallas in the Midwest and Southwest, and Los Angeles on the West Coast as protests take place all over the country.

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In Dallas, police began sweeping downtown streets with arrests to enforce a curfew that went into effect at 7 p.m.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Michael Jordan is "deeply saddened, truly pained and plain angry."

With protesters taking to the streets across the United States again Sunday, Jordan released a statement on **George Floyd** and the killings of black people at the hands of police.

"I am deeply saddened, truly pained and plain angry," the former NBA star and current Charlotte Hornets owner said in the statement posted on the Jordan brand's social media accounts and the team's Twitter account.

"I see and feel everyone's pain, outrage and frustration. I stand with those who are calling out the ingrained racism and violence toward people of color in our country. We have had enough.

"I don't have the answers, but our collective voices show strength and the inability to be divided by others. We must listen to each other, show compassion and empathy and never turn our backs on senseless brutality. We need to continue peaceful expressions against injustice and demand accountability. Our unified voice needs to put pressure on our leaders to change our laws, or else we need to use our vote to create systemic change. Every one of us needs to be part of the solution, and we must work together to ensure justice for all.

"My heart goes out to the family of **George Floyd** and to the countless others whose lives have been brutally and senselessly taken through acts of racism and injustice."

BOSTON - A Sunday afternoon of mostly peaceful protests in Boston broke at nightfall when demonstrators clashed with officers, throwing rocks, breaking into several stores and lighting a police vehicle on fire.

Boston police tweeted that at least 40 people had been arrested as of 3 a.m. Monday. Police said seven police officers had been hospitalized and 21 police cruisers were damaged.

A National Guard unit was called in to help quell the unrest.

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker called the violence "criminal and cowardly" in a tweet. The nighttime destruction was a stark contrast to the several protests earlier Sunday that featured thousands of demonstrators marching peacefully.

ATLANTA - Riot police firing volleys of tear gas dispersed hundreds of demonstrators as a curfew took hold Sunday night, scattering a crowd that had protested for hours in downtown Atlanta over the deaths of **George Floyd** in Minnesota and Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia.

Hundreds of police, National Guard troops and other forces lined up in positions around downtown Centennial Park, a focal point of the weekend of protests.

The Latest: California closes all downtown state buildings

An overnight curfew took hold at 9 p.m. as some on the fringes of what was a largely peaceful afternoon protest were setting off fireworks and burning construction materials near the park. An Associated Press photographer saw police then begin firing many 40 millimeter canisters of tear gas toward the crowd. People were choking, gasping and some throwing up as they scattered, leaving only a few still in the streets.

As police and National Guard troops took up positions with plastic shields on major streets, crowds melted away. WSB-TV showed footage about an hour later of officers taking people who lingered in the streets into custody, using plastic ties to handcuff them on street corners.

WASHINGTON - Secret Service agents rushed President Donald Trump to an underground bunker Friday, as hundreds of protesters gathered outside the White House, some throwing rocks and tugging at police barricades just outside the executive mansion.

That's according to a Republican close to the White House not authorized to publicly discuss private matters and confirmed by another official. The abrupt decision by the agents underscored the rattled mood inside the White House, where the chants from Lafayette Park could be heard all weekend and Secret Service agents and law enforcement officers struggled to contain the crowds.

The Friday protests, triggered by the death of *George Floyd*, a black man who died after he was pinned at the neck by a white Minneapolis police officer, turned violent and appeared to catch officers by surprise. It sparked one of the highest alerts on the White House complex since the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. In the days since, security at the White House has been reinforced by the National Guard and additional personnel from the Secret Service and the U.S. Park Police.

On Sunday, the Justice Department also deployed members of the U.S. Marshals Service and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration to supplement national guard troops outside the White House, according to a senior Justice Department official. The official could not discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

- By Jonathan Lemire and Zeke Miller

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Truck driver on Minneapolis highway slammed brakes, says he didn't mean to hurt anyone, officials say

ARTICLE CXXIII. **[TRUCK DRIVER ON MINNEAPOLIS HIGHWAY SLAMMED BRAKES, SAYS HE DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT ANYONE, OFFICIALS SAY](#)**

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Byline: Dave Orrick

Highlight: He didn't want to hurt anyone. The truck driver who drove into - or nearly into - a crowd of protesters on Interstate 35W in Minneapolis Sunday says he didn't intend to do so, but rather found himself confused on a highway that he didn't understand was closed - and certainly didn't know would be [...]

Body

He didn't want to hurt anyone.

The truck driver who drove into - or nearly into - a [crowd of protesters on Interstate 35W in Minneapolis](#) Sunday says he didn't intend to do so, but rather found himself confused on a highway that he didn't understand was closed - and certainly didn't know would be occupied with thousands of people on foot.

But he wasn't completely blameless either in the terrifying incident, which untold numbers of people watched unfold live on TV; he was speeding, and his first reaction upon seeing the crowd was not to slow down.

That's the picture state officials sketched out Monday as they discussed the matter and marveled that no one was killed or even seriously injured.

"From what we can tell from our interviews ... we don't have any information that makes this seem like an intentional act," Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said.

On Monday afternoon, the driver, Bogdan Vechirko, 35, of Otsego, remained in Hennepin County Jail without bail, held on probable cause for assault. However, to hear officials tell it Monday, one would expect some of that might change.

Here's what happened, according to to Harrington:

CONFUSING CLOSURE

The Minnesota Department of Transportation had planned to close the highway at 8 p.m. to coincide with curfew. But they changed plans abruptly.

Truck driver on Minneapolis highway slammed brakes, says he didn't mean to hurt anyone, officials say

Around 4:30 p.m., a large crowd of protesters began to walk onto the highway.

The people had been attending a demonstration at U.S. Bank Stadium seeking *justice for George Floyd*, the unarmed black man whose death a week ago spawned protests that led to riots. The demonstration had been peaceful, and the thousands marching onto the highway were as well - although the act of occupying an Interstate is illegal.

Harrington and others quickly decided the safest move was to shut down the highways ASAP. "We asked MnDOT, 'Can you lock it down now?' And MnDOT said, 'As quick as we can, we will.' And they started the process of shutting down entrance ramps." They announced at 4:38 p.m. they were closing the highways at 5 p.m.

The process of setting up barricades at entrance ramps and diverting traffic already on the highways takes time - and the highways near downtown Minneapolis are a noodle nest of merges, ramps and commons, as Interstate 94 and I-35W cross paths.

Vechirko was already on I-94 when the process started.

EMPTY TANKER, EMPTY ROAD

Vechirko was on his second trip of the day as part of a milk run of stops with his tanker, which is owned by Kenan Advantage Group, a major petroleum distributor to gas stations. He's an independent contractor for the company, KAG has said.

The tanker was empty, Harrington said.

Vechirko exited from I-94 east to northbound I-35W. "He turned on 35 before we got barricades or trucks there to block off his access to 35," Harrington said.

He wasn't alone. Several motorists found themselves on the highway, having bypassed no barricades or diversions and unaware of the unscheduled closure, according to the Minneapolis-based [Star Tribune](#).

He was doing somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 mph. "From what we understand, he was speeding," Harrington said, cautioning that his information was "preliminary" and based on investigators' interview of Vechirko, reviews of traffic cameras, and other sources.

It's unclear if Vechirko had any inkling that the throngs - some 4,000 to 7,000 people - had taken to the highway.

"He knew the protests was going on, but it doesn't appear that he was trying to intercept the protests," Harrington said.

PANIC, THEN BRAKES

"We do have some information that he saw the crowd," Harrington said. "And initially, what it looks like, is he panicked, and he just kept barreling forward.

"And then he saw what he described as ... a young woman on a bike fall down in front of him, and he slammed on the brakes, and he slid for a certain period of time until the vehicle stopped.

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Videos of the horrifying event posted to social media carries audio in which the truck's horn can be heard sounding as the crowd scatters ahead of its approach, shortly before 6 p.m.

"It was sheer panic," said Rachel Quinn, a nurse from Minneapolis who was in the crowd when the truck rolled in.

The rig did not appear to swerve or veer toward the crowd as it came to a stop alongside them - an observation that supports the idea that Verchiko's aim was not to run people over.

The cab was soon mobbed. Video shows the truck then begin to drive forward again with people on its hood and clinging to both sides of the cab. One of them appeared to break the driver's front window, and the truck stopped came to a stop a second time. That person can be seen breaching the cab through the driver's front window.

Gov. Tim Walz said Monday that in addition to fearing multiple deaths from the truck steaming toward the crowd - and the possibility of an explosion from the tanker - the moment Vechirko was wrestled from his cab immediately recalled images of [Reginald Denny](#), a white truck driver who was beaten nearly to death when he happened upon a mob of black demonstrators during the following the acquittal of four police officers who beat Rodney King.

However, Walz said, Vechirko emphasized to investigators that after some in the crowd mobbed his cab and yanked him out, the bulk of people in the crowd sought to ensure he was not harmed.

BLOODIED BUT PROTECTED

"I thought they were going to kill him," said Justin Goeman, an activist and witness to the event who also of it, in an [interview with KMSP-TV 1992 riots in Los Angeles streamed video](#). "The crowd was angry."

Goeman said that the crowd, while peaceful, was seeded with unease based on an apparently false rumor that the the initial event was not legitimate, but a ruse to gather demonstrators together to harm them en masse. Thus, between that fear and the immediate assumption that the truck had intentionally targeted the crowd, Vechirko was in danger.

Go to around 38 minutes into the video.

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"Stop! We need to stop that!" Goeman yells as he rushes toward the crowd that is rushing the cab. As the cab is being breached, Goeman pleads, "We cannot hurt him. It defeats our purpose."

For more than five minutes, a host of demonstrators struggle to protect Vechirko, who eventually emerges, bloodied and battered, as police arrive and take him into custody.

Vechirko was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he was treated for non life-threatening injuries and released.

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Gov. Walz summed it up like this: "I think you had someone do something really stupid, got into a dangerous situation on the highway, feels incredibly lucky he did not kill someone, and is incredibly lucky Minnesotans showed their better angels and he did not get killed."

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After unrest in St. Paul, some businesses will remain closed despite Monday's reopen

ARTICLE CXXIV. [AFTER UNREST IN ST. PAUL, SOME BUSINESSES WILL REMAIN CLOSED DESPITE MONDAY'S REOPEN](#)

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Highlight: Like so many businesses up and down West Seventh Street in St. Paul, Cafe Astoria lined their doors and windows with plywood over the weekend. That was the common response after protests over [George Floyd](#)'s death morphed into widespread rioting and looting that destroyed numerous businesses throughout the Twin Cities. And while St. Paul has [...]

Body

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That was the common response after protests over [George Floyd](#)'s death morphed into widespread rioting and looting that destroyed numerous businesses throughout the Twin Cities.

And while St. Paul has been relatively calm for the last couple of days, some businesses will remained closed on Monday despite the fact Gov. Tim Walz has given them permission to reopen on a limited basis amid the coronavirus pandemic.

According to Phase II of the "Stay Safe Minnesota" reopening plan, which goes into effect Monday, restaurants and bars will be limited to outdoor dining only with no more than 50 people allowed at a time, while barber shops, hair salons, and tattoo parlors can operate at a maximum 25 percent capacity.

"I'm very unsure if we're going to reopen Monday," Cafe Astoria co-owner Leah Raymundo said. "I've been hearing so much I feel it might not be safe for the business."

It's unclear exactly how many businesses will remain closed, though judging by the amount of plywood on Western Seventh Street and parts of University Avenue, a lot of businesses owners will be approaching the situation with caution.

Saints Coast Barber Studio owner Chris Osborn said his shop won't reopen until at least Tuesday. That gives him and his staff a couple of nights to reassess the situation before making a decision. In the meantime, the shop remains boarded up with "[JUSTICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD](#)" spray painted on the front.

Grand Avenue Tattoo will also remain closed with owner Ransom Bennett citing an "abundance of caution" as his main reason. boarded up his shop with messages commemorating [George Floyd](#).

After unrest in St. Paul, some businesses will remain closed despite Monday's reopen

Outside of the Twin Cities, the Mall of America has decided to postpone its planned June 1 reopening of retail stores. "As soon as we confirm a new reopening date, we will share it," a statement read. "Additionally, Curbside Pickup at Mall of America has been suspended. A notice will be posted on our website when it resumes."

Additionally, Target has temporarily closed dozens of storefronts across the Twin Cities metro with locations on Lake Street and Uptown [closed indefinitely](#) after taking damage.

As for Tom Reid's Hockey City Pub a couple of blocks from the Xcel Energy Center, owner Tom Reid said the patio will be open as planned Monday, barring anymore unrest in St. Paul.

WHAT HAPPENS MONDAY

Phase II of Governor Tim Walz's "stay safe" plan begins Monday with these changes:

Restaurants and bars - In-person dining is outdoors and no more than 50 customers. Reservations required. Masks required for workers, strongly recommended for customers. Six feet of distance must be maintained. Personal services (salons, tattoos, barbershops) - Maximum occupancy of 25 percent. Appointments required. Masks required for workers and customers. Six feet of distance must be maintained. School buildings - Can be open with hybrid model of in-person and distance learning for summer learning per Centers for Disease Control and Minnesota Department of Health guidance. Organized youth sports - Can start per MDH guidance with no games. Recommendations for social distancing, masking when appropriate, following routine disinfection of high-touch items (balls, rackets, bats, other equipment), promoting health checks, and screening of participants and staff/volunteers. Campgrounds and charter boats - Open with guidance, which includes capacity limits and cleaning of facilities, and discouraging the sharing of fishing equipment and sanitizing it between uses. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [1,000 face layoffs as owner idles paper mills in Duluth, Wisconsin](#) [The Athletic lays off 8 percent of staff](#) ['Like the first day of school': Fitness centers across Minnesota prepare to reopen](#) [What you need to know as Minnesota opens more businesses amid coronavirus](#)

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Photos: A weekend of protests in America

ARTICLE CXXV. [**PHOTOS: A WEEKEND OF PROTESTS IN AMERICA**](#)

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Flames shooting from a Los Angeles Police Department kiosk. Kneeling protesters having their stinging eyes flushed. Police in riot gear standing outside the White House.

These are just some of the moments captured as demonstrators took to the streets from Boston to San Francisco over the weekend to protest killings of black people by police.

As night fell, many demonstrations that had started out peacefully sank into violence: Cars and stores were torched. The words "[**I can't breathe**](#)" were spray-painted on buildings. Police responded with tear gas and rubber bullets.

The massive protests started after last week's death of [**George Floyd**](#), a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes during an arrest, including for some time after Floyd had stopped moving and saying he couldn't breathe.

Floyd's death in Minneapolis came after tensions had already flared after two white men were arrested in May for the February shooting death of black jogger Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, and the Louisville police shooting death of Breonna Taylor in her home in March.

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Hundreds attend George Floyd rally at Governor's Residence. Cops take knee, hug protesters. Walz meets Floyd family.

ARTICLE CXXVI. **[HUNDREDS ATTEND GEORGE FLOYD RALLY AT GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE. COPS TAKE KNEE, HUG PROTESTERS. WALZ MEETS FLOYD FAMILY.](#)**

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Highlight: Gov. Tim Walz emerged from the Summit Avenue residence and attended the event for about 20 minutes, listening to speakers and meeting with members of Floyd's family.

Body

Hundreds of peaceful protesters turned out in 88-degree heat Monday afternoon in front of the Minnesota Governor's Residence in St. Paul to demand the arrest and prosecution of the three remaining Minneapolis police officers involved in the death of **George Floyd**.

Of the four officers who were fired in the wake of Floyd's May 25 death, only **Derek Chauvin** is in custody, facing one count each of third-degree murder and manslaughter. Chauvin was seen in a viral video of the incident pinning Floyd to the ground with his knee, ignoring the 46-year-old's repeated complaints that he couldn't breathe.

MN Governor Tim Walz looks on from behind several rousing speakers talking to thousands of protesters gathered peacefully in front of the governor's residence Monday. pic.twitter.com/76Smc5CGjk

- Judy Griesedieck (@judygpix) [June 1, 2020](#)

"What we want is for all four of them to go to jail now," activist Mel Reeves told the crowd. "Police violence is a disease. ... You know how you get rid of a disease? You gotta cut it out."

Gov. Tim Walz emerged from the Summit Avenue residence and attended the event for about 20 minutes, listening to speakers and meeting with members of Floyd's family.

Walz had spoken to them before on the phone, but this was their first face-to-face meeting, a spokesman confirmed. When Walz returned to the residence, some in the crowd jeered him.

Organizers who spoke at the Summit Avenue rally called for a special prosecutor to be appointed to oversee the case, rather than Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who took over Chauvin's prosecution last weekend from Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman.

They also criticized the third-degree murder charge against Chauvin as insufficient.

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Reeves compared efforts to correct racial disparities in policing to the the fights against slavery, apartheid and segregation.

"If we fight, we'll win," he said. "This is how every revolution starts. Just like this."

When some protesters refused to disperse as city's 10 p.m. curfew took effect, law enforcement officers began making arrests. The St. Paul Police Department later said on Twitter that 65 people were taken into custody.

Dave Orrick contributed to this report.

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Graphic

A woman addresses Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, right, during a demonstration Monday, June 1, 2020, in St. Paul, Minn. Protests continued following the death of ***George Floyd***, who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on Memorial Day. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Demonstrators gather at the Minnesota governor's mansion Monday, June 1, 2020, in St. Paul, Minn. Protests continued following the death of ***George Floyd***, who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on Memorial Day. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

Lt. Col. Sam Andrews of the Minnesota National Guard receives a hug from a protester at the State Capitol in St. Paul on Monday June 1, 2020, after telling the group he would pull back his soldiers so they would not be an unwelcome presence at the rally. A crowd of several hundred marched to the Capitol mall from the Minnesota Governor's Residence after a two hour demonstration calling for the arrest and prosecution of the remaining Minneapolis police officers involved in the death of ***George Floyd***. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

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Minneapolis police chief to George Floyd's family: 'I am absolutely, devastatingly sorry for their loss'

ARTICLE CXXVII. [MINNEAPOLIS POLICE CHIEF TO GEORGE FLOYD'S FAMILY: 'I AM ABSOLUTELY, DEVASTATINGLY SORRY FOR THEIR LOSS'](#)

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A CNN reporter talking to Arradondo on a Minneapolis street told him the Floyd family happened to be on live with journalist Don Lemon at that time, and asked if there's anything he would want to say to them.

"I am absolutely, devastatingly sorry for their loss. If I could do anything to bring Mr. Floyd back, I would do that. I would move heaven and Earth to do that." Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo addresses the family of [George Floyd](#) live on CNN. <https://t.co/tzZe64FaEp>

- CNN (@CNN)

After taking off his hat and saying he was sorry, he continued, "And if I could do anything to bring Mr. Floyd back, ... I would move heaven and earth to do that, so I'm very sorry."

Floyd, 46, died last Monday when he was handcuffed on the ground and Minneapolis officer [Derek Chauvin](#) put his knee on Floyd's neck for more than 8 minutes, according to a criminal complaint. Chauvin, who was fired, was arrested on Friday and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter.

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How did officers, National Guard quell violence on Saturday night? Lots of boots on the ground, focusing on speedy responses.

ARTICLE CXXVIII. **HOW DID OFFICERS, NATIONAL GUARD QUELL VIOLENCE ON SATURDAY NIGHT? LOTS OF BOOTS ON THE GROUND, FOCUSING ON SPEEDY RESPONSES.**

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Those were among the mandates for law enforcement officers who worked in large numbers Saturday night into Sunday morning to gain control over the Twin Cities, which had been rocked by nights of people setting fires and looting after the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody.

It wasn't perfect, and there were lessons to be learned, but "our goal was accomplished," Minnesota State Patrol Col. Matt Langer said Sunday.

"Fires were not set," he said. "We didn't see the lawlessness, we didn't see the risk to personal safety, the crime, the looting, the burglary, the property destruction was stemmed. That was our goal, that was our expectation, and that is our hope as we move forward."

Gov. Tim Walz announced Sunday morning that the 8 p.m. curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis, which was in place the previous two nights, would continue into Sunday night. Major highways in the Twin Cities closed down again for the evening.

Walz said he knew some people would criticize the continued restrictions as excessive and ask why he was keeping forces on the ground, but he said he thought it would be irresponsible not to.

"We don't think these people quit," he said. "I think in light of what we're seeing around the country (with protests) that these have expanded."

Walz activated the National Guard on Thursday and after continued rioting that night and Friday night took the unprecedented step Saturday of authorizing the full contingent of the Guard.

How did officers, National Guard quell violence on Saturday night? Lots of boots on the ground, focusing on speedy responses.

Why was that show of massive force not seen earlier, a journalist asked Walz at a Sunday morning press briefing.

Walz said there were logistics to be managed, plus the dynamics of a community that is raw over Floyd, who died on Monday.

"Keeping in mind what the spark was that lit this was law enforcement killing an innocent man on the street, so trying to measure when the proper time was, when it was right to be there," Walz said. "I will not make excuses ... If we had assembled this force last Friday we'd have been better off, but that wasn't going to be."

Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said they set up a new operational approach on Saturday, recognizing the group of rioters who attacked Minneapolis, St. Paul and surrounding areas had large numbers, speed and a tactical advantage over officers and firefighters in the preceding days.

They worked to flip that dynamic Saturday night, knowing that speed was of the essence to stop the violence and the criminal activity, Harrington said.

More than 155 people were arrested, many for curfew violations and others for weapons violations and other offenses.

One officer was shot at but not injured. Police arrested two people in the vehicle where the shot came from and recovered an AR-15.

Law enforcement noted vehicles were seen driving in communities without license plates and their headlights off. When police stopped them, drivers ran. Officers found several had been stolen locally and full of rocks, Harrington said.

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell said he thinks the people in vehicles without license plates, whom officers have stopped in St. Paul, are attempting "to better conceal their ongoing criminal activity." Officers have recovered guns during traffic stops and two bulletproof vests in one instance, Axtell said Sunday.

Police also received tips from community members with rumors of riots and looting coming to their communities, most of which were debunked, Harrington said.

National Guard members stood watch over critical infrastructure, freeing up officers "to be the rapid response" that was needed, according to Harrington.

In St. Paul, the situation came to a head after curfew Saturday night, when Axtell estimated 800 to 1,200 people marched from Minneapolis to the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge. Police believed they were trying to head to the Capitol.

"As we have observed previously, there are people hellbent on destruction in our city," Axtell said.

As soon as people were seen heading east on Lake Street toward St. Paul, police quickly assembled a team of officers who lined the bridge - "we drew a hard line in the sand," Axtell said. Police used tear gas and less-lethal munitions and tried to make a mass arrest, but most everyone ran back into Minneapolis.

After people took to St. Paul's streets during the day on Thursday and began looting stores and setting buildings ablaze, especially in the Midway area, police have been working to get the situation under control in St. Paul, and the nights that followed have progressively gotten better, Axtell said.

How did officers, National Guard quell violence on Saturday night? Lots of boots on the ground, focusing on speedy responses.

That's because they've had extra help, both from the Guard and from law enforcement from other agencies - there have been hundreds of law enforcement personnel on duty in the city, Axtell said.

St. Paul was able to add more "strike teams" of officers, "who are very mobile and can quickly respond to hot spots to resolve situation decisively and without delay," the police chief said.

There are also police mobile field forces at work in St. Paul and Minneapolis, "who have the ability to manage a large crowd of people," Axtell said, and there are also arrest teams from the Ramsey County sheriff's office who can take on the time-consuming arrest process.

Walz said he received a call Saturday night from Jay-Z, "not international performer, but dad, stressing to me that justice needs to be served and that as he's listening and hearing it, that this is a place that wants to do it."

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said he knows asking people to stay home at night is a big request, but clearing the streets allows "the opportunity to reclaim a sense of peace."

"I want to be very clear that we are not asking you for patience and we are not asking you for pacifism," Carter said. "We're asking you to take that energy ... and use it not to destroy our neighborhoods, but to destroy the historic culture, to destroy the *systemic racism*, ... all of the things that make it so difficult to hold someone accountable when a life like *George Floyd*'s is so wrongfully taken." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Hennepin County autopsy concludes Floyd died of homicide caused by police restraint, neck compression

ARTICLE CXXIX. **[HENNEPIN COUNTY AUTOPSY CONCLUDES FLOYD DIED OF HOMICIDE CAUSED BY POLICE RESTRAINT, NECK COMPRESSION](#)**

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Highlight: The Hennepin County medical examiner's office on Monday classified ***George Floyd***'s death as a homicide, saying his heart stopped as Minneapolis police restrained him and compressed his neck, in a widely seen video that has sparked protests in the Twin Cities and across the nation. "Decedent experienced a cardiopulmonary arrest while being restrained by law [...]"

Body

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"Decedent experienced a cardiopulmonary arrest while being restrained by law enforcement officer(s)," the medical examiner's office said in a news release. Cause of death was listed as "cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint and neck compression."

Under "other significant conditions" it said Floyd, 46, suffered from heart disease and hypertension, and listed fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use. Those factors were not listed under cause of death.

A Minneapolis police officer was charged last week with third-degree murder in Floyd's death, and three other officers were fired. Bystander video showed the officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, holding his knee on Floyd's neck despite the man's cries that he can't breathe until he eventually stopped moving.

A separate autopsy commissioned for Floyd's family also called his death a homicide. It concluded that that he died of asphyxiation due to neck and back compression, said the family's attorney, Ben Crump, who called for the charge against Chauvin to be upgraded to first-degree murder and for three other officers to be charged. He didn't say what the charges against the other officers should be.

That autopsy, by a forensic pathologist who also examined Eric Garner's body, found the compression cut off blood to Floyd's brain, and that the pressure of other officers' knees on his back made it impossible for him to breathe, Crump said earlier Monday while detailing the findings.

Hennepin County autopsy concludes Floyd died of homicide caused by police restraint, neck compression

Both the medical examiner and the family's experts differed from the description in last week's criminal complaint against the officer of how Floyd died. The complaint, citing preliminary findings from the medical examiner, listed the effects of being restrained, along with underlying health issues and potential intoxicants in Floyd's system. But it also said nothing was found "to support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation." Neither side has released its full autopsy report so far.

The family's autopsy found no evidence of heart disease and concluded he had been healthy.

Floyd, a black man who was in handcuffs at the time, died after Chauvin, who is white, ignored bystander shouts to get off Floyd and Floyd's cries that he couldn't breathe. His death on Memorial Day sparked days of protests in Minneapolis-St. Paul and around America.

The complaint provided no details about intoxicants. In the 911 call that drew police to a South Minneapolis grocery, the caller described the man suspected of paying with counterfeit money as "awfully drunk and he's not in control of himself."

Floyd's family and attorneys, like the families of other black men killed by police, commissioned their own autopsy because they didn't trust local authorities to produce an unbiased report.

The family's autopsy was done by Michael Baden and Allecia Wilson. Baden is the former chief medical examiner of New York City, and was hired to do an autopsy of Garner, a black man who died in 2014 after New York police placed him in a chokehold and he pleaded that he could not breathe.

Baden also did an autopsy at the family's request for Michael Brown, an 18-year-old shot by police in Ferguson, Mo. He said Brown didn't reveal signs of a struggle, casting doubt on a claim by police that a struggle between Brown and the officer led to the shooting.

Dr. Judy Melinek, a forensic pathologist from the San Francisco Bay area who blogs about the subject and is not connected with the case, said the key difference between the medical examiner's conclusions and those of Baden and Walker are the official finding of "significant" conditions for Floyd, including heart disease and drugs in his system.

Baden and Wilson acknowledged on a conference call with reporters that they didn't have access to the tissue samples that the medical examiner kept that might have given more information on his health. Nor did they have their own toxicology results yet.

Melinek said it's not unusual for different pathologists to reach different determinations, given that they may be looking at different information and that they've had different experiences and training.

Under the law, a medical examiner determines the cause and manner of death, but it's up to prosecutors to decide whether criminal charges are warranted. The term homicide means only that a person's death was caused by another person.

Chauvin, who was also charged with manslaughter, is being held in the state prison at Oak Park Heights. The other three officers on scene, like Chauvin, were fired the day after the incident but have not been charged.

The head of the Minneapolis police union said in a letter to members that the officers were fired without due process and labor attorneys are fighting for their jobs. Lt. Bob Kroll, the union president, also criticized city leadership, saying a lack of support is to blame for the days of sometimes violent protests.

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When asked to respond, Mayor Jacob Frey said Kroll's opposition to reform and lack of empathy for the community has undermined trust in the police.

Gov. Tim Walz announced Sunday that Attorney General Keith Ellison would take the lead in any prosecutions in Floyd's death. Local civil rights activists have said Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman doesn't have the trust of the black community. They have protested outside his house, and pressed him to charge the other three officers.

Freeman remains on the case.

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Trump warns of military action; Washington and New York join other cities with curfews

ARTICLE CXXX. **TRUMP WARNS OF MILITARY ACTION; WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK JOIN OTHER CITIES WITH CURFEWS**

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Body

By TIM SULLIVAN and AARON MORRISON

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - President Donald Trump threatened on Monday to deploy the United States military unless states quickly halted the violent protests that have convulsed cities from coast to coast, hours after **George Floyd**'s brother pleaded for peace, saying destruction is "not going to bring my brother back at all."

The competing messages - one conciliatory, one bellicose - came as the U.S. braced for another round of violence at a time when the country is already buckling because of the coronavirus outbreak and the Depression-level unemployment it has caused.

Trump said he was recommending that governors deploy the National Guard in sufficient numbers to "dominate the streets." If governors fail to take action, Trump said, he will deploy the United States military and "quickly solve the problem for them."

As Trump spoke in the Rose Garden, tear gas canisters could be heard exploding as police and National Guard soldiers aggressively forced back hundreds of protesters who gathered in Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House, and chanted peacefully against police brutality and the death of **George Floyd**.

Trump deplored the violence that broke out in the nation's capital Sunday night and warned that Washington's 7 p.m. curfew would be strictly enforced.

But in Minneapolis, Floyd's brother, Terrence, made an emotional plea for peace at the site where Floyd was pinned to the pavement by an officer who put his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck until he stopped breathing.

"Let's switch it up, y'all. Let's switch it up. Do this peacefully, please," Terrence Floyd said.

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The crowd chanted, "What's his name? ***George Floyd!***" and "One down, three to go!" in reference to the four officers involved in Floyd's arrest. Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** has been charged with murder, but protesters are demanding that his colleagues be prosecuted, too. All four were fired.

The gathering was part rally and part impromptu eulogy as Floyd urged people to stop the violence and use their power at the ballot box.

"If I'm not over here messing up my community, then what are you all doing?" he said. "You all are doing nothing. Because that's not going to bring my brother back at all."

The country has been beset by angry demonstrations for the past week in some of the most widespread racial unrest in the U.S. since the 1960s. Spurred in part by Floyd's death, protesters have taken to the streets to decry the killings of black people by police.

On Monday, police fired tear gas at hundreds of protesters who spilled onto an interstate highway in the heart of Philadelphia just before a 6 p.m. curfew took effect.

While most of the demonstrations have been peaceful, others have descended into violence, leaving neighborhoods in shambles, stores ransacked, windows broken and cars burned, despite curfews around the country and the deployment of thousands of National Guard members in at least 15 states.

Earlier Monday, Trump told the nation's governors in a video conference that they they "look like fools" for not deploying even more National Guard troops. "Most of you are weak," he said.

He added: "You've got to arrest people, you have to track people, you have to put them in jail for 10 years and you'll never see this stuff again."

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, dismissed Trump's comments as the "rantings of an insecure man trying to look strong after building his entire political career on racism."

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential candidate, vowed to address institutional racism in his first 100 days in office. He met in person with black leaders in Delaware and also held a virtual meeting with big-city mayors.

Biden said hate emerges "when you have somebody in power who breathes oxygen into the hate."

Meanwhile, an autopsy commissioned for Floyd's family found that he died of asphyxiation from neck and back compression, the family's attorneys said.

That distinguishes it from the official autopsy, which said he died from the effects of being restrained along with underlying health problems and potential intoxicants in his system. The official autopsy found nothing "to support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation."

The second autopsy was done by a doctor who also examined the body of Eric Garner, a New York man who died in an officer's chokehold six years ago.

Authorities in many cities have blamed the violence on outside agitators, though have provided little evidence to back that up.

But on Monday, federal authorities arrested a 28-year-old Illinois man, Matthew Lee Rupert, saying he had posted self-recorded video on his Facebook page last week that showed him in Minneapolis handing out

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explosive devices and encouraging people to throw them at law enforcement officers. The video also showed him attempting to light a business on fire, and looting, according to an FBI affidavit. Early Sunday, he posted more videos of himself in and around Chicago, saying "let's start a riot."

He was arrested in Chicago for violating the city's curfew.

As they girded for more violence, Washington and New York joined other cities in announcing curfews. The move followed a chaotic Sunday night in New York, where groups broke into Chanel, Prada and Rolex boutiques and electronics stores.

Hours before Washington's 7 p.m. curfew was to go into effect, nearly a dozen National Guard vehicles rumbled through the White House grounds and exited opposite Lafayette Park, where crowds had gathered for another night of protests. On Sunday, police fired tear gas and stun grenades into a crowd of protesters in the park. They scattered to light fires in nearby streets.

At least 4,400 people nationwide have been arrested over the past week for such offenses as stealing, blocking highways and breaking curfew, according to a count by The Associated Press.

Police officers and National Guard soldiers enforcing a curfew in Louisville, Kentucky, killed a man early Monday when they returned fire after someone in a large group shot at them, police said. In Indianapolis, two people were reported dead in bursts of downtown violence over the weekend, adding to deaths recorded in Detroit and Minneapolis.

While police in places tried to ease tensions by kneeling or marching in solidarity with the demonstrators, officers around the country were accused of treating protesters with the same kind of heavy-handed tactics that contributed to the unrest in the first place.

Cities struggled to keep police in line.

In Fort Lauderdale, Florida, an officer was suspended for pushing a kneeling woman to the ground during a protest. In Atlanta, two officers were fired after bashing in the window of a car and using a stun gun on the occupants. In Los Angeles, a police SUV accelerated into several protesters, knocking two people to the ground.

In New York, the police commissioner said about six incidents were being investigated by the department's internal affairs bureau, including a weekend confrontation in Brooklyn in which two police vehicles appeared to plow through a group of protesters. In another incident, an officer pointed a gun at protesters, drawing condemnation from the mayor.

Associated Press journalists across the U.S. contributed to this report.

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Curfew eased, not ended; Floyd private autopsy results released

ARTICLE CXXXI. ***CURFEW EASED, NOT ENDED; FLOYD PRIVATE AUTOPSY
RESULTS RELEASED***

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Governor Tim Walz said a curfew will remain in effect for Monday and Tuesday, though it will start at 10 p.m. and only extend until 4 a.m.

National Guard members will begin returning home Monday, though the forces will leave the Twin Cities in stages, and could be called back if widespread looting and arson begin again, Walz said in a press conference Monday.

Transportation in Minneapolis and St. Paul will also become less restricted. There are no planned highway closures in the Twin Cities metro Monday evening, the Minnesota Department of Transportation said, but Metro Transit services will remain suspended through the end of the day Monday.

The situation in the state is becoming more controlled, Walz said, and Sunday night had little violence.

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Walz and Harrington also commented on the potentially tragic situation on Sunday when a fuel tanker came barreling towards thousands of people protesting on I-35W.

"I was breathless as I watched it because I thought I was going to witness dozens or hundreds killed in the immediate crash," Walz said.

However, the driver didn't appear to be intentionally trying to injure protestors and was on the highway before protestors, according to Harrington. The officials confirmed that no one was seriously injured in the incident, and that the driver was confused about the time the highway would be shut down by police.

"We got lucky. There was something miraculous happening there," Harrington said of the fact that no one was hurt, adding that the driver was going up to 70 miles an hour close to the protestors.

Also Monday, the family of ***George Floyd*** released the results of a third-party autopsy that concluded that Floyd - who died during an arrest in Minneapolis a week ago - was asphyxiated not just by ex-police officer ***Derek Chauvin***'s knee on his neck but by the pressure of an additional two officers on his back, [*The New York Times reports*](#). The results, from Dr. Allecia M. Wilson of the University of Michigan and Dr. Michael Baden, a former medical examiner in New York City, conflict with an official autopsy that found "no physical findings that support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation."

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Roundup: Tanker truck disrupts march, Ellison will lead Floyd case

ARTICLE CXXXII. [ROUNDUP: TANKER TRUCK DISRUPTS MARCH, ELLISON WILL LEAD FLOYD CASE](#)

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A peaceful march was turned into chaos Sunday after a tanker truck, driving on a closed highway, barreled into thousands of protesters. More than 150 people were arrested for breaking curfew. The night was mostly free of violence, though reports persist of roving groups of arsonists.

The New York Times [reports on the truck incident](#), which happened on the I-35W bridge where marchers had gathered to protest the death of ***George Floyd***. The driver was dragged from the truck by protesters before being arrested by police. He's under arrest for probable cause of assault. No injuries among the marchers were confirmed, though protesters said several people may have been hurt. The road had been closed for about an hour beforehand, but state officials said the driver apparently steered around traffic diversions.

Roundup: Tanker truck disrupts march, Ellison will lead Floyd case

The event disrupted what had been a day of largely peaceful protests and raised tensions before a second night of curfew. More than 150 people were arrested for staying on the streets after 8 p.m., Minnesota Public Radio [reported](#).

The night didn't have the sort of widespread violence and looting present a few days ago, when hundreds of businesses were damaged or destroyed around the Twin Cities. But state officials, who have warned for days that extremists of some type were using protests for cover, said Sunday that caches of flammable materials had been found in neighborhoods and in cars stopped for lack of license plates, [the Star Tribune reports](#).

WCCO reports that four North Minneapolis businesses [were destroyed by fire early Monday](#); a neighborhood group said that a truck had driven to the building and something had been tossed on the roof of the structure before the blaze.

The Wall Street Journal has a story on how the violence in Minneapolis - and around the country - are prompting police departments to [change long-used tactics on how to deal with protests](#).

It's now been a week since the Floyd's death during an arrest by Minneapolis police officers that was captured on video. One of the officers in the video, [Derek Chauvin](#), was arrested and charged with third degree murder and manslaughter on Friday. On Sunday, the Star Tribune reports that Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison [will lead the case on Floyd's death](#). Normally such cases would be led by Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman's office.

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\$2 million raised to help rebuild riot-damaged Lake Street in Minneapolis

ARTICLE CXXXIII. **[\\$2 MILLION RAISED TO HELP REBUILD RIOT-DAMAGED LAKE STREET IN MINNEAPOLIS](#)**

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Highlight: The Lake Street Council has raised \$2 million in four days to help repair the damage left by days of riots in Minneapolis following the death of ***George Floyd***. The money will go to small businesses and nonprofits - many of which are immigrant- and minority-run - damaged during the destruction. Beyond rebuilding, business owners need [...]

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Theresa Swaney, senior creative operation manager at Lake Street Council, created the We Love Lake Street website on May 28 hoping to raise at least \$25,000. While her initial goal was surpassed, she says it will take "billions of dollars to repair what was lost."

"It's easy to see the physical damage, but there's a lot beyond that." Swaney said.

Swaney says many businesses on Lake Street have small or single-person staff, and contacted Lake Street Council seeking assistance boarding up windows or cleaning up rubble debris. The council, a staff of four, has been working hard the past week fielding phone calls from business owners, helping them find resources or work through language barriers.

"We've always talked about (Lake Street Council) as the connector between small businesses and the city," said Swaney. "We're continuing on that mission, but in a very different way than normal."

Council members also announced that to acknowledge the injustice that led to the unrest on Lake Street, they have made a donation to Floyd's family, from the council's general operating fund to the family of ***George Floyd***.

Those wanting to donate can go online to www.welovelakestreet.com.

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276 people arrested between Sunday, early Monday, mostly for curfew violations

ARTICLE CXXXIV. [276 PEOPLE ARRESTED BETWEEN SUNDAY, EARLY MONDAY,
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Included in the number were 150 people who were arrested in the area of Washington Avenue and Interstate 35W in Minneapolis on Sunday night after the 8 p.m. curfew, after law enforcement said they gave dispersal orders.

Some arrests at [#GeorgeFloydProtests](#) in Minneapolis

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress)

During the arrests, officials found two bulletproof vests and four handguns hidden in nearby bushes, along two handguns in people's backpacks, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

The Minneapolis fire department reported one new fire overnight, which was on the corner of 44th North and Penn avenues. Firefighters also responded throughout the night to several rekindled fires from earlier in the weekend. There were no fire-related injuries reported.

In St. Paul, there was not major activity overnight. Law enforcement arrested 21 people for curfew violations in St. Paul - seven at the Capitol and 14 others elsewhere, according to the police department.

"Even peaceful protesters who are breaking curfew are subject to arrest," the Department of Public Safety tweeted Sunday night. "Please go home and stay there."

Sunday was the third night of an 8 p.m. curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis. There have been peaceful protests since Floyd died in Minneapolis police custody last Monday, but also large-scale looting, arson and other violence. An officer, who has been terminated from the department, was charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death on Friday.

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Since the Minnesota Multi-Agency Command Center was set up Friday to respond to the unrest, there have been 481 arrests. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform pic.twitter.com/4awDyw3ZXh June 1, 2020](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of **George Floyd** tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for **George Floyd**](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in **George Floyd** unrest](#)

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'Let's start a riot,' says Illinois man in federal charges accusing him of starting fire, looting in Minneapolis

ARTICLE CXXXV. **'LET'S START A RIOT,' SAYS ILLINOIS MAN IN FEDERAL CHARGES ACCUSING HIM OF STARTING FIRE, LOOTING IN MINNEAPOLIS**

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He was accused Monday - one week after the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody - of passing out explosive devices and encouraging people to throw them at law enforcement officers, appearing to light a building on fire and looting a business.

Matthew Lee Rupert, 28, posted messages on Facebook on Thursday about the protests in the Twin Cities over Floyd's death and wrote, "I'm going to Minneapolis tomorrow who coming only goons I'm renting hotel rooms," according to the criminal complaint. He is from Galesburg, Ill., which is about 45 miles from Peoria.

Gov. Tim Walz talked on Saturday about people coming from outside Minnesota, fueling destruction and rioting in the Twin Cities, but has said in following up that "there's a lot more investigating to be done." Some people who have been arrested are from out of state, but most gave authorities Minnesota addresses.

Who are the outside agitators coming in?

"There's a lot of rumors and there's a lot of stuff up on social media, and that we are feeding that to our intelligence units to try to see if we can validate or vet any of those," Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said Sunday. "At this point I don't have any credible evidence of any specific group being here in Minnesota. I have lots of people calling me saying 'Have you heard?,' but I have not had anybody that can actually bring me evidence ... that actually validates that."

'Let's start a riot,' says Illinois man in federal charges accusing him of starting fire, looting in Minneapolis

On Friday, Rupert posted a live video to Facebook, indicating he was in Minneapolis. He said, "They got SWAT trucks up there ... I've got some bombs if some of you all want to throw them back ... bomb them back," according to the complaint. Soon after, he said, "Light that (expletive) and throw it at them."

Rupert asked for lighter fluid before going in a Sprint store and then said, in the video, "I lit it on fire," after which he went in a nearby Office Depot and filmed himself taking items from the store, the complaint said.

The U.S. attorney's office in Minnesota charged Rupert with civil disorder, carrying on a riot and possession of unregistered destructive devices. An attorney for Rupert was not listed in the court record.

On Saturday, Rupert posted messages on Facebook saying he was heading to Chicago, "We will be back bro we can loot til 2:30," the complaint said.

Early on Sunday, Rupert posted multiple videos on Facebook showing him in Chicago, wearing an American flag bandanna and baseball cap, and saying, "Let's start a riot" and "I'm going to start doing some damage," according to the complaint.

Chicago police arrested him about 2:20 a.m. Sunday for violating the city's emergency curfew order. Officers found explosive devices in his vehicle, along with a hammer, a heavy-duty flashlight and cash, the complaint continued.

Rupert was taken into federal custody on Monday in Chicago.

A DESIRE TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR FLOYD

Rupert's public Facebook posts over several years and via several different accounts don't suggest an obvious classification into a traditional Republican or Democratic category. At times they appear left-of-center, but he expresses enthusiasm for President Donald Trump in several posts from 2017 and 2016.

He's expressed a disdain for police - his posts claim a number of encounters with law enforcement - for several years. He spoke of a desire to seek justice for Floyd, posting about Floyd soon after his death. He displayed signs drew by hand saying "RIP George" that he appeared to post around Galesburg at first, and then later Minneapolis.

A post from Thursday reads: "Fight for what u believe in!! Cops kill everyday and everyone wants to just now stand. I been a freedom fighter my whole life and I'll live behind my constitutional rights!!! I love this country but the people u pay to harass us I hate to the death of me."

In his numerous live videos from his recent trips across the Upper Midwest, he occasionally chants such sentiments at demonstrations, but they're generally dominated by talk of arson, violence and looting.

He appears to have an affinity for firearms, likes to fish and shares macho memes. In November 2016, two weeks after Trump's election, he posted a picture of himself in a store with his hand on a bikini-clad female mannequin's crotch with the comment, "On my 2k16 Donald trump s-."

Other than Trump, he doesn't appear to frequently mention elected officials by name, although shortly after the 2016 election, he also posted "Man IMA miss Obama... Now I'm scared for the sake of america.."

FEDERAL TIPLINE

'Let's start a riot,' says Illinois man in federal charges accusing him of starting fire, looting in Minneapolis

The FBI is asking the public to report suspected arson, use of explosive devices, or violent, destructive acts associated with the otherwise peaceful protests of the last week by calling 800-CALLFBI (800-225-5324), or providing pictures or videos at fbi.gov/violence.

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State health officials urge protesters to monitor themselves for symptoms of coronavirus

ARTICLE CXXXVI. [**STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS URGE PROTESTERS TO MONITOR THEMSELVES FOR SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS**](#)

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Body

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Since the death of ***George Floyd*** last week while in Minneapolis police custody, thousands have participated in protests across the Twin Cities and the country. While many participants wore masks, some were in close proximity to one another and COVID-19 cases may therefore increase.

In a media briefing Monday afternoon, Minnesota Department of Health officials Jan Malcolm and Kris Ehresmann said participants should watch for symptoms and refrain from exposing themselves to the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. Since testing is more widely available now than previously, participants are urged to get tested, they said.

Due to the incubation period of the coronavirus, a spike in cases due to the protests would most likely occur later this month, in about 21 days.

One testing center, the MDH Public Health Laboratory, was forced to close Friday afternoon due to protests in the area, but reopened Monday morning.

Malcolm emphasized the state is working to address racial health disparities that have affected Minnesota communities, especially during this current time.

"We must continue our work to address these health disparities and the long standing stain of racism in our communities, our state, in our country," Malcolm said.

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Trump calls MN response to protests 'laughingstock.' Walz responds, 'No one's laughing ... we're in pain.'

ARTICLE CXXXVII. **TRUMP CALLS MN RESPONSE TO PROTESTS 'LAUGHINGSTOCK.'**
WALZ RESPONDS, 'NO ONE'S LAUGHING ... WE'RE IN PAIN.'

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Highlight: President Donald Trump, speaking to governors about their responses to protests over ***George Floyd***'s death, said Minnesota was "a laughingstock all over the world," according to audio posted by CNN. Gov. Tim Walz said Monday that he responded by saying, "No one's laughing here. We're in pain. We're crying. We saw a man lose his [...]"

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Gov. Tim Walz said Monday that he responded by saying, "No one's laughing here. We're in pain. We're crying. We saw a man lose his life in front of them and our challenge is that this is about social trust, social compacts and reestablishing faith in the people who are there to serve them."

Here's the audio of that remarkable call where Trump lashes out at governors and says they need to crack down on protesters. pic.twitter.com/ANSsniYitN

- Oliver Darcy (@oliverdarcy) [June 1, 2020](#)

In the wake of the death of Floyd, 46, in Minneapolis police custody last Monday, there were repeated instances of arson and looting in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Walz called up the Minnesota National Guard on Thursday and then took the unprecedented step of fully activating it on Saturday.

Overnight curfew has been in place in St. Paul and Minneapolis and, with more law enforcement and the National Guard on the streets, there weren't major problems on Saturday and Sunday in the Twin Cities.

Trump said he and Walz have talked.

"I fully agree with the way he handled it the last couple of days," Trump said in a recording of the teleconference with governors that was [posted by The New York Times](#). "I asked him to do that. ... You have to dominate."

Trump told the state leaders on Monday they "have to get much tougher."

Trump calls MN response to protests 'laughingstock.' Walz responds, 'No one's laughing ... we're in pain.'

"Most of you are weak," Trump said. "You have to arrest people."

During Walz's press briefing Monday, responding to reporters' questions about the call, he said he thanked Trump and the defense secretary for their support.

"I also shared with the president that a posture of a force on the ground is both unsustainable militarily, it's also unsustainable socially because it's the antithesis of how we live, it's the antithesis of civilian control."

Much as other states watched New York and Washington to see how they responded to COVID-19, Walz said governors have been calling him about the unrest sweeping the country.

"We've talked about using this police presence and public safety presence to separate the legitimate and visceral pain ... from the people who are causing problems," Walz said.

This report includes information from the Associated Press. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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UnitedHealth donates \$10 million, employee volunteer hours in George Floyd's honor

ARTICLE CXXXVIII. **UNITEDHEALTH DONATES \$10 MILLION, EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEER HOURS IN GEORGE FLOYD'S HONOR**

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Byline: Emma Harville

Highlight: UnitedHealth Group said Monday it will donate \$10 million and 25,000 employee volunteer hours to advance racial equity and rebuild the Twin Cities after days of civil unrest damaged dozens of businesses. The Minnetonka-based health care company said the donations will propel equity and inclusivity in the Twin Cities while honoring the memory of George [...]

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The company said \$5 million and the volunteer hours will be spent rebuilding and restoring restaurants and other businesses, many of which were small and minority owned.

An additional \$5 million is going to the YMCA Equity Innovation Center of Excellence.

The company also said it's establishing a college trust fund for Floyd's children. [*Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform*](#) [*'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress*](#) [*Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books*](#) [*'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd*](#) [*Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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Curfew continues Tuesday night in St. Paul, Minneapolis; National Guard presence remains

ARTICLE CXXXIX. **[CURFEW CONTINUES TUESDAY NIGHT IN ST. PAUL,
MINNEAPOLIS; NATIONAL GUARD PRESENCE REMAINS](#)**

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Byline: Mara H. Gottfried

Highlight: A curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis will continue for the next two nights with modified times and some Minnesota National Guard members are being sent home, Gov. Tim Walz announced Monday.

Body

Gov. Tim Walz on Monday extended the curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis for Monday and Tuesday nights in the midst of unrest over **George Floyd**'s death last week in Minneapolis police custody.

With more than 7,000 members of the National Guard mobilized, Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen said Monday he's confident their presence can be somewhat reduced. However, the number of Guard members who are on the ground to assist in St. Paul and Minneapolis won't change and it won't happen in a "light-switch way," according to Major Scott Hawks.

"I don't like the term pulling back," Jensen said. "What happened here early on, admittedly, we made mistakes as it related to troops on the ground and even tactics, so we had to get ahead of the curve."

After Walz called up the Guard on Thursday, riotous behavior continued. He authorized the full contingent of the Guard on Saturday.

"What we're seeing now is a much more stable position," Jensen said Monday.

Some units that have not fully mobilized or that have other upcoming requirements will return home to their communities. Those who have worked the longest will be given an opportunity to rest and return home, as they're replaced with other units to complete their work in St. Paul and Minneapolis, according to Hawks.

Shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday, a driver sped toward a National Guardsman and law enforcement officers in the area of Washington Avenue and Interstate 35W in Minneapolis. The Guard member responded with verbal and non-verbal signals for the vehicle to stop, but it "continued at a high rate of speed," Jensen said.

"Non-lethal methods were engaged on the vehicle ... to have the vehicle stop," but it continued coming toward them, Jensen said. "... Our soldier fired three rounds from his rifle in response to a perceived and legitimate threat to him and the Minnesota police officers that he was in direct support of."

Curfew continues Tuesday night in St. Paul, Minneapolis; National Guard presence remains

The vehicle changed course and left; no injuries were reported. The incident is under investigation.

Walz said Monday he was grateful and proud of Minnesotans for a second night of security and order on the streets. The extended curfew he announced has modified times - 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. On Monday night, arrests were underway outside the Capitol for curfew violations.

Thousands of people peacefully marched and protested during the day on Sunday and Monday.

"I don't want to paint a picture that this is over," Walz said Monday. "... It looks to me like there's a clear delineation between the folks who are rightfully pained and angered, wanting to see change and expressing it in lawful ways and what we witnessed on several days earlier in the week, those that are bent on wanton destruction of the very communities that are most pained."

Officers arrested 276 people between Sunday and early Monday, mostly for curfew violations.

Included in the number were 150 people who were arrested in the area of Washington Avenue and Interstate 35W on Sunday night.

During the arrests, officials found two bulletproof vests and four handguns hidden in nearby bushes, along two handguns in people's backpacks, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Law enforcement arrested 21 people for curfew violations in St. Paul - seven at the State Capitol and 14 others elsewhere, the St. Paul Police Department reported Monday morning.

Since the Minnesota Multi-Agency Command Center was set up Friday to respond to the unrest, there had been 481 arrests as of Monday morning.

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Gophers' P.J. Fleck on aftermath of George Floyd's death: 'This is the generation that can change this'

ARTICLE CXL. **[GOPHERS' P.J. FLECK ON AFTERMATH OF GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH: 'THIS IS THE GENERATION THAT CAN CHANGE THIS'](#)**

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Byline: Dane Mizutani

Highlight: As protests have erupted in the aftermath of *George Floyd* dying under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer last week, college coaches have drawn criticism for remaining silent about the issue at hand. North Carolina Central men's basketball coach LeVelle Moton, who is black, brought the conversation to the forefront during an interview with [...]

Body

As protests have erupted in the aftermath of *George Floyd* dying under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer last week, college coaches have drawn criticism for remaining silent about the issue at hand.

North Carolina Central men's basketball coach LeVelle Moton, who is black, brought the conversation to the forefront during [an interview with ESPN](#) over the weekend. He said the silence from white coaches across Power 5 conferences, particularly in football and men's basketball, is alarming because of the message it sends.

He said both sports tend to care about African Americans when they're on their teams, yet don't offer the same concern when African Americans die at the hands of law enforcement officers.

Meanwhile, Gophers football coach P.J. Fleck, who is white, broke several days of silence when he came out with his first public statement last Friday.

"I felt it was appropriate to communicate fully with our team, staff, parents and recruits before commenting publicly on the tragic loss of *George Floyd*," [Fleck said in his statement](#). "This week has been extremely difficult for our community and state, as we mourn the unnecessary loss of Mr. Floyd. His death was indefensible and I stand with the community in asking for accountability and justice."

Fleck added to the dialogue Monday, appearing on ESPN's First Take to further discuss Floyd's death and share how he is supporting his players during this time. He touched on various topics, including the protests in the Twin Cities, the way his program talks about social injustices, and how the rest of the world could learn a lot from college athletes.

"This week I've told our football team, 'I'm a 39-year-old Caucasian male; I'm not your head football coach,' " Fleck said. " 'You tell me. You call me. I'm here to listen.'"

Gophers' P.J. Fleck on aftermath of George Floyd's death: 'This is the generation that can change this'

"Too many times as a head football coach we want to talk and talk and talk and talk," he added. "This is a time to listen and to have empathy and to be very real (about) what's going on with the social injustice around us."

ESPN commentator Stephen A. Smith followed up, saying the Twin Cities has long been home to some of the worst racial disparities in the country, and asking Fleck what some of his players have shared with him about those experiences.

"All I can speak about is our program," Fleck responded. "This is a life program, not a football program. And our program tackles societal issues head on. We keep open dialogue with our players about those societal issues."

He added that his goal is to give his players a platform to make sure their voice is heard. Notably, star wide receiver Rashod Bateman has been vocal on Twitter since Floyd's death.

"There have been generations upon generations upon generations who have passed down hate to hate to hate, that have combated hate with more hate instead of hate with love," Fleck said. "It's up to this generation of our players, our millennials, that people talk about all the time that have too big of a voice, that say what they feel, that always ask why. This is the generation that can change this."

[Gophers get second chance at JD Spielman](#) [Minnesota athletes and coaches combine to help the community, and perhaps spark change](#) [Food and supplies distribution event Friday to feature Kyle Rudolph, Josh Okogie, Ryan Saunders and P.J. Fleck](#) [Gophers add Indiana defensive end to 2021 recruiting class](#) [What limited attendance at Gophers football games could do to the U's budget](#)

As his interview on First Take came to a close, Fleck talked specifically about how his team came together virtually last week to unpack everything that happened. They had a team meeting Tuesday, individual meetings Wednesday and Thursday, and a parent meeting Friday.

All were designed to put his team at the forefront and make sure he's in the best position to help enact lasting change.

"Over 100 parents called in, and that was my chance to listen," Fleck said, "to be able to take their voices and then apply change as we continue to move forward."

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Metro Transit remains shut down over unrest, but service tentatively slated to resume this week

ARTICLE CXLI. **[METRO TRANSIT REMAINS SHUT DOWN OVER UNREST, BUT SERVICE TENTATIVELY SLATED TO RESUME THIS WEEK](#)**

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Byline: Betsy Helfand

Highlight: Metro Transit announced Monday that all bus, light rail and Northstar service will remain suspended through at least Tuesday amid ongoing protests in the Twin Cities. In a release, Metro Transit said it expects to begin bus and Northstar service again on Wednesday with light rail service starting up again on Thursday but will provide [...]

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In a release, Metro Transit said it expects to begin bus and Northstar service again on Wednesday with light rail service starting up again on Thursday but will provide a definitive update on Tuesday before 6 p.m. about Wednesday's services.

"We are still in the process of assessing damage to our infrastructure and facilities, developing and evaluating the necessary detours, and identifying other potential service limitations," Metro Transit said in a prepared statement. "As we resume transit operations, transit schedules may be adjusted to reflect any curfew orders, detours, and other issues that will affect service."

While service is suspended, Metro Transit still will be providing transportation for essential workers as classified under Gov. Tim Walz's executive order on the coronavirus pandemic.

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Twin Cities restaurants reopen to outdoor diners, but George Floyd protests have many holding off

ARTICLE CXLII. [TWIN CITIES RESTAURANTS REOPEN TO OUTDOOR DINERS, BUT GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS HAVE MANY HOLDING OFF](#)

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Highlight: For the first time in 11 weeks, Minnesota restaurateurs on Monday rolled out the welcome mat for dining, albeit for outdoor seating only and with restrictions. Meanwhile, others are postponing planned openings amid unrest following the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody.

Body

For the first time in 11 weeks, Minnesota restaurateurs on Monday rolled out the welcome mat for dining, albeit for outdoor seating only and with restrictions.

Meanwhile, others are postponing planned openings amid [unrest following the death of George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody.

Perennial restaurant patio favorites Patrick McGovern's and French Meadow opened patios Monday for St. Paul diners. Francois Paradeise, general manager of French Meadow on Grand Avenue, had his first reservation at 11:30 a.m.

"It feels like back to the future. We're so thankful to diners for coming. I'm an optimist. I believe that everyday we're going to go further and the next day is going to be a better day than before," Paradeise said. "The weather today so far has been perfect. If it stays like this it would be great."

Monday was supposed to be a happy - well, happier - day for the restaurants as [Gov. Tim Walz allowed them to reopen for outdoor dining amid the coronavirus pandemic](#). The mood instead was a combination of excitement for some and angst for others.

Some restaurants that were slated to open outdoor spaces Monday held off because of protests and riots occurring throughout the metro, one week after Floyd's death. They include La Grolla in St. Paul and Brit's Pub and the French Meadow outpost in Minneapolis.

"We've pushed the reopening to tomorrow. And that could change. We want to take it day by day," said La Grolla owner Mikael Asp. "We had reservations booked. But with the uncertainty on the curfew side, I don't want to be unfair to the customers. You can take a 6 p.m. reservation, but you can't take a 7:15? It's unfair to customers. In any business you want to have the ability to plan. You want to maintain the quality and experience and service for your guests. The timing of this combined with (COVID-19), you couldn't have made a more perfect storm for restaurants."

Twin Cities restaurants reopen to outdoor diners, but George Floyd protests have many holding off

Before Monday, dining at Minnesota restaurants had been closed down since March 17, when the state prohibited dine-in while allowing carryout and delivery. In mid-May, the governor announced restaurants could reopen on June 1, but with restrictions that included outdoor dining only, tables 6 feet or more apart, no more than 50 diners total, required reservations and group size limits of four, or six per family.

Restaurateurs expected Walz would allow for indoor dining at limited capacity, so the outdoor-only restriction was "surprising and disappointing," according to Hospitality Minnesota, which predicts more restaurants will close for good.

MANY WAITING TO REOPEN

Several restaurants slated to reopen later this week have been delayed. Parlour St. Paul planned to open its patio Monday or Tuesday, but owner Brent Frederick said that won't happen until sometime later this week. Frederick said other restaurants by Jester Concepts slated to open early this week - Borough, Parlour and Monello in Minneapolis - also will be pushed back a few days.

Surly Brewing Co. planned to roll out its beer garden sometime this week but since has decided to postpone it indefinitely.

Even with the state allowing restaurants to open for outdoor service, not all restaurant owners of some of the metro's popular patios planned to reopen their al fresco dining spaces the first week.

At Meritage in downtown St. Paul, chef/owner Russell Klein said he probably will wait, even with outdoor dining now permitted. "Ideally, we will be waiting until dining rooms are allowed with at least 50 percent," he said.

'A GREAT SETUP'

At Patrick McGovern's, several tables were occupied by early afternoon diners longing for a sense of normalcy.

Tables were 6 feet apart and restaurant workers wore masks, but John Otteson of St. Paul said his experience has not been wildly different from his dining experiences before the pandemic.

"It's not confined at all; we're all outside, so it's good," Otteson said. "This is a really nice place to come; they've got a great setup."

Karrie and Jannet Powell of St. Paul and Eagan said they came to McGovern's because several restaurants on Grand Avenue were boarded up due to the unrest in Minneapolis.

"This was one of the only restaurants open," Karrie said. "We were disappointed that all of these other restaurants weren't open when they were supposed to be."

At French Meadow in St. Paul, some University of St. Thomas students sat at a table on the sidewalk, in front of windows boarded up to protect the cafe from rioters. Meanwhile, another couple dined on a back patio.

"We were just excited to get back out into the real world," said Adam Gottesman of Minneapolis.

In White Bear Lake, Admiral D's and ACQUA opened for outdoor dining Monday, and the patio at MIZU was slated to reopen Tuesday.

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In Stillwater, Charlie's Restaurant and Papa's Rooftop Patio both opened Monday.

With things changing hour by hour, check in with your favorite restaurant to see what their reopening plans are. However, delay or no delay, you still have several options to get your fill of your favorite restaurants. Carryout and delivery continue at many places.

Emma Harville and Emma Eidsvoog contributed to this report.

[Restaurant News: Amid closings, say hello to restaurant openings in the time of the coronavirus Pandemic, protests and ice cream. 2 Scoops Ice Cream Eatery seeks to heal us. W.A. Frost preps to reopen patio with new philosophy Watch: Walz announces opening of indoor dining, gyms, movie theaters, bowling alleys Midtown Global Market evicts Holy Land over employee's past social media posts](#)

Graphic

Patrick McGovern's in St. Paul was among the Twin Cities restaurants that reopened for outdoor dining Monday, June 1, 2020 under new coronavirus pandemic guidance from Gov. Tim Walz. (Emma Harville / Pioneer Press)

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Lawmakers call for state aid for Twin Cities properties damaged in riots

ARTICLE CXLIII. **LAWMAKERS CALL FOR STATE AID FOR TWIN CITIES
PROPERTIES DAMAGED IN RIOTS**

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Byline: Bill Salisbury

Highlight: Minnesota legislators of color and House Speaker Melissa Hortman are calling for speedy state financial assistance for Minneapolis and St. Paul rebuilding efforts after the devastation caused by looting and arson sparked by the murder of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody last week. In a statement issued Sunday, members of the legislative People of [...]

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In a statement issued Sunday, members of the legislative People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus and Hortman said they will seek "immediate access to legislative funds" to address the "emergency situation" in the Twin Cities.

More than 170 businesses were damaged or looted in St. Paul last week, according to police. The fire department reported there were 55 fires, primarily to commercial buildings, in St. Paul between Thursday and Friday morning. In Minneapolis last week, more than 200 buildings were damaged or destroyed, according to the Star Tribune.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said because of the coronavirus pandemic, they already knew businesses were going to need fiscal help to recover.

Now, "we've got entire corridors in Minneapolis where buildings have been destroyed," Frey said Monday. "We need to have help to replace those buildings, to get people back on track and I know the governor and mayor are committed to ... helping to provide that necessary support."

POCI members also called for the arrest of all former Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd's death.

On Monday, a representative for the group said they are drafting legislation and discussing detailed proposals with Gov. Tim Walz's staff.

The caucus consists of 19 of the 201 members of the Legislature.

Lawmakers call for state aid for Twin Cities properties damaged in riots

Mara H. Gottfried contributed to this report.

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Target plans to pay store employees displaced by unrest for up to 14 days

ARTICLE CXLIV. **TARGET PLANS TO PAY STORE EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY UNREST FOR UP TO 14 DAYS**

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Highlight: As Target continues to announce temporary store closures throughout the Twin Cities metro, the company has committed to paying employees impacted for up to 14 days of scheduled hours. They will also be able to work at other nearby Target locations that are not closed. "We are making the decision to reduce hours or temporarily [...]"

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As Target continues to announce temporary store closures throughout the Twin Cities metro, the company has committed to paying employees impacted for up to 14 days of scheduled hours. They will also be able to work at other nearby Target locations that are not closed.

"We are making the decision to reduce hours or temporarily close stores for the safety of team members and guests," a Target spokesperson wrote in an email. "We are not providing a count on the number of store impacted by reduced hours or temporary closures as the situation remains incredibly dynamic."

There have been several dozen temporary store closures in and around the Twin Cities with the storefront on Lake Street and the storefront in Uptown [closed indefinitely](#) after taking damage amid protests for **George Floyd**.

In [a letter](#) posted on the company's website over the weekend, CEO Brian Cornell announced several measures to support the Twin Cities which included: providing immediate first aid, food, and basic essentials to the community; supporting team members at closed stores; committing to rebuilding and reopening the storefront Lake Street as well as any other storefronts impacted; and engaging with community leaders to support local families.

"The murder of **George Floyd** has unleashed the pent-up pain of years, as have the killings of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor," Cornell wrote. "We say their names and hold a too-long list of others in our hearts. As a Target team, we've huddled, we've consoled, we've witnessed horrific scenes similar to what's playing out now and wept that not enough is changing. And as a team we've vowed to face pain with purpose."

According to a Target spokesperson, the company is providing goods through partnerships with local nonprofits, including bottled water, food, baby formula, diapers, dry goods, common first aid supplies, and

Target plans to pay store employees displaced by unrest for up to 14 days

medicine. It is also working with Hands On Twin Cities to bring together volunteers to support immediate recovery efforts, and will assist small businesses in their efforts to rebuild through our philanthropic commitments.

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Twitter users hail protest coverage from an unlikely source, WCCO sports director Mike Max

ARTICLE CXLV. [**TWITTER USERS HAIL PROTEST COVERAGE FROM AN UNLIKELY SOURCE, WCCO SPORTS DIRECTOR MIKE MAX**](#)

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Highlight: As the protests over the death of *George Floyd* intensified over the weekend, WCCO-TV decided to send its veteran sports director Mike Max to the frontlines. Twitter took notice.

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['Cops,' on air for 33 seasons, dropped by Paramount Network](#) [Anchor Pat Evans leaves KARE-TV after more than 25 years](#) [Meet Kamryn Johnson, the 9-year-old who has raised more than \\$50,000 for Minneapolis](#) [Fox News: Black deaths, stock market graphic was insensitive](#) [Second City CEO steps down amid claims of racism at theater](#) When the COVID-19 pandemic shut down all sports and other live entertainment events, it left media outlets with the question of what to do with reporters who cover such events.

As the protests over the death of *George Floyd* intensified over the weekend, WCCO-TV decided to send its veteran sports director Mike Max to the frontlines.

Twitter users took note, initially with skepticism. But Max - who grew up in Gaylord and has worked for WCCO radio and TV since 1998 - soon won Twitter over with [his solid reporting, thoughtful questions and his ability to dodge rubber bullets and endure tear gas](#).

"Since Mike Max isn't active on Twitter," Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal reporter Nick Halter tweeted on Monday, "has anyone informed him that everyone on this website has fallen in love with him over the last 72 hours?"

Here's a look at how Max captivated an audience during a national emergency. (He wasn't available for an interview on Monday.)

At first Twitter wondered what was going on, but soon after Max began to win folks over.

How the heck did Mike Max get to be a war correspondent?

- David Brauer (@dbrauer) [May 30, 2020](#)

Of all the local news reporters, I did not have Mike Max pegged as one of the people to be right in the middle of these protests.

Twitter users hail protest coverage from an unlikely source, WCCO sports director Mike Max

- EvolvingWild (@EvolvingWild) [June 1, 2020](#)

I'll admit, I was never a fan of Mike Max. I am now...

- Scott Korzenowski (@Skorzo60) [June 1, 2020](#)

Previously I may have found a certain reporter whose name rhymes with Ike Axe irritating but now he's won me over and also I'm worrying about him because Frank & Amelia kept wondering where he was and if he's okay.

- Laurel Krahn (@windowseat) [May 31, 2020](#)

Max's thoughtful coverage continued to impress.

So it turns out [@WCCO](#)'s sports reporter, Mike Max, is a secret genius at reporting on the ? He is genuine, curious, thoughtful, and keeps reiterating that the protestors have been peaceful as they incur police violence.

- Ashleigh Lambert (@nora_charles)

Mike Max [@WCCO #MinneapolisUprising June 1, 2020](#) deserves an Emmy for this interview. [pic.twitter.com/5nqqdsknDU](#)

? Kim Dutcher (@kddutch) [June 1, 2020](#)

So impressed by Mike Max reporting live on [@WCCO](#) each night. Not only remaining calm and focused in what's often been chaos, but bringing real humanity and insight as well. is making the sports media proud, and doing it a hell of a lot better than most of us ever could.

- Aaron Gleeman (@AaronGleeman)

Mike Max is giving us the stories we need to hear from the protestors [@wcco @MaxWCCO June 1, 2020 pic.twitter.com/TmniHNx9Ej](#)

- Kelsey L (@lavakels) [June 1, 2020](#)

I would have never guessed that Mike Max, the WCCO sports guy, would be the best protest reporter I've ever seen in mainstream media.

He's constantly reinforcing that protestors are being peaceful and reporting on violent actions of police.

- Ashley Fairbanks (@ziibiing) [June 1, 2020](#)

At one point, Max was the No. 1 trend on local Twitter.

If you're wondering why Mike Max is the No. 1 trend on Twitter in Minneapolis, this video is why. You should watch it. <https://t.co/tR3J76qvNV>

- Zach Halverson (@ZachHalverson) [June 1, 2020](#)

So far Mike Max has:

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- Had solid interviews w/a street medic, AIM member & tanker truck incident eyewitnesses
- Seen tear gas & raised weapons
- Picked smart & insightful things to film & people to talk to
- Made use of a magic helicopter to be virtually everywhere at once??

- Fran Snarkenton (@KeepMNBlue) [June 1, 2020](#)

Mike Max being pelted with rubber bullets as molotov cocktails rain down around him in the midst of a global pandemic and state curfew: winks at someone off camera.

- Andy (@newbiemn) [June 1, 2020](#)

Mike Max's plan to take over the world by becoming immune to tear gas is moving along at a rapid pace.

- Ray Fury (@fatassets) [June 1, 2020](#)

In the middle of a tragic situation, Max gave Twitter a chance to pause.

Maybe moving Mike Max to news is like when the Twins moved Glen Perkins to the bullpen.

- Brandon Warne (@Brandon_Warne) [June 1, 2020](#)

You guys it was nice knowing Mike Max. I will miss him but will be sure to watch him from afar when he becomes CBS' newest war correspondent.

- sarah hinde #JusticeForGeorgeFloyd (@sarahhinde) [June 1, 2020](#)

God bless Mike Max.

- Ryan Stanzel (@rstanzel) [May 31, 2020](#)

Mike Max pic.twitter.com/uuWzzmpbht

- Bring Me The News (@bringmethenews) [May 31, 2020](#)

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Fire at warehouse storing The Liffey, Local, Kieran's furniture make patio reopening dates uncertain

ARTICLE CXLVI. **[FIRE AT WAREHOUSE STORING THE LIFFEY, LOCAL, KIERAN'S FURNITURE MAKE PATIO REOPENING DATES UNCERTAIN](#)**

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Highlight: A fire burned the warehouse of Cara Irish Pubs, the group behind popular restaurant patios The Liffey in St. Paul as well as The Local (downtown Minneapolis and St. Louis Park) and Kieran's (downtown Minneapolis), to the ground on Friday night. The warehouse on East Lake Street in Minneapolis was where the restaurant group stored [...]

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A fire burned the warehouse of Cara Irish Pubs, the group behind popular restaurant patios The Liffey in St. Paul as well as The Local (downtown Minneapolis and St. Louis Park) and Kieran's (downtown Minneapolis), to the ground on Friday night.

The warehouse on East Lake Street in Minneapolis was where the restaurant group stored its patio furniture, extra tables, chairs, bar stools, equipment and supplies. The incident means reopening dates of Cara's outdoor dining spaces is even more uncertain despite the state allowing outdoor dining at restaurants starting Monday after closures since mid-March due COVID-19.

"Everything was destroyed, nothing salvageable," said Peter Killen, CEO of Cara Irish Pubs. "Thankfully, nobody was hurt."

Killen said the fire is being investigated. The incident occurred in an area heavily hit with fires and looting amid days of unrest following the death of **[George Floyd](#)** in Minneapolis police custody.

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ARTICLE CXLVII. **[FOR SOME BUSINESS OWNERS, MONDAY'S REOPENING IS A TIME FOR EXCITEMENT. FOR OTHERS, IT'S NOT NEARLY ENOUGH](#)**

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Chris Osborn and the rest of his team at Saints Coast Barber Studio started planning for their reopen long before they got official word from the state government.

They planned for a maximum of three barbers in the in the shop at a time. They planned to keep the door locked during business hours to manage who comes in. They planned to wear masks and gloves and will request clients wear masks, too. They even planned to take everyone's temperature upon arrival with a no-touch thermometer.

Needless to say, Saints Coast Barber Studio is as prepared as it can be for whatever comes next.

"We have pretty much everything in place to make sure everyone is safe," said Osborn, who owns the shop in St. Paul. "We are ready to roll."

After protests over ***George Floyd***'s death morphed into widespread rioting and looting over the weekend, [some business remained closed Monday](#) despite the fact Gov. Tim Walz has given them permission to reopen on a limited basis amid the coronavirus pandemic.

That said, the fact that places like like restaurants, bars, breweries, barber shops, and tattoo parlors, among others have the option to reopen is welcomed to many business owners.

In the past couple of months, roughly 90 percent of Minnesota restaurant and bar operators say they have laid off or furloughed employees, and 54 percent of Minnesota breweries estimate they will have to close within the next few months if things continue on this trajectory, according to Hospitality Minnesota, the trade association representing 2,000 restaurants, hotels, resorts, campgrounds and outfitters in the state.

More data from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development shows that of the more than 700,000 people across the state who have applied for unemployment assistance since March 16,

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food and beverage serving workers have been most impacted. More than 50,000 people in that sector have applied for unemployment.

Additionally, a recent survey from Hospitality Minnesota showed more than half of hospitality businesses may be forced to close permanently in the next couple of months if things continue at the current rate. That would put roughly 150,000 people out of work.

"Frankly, the reality is a lot of these businesses are out of time and out of money," said Ben Wogsland, Hospitality Minnesota director of government relations. "They have done their part to allow the state to catch up and expand healthcare capacity. Now they are at the precipice of bankruptcy and collapse. They need to be allowed to bring in more revenue."

That's why some business owners fear if Walz doesn't loosen some of the restrictions in place that the reopen could end up having an adverse effect

According to Phase II of the ["Stay Safe Minnesota"](#) reopening plan, restaurants and bars will be limited to outdoor dining only with no more than 50 people allowed at a time, while barber shops, hair salons, and tattoo parlors can operate at a maximum 25 percent capacity.

"We should be OK," said Osborn, who delayed his reopen until at least Tuesday. "It's still a thought in the back of my head that it might be temporary. I've got a buddy who's a barber out in Las Vegas and he said when they first opened up they were booked solid for a couple of weeks and after that it really slowed down. That's definitely a possibility."

'WE HAVE TO AT LEAST TRY'

While places like Saints Coast Barber Studio are already booked solid for the next few weeks, less than 10 minutes up the road, Grand Avenue Tattoo is struggling with the logistics of everything.

As of right now, owner Ransom Bennett has a makeshift system in place that will allow him and the rest of his team to have "a revolving door" of clients for the foreseeable future.

"We each have a call list and will start at the top and call people a few days in advance to set up appointments," Bennett said. "We decided to do it like this so we don't have to move people around in the event that we do have to dial it back. There's no clear path right now. We are just doing the best we can."

There are more than 100 people on his call list, so Bennett likely won't be short on clients in the coming weeks. There's an excitement that comes with that, especially considering the past couple of months have been hard physically, emotionally and financially.

"I know for a fact that it makes me feel good to be in the shop," Bennett said. "It's always been a safe haven for me. Anytime I've had mental health issues or troubles in my past, as soon as I'm giving a tattoo I feel better and that's why I love it so much. I know during the process of tattooing I'm going to feel great and I'll be so glad to be back."

That said, Bennett also doesn't expect to turn a profit while operating at 25 percent capacity. That's next to impossible with accounting for overhead costs.

"I don't even know if I'll be able to pay all the bills with the money coming in," Bennett said. "Not that there's really a better option than reopening. We have to do it. We have to at least try."

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What would it take for Bennett to start turning a profit again?

"I'd say realistically the capacity it would take for us to operate at and remain safe doesn't exist," Bennett said. "I think that number for profit might be like 75 percent capacity or something like that and the number for safely operating might be like 50 percent capacity or something like that. I guess what I'm saying is I don't think they overlap. And I would never value income over human life, so I don't think that's a viable option."

For now, Bennett is simply hoping to keep his head above water until things can return to normal.

"I've known this is going to be a long game," Bennett said. "I've been trying to prepare for it as best I can. I've told my team to do the same. Hopefully, it's enough."

'IT'S NOT NEARLY ENOUGH'

Chuck Dougherty couldn't help but feel a little insulted with Walz's announcement about restaurants reopening.

As the owner of the recognizable Water Street Inn in downtown Stillwater, as well as the adjacent Charlie's Restaurant and Irish Pub, and new rooftop location Papa's, he was gearing up to reopen his restaurants at 50 percent capacity after a nightmarish couple of months.

Instead, he planned to reopen Monday only able to seat a maximum of 50 people at a time. He's especially frustrated because he feels like he can service more than that while still maintaining social distancing.

"We have a rooftop patio that can seat about 300 people outside," Dougherty said. "We weren't thinking we were going to be able to open at 100 percent capacity right away. We were just expecting more. If we can only seat 50 people for the foreseeable future, that's not going to work for very long."

That's the hardest part about Monday for many business owners, and it's why Tom Reid is hoping outdoor dining will quickly pave the way for indoor dining.

"It's difficult to process only being able to seat 50 people on a patio in a restaurant that seats roughly 300 people," said Reid, owner of Tom Reid's Hockey City Pub on West Seventh Street. "That doesn't come close to paying the bills."

It's been a brutal couple of months for Reid, who estimates he's already lost 35 percent of his business for the year. He typically relies on March and April to drive revenue, largely due to St. Patrick's Day, various college hockey tournaments, and the start of the NHL playoffs.

He called it a "nightmare" for everyone in the industry, lamenting how St. Paul mainstays like Pazzaluna have been forced to shut their doors. He also emphasized that only being able to seat 50 people at a time is not at all sustainable for anyone trying to turn a profit.

"We need to be able to ramp up sooner rather than later," Reid said. "We can't go on like this."

That's exactly how Dougherty feels. He's already been forced to pare down his staff from 50 people to a skeleton crew of about 12 people, and while he's anticipating a boon in business at first, he's skeptical about how long it will last.

"It's a little baby step," Dougherty said. "It's not nearly enough."

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'HOPE FOR THE BEST'

As frustrated as some restaurant owners are at the moment, with so many people still working from home for the foreseeable future, Cafe Astoria sees a target audience as they prepare for their reopen.

In the words of co-owner John Occhiato, "Most people are going to want work from anywhere but their living room."

That's why Cafe Astoria has made improvements to their patio, purchasing additional tables and chairs, umbrellas to block the sun, and potted plants to create extra space between potential customers.

"We are set up pretty well because we have a rear entrance that kind of goes out to the patio," Occhiato said. "That creates kind of a natural flow."

The cafe is also hoping to close down a side street adjacent to the coffee shop in between its operation and Hope Breakfast Bar. That would provide some additional outdoor space for both businesses.

With business still down 60 percent this week, Occhiato knows the coming week will be extremely important for him and co-owner Leah Raymundo. They are treating it like a grand opening of sorts. Not a reopening.

"We have to let people know we are open and give them confidence that they are going to be safe when they are here," Occhiato said. "There's some concern that business might not come back fast enough. That said, I think we are going to be fine. It's just going to be a hard year and the bank account is going to continue to go down before it goes back up."

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As for Saints Coast Barber Studio right up the road, Osborn is approaching the reopen with similar optimism.

"I think the only thing I'm worried about is the unknown," Osborn said. "I think we are very much prepared for this entire thing and I think we can handle it perfectly. As excited as we are to be back, at the end of the day we are still kind of like, 'Here we go.' We just have to go for it and hope for the best."

Phase II of Governor Tim Walz's "stay safe" plan [begins Monday with these changes](#):

Restaurants and bars - In-person dining is outdoors and no more than 50 customers. Reservations required. Masks required for workers, strongly recommended for customers. Six feet of distance must be maintained. Personal services (salons, tattoos, barbershops) - Maximum occupancy of 25 percent. Appointments required. Masks required for workers and customers. Six feet of distance must be maintained. School buildings - Can be open with hybrid model of in-person and distance learning for summer learning per Centers for Disease Control and Minnesota Department of Health guidance. Organized youth sports - Can start per MDH guidance with no games. Recommendations for social distancing, masking when appropriate, following routine disinfection of high-touch items (balls, rackets, bats, other equipment), promoting health checks, and screening of participants and staff/volunteers. Campgrounds and charter boats - Open with

For some business owners, Monday's reopening is a time for excitement. For others, it's not nearly enough guidance, which includes capacity limits and cleaning of facilities, and discouraging the sharing of fishing equipment and sanitizing it between uses.

Graphic

Ransom Bennett and his three-year-old daughter, Ivy, in Bennett's tattoo parlor, Grand Avenue Tattoo in St. Paul, on Friday, April 17, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Charlie's Restaurant and Irish Pub at Water Street Inn in downtown Stillwater. (Courtesy of Water Street Inn)

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Lake Street Council raises \$2M to rebuild decimated businesses

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Several organizations are rounding up donations after days of rioting left Twin Cities neighborhoods smoldering.

The Lake Street Council launched the [We Love Lake Street](#) fundraiser last week, which has raised \$2,284,058 through 27,000 individual donations as of Monday morning. 100% of the funds will go towards Lake Street's small businesses and nonprofits to help them reopen quickly.

"A majority of Lake Street businesses are owned by immigrants and people of color, and Lake Street Council is committed to ensuring that our support is accessible to all businesses and has an equitable impact," reads a statement on the website. "As we work to allocate and distribute these funds, we will focus on helping the hardest-hit and most vulnerable businesses in our community, which disproportionately includes immigrant and POC-owned businesses."

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The Midway Chamber of Commerce and Saint Paul Downtown Alliance are soon launching the We Love the Midway fundraiser.

The [Official George Floyd Memorial Fund](#), started by Floyd's biological sister, has raised over \$7 million through 284,000 individual donations.

Other fundraisers include [Du Nord's Riot Recovery Fund](#) which has raised over \$50,000 "to support black and brown companies affected by the riots."

[Support the Cities](#), a subsidiary of Bethlehem Baptist Church, is also accepting donations.

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Mass gatherings, erosion of trust upend coronavirus control

ARTICLE CXLIX. [MASS GATHERINGS, EROSION OF TRUST UPEND CORONAVIRUS CONTROL](#)

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By MIKE STOBBE

NEW YORK (AP) - Protests erupting across the nation over the past week - and law enforcement's response to them - are threatening to upend efforts by health officials to track and contain the spread of coronavirus just as those efforts were finally getting underway.

Health experts need newly infected people to remember and recount everyone they've interacted with over several days in order to alert others who may have been exposed, and prevent them from spreading the disease further. But that process, known as contact tracing, relies on people knowing who they've been in contact with - a daunting task if they've been to a mass gathering.

And the process relies on something that may suddenly be in especially short supply: Trust in government.

"These events that are happening now are further threats to the trust we need," said Dr. Sandro Galea, dean of the Boston University School of Public Health. "If we do not have that, I worry our capacity to control new outbreaks becomes more limited," he said.

Government officials have been hoping to continue reopening businesses, churches and other organizations after months of stay-at-home orders and other infection-prevention measures. But health experts also hoped that any reopening would be accompanied by widespread testing, contact tracing and isolation to prevent new waves of illness from beginning.

Over the past week, protests sparked by the death of [George Floyd](#), a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pinned a knee to his neck, have involved thousands of people gathered tightly together in large crowds in more than 20 cities nationwide.

It's unclear if the protests themselves will trigger large new outbreaks. The protests were outside, where infections don't spread as readily as indoors. Also, many of the protesters were wearing masks, and much

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of the contact was likely less-hazardous "transient" moments of people moving around, passing each other, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

But, still, experts worry that public efforts to contain the disease in the future could be undermined.

In Los Angeles, the city's mayor announced Saturday that COVID-19 testing centers were being closed because of safety concerns related to violent protests. Testing in Minneapolis will be affected because some of the clinics that provide the service have been damaged in the protests, according to a city government spokesperson.

Reduced testing could "be giving the virus another head start," Schaffner said.

And contact tracing, which is only just getting going in several states, is an even bigger concern. It involves people who work for or with health departments asking intimate questions about where a person has been and who they've been talking to - and getting full, truthful answers in return.

"In this current environment which has enhanced or brought forth a mistrust of governmental authority, it might make them disinclined to speak with anyone in government," Schaffner said.

That is especially true in black communities trying to cope with episodes of police violence and longstanding frustrations with how they have been marginalized and mistreated by people who work for government agencies. And those are the communities that have been hardest hit by the coronavirus in the U.S. and most in need of public health measures to help control it.

Protests in Salt Lake City that drew several thousand people are a setback for contact tracers already struggling to contain the spread of the coronavirus, said Tair Kiphibane, infectious disease bureau manager for the Salt Lake County Health Department.

She became concerned as she watched hundreds of protesters go by her downtown Salt Lake City office Saturday afternoon where she and her staff were working another weekend day after seeing increases in COVID-19 cases last week.

She sent contact tracers home three hours early Saturday as protests grew violent near the office. She expects further increases in cases because so many people were close to one another during the protest. Tracing the web of infected people that may have been exposed will be daunting since protesters likely won't have names and phone numbers for many of the people they were around.

"It is going to make it so much harder," Kiphibane said. "It could be anybody. They don't know most of those people ... It is just too many people."

In a press conference Saturday, Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington used the term "contact tracing" when describing an investigation into arrested protesters there. He said the goal is to "see if there are crime or white supremacy organizations that have played a role" and "to understand how do we go after them, legally," Harrington said.

But Harrington's use of "contact tracing" by law enforcement may complicate the job of health workers as they try to track the virus's spread, some experts said.

"That was an abuse of the word 'contact tracing.' That is not what contact tracing is," said Dr. Tom Frieden, former director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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"Contact tracing is a service to patients and their contacts to provide services for patients and warning for contacts. It has nothing to do with police activity. Nothing," said Frieden, who is now president of Resolve to Save Lives, a nonprofit that works to prevent epidemics.

Galea said he hopes many people will separate in their minds the contact tracing done by public health workers from crime investigations by the police. But, he added, "I do think sometimes it's difficult to make a distinction when you feel marginalized by, and targeted by, the entire government."

Associated Press writer Brady McCombs contributed to this report in Salt Lake City.

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McGovern's Pub in St. Paul struggled through lockdown. Now partially reopened

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Go ahead, ask Pat Boemer if he's happy about reopening his restaurant.

Then you'd better stand back.

"This whole thing is so bizarrely stupid," Boemer snapped on Wednesday as he worked to get the patio ready at McGovern's Pub and Restaurant in St. Paul.

On Monday, restaurants like his were allowed to reopen, and Boemer said the [protests and looting related to George Floyd's death in Minneapolis police custody](#) didn't affect his neighborhood. But there are so many conditions that instead of celebrating their revival, many restaurant owners are feeling as gloomy as ever.

McGovern's may only serve customers outdoors, must take reservations, can't serve more than 50 people at one time and must not let customers get too close together.

Even with government subsidies and pep talks, Boemer said, about 30 percent of local restaurants will go out of business.

"I am so sick of government saying, 'We understand,' " he fumed as he unstacked deck chairs recently. "You do not understand anything."

His business has had a long, tough slog back to reopening.

McGovern's is a St. Paul landmark in a 132-year-old building, and Boemer has owned the place for 38 years.

He never imagined anything could shut him down - until Gov. Tim Walz's stay-at-home order of March 28.

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Boemer had to fire 70 employees. The pub, which is packed during the state hockey tournaments, became eerily silent.

At first, Boemer accepted the shutdown. The virus was a threat to everyone, no one was sure how it was spread, and lives had to be saved.

The pub muddled along with a takeout business. That generated about one-tenth of its normal income.

"It was enough to pay my cook," Boemer said.

He got help from the federal government: \$370,000. That was welcome, he said, and it was enough to keep the business alive. For three weeks.

The pub's usual monthly income is about \$450,000. "It was a Band-Aid," he said.

Then he received some money from the state. But once again, it came with strings attached.

"They said 75 percent of it had to be spent on employees," he said. That made sense when he had 70 of them, he said, but at the time he had five.

Two weeks ago, he was happy to hear hints that the governor would let restaurants reopen. On May 20, he heard about the details.

"It was shocking to hear it was only for outdoor dining," he said. Lucky for him, he had just completed a remodeling of his patio, which has a retractable roof for rainy days.

But half the restaurants, he said, have no patios. Others have only tiny outdoor areas.

"What are they supposed to do if it rains?" asked Boemer. Even in a thunderstorm, it is not allowed to have customers rush indoors.

Walz limited all restaurants to 50 customers.

"We have a capacity for 700," said Boemer. "We can't exist with 50 people."

To limit the crowd size, reservations are required. No one will be dropping in for a quick beer after work or a spontaneous birthday celebration.

"Reservations are for fine dining. We are casual dining," he said.

Tables need to be six feet apart. And only four people per table. Unless they are family members, and then six is OK. How can the pub guarantee that everyone is in the same family?

Boemer rolled his eyes.

He wouldn't complain if he thought the rules were saving lives. But he's not so sure of that now.

As of Monday, 1,050 Minnesotans had died. "That is out of 5.6 million people," he said.

It is now clear that the virus is not an equal danger to everyone. More than 80 percent of fatalities are older people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Why not focus the shutdown orders on those, asked Boemer, and let other businesses stay open?

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"It's not fair to close the whole economy because of a few," he said. "My employees are begging to come back."

Behind him, four workers struggled to set up an awning at the bar. One was pub manager Eric Wold.

"We are reopening, with only 50?" he said, doing the math in his head. "So, that is one-sixteenth our normal."

Still, he is determined to make it work. "We have to show the governor there is no difference between this and having 200 people in Sam's Club without masks," said Wold.

For him, Monday did not mean a triumphant revival, but another halting step as the pub staggers back to normal.

As he pushed tables into place, Boemer said he was hiring 30 employees for the reopening.

Will that be enough? Will his customers return?

He looked around at the scattered chairs and tables. "Come back next week," he said, "and I will tell you then." [Restaurant News: Amid closings, say hello to restaurant openings in the time of the coronavirus](#) [Pandemic, protests and ice cream. 2 Scoops Ice Cream Eatery seeks to heal us.](#) [W.A. Frost preps to reopen patio with new philosophy](#) [Watch: Walz announces opening of indoor dining, gyms, movie theaters, bowling alleys](#) [Midtown Global Market evicts Holy Land over employee's past social media posts](#)

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Bartenders Aaron Jost, left, and Scott Hanlon do a deep cleaning of the bar area at Patrick McGovern's Pub in St. Paul on May 27, 2020, in preparation for opening their patio. Restaurants and bars will be allowed to reopen Monday, June 1 for dining outdoors amid the coronavirus pandemic. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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The 189-unit Midtown Corner affordable housing project in Minneapolis was nearly ready for installation of fire sprinklers when it burned amid last week's riots, the project's developer said Monday.

The wood-framed building, under construction at 2913 26th Ave. S., was set on fire amid protests over the death of ***George Floyd***, the 46-year-old African American man who died while in the custody of Minneapolis police last week.

"We were completely framed up to the roof and probably a week or two from getting fire sprinklers in there, but it happened before that took place," Steve Wellington, CEO of St. Paul-based Wellington Management, said in an interview. "Obviously, it's a very vulnerable time for a wood-framed building."

The wood went up in flames "very quickly," Wellington said. The first-floor concrete, as well as the garage underneath, will likely have to be replaced as well, as the concrete was stressed by the heat, he added.

The project is likely a "total loss," Wellington said. "We are going through the process with the adjusters, but it doesn't take too much insight to take a look" at the damage that was done.

Photos and videos circulating on social media showed the building engulfed in flames a graphic and chilling image of the outrage that swept through Minneapolis and other cities across the country in the wake of Floyd's death.

The Midtown Corner project site is just a skip and a jump away from the epicenter of the violence, Minneapolis Police 3rd Precinct station at 3000 Minnehaha Ave. S. The police station was also set on fire.

<https://youtu.be/CY5ApwpacNw>

Wellington said Monday that the Midtown Corner building was scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2021. At the time of the fire, the six-story building was just starting to be enclosed and about eight to 10 months of interior work was still ahead, Wellington said.

Wellington said he intends to rebuild, but it's not clear when that process will begin.

"We are going to step back and get it going again, but it's going to be a significant delay in getting that project back underway," he said.

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The city of Minneapolis doesn't have a damage assessment of the Midtown Corner building, though the city may have something by the end of the week or early next week, city spokesman John Louis said in an email.

Site construction for the project began in August 2019, according to Wellington. Watson Forsberg is the general contractor. Finance & Commerce reported that the city had just issued a building permit for the project in March.

Of the 189 units, 20% would have been affordable at 60% area median income, and the remaining units were in the 60% to 80% AMI range, Wellington said.

Midtown Corner is the "next project in Wellington Management's multiphase redevelopment of the former Rainbow Foods grocery store at Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue," according to the developer's website. [SlideDeck2 id=458337]

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Monday coronavirus update: 10 more MN deaths, 361 new cases

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Of the state's total deaths, 855 were in long-term care or residents of assisted living centers, according to Minnesota Department of Public Health.

The state agency reported another 361 confirmed infections - the fewest in five weeks - increasing Minnesota's total cases to 25,208. The actual number of cases is likely much higher as the data only represents those who have been tested for the virus, state officials say.

As the daily count of cases decreased, so did the number of tests administered. There were 6,073 reported Monday, down nearly 1,000 from the day before and 2,500 on Friday. The state's Public Health Lab closed over the weekend because of rioting in St. Paul and Minneapolis and processed no tests Saturday and Sunday. Some were re-routed to partner laboratories when possible, the state said.

Those protests could lead to increases later this month due to large gatherings protesting the death of **George Floyd**.

With the COVID-19 pandemic underway, health officials have been worried about the risk of more transmission during large protest gatherings. Gov. Tim Walz said planning is underway for "massive mobile testing in the cities" and people who develop symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate.

Most people infected by COVID-19 experience mild symptoms, including a fever and cough. However, the virus can cause severe illness such as pneumonia, particularly for those who are elderly and have underlying health conditions.

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Monday also marks the first day that under an executive order signed by Walz, restaurants can open for outdoor dining. Salons and barber shops can also begin reopening.

HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING? There were 19,441 patients Monday that no longer need to be isolated as they have recovered enough from the virus. This is an increase from 18,695 patients yesterday. There were 549 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, a decrease from 555 from the day before. Of those patients in hospitals, 253 are in intensive care, a decrease from 257 on Sunday.

WHO IS GETTING SICK? Age group with most confirmed infections: 30- to 39-year-olds, with 5,036 cases. Age group with most deaths: 80-to 89-year-olds, with 361 deaths. Number of health care workers with COVID-19: 2,725. [Coronavirus Wednesday update: 19 more Minnesota deaths and 352 new cases](#) [Crowded St. Croix River beach raises social-distancing concern; Washington County beaches reopen](#) [Ramsey County sheriff's office helps organize food drive for Somali community](#) ['Like the first day of school': Fitness centers across Minnesota prepare to reopen](#) [What you need to know as Minnesota opens more businesses amid coronavirus](#)

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Barr: Law enforcement must 'dominate' streets amid protests

ARTICLE CLIII. **[BARR: LAW ENFORCEMENT MUST 'DOMINATE' STREETS AMID PROTESTS](#)**

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Body

By MICHAEL BALSAMO

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. officials vowed to "maximize federal law enforcement presence" in the nation's capital Monday night after days of violent demonstrations led to fires across Washington and left scores of businesses with broken windows and dozens of police officers injured.

In a call with governors, President Donald Trump and Attorney General William Barr also encouraged more aggressive action against those who cause violence during protests across the country following the killing of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis policeman pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air. The demonstrations have turned violent in several cities, with fires ignited in Lafayette Park across from the White House.

The comments from Trump, Barr and other federal officials appeared aimed at avoiding similar scenes Monday night, when protesters were expected to gather again. But there were also questions about whether using more aggressive law enforcement measures against demonstrators protesting police brutality would only increase tensions.

Barr told the state leaders that law enforcement officials must "have adequate force" and "go after troublemakers."

"Law enforcement response is not going to work unless we dominate the streets," Barr said.

Trump said he was "taking immediate presidential action to stop the violence and restore security and safety in America."

The president urged governors to deploy the National Guard, which he credited with helping calm the situation Sunday night in Minneapolis, and demanded that similarly tough measures be taken in cities that also experienced spasms of violence, including New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

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"Mayors and governors must establish an overwhelming law enforcement presence until the violence has been quelled," Trump said. "If a city or state refuses to take the actions that are necessary to defend the life and property of their residents, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them."

Trump directed Barr to "lead federal law enforcement efforts to assist in the restoration of order to the District of Columbia," Justice Department spokesperson Kerri Kupec said.

Minutes before Trump spoke Monday evening in the Rose Garden of the White House, police and members of the National Guard took aggressive action, using tear gas and flash bangs, to move back peaceful protesters who were outside Lafayette Park, across from the White House.

Law enforcement officials had made a decision earlier Monday that they needed to extend the security perimeter around the White House after multiple fires broke out in Lafayette Park the night before, according to a law enforcement official who would not publicly discuss the security protocols and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A Justice Department spokesperson declined to comment when asked whether Barr was involved in the decision to use tear gas on protesters outside the White House. A U.S. Park Police spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Between the protests and the response to the coronavirus pandemic, the National Guard has been deployed at its highest level in recent history, surpassing the number of troops sent to the Gulf Coast during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. More than 66,700 soldiers and airman have been activated - 45,000 to assist with the pandemic and more than 17,000 to help with the protests.

Other law enforcement resources are also being mobilized.

The Justice Department deployed the U.S. Marshals Service and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration to supplement National Guard troops in Washington on Sunday. By midnight, Barr had ordered the FBI to deploy its Hostage Rescue Team, an elite tactical unit, to the streets of the nation's capital, a senior Justice Department official said.

Barr has also directed the federal Bureau of Prisons to send teams of prison riot officers to patrol the streets in Miami and Washington, the official added. The federal prison system had also implemented a temporary measure to further curtail inmate movement at prisons across the U.S. "to ensure the good order and security of our institutions, as well as ensure the safety of staff and inmates," the Bureau of Prisons said.

Barr was traveling around Washington on Monday night to observe the protests, according to the senior Justice Department official, who would not discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. Park Police and Secret Service have had dozens of officers out in riot gear in Washington for the last few nights, in addition to the Metropolitan Police Department. U.S. Customs and Border Protection was also sending officers, agents and aircraft around the country to assist other law enforcement agencies "confronting the lawless actions of rioters," the agency said. The officers were being deployed in several states, though the official declined to provide specific details, citing security concerns.

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Several major cities have enacted curfews, and District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser set a 7 p.m. curfew for Monday and Tuesday. Violent demonstrators ignored the 11 p.m. curfew the night before as they set buildings and trash cans on fire and broke into stores to steal items from the shelves.

Most of the protesters have been peaceful and tried to discourage violence. Trump, Barr and others have tried to blame some of the civil unrest on left-wing *extremist groups*, including *antifa*, and other "*anarchists*." Short for anti-fascists, *antifa* is an umbrella term for far-left-leaning militant groups that resist neo-Nazis and white supremacists at demonstrations.

The FBI is using its network of regional joint terrorism task forces to "identify criminal organizers," and federal prosecutors across the country have been instructed to share information and utilize federal riot, arson or terror statutes against any "*violent radical agitators*" who attempt to hijack protests to cause destruction.

The Justice Department has vowed to treat the "violence instigated and carried out by *antifa* & other similar groups" as domestic terrorism. Although there isn't a specific federal domestic terrorism statute, prosecutors could charge other offenses and seek enhanced sentencing.

The FBI has already started questioning rioters who were arrested in several cities to determine whether they committed any federal crimes, the senior Justice Department official said. It is a federal crime to cross state lines to participate in violent riots.

Between 600 and 800 National Guard members from five states - Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Utah - are being sent to D.C. to provide assistance, senior Defense Department officials said. Those troops are either already on the ground or will arrive by midnight.

In addition, officials said that soldiers from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Fort Drum, New York, were heading to D.C. and would be based outside the city in case they are needed. They would be prepared to respond, but the officials said they are hopeful those troops will not be needed. If they are sent in, they are not expected to be conducting any law enforcement. The officials declined to say how many active-duty troops were en route.

In addition, members of the Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment, an active-duty unit known as the Old Guard and most visible as the unit that stands at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, have been called up to protect Fort Myer, Virginia, the U.S. Army post adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery.

The officials said some of the National Guard in D.C. will be armed and others will not. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing military deployments.

Associated Press writers Lolita C. Baldor, Kevin Freking and Ben Fox in Washington; Alan Suderman in Richmond, Va.; James LaPorta in Delray Beach, Fla.; and Sarah Blake Morgan in West Jefferson, N.C., contributed to this report.

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State opens wide-ranging probe of 10 years of Minneapolis PD race relations

ARTICLE CLIV. **[STATE OPENS WIDE-RANGING PROBE OF 10 YEARS OF
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Body

The administration of Gov. Tim Walz on Tuesday thrust its full weight of civil rights authority against the **[Minneapolis Police Department](#)** as it opened a wide-ranging investigation into the agency's previous 10 years of racial practices.

The salvo came in the form of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights opening an inquiry into the department following the death of **[George Floyd](#)**, an unarmed black man who died - according to two autopsies - because of the actions of several of its officers who held Floyd on the ground.

Floyd's death prompted protests across the metro area that evolved into rioting, arson and looting last week, a pattern that has repeated itself in cities across the nation. The violence in the Twin Cities has subsided, but the outrage against Floyd's treatment caught on video - a white officer's knee on his neck for minutes until he went limp - has not ebbed, underscoring the moment as a flashpoint for race relations.

While Tuesday's action by the Human Rights Department was hooked on Floyd's death, the investigation will amount to a strip search of the culture of the entire police force for the past decade, according to a picture painted by officials.

"This investigation is different," Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero said, drawing a distinction between ongoing probes, such as the criminal investigation of the officers involved, the murder **[prosecution by Attorney General Kieth Ellison of former officer Derek Chauvin](#)**, and a federal civil rights inquiry into the specific events surrounding Floyd's death. "This is looking at the system."

The leverage Lucero has is the Minnesota Human Rights Act, a 50-year-old statute that forms the bedrock of the state's legal stand against racial discrimination. The hammer that could ultimately be swung would be a court order, or a consent decree between the state and Minneapolis, that would compel - with the force of law - the police department to make what Lucero described as "structural change."

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Lucero did not provide a timeline for how long the process might take. It's unclear whether the state has ever attempted such reform at such a large and politically potent organization. In other jurisdictions where similar actions have been taken, the process often takes more than a year, but the effects can last decades under the watchful eye of advocates with the ability to get action enforced by a judge.

In what amounts to a statement of probable cause, Lucero wrote that the charge of discrimination was on the basis of race. Floyd was black, and Chauvin, who knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes, is white.

But she also wrote there is sufficient information to investigate whether the *Minneapolis Police Department* "utilizes systemic discriminatory patterns or practices towards people of color, specifically Black community members, on the basis of race and in the area of public services."

PROBE WELCOMED

Tuesday's announcement was welcomed by some who have long sought structural and cultural change in not just the *Minneapolis Police Department*, but in law enforcement agencies across the state.

Justin Terrell, executive director of the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, said the probe is "exactly what this community needs" following what he described as "years of gross violations."

However, he cautioned, promises of reform have been made before, and yet, African-Americans still feel profiled, oppressed and fundamentally unsafe at the hands of police. "This is not the end of the fight," he said in a news conference that was led by Walz to announce the news.

Benjamin Crump, the attorney representing the Floyd family, tweeted in all caps that the announcement was "very significant!"

The state's most powerful Republican, state Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said he supports the investigation.

"As Commissioner Lucero said, Minnesota has some of the strongest human rights laws in the country, and a process in place to enforce them," Gazelka said in a statement. "This is a positive step to allow transparency to help restore trust."

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo released the following statement: "The sworn and civilian members of the *Minneapolis Police Department* remain steadfast in recognizing that service is honorable, and it requires building genuine and authentic relationships with all communities. The authority given to us by the community comes with great responsibility and obligation to always have their best interest at heart. With the assistance of the State Human Rights Commission, we can take an honest examination at systemic barriers that have prevented us from reaching our greatest potential for those we serve."

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey welcomed the state's action.

"For our city to begin healing, we need to deliver *justice for George Floyd* and his family and enact deep, meaningful policing reforms," Frey said in a statement. "For years in Minneapolis, police chiefs and elected officials committed to change have been thwarted by police union protections and laws that severely limit accountability among police departments. I welcome today's announcement because breaking through those persistent barriers, shifting the culture of policing, and addressing *systemic racism* will require all of us working hand-in-hand."

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Minneapolis police union president Bob Kroll could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

UNION PRESIDENT TARGETED

While the investigation will broadly look at the department's policies, procedures and practices over the past decade, several key areas are likely to be probed: use of force training and techniques, the effect of not requiring officers to live in the city, the way officers are disciplined, how complaints are handled, whether there is enough civilian oversight of the department, and the prospect of "integrity standards" for officers, to name a few.

And then there's the politics, culture and tactics of the roughly 800-strong police union, which defends officers accused of misconduct.

Kroll, the outspoken leader of the union who has served since 2015, was the target of growing calls to resign this week.

On Tuesday, Minnesota AFL-CIO President Bill McCarthy said Kroll "has failed the Labor Movement and the residents of Minneapolis. Bob Kroll has a long history of bigoted remarks and complaints of violence made against him. As union President, he antagonizes and disparages members of the Black community."

The Minnesota Nurses Association joined that call Wednesday.

Education Minnesota, the state's largest teachers union, also called for Kroll to "resign or be removed by his membership."

On Monday, former Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau tweeted a letter that Kroll wrote to members of the police union and she wrote, "A disgrace to the badge! This is the battle that myself and others have been fighting against. Bob Kroll turn in your badge!"

Kroll wrote in his letter about the hard work of officers during "what everyone except us refuses to call a riot."

"The politicians are to blame and you are the scapegoats," Kroll wrote to officers.

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT

Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said that while reforms are long-term, they're directly tied to the mass demonstrations of recent days. As they spoke Tuesday, thousands peacefully gathered not far away on the lawn in front of the state Capitol in one of what has become a roving cycle of large gatherings seeking justice for Floyd and an end to needless police killings of black men.

Walz put it this way: "All of us have come to understand we're not gonna restore peace on our streets by having a bigger group of National Guard show up. We're not gonna establish peace on our streets by keeping a curfew in place all the time. We're going to establish peace on our streets when we address the systemic issues that caused it in the first place."

People with information for the investigation into the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** are being asked to contact the Department of Human Rights at 651-539-1100 or mn.gov/mdhr.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Minnesota State Advisory Committee issued a report in 2018, calling for Minneapolis police to undergo training in use of force, de-escalation and mental health interventions.

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The findings and recommendations were shared with Minnesota federal and state lawmakers, and law enforcement organizations, according to the commission.

The commission's Minnesota advisory committee is holding a public meeting on Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m., which people can call into at 800-367-2403 and use confirmation code 6816733; there will be an open public comment period during the meeting. People can also send written submissions to callen@usccr.gov.

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SPORTS' VOICES OF OUTRAGE

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Thirty years ago, as his stardom reached dramatic heights, Michael Jordan uttered a line that has stuck with him as a symbol of his reticence toward taking political stands.

"Republicans buy sneakers, too," Jordan said in 1990, in the midst of a politically contentious North Carolina Senate race.

The implication wasn't hard to parse: By choosing sides on an issue, Jordan risked jeopardizing the support, financial or otherwise, of those who disagreed with his stance.

It was striking then to see Jordan break from his own history Sunday to offer thoughts on last week's death of **George Floyd** in the custody of Minneapolis police and the ensuing protests demanding justice around the world.

"I am deeply saddened, truly pained and plain angry," Jordan said in a statement. "I stand with those who are calling out the ingrained racism and violence toward people of color in our country. We have had enough."

Jordan's comments were measured to be sure, but they are part of an overall sports response that seems to be changing in diversity and tone - as well, perhaps, as philosophy.

While speaking out a generation ago might have been deemed harmful to a brand, staying silent as a sports figure or team during a time of national crisis in 2020 can create an impression of being complacent at best and complicit at worst.

That's not to say, though, that what's being said in the wake of Floyd's death is merely an attempt to placate fans - even if some statements from teams and leagues read that way.

More than a moment

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The breadth and passion of comments - and in many cases, actions - from athletes of all colors suggest more of a movement than a mere moment across sports.

Among the many voices that registered as both authentic and perhaps unexpected included that of the NHL's Blake Wheeler - a Twin Cities native who posted an impassioned message that examined his own *white privilege*.

"We need to stand with the black community and fundamentally change how the leadership in this country has dealt with racism," the Winnipeg Jets forward wrote Saturday on Twitter. "I'm sorry it has taken this long, but I'm hopeful that we can change this NOW."

NASCAR driver Ty Dillon posted a similar message on Instagram, while retired baseball star Dale Murphy posed a series of tweets about his son being shot in the eye with a rubber bullet by police during a protest in Denver.

"If you're a beneficiary of *systemic racism*, then you will not be able to dismantle it at no cost to yourself," Murphy wrote. "You will have to put yourself at risk. It might not always result in being physically attacked, but it will require you to make yourself vulnerable."

Countless leagues and teams have offered statements, but the NBA's Washington Wizards late Sunday released what it called a unified statement from players that didn't mince words. "We will no longer tolerate the assassination of people of color in this country," it read in part, while also promising to take a stand against government leaders and law enforcement.

The Wizards statement ended: "We will no longer shut up and dribble," citing the phrase Fox News host Laura Ingraham used in a critique of LeBron James in 2018.

United they stand

Indeed, it seems more players are speaking out - with James looming large among them. He has been active on both Instagram and Twitter, where combined he has more than 110 million followers, in condemning violence and elevating images of peaceful protests.

Perhaps even more notably, several athletes not only have been active on social media but they have been in the thick of protests and activism themselves.

Former NBA player Stephen Jackson was in Minneapolis last week at a rally for social justice also attended by Timberwolves star Karl-Anthony Towns. Celtics players Enes Kanter and Jaylen Brown made long drives - one to Boston, one to Atlanta - to participate in protests.

"We stand with our players, employees, partners, and fans in being committed to championing the change we need," the Celtics said in a statement Sunday.

Activism in sports is nothing new, of course. But our expectation of it - and the comfort level of sports figures in engaging in it - is perhaps shifting.

Even recently, as part of the 10-part "The Last Dance" documentary, Jordan was asked about his role.

"I do commend Muhammad Ali for standing up for what he believed in. But I never thought of myself as an activist. I thought of myself as a basketball player," Jordan said. "I wasn't a politician when I was playing

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my sport. I was focused on my craft. Was that selfish? Probably. But that was my energy. That's where my energy was."

And now?

"Our unified voice needs to put pressure on our leaders to change our laws, or else we need to use our vote to create systemic change," Jordan said Sunday. "Every one of us needs to be part of the solution, and we must work together to ensure justice for all."

What they're saying

A sampling of reaction from around the sports world to **George Floyd**'s death and protests demanding justice and reform:

- Gophers athletic director Mark Coyle, in a statement: "I have spent the last week listening to our student-athletes and staff. They are hurting over the indefensible killing of Mr. Floyd. They are also committed to enacting change, and many of them have participated in the numerous peaceful protests and community and charitable efforts in the Twin Cities. I applaud them for using their voice and actions in a positive way."
- Timberwolves guard Josh Okogie, in a Star Tribune interview: "I hear our cries and it's just hard because as I don't condone violence, at the same time, you can't push people to the wall and expect them not to fight back. I think that's just a display of what we're seeing right now."
- Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, in a statement: "We cannot continue to ignore racism as if it has ended, or never happened. The continual violence inflicted upon blacks and people of color must stop. We need a change now. We need love. We need compassion. We need grace and forgiveness even in the midst of the pain. We need true leadership. We need justice. We need equality."
- Twins manager Rocco Baldelli, on Twitter: "**George Floyd** should be breathing right now. We have a lot of progress to make. A lot. Remember his name. Remember what happened."
- Twins outfielder Byron Buxton, on Instagram: "It's unbearable to even think about what's happening in our city and throughout the country, but things have to CHANGE. African Americans have been slaughtered left and right for nothing more than the color of our skin. That is reality and it has been ignored far too long. DEMAND PROGRESS - DEMAND **JUSTICE for George Floyd**."
- Islanders forward Anders Lee, a former Edina High School star, on Twitter: "I will never fully understand because of the color of my skin, but I have an opportunity to make a difference. I stand for anti-racism. I stand for the rights of black people in America, so we can all be equal. I stand alongside the black community through this difficult time and in the future. I stand for the justice of **George Floyd** and the countless others who have been killed by racism. **Black Lives Matter**."
- The NHL, in a statement: "As protests in both the United States and Canada in recent days have focused attention upon racial injustice for the Black community, the NHL stands with all those who are working to achieve a racially just society, and against all those who perpetuate and uphold racism, hatred, bigotry and violence."
- Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, to thenation.com: "The thing that strikes me is that we all see this police violence and racism, and we've seen it all before, but nothing changes. That's why these protests have been so explosive. But without leadership and an understanding of what the problem is, there will never be

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change. And white Americans have avoided reckoning with this problem forever, because it's been our privilege to be able to avoid it. That also has to change."

· Gophers receiver Rashod Bateman, on Twitter, along with a team photo: "No matter what happens, I will continue to LOVE all kind because I have witnessed how beautiful it is when it all clicks. Moving forward, all of my brothers and sisters in this photo will FIGHT for each other and everyone else who wants to better themselves and others."

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Justice: 'A long road'

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Two autopsy results - one requested by ***George Floyd***'s family and the other from Hennepin County - agree that his death is a homicide but disagree over exactly what killed him.

During a news conference Monday afternoon, two doctors hired by the Floyd family to do a private autopsy said they believe he died of asphyxia, which happens when oxygen flow is cut off, causing the brain and other organs to stop working.

"We believe truth will help lead to justice and so, despite how painful these autopsy findings are, especially for ***George Floyd***'s family, we think it is essential that the truth comes out about the manner and the exact manner and science as to how ***George Floyd*** was killed," Benjamin Crump, an attorney for the Floyd family, told reporters.

Hours later, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office issued its final public report, stating that Floyd died as a result of "cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression." A spokesperson for the office, citing Minnesota laws, said they could not discuss that cause of death further.

The report noted that Floyd "experienced a cardiopulmonary arrest while being restrained by law enforcement officer(s)."

It also listed "arteriosclerotic and hypertensive heart disease," as well as fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use as "other significant conditions."

It was the most extensive description released yet of the autopsy performed by the Medical Examiner's Office on the 46-year-old Floyd, who died on May 25 after his curbside detention at E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue by officers who suspected him of passing fake currency at a store.

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Derek Chauvin, who was seen on video pinning his knee on Floyd's neck, was fired from the force and has been charged with third-degree murder (up to 25 years in prison) and second-degree manslaughter (up to 10 years in prison).

Three other officers who were present were also fired but had not been charged as of Monday evening.

It is too early to tell exactly what significance, if any, the differing findings could play in Chauvin's case.

"I don't even know how this goes," said Bradford Colbert, a practitioner in residence at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. "It's not exactly clear to me, because in a criminal case, it's the state vs. the defendant.

Theoretically, the victim does not have the right to be involved. That's how it rolls."

Either a prosecutor or a defense attorney could choose to enter the results of the family's autopsy into evidence at a criminal trial, but neither would be required to do so, Colbert said.

The results could also be used in a civil trial, if Floyd's family decides to sue.

Little has been publicly released about how the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office came to its conclusion on Floyd's cause of death.

In a criminal complaint supporting the charges against Chauvin, investigators wrote that "the autopsy revealed no physical findings that support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation."

It also noted there were "underlying health conditions, including coronary artery disease and hypertensive heart disease."

While attorneys and doctors hired by the Floyd family did not release their written autopsy reports, saying they were still awaiting some additional results, they did describe their findings in some detail.

To come to their conclusions, they said they viewed the public videos of Floyd being pinned by Chauvin, as well as a report put together by EMT staff who worked on Floyd and examined the parts of his body to which they had access.

"The compressive pressure of the neck and back are not seen at autopsy because the pressure has been released by the time the body comes to the medical examiner's office," said Dr. Michael Baden, a forensic pathologist who performed an autopsy on behalf of the Floyd family.

"It can only be seen - serious compressive pressure on the neck and back can only be seen while the pressure is being applied or when, as in this instance, it is captured on video."

Baden said he believes that while Floyd was officially pronounced dead later, he actually died "after about 4 or 5 minutes."

Court documents filed in Chauvin's case say Floyd was pulled out of a squad car at 8:19:38 p.m., stopped moving at 8:24:24 p.m. and at 8:25:31 p.m., video "appears to show Mr. Floyd ceasing to breathe or speak."

Crump, the Floyd family attorney, said an EMT report they obtained shows that medics "performed pulse check several times, finding none, and delivered one shock ... but George's condition did not change. They delivered him to the hospital, continued ventilation, but that last report was the patient was still pulseless. The ambulance was the hearse."

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Baden said that they found "rough abrasions" on Floyd's left eye and left cheek "and a little bit in the front, on the nose and mouth areas." He said they also found "scrape marks on the back side of his left shoulder."

Preliminary findings released through the attorneys later in the day indicated that the doctors also found a hemorrhage "over the vertebral bodies and in the cervical region," as well as on the outside of the carotid artery and in the wrists and forearms.

"The cause of death, in my opinion, is asphyxia due to compression of the neck," Baden said.

Baden and his colleague, Dr. Allecia Wilson, disputed the medical examiner's findings of heart disease - with Baden going so far as to say, "I wish I had the same coronary arteries that Mr. Floyd had that we saw at the autopsy."

Wilson noted that second autopsies have some limitations.

"Certain parts of the organs have been retained by the original pathologist," she said, though she didn't note which ones.

In their public statements, the Floyd family's attorneys and doctors said they believe that pressures on both his neck and his back caused Floyd's death.

Paperwork filed in Chauvin's case indicates that officer ***J. Alexander Kueng*** "held Mr. Floyd's back" and officer ***Thomas Lane*** "held his legs." A fourth officer, ***Tou Thao***, was seen on video standing nearby while Chauvin's knee was on Floyd's neck.

Attorneys for the four fired officers either declined to speak about the family's autopsy findings or were unavailable to comment.

Attorneys for the Floyd family welcomed the appointment of Attorney General Keith Ellison to prosecute the case and said they hope he will consider a first-degree murder charge for Chauvin. Co-counsel Antonio Romanucci called for charges for the other officers as well. Not only was Chauvin's knee on Floyd's neck, Romanucci said, "but so was the weight of the other two police officers on his back. ... That makes all of those officers on scene criminally liable and, without a doubt, civilly responsible."

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BCA begins inquiry into Floyd killing

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St. Paul)**Body**

State investigators looking into the killing of *George Floyd* have requested the training records of all the former Minneapolis officers who were present, as well as access to surveillance footage that may have captured the encounter that sparked massive protests and fresh calls for reform of the city's police force.

In building their case against *Derek Chauvin*, the since-fired Minneapolis police officer who is charged with Floyd's death, special agents from the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) sought access to hospital and ambulance records, security camera footage from the hospital where Floyd died and records of the officers' de-escalation and first aid training.

"Part of the scope of the investigation is to examine the officers' use of force, and to corroborate statements of witnesses and officers," BCA special agent Matthew Lund wrote in a search warrant affidavit. "Therefore, documented verification is needed of the injuries and attempted medical intervention."

The BCA, which investigates most police shootings and in-custody deaths, made similar requests in the killing of Justine Ruszczyk Damond.

"As a part of a thorough investigation, BCA Agents are requesting authorization to obtain personnel files to include pre-employment psychological records, all training records, and internal affairs files for the above listed officers," Lund wrote in another warrant. Investigators also sought access to the officers' lockers at the Third Precinct station.

Chauvin was charged Friday with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter, after he was recorded kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes, ignoring the handcuffed man's pleas that he couldn't breathe. A bystander recorded the encounter at E. 38th Street and Chicago Avenue on Facebook Live, where it has been viewed countless times.

What started as peaceful protests after the video spread has since erupted into rioting nationwide; dozens of buildings in Minnesota were looted or torched. Gov. Tim Walz called in the Minnesota National Guard to

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help quell the unrest. The protests prompted nighttime curfew orders in the Twin Cities and several other cities.

Chauvin is the first white officer in Minnesota to be criminally prosecuted in the death of a black civilian. The maximum sentence for third-degree murder is 25 years; the maximum for second-degree manslaughter is 10 years. The other officers involved - Tou Thao, Thomas Lane and J Alexander Kueng - were also fired but have not been charged.

According to the criminal complaint against Chauvin, police were called after Floyd was suspected of passing a fake \$20 bill at the Cup Foods convenience store. Lane and Kueng approached Floyd, who was in a Mercedes-Benz with two other people. At some point, Chauvin and Thao pulled up to the scene. After ordering him out of the car, police were leading the handcuffed Floyd to a squad when he collapsed, and three of the officers got on top of him, authorities say. He died later at HCMC. The hospital has also been asked to turn over all video from its ER and the operating room from the time when Floyd was brought in, court filings show.

Lund filed a search warrant affidavit Monday afternoon for "all training records, specifically related to use of force, crowd control, crisis intervention/de-escalation and first aid" for the four officers.

He also sought the names of all instructors from Minneapolis police or externally who taught the topics to the officers, and copies of all training materials.

"As part of a thorough investigation, BCA agents are seeking these documents to provide a written record to the officers [sic] level of training and also to document techniques received during training," the affidavit said.

Authorities also requested access to Cup Foods' surveillance footage. A nearby restaurant, Dragon Wok, also had cameras that may have captured part of the incident.

Earlier this week, the FBI asked any witnesses who recorded footage of the encounter to turn it over to investigators.

In an unrelated incident, police are investigating the possible theft of a Minneapolis police bulletproof vest from the Third Precinct, which last week was overrun and torched by rioters. An investigator wrote in a search warrant affidavit that police received a tip that a man was sending pictures from his cellphone showing himself in a photo wearing the vest.

"The office where the Police Vest was taken from, contained items that include ... classified case files of gang members, classified information on ongoing criminal cases, property such as Police radios/charges/GPS trackers, vehicle keys, a safe, scales, police bags, police vests, police jackets, police uniforms, documents containing police information/reports, etc.," the affidavit read.

Police sought the warrant to search a 38-year-old suspect's home and workplace in northeast Minneapolis. Court documents show that the warrant was executed and nothing was taken.

According to the affidavit, the video posted online allegedly showed the man wearing a vest emblazoned with the name of Minneapolis police officer J.B. Werner while standing next to a wall with "dozens of tools hanging on the wall."

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Jeff Werner, a decorated 20-year veteran in the department, worked in the weapons unit, which works closely with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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Brother of George Floyd visits site of his death, calls for peace

ARTICLE CLVIII. **[BROTHER OF GEORGE FLOYD VISITS SITE OF HIS DEATH, CALLS FOR PEACE](#)**

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Highlight: When Terrence Floyd finally made it to the spot Monday afternoon where his brother died a week earlier, he collapsed to one knee and dropped his head. He cried, and his delegation from Brooklyn, N.Y., consoled him. The sound of clicking cameras by media from across the world soon was drowned out by chants from [...]

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The sound of clicking cameras by media from across the world soon was drowned out by chants from many of the hundreds of people who gathered at Cup Foods on Chicago Avenue and 38th Street in Minneapolis.

"What's his name?" someone from the crowd yelled. "***George Floyd!***" they yelled back.

Terrence Floyd raised his gloved hand to his heart, patted it twice and touched the Chicago Avenue pavement where his 46-year-old older brother died May 25 after being pinned facedown by three Minneapolis police officers for nearly nine minutes, despite his pleas to stop and that he couldn't breathe. A fourth officer stood guard.

The death sparked protests and violent rioting and looting in Minneapolis and St. Paul and other cities across the United States and the world.

On Monday, Terrence Floyd grabbed a megaphone - and called for peace.

"Hello," said Floyd, who was wearing a plain white t-shirt, a New York Yankees baseball cap and a cloth facemask with the words, "We can't breathe" and a picture of his brother. "I understand you all are upset, but like it was already said, I doubt you all are half as upset as I am.

"So if I'm not over here wilding out, if I'm not over here blowing up stuff and if I'm not over here messing up my community then what are you all doing? You are all doing nothing, because that's not going to bring my brother back all at all."

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George Floyd's younger brother Terrence Floyd of Brooklyn on Monday afternoon ...
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- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress) [June 2, 2020](#)

The Floyd family is a peaceful family, he said. He urged the crowd to "do this another way" and to vote.

"Let's stop thinking that our voice doesn't matter," he said. "Educate yourself and know who you're voting for."

He said his brother, who moved to Minneapolis from Houston, "loved it here," and was working as a truck driver.

"He was good," his brother said, "so I highly doubt ... no - I know he would not want you all to be doing this. I'm not saying the people here ... the people who are doing this."

Since Floyd's death, the area around Cup Foods has become a memorial for him and a place for people to gather in peace and demand a stop to death at the hands of police officers. Hundreds of flower bouquets and handmade signs with messages and drawings of Floyd have been placed at the site.

On Monday, before and after Floyd's brother spoke to the crowd, the atmosphere was lively and peaceful. People offered up free water and food for anyone to take.

A group of Native Americans held a prayer circle and called for healing and unity. Jingle dress dancers captured the attention of the crowd.

At Worldwide Outreach For Christ Ministries, located kitty-corner from Cup Foods, church members were busy carrying donated bags of groceries, diapers and basic household necessities from the basement of the building to the parking lot for people to take.

"We have a lot of people throughout this community who care about the people who are here," said Kim Hollman, church administrator. "And they are giving from the abundance of their hearts and making sure that there is no one who is going to go hungry because of the unfortunate situation with all the stores being looted and closed. So we're trying to do as much as we can as a church to give back to the community."

On 38th Street, Glen Walton and his family and friends grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken sausages and gave them away for free to anyone who was hungry. He paid for the food himself and by donations from others.

The 59-year-old Washburn High School graduate grew up four blocks away, but now lives in North Minneapolis. He said he wants to "lift up the community."

"We have hungry people out here," said Walton, who works as an arborist for the city of Minneapolis. "I've been out here since Tuesday. We're spreading love - that's what we need now - and also to spread the message that we absolutely want ***justice for George Floyd.***"

His mother, Inez Walton, helped pass out the food.

"This was all his idea," she said. "I'm proud of him."

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She said the video of **George Floyd** on the ground "absolutely broke my heart, especially when he asked for his momma."

Terrence Floyd flew to Minneapolis from New York with Rev. Kevin McCall and civil rights lawyer Sanford Rubenstein, among others. McCall told the crowd Monday that they came with one message.

"We're sending a message to people all over this country to stop looting and throw up the peace sign," he said. "The power is in the numbers. Don't stop protesting, but throw up the peace sign."

Former Minneapolis Police Officer **Derek Chauvin**, who was recorded on video with his knee on **George Floyd**'s neck for nearly nine minutes, was charged last week with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter and is currently in custody at the Minnesota Correctional Facility - Oak Park Heights. The other three officers have been fired, but not charged, despite demands from protesters and others, including McCall on Monday.

"The family has a long road ahead for justice. But just because we're doing it peacefully, that doesn't mean we don't want all four of the officers locked up," McCall said, followed by applause and cheers. "We will not rest until they get locked up."

Graphic

George Floyd's brother Terrence Floyd, in white, collapses to his knees at the spot where where his brother **George Floyd**, encountered police and died while in their custody, before speaking at a rally in front of the Cup Foods, on Chicago Ave. S. and 38th St. in Minneapolis, on the one-week anniversary of his brother's death, Monday, June 1, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

People rally Monday, June 1, 2020 at the site where **George Floyd** encountered police and died while in their custody on Memorial Day, May 25, in front of the Cup Foods on Chicago Ave. S. and 38th St. in Minneapolis, the one-week anniversary of his Floyd's death. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Terrence Floyd, at center in white, collapses to his knees at the spot where his brother **George Floyd**, encountered police and died while in their custody, before speaking at a rally in front of the Cup Foods on Chicago Ave. S. and 38th St. in Minneapolis, on the one-week anniversary of his brother's death, Monday, June 1, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Terrence Floyd, right, is overcome with emotion before speaking at a rally in front of the Cup Foods, on Chicago Ave. S. and 38th St. in Minneapolis, on the one-week anniversary of his brother's death, Monday, June 1, 2020. His brother **George Floyd**, encountered police and died while in their custody at the location on Memorial Day, May 25. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Man who drove semi into Minneapolis protest over death of George Floyd to be released from jail

ARTICLE CLIX. **[MAN WHO DROVE SEMI INTO MINNEAPOLIS PROTEST OVER DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD TO BE RELEASED FROM JAIL](#)**

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Highlight: Truck driver Bogdan Vechirko, who drove into a crowd of protesters Sunday on the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis, will be released from jail. His case has been deferred, pending further investigation, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman announced Tuesday. Vechirko, 35 of Otsego, was arrested after driving his tanker into a crowd of people who [...]

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Truck driver Bogdan Vechirko, who drove into a crowd of protesters Sunday on the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis, will be released from jail.

His case has been deferred, pending further investigation, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman announced Tuesday.

Vechirko, 35 of Otsego, was arrested after driving his tanker into a crowd of people who had been protesting for *justice for George Floyd*, who died in police custody in Minneapolis last week. Vechirko was dragged from his truck by angry protesters and briefly taken to a hospital before being booked into the Hennepin County Jail. No protesters were seriously injured in the incident in the northbound lanes of I-35W at the Mississippi River near downtown.

"From what we can tell from our interviews ... we don't have any information that makes this seem like an intentional act," Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said previously.

State officials said Vechirko had already been on the freeway system when it started being barricaded ahead of an evening shutdown to quell the civil unrest that had followed Floyd's death. Officials have said that they do not believe that Vechirko meant to intentionally injure protesters, though he was speeding at the time of the incident.

"He knew the protest was going on, but it doesn't appear that he was trying to intercept the protest," Harrington said.

Harrington said that Vechirko "panicked" when he saw the crowd and then slammed on the brakes when he saw a woman on a bicycle fall down in front of him, skidding until the tanker stopped.

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According to the Hennepin County attorney's office, investigators are "in the process of gathering additional information to aid in the charging decision."

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Graphic

Protesters hand over to the police the driver of a tanker truck after he drove into hundreds of protesters marching on 35W north bound highway during a protest against the death in Minneapolis police custody of **George Floyd**, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S. May 31, 2020. REUTERS/Eric Miller TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY - RC210H9WFCSA

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Some hail, some bash Ellison role in Floyd case

ARTICLE CLX. [**SOME HAIL, SOME BASH ELLISON ROLE IN FLOYD CASE**](#)

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Highlight: Long an outspoken critic of police misconduct, the AG will oversee prosecution in the racially charged case.

Body

Keith Ellison took over the Minnesota Attorney General's Office last year vowing to spend more time helping state attorneys try complex cases. He also helped lead a yearlong study into the root causes of deadly police encounters - like the one that took **George Floyd**'s life in Minneapolis last week.

The two agendas converged Sunday when Gov. Tim Walz asked Ellison to take over the prosecution of **Derek Chauvin**, a fired white officer accused of choking Floyd, an unarmed black man, with a knee to his neck. Now, one of the nation's loudest civil rights voices is at the center of its most intense police brutality case in decades.

The move came after six days of protests over Floyd's death, including demands for Chauvin's immediate arrest and prosecution. Among the protest targets was Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, who filed the murder charges after five days. But Floyd's family and some prominent supporters, including members of the Minneapolis City Council, wanted a change. After several days of deliberation, Walz announced Sunday that Ellison, a former defense lawyer and congressman, would take over the case.

If there was political pressure in the high-profile case, state Sen. Jeff Hayden, a Minneapolis Democrat who represents the area where Floyd was killed, said it came "directly from the constituents." He said some members of the community have lost faith in Freeman's office, whose record of prosecuting police officers comes down to the recent conviction of Mohamed Noor, a black officer in the 2017 shooting of a white woman who had called 911 for help. Many protesters also were outraged that Freeman didn't bring more serious murder charges against Chauvin - or bring any charges so far against the other three officers involved in Floyd's arrest.

"I know Mike very well; I don't think he's a bad person," said Hayden, who wants police reform to be a priority when the Legislature returns this month for a special session. "But I think he's very much out of touch with the community that he serves. I think you saw that play out in his news conference when he, in

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a very boisterous and braggadocious way, argued that he is the only person to put a cop in jail - and that cop happened to be a person of African descent."

Freeman's only statement since the unusual step of putting Ellison in charge has been that he had asked for Ellison's help. "There have been recent developments in the facts of the case where the help and expertise of the attorney general would be valuable," Freeman said.

A spokesperson for Freeman's office referred questions Monday to the Attorney General's Office. An attorney for Chauvin also declined to comment Monday.

The case surrounding Floyd also has highlighted the work Ellison and Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington have led over the past year with a task force on police brutality. Hayden and other DFL lawmakers are now pressing for a special session of the Minnesota Legislature to take up the panel's recommendations, which had been shelved during the Legislature's regular session.

The 16-member group drew on law enforcement and community leaders - including Clarence Castile, whose nephew Philando Castile was killed during a traffic stop in Falcon Heights in 2016. Freeman at one point anchored a panel with Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, and both voiced a willingness to see the attorney general create a special prosecutor unit to handle police brutality cases.

Expanding the attorney general's footprint in criminal law was an early priority for Ellison, said Richard Allyn, a Minneapolis attorney and former supervisor who helped manage Ellison's transition into the office.

Ellison is not expected to try Chauvin personally. But Allyn and Hayden both pointed to his extensive litigation experience as a defense attorney in Minneapolis before his political career.

"He is probably the best qualified AG that I've seen in Minnesota history in terms of being able to analyze criminal law issues, prosecution issues, defense issues - because he did it so long at the Legal Rights Center," Allyn said.

Peter Wold, an attorney who represented Noor, the fired officer convicted in the 2017 killing of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, called Ellison's appointment rare. But he added he was surprised it hadn't happened sooner.

"Certainly in Minnesota it is unusual, but I don't think it should be," Wold said. "The County Attorney's Office is dealing with their own police force basically, or a police force they need to rely on from time to time. And I'm surprised it hasn't happened more often."

But some activists say Walz's move doesn't go far enough. Michelle Gross, president of Communities United Against Police Brutality, helped lead a protest outside Walz's residence on Monday to urge the governor to appoint a "special prosecutor not affiliated with the Hennepin County prosecutor's office or the Attorney General's Office because we have no faith in these agencies to vigorously prosecute police officers given their past failures."

One of the state's top Republicans also is opposed. Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said he favors leaving prosecutions in the hands of county attorneys. He said he's "particularly opposed" to Ellison taking over the case, citing a past photo of Ellison with a book about far-left "*Antifa*" activists who often engage in violent confrontations with neo-Nazis. Ellison on Sunday dismissed the photo as "a complete diversion."

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Hayden argued that Ellison was uniquely qualified. "He has always been fighting, even before he was admitted to the bar. Even before he graduated. He was the young spokesperson [against] police brutality," Hayden said.

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Social media, music world go dark for Black Out Tuesday

ARTICLE CLXI. [**SOCIAL MEDIA, MUSIC WORLD GO DARK FOR BLACK OUT TUESDAY**](#)

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Highlight: Though Black Out Tuesday was originally organized by the music community, the social media world also went dark in support of the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement, joining voices around the world outraged by the killings of black people in the U.S.

Body

NEW YORK - Though Black Out Tuesday was originally organized by the music community, the social media world also went dark in support of the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement, joining voices around the world outraged by the killings of black people in the U.S.

Instagram and Twitter accounts, from top record labels to everyday people, were full of black squares posted in response to the deaths of ***George Floyd***, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor.

Among those joining in was Amalia Hertel of St. Paul.

"I don't generally partake in social media trends, and don't think they're effective," the Instagram user said. "It was also mostly my white friends doing it, too."

"But after scrolling a bit I saw that one of the girls I grew up next door to, who is black, had done it, and I thought 'if this makes her feel even a little less alone, it's worth it,'" Hertel said.

Most of the captions were blank, though some posted #TheShowMustBePaused, black heart emojis or encouraged people to vote Tuesday with seven states and the District of Columbia are hosting the largest slate of presidential primary elections in almost three months.

Rihanna, Alicia Keys, Radiohead, Coldplay, Kelly Rowland, Beastie Boys and were among the celebrities to join Black Out Tuesday on social media.

"I won't be posting on social media and I ask you all to do the same," Britney Spears tweeted. "We should use the time away from our devices to focus on what we can do to make the world a better place for ALL of us !!!!!!"

Spotify blacked out the artwork for several of its popular playlists, including RapCaviar and Today's Top Hits, simply writing "***Black lives matter***." as its description. The streaming service also put its ***Black Lives***

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Matter playlist on its front page, featuring songs like James Brown's "Say It Loud - I'm Black and I'm Proud," N.W.A.'s "(Expletive) the Police," Sam Cooke's "A Change Is Gonna Come" and Childish Gambino's "This Is America."

The opening pages of Apple Music and iTunes focused on supporting ***Black Lives Matter***, and SiriusXM said it will be silencing its music channels for three minutes at 3 p.m. EDT in tribute to "all of the countless victims of racism."

The company said it "will continue to amplify Black voices by being a space where Black artists showcase their music and talents, and by carrying the message that racism will not be tolerated."

Some on social media questioned if posting black squares would divert attention away from posts about the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement.

"this is the 4th completely different flyer i've seen for it," Grammy-nominated singer Kehlani tweeted about Black Out Tuesday. "'this is the only one without the saying go completely silent for a day in solidarity. the messages are mixed across the board and i really hope it doesn't have a negative effect."

When musician Dillon Francis posted that the hashtag for ***Black Lives Matter*** was blank on Instagram because users were posting black squares, rapper Lil Nas X responded with: "this is not helping us. bro who the (expletive) thought of this?? ppl need to see what's going on."

Emma Watson posted three white squares followed by three black squares with captions reading #blackouttuesday and #amplifyblackvoices on her Instagram account to show her support Tuesday. But she was heavily criticized, and began to trend on Twitter, for adding white borders around her black squares to match the aesthetic of her Instagram page. Others called the actress out for speaking out too late about ***Black Lives Matter*** and for not including links to guide users on where they can learn more information about the cause or donate to it.

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Several music releases and events were postponed as a result of Black Out Tuesday. Interscope Geffen A&M Records said it would not release music this week and pushed back releases from MGK, 6lack, Jessie Ware, Smokepurp and others. Chloe x Halle said its sophomore album will come out June 12 instead of Friday, while the group Glass Animals postponed the Tuesday release of its new single "Heat Waves." Instead of being released Wednesday, singer Ashnikko will drop her song "Cry" and its video on June 17.

A benefit for the Apollo Theater will take place Thursday instead of Tuesday, and South by Southwest postponed an event planned with Rachael Ray.

"At SXSW we stand with the black community and will continue to amplify the voices and ideas that will lead us to a more equitable society," the company said.

The Pioneer Press contributed to this report.

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Graphic

Music stars posted black squares on their Instagram accounts as part of #blackouttuesday. So did average social-media users. (New York Times)

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'Anonymous' highlights Minnesota Senate computer hacking; passwords file accessed, web pages down

ARTICLE CLXII. **['ANONYMOUS' HIGHLIGHTS MINNESOTA SENATE COMPUTER HACKING; PASSWORDS FILE ACCESSED, WEB PAGES DOWN](#)**

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The breach prompted the Senate's information services to quickly take down the Senate's website and begin slowly rebuilding pages. As of 6 p.m., a number of Senate web pages were still down.

In a [tweet](#), the hacking movement Anonymous highlighted the hack, which appears to have included a defacement of a Senate web page showing an Anonymous calling card and saying "**Justice For George Floyd.**"

Screenshot: pic.twitter.com/50jOMwo4j0

- Anonymous (@YourAnonNews) [June 2, 2020](#)

Who hacked the site, and whether there was an actual affiliation with Anonymous, could not be independently determined Tuesday; Anonymous is not a centralized group.

The attack succeeded early Tuesday morning, according to a letter sent Tuesday evening to senators and staff from Secretary of the Senate Cal Ludeman.

It's not clear if the Senate attack is connected to a [different set of cyber attacks](#) being launched on state computers that officials revealed Sunday. Those attacks - - are ongoing and have led to occasional outages on some state web pages. However, they don't involve anyone gaining access inside any state systems, a spokeswoman for MNIT, the state's information technology agency, said Tuesday evening.

Here's part of Ludeman's letter:

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"At 4:24 this morning, the Senate server was hacked and accessed for several minutes. ... SIS (Senate Information Services) brought down the server as a precaution and, with the help of MNIT and the FBI, they have been able to trace what was accessed within the server, namely the Passwords File.

"The Passwords File that was accessed as well as passwords to our main database server have all been reset and log files checked to assure there is no further unauthorized access to the servers. These passwords also included the Senate WiFi password. As a result, the Senate WiFi network was brought down to reset and test as another precaution. This Passwords File does NOT contain passwords to Senator or staff emails or login accounts, nor does it have access to the server that has that information. The original website breach caused SIS staff to slowly rebuild pages as they confirmed them to be secure. This will be an ongoing process"

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Tension wanes on streets

ARTICLE CLXIII. [TENSION WANES ON STREETS](#)

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Minnesota leaders hoped cautiously Monday for continued de-escalation of tensions in the aftermath of [George Floyd](#)'s deadly encounter with Minneapolis police, even as President Donald Trump threatened to mobilize the military to tamp down unrest elsewhere in the country.

Gov. Tim Walz talked of pulling back a portion of more than 7,000 National Guard members that had been called in to help quell violence in the metro area. Hours were reduced on a Twin Cities curfew first issued days earlier, and officials planned to leave freeways open, unlike previous nights.

The state was in "a much more stable position," National Guard Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen said Monday, though he emphasized that the Guard's presence in the Twin Cities would look the same as it had over the weekend. Other units, which had been waiting at armories to step in if needed, could return home if leaders

deemed it OK, he said.

The day marked a week of protests demanding justice for Floyd, who pleaded that he couldn't breathe and fell unresponsive while a Minneapolis officer knelt on his neck for nearly 9 minutes - an incident filmed by a bystander. Local and state leaders continued to urge peaceful protests while promising to work for change.

As the 10 p.m. curfew came and went, police moved in on a group of peaceful demonstrators who spent the evening at the Minnesota State Capitol. At Cup Foods, the site of Floyd's fatal encounter with police that has become a memorial, the crowd grew slightly agitated awaiting the arrival of police, who by 10:30 had not made an appearance. A bus was parked a couple blocks away, and it was unclear whether police were preparing to make arrests. Helicopters flew overhead.

Thousands of demonstrators had gathered outside the governor's residence Monday afternoon in St. Paul, demanding that all four officers on the scene of Floyd's arrest be jailed and prosecuted. Though all four officers had been fired, only officer [Derek Chauvin](#) had been arrested and charged, with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. The case was turned over Sunday to state Attorney General Keith Ellison.

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About 30 St. Paul police officers took a knee on the outskirts of the crowd, including black officer Antwan Denson, who shed tears while he knelt with his fist in the air as protesters chanted Floyd's name. The protesters then asked the officers to leave, saying they made their point.

Loretta VanPelt, with Twin Cities Coalition for Justice 4 Jamar, said she is tired of protesting for the same change nearly five years after Jamar Clark was killed by Minneapolis police officers who were not prosecuted.

"We feel like we've done this over and over again and we've had enough of it, really, but you know, the fight has to continue because we're not seeing that justice," she said. "They have to start listening to us now. I mean, your city's burned into the ground. They have to listen to us."

Floyd's niece, Angel Buechner of St. Paul, said she'd been shouting for justice on the street for five days.

"People loved him," she said. "Twenty ... dollars is not a death sentence."

At the State Capitol, hundreds of protesters gathered after the demonstration at the governor's residence ended.

Fiery speeches on the Capitol lawn called for revolution. At one point, the crowd knelt silently for 60 seconds in memory of Floyd.

Outside Cup Foods, about a thousand people applauded and chanted while listening to speakers.

Larry Thomas had hopped on a plane from Sacramento, Calif., to be part of the movement in Minneapolis. Thomas, who works in private security, said he feels sorry for law enforcement as well as for the public. He said the violent protests have sometimes taken away "the meaning of why people are showing up. It's causing rifts.

"This is how it should be," he said, gesturing to the peaceful but passionate crowd.

Rose McGee, founder of Sweet Potato Comfort Pies, arrived with about 20 pies, each baked by a different volunteer. McGee, of Golden Valley, started her outreach by bringing pies to Ferguson, Mo., in the aftermath of the 2014 shooting of Michael Brown by a white police officer.

"Right now, black people are in a lot of pain," McGee said. "I consider the sweet potato pie the sacred dessert of black people. It was there all throughout the civil rights movement."

In a speech at the Rose Garden, Trump called for an end to rioting and lawlessness that had spread across the country, as police used tear gas and other force against protesters outside the White House gates.

"We will end it now," Trump said, and recommended that every governor deploy the National Guard to "dominate the streets."

"If a city or state refuses to take the actions that are necessary to defend the life and property of their residents, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them."

Walz said he had been getting calls from other state leaders as some protests across the nation had turned violent.

Tension wanes on streets

He said he told them they would need a large-scale coordinated response from law enforcement to stem violence, but that that would not solve the real problem of systemic racism.

Walz said that was discussed during a Monday call with Trump and other governors, where Trump called governors "weak" for failing to use force to confront protesters and said if they didn't "dominate" the streets, "they're going to run over you. You're going to look like a bunch of jerks."

Trump called Minnesota "a laughingstock all over the world" for the way it handled protests earlier, according to audio of the call obtained by news organizations.

Walz said his point to the president was, "Saying the world was laughing at the states who aren't taking action - I said, 'No one's laughing here. We're in pain, we're crying. We saw a man lose his life in front of them.' "

While many Twin Cities residents had been on edge Sunday night as rumors circulated of extremists coming in from elsewhere, Walz said Monday that he got "out over my skis" when he had said that most of the destructive rioters were people coming from outside the area. He said officials were still trying to get a better understanding of the situation.

State Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said police documented only two vehicles without license plates in the metro - though community members and reporters have seen more. Harrington said they did have evidence of some propane tanks, like those used for grilling, stashed around Minneapolis.

Wearing a cap and gown, Rachel Garrison, 17, carried a handwritten protest sign in front of the burned-out Minnehaha Liquors on Lake Street. Days before, she graduated as valedictorian from North Education Center in Robbinsdale.

"This is how adulthood started for me," she said, adding that she grew up in the area. "For once our city stood up for what was right."

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Roundup: Tensions ease; Cops join peaceful demonstration; Chicago arrest; Department's challenge

ARTICLE CLXIV. **[ROUNDUP: TENSIONS EASE; COPS JOIN PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION; CHICAGO ARREST; DEPARTMENT'S CHALLENGE](#)**

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Byline: Mark Reilly

Body

Minneapolis/St. Paul enjoyed a third night of relative calm Monday, as curfew orders were pushed back and protest-related arrests were made largely peaceably.

Minnesota Public Radio writes that about 65 people [were arrested on curfew violations](#) at the State Capitol following a large protest there, but there were relatively few reports of violence.

The calm followed an announcement Monday by Gov. Tim Walz, who had called out the Minnesota National Guard last week to quell the violence, [that the situation had stabilized well enough to begin scaling back](#). But a curfew is still in effect Tuesday night, and Metro Transit won't resume operations today.

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Roundup: Tensions ease; Cops join peaceful demonstration; Chicago arrest; Department's challenge

The Star Tribune also reports on the easing of tensions, [even during several demonstrations during the day](#). At a protest at the Governor's Residence in St. Paul, dozens of police officers kneeled alongside protesters for a time.

In Minneapolis, thousands gathered at the street where ***George Floyd*** died a week ago during an arrest by Minneapolis Police; four officers were fired, one has been charged with third degree murder and manslaughter. Floyd's brother, Terrence Floyd, [called out the violence that followed](#): "I doubt you are half as upset as I am. So if I'm not over here wilding out, if I'm not over here blowing up stuff, if I'm not over here messing up my community, then what are you all doing? ... That's not going to bring my brother back," he said.

Also Monday, Floyd's family released the results of a private autopsy investigation by two third-party doctors that found he died of asphyxia. That disagrees with an autopsy by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office, which said the cause was "cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression." But both autopsies ruled the death a homicide, [the Star Tribune notes](#).

In Chicago, meanwhile, a man was arrested in connection with days of violent riots last week. Matthew Lee Rupert, 28, faces charges of rioting and of possession of explosives after allegedly livestreaming himself apparently setting stores ablaze in Minneapolis. The Chicago Sun-Times [has details](#).

The protests put an unflattering spotlight on the ***Minneapolis Police Department***, which has struggled for years to improve relations with the city it watches over. The Wall Street Journal [reports on the challenges](#) facing Chief Medaria Arradondo, who took the post after his predecessor resigned following the shooting death of an unarmed woman by an officer.

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Banks that lost branches to riots assess damage - and locations' future

ARTICLE CLXV. ***BANKS THAT LOST BRANCHES TO RIOTS ASSESS DAMAGE - AND LOCATIONS' FUTURE***

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Body

Protests turned into riots in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death in police custody last week, leaving at least a dozen bank branches in Minneapolis and St. Paul damaged or lost entirely. Bank leaders are now mulling over what to do next.

Wells Fargo & Co. suffered significant damage to its branch network in Minneapolis. Among the damaged locations:

- 3030 Nicollet Ave. in Minneapolis, just south of East Lake Street where many businesses suffered extensive damage
- 2218 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis
- 4141 Lyndale Ave. N in Minneapolis

Banks that lost branches to riots assess damage - and locations' future

The Nicollet Avenue branch, located kiddie-corner to ***Minneapolis Police Department***'s Fifth Precinct, was destroyed by fire during Friday night's protest at the precinct. The police precinct survived since it was heavily guarded.

The bank plans to open new branches if the riot-damaged structures can't be salvaged, said Laurie Nordquist, Wells Fargo Minnesota's CEO and lead region president for the Upper Midwest.

"The two locations on Lake Street suffered extensive damage," she said. "We are committed to those neighborhoods. We are not considering not reopening in those neighborhoods."

Nordquist added that staffers at the damaged branches have been given paid leave and will be offered positions at other locations in the future.

Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp had at least two locations in South Minneapolis that suffered serious damage, said spokesman Jeff Shelman. They are:

- 919 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis
- 2800 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis

Shelman said it's too early to say what will happen with those locations.

"Our crews haven't been able to get into the branches to fully assess the damage, and that's the first step we need to take," he said in an email.

TCF Financial Corp. had five branches that suffered damage. They are:

- A branch located inside a Cub Foods at 2850 26th Ave. S in Minneapolis
- 3118 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis
- 1444 W. Lake St. in Minneapolis
- 459 Lexington Pkwy. in St. Paul
- 705 W. Broadway in Minneapolis

"Our official stance would be we fully intend to be back in those neighborhoods," TCF spokesman Tom Wennerberg said. "We want to be part of the rebuild and the healing."

BMO Harris Bank also had two branches damaged. They include:

- 320 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis
- 522 Snelling Ave. S in St. Paul

The bank couldn't say what the future holds for those locations.

"We are deeply saddened by the death of ***George Floyd***, and the anguish it has created for the entire community," spokesman Patrick O'Herlihy said. "No employees or customers were injured as a result of either incident. We are in the early stages of assessing the damage to each branch."

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Floyd's memorial service set for Thursday in Minneapolis

ARTICLE CLXVI. **[FLOYD'S MEMORIAL SERVICE SET FOR THURSDAY IN MINNEAPOLIS](#)**

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Byline: Nick Ferraro

Highlight: It is unclear if the public is going to be able to view the service. Planning continues.

Body

The family memorial service for ***George Floyd***, the 46-year-old who died during an encounter with four police Minneapolis police officers, will be held Thursday.

North Central University along Elliot Avenue in South Minneapolis will host the gathering from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Frank J. Lindquist Sanctuary, with the Rev. Al Sharpton delivering the eulogy and participation of family members from across the country, his civil rights organization announced.

On Thursday, Sharpton, Eric Garner's mother and Minneapolis City Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins visited the South Minneapolis site at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue where Floyd died and said that they stand with community members demanding justice and prosecution of the police involved. Sharpton said he planned to stay in town to attend Floyd's funeral services at the request of his family.

The event will be private for family, friends and those invited by the Floyds. The service will be live-streamed by local media. Links will be available at the school's website, www.northcentral.edu.

On Monday, Floyd's younger brother Terrence, who lives in New York, visited the site with the Rev. Kevin McCall and civil rights lawyer Sanford Rubenstein, among others. [They called for peace](#).

George Floyd's May 25 death sparked protests and violent rioting and looting in Minneapolis and St. Paul and other cities across the United States and the world.

Former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who was recorded on video with his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes, was charged last week with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter and is currently in custody at the Minnesota Correctional Facility - Oak Park Heights. The other three officers have been fired, but not charged, despite demands from protesters and others.

The Hennepin County medical examiner's office on Monday classified ***George Floyd***'s death as a homicide, saying his heart stopped as Minneapolis police restrained him and compressed his neck. That differs from

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a [separate autopsy commissioned for Floyd's family](#) that also called his death a homicide but concluded that he died of asphyxiation due to neck and back compression.

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The kindest cut may be one that's months overdue

ARTICLE CLXVII. [**THE KINDEST CUT MAY BE ONE THAT'S MONTHS OVERDUE**](#)

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Byline: NICOLE NORFLEET; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

Salons and barber shops across the Twin Cities began to reopen Monday with new procedures and limits on their customer capacity.

The shops have been closed for more than two months after the state imposed stay-at-home orders to stop the spread of COVID-19. With the restrictions, they were allowed to reopen on Monday, along with tattoo parlors, campgrounds and restaurants with outdoor seating.

For shops near the urban cores of Minneapolis and St. Paul, owners have had to weigh the safety challenges of reopening in light of the recent riots and vandalism of some businesses following the death of ***George Floyd*** in police custody last week.

"It is tough," said Javier Soliz, owner of VIP Cutz on Arcade Street in St. Paul's Payne-Phalen neighborhood. "I was thinking of not opening. ... But how was I going to make money and save? We got to stay East Side strong. We got to stay Twin Cities strong."

Even some salons in the suburbs postponed reopening because of the unrest.

Soliz boarded up the windows of his shop Saturday and spray-painted messages to deter prospective vandals. He painted "R.I.P. George," a slogan in support of ***Black Lives Matter***, and a note that children live in apartments above the shop.

Monday afternoon, Soliz's shop had a steady stream of clients, and he had to turn away walk-ins. The shop was at capacity with two customers, Soliz and another barber.

"Hey, you need a mask!" Soliz yelled to a scheduled client as he directed him to a box of masks and sanitizer by the door.

Boards will remain on VIP Cutz's windows as a precaution, Soliz said. Clients and barbers have to wear masks, and appointments that could have taken 30 minutes before will take a full hour to allow for staff to disinfect stations.

The kindest cut may be one that's months overdue

He renovated his shop last year and said the barber chairs were already well spaced and will comply with social distancing standards, plus he disinfects his barber chair and clippers after every customer.

Emilio Ortiz brought his 10-year-old son to the barber shop for a haircut before getting one for himself. He said that, as the owner of a construction business, he wanted to get a haircut to make sure he looked presentable and also to help out another small business.

"The way Javier does [his cleaning] I feel really comfortable," Ortiz said.

Salons and barber shops were told they would be allowed to operate at 25% capacity, and stylists and customers would need to wear masks.

However, the State Fire Marshal Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety released additional guidance for salons in recent days on how to determine how many people they could have in their shops at one time.

For an existing salon, each person is allotted 100 square feet of space to calculate the occupant load of an entire space, and then 25% of that amount is the number of people able to be in the salon, not including employees. So for a 1,500-square-foot shop, the salon would only be able to have four customers at a time.

For salon owners like Brian Stevens, who owns 25 Great Clips salons in the Twin Cities, the rules on the occupant load mean he has to have fewer customers in his shops than he previously thought.

"We already had people scheduled," Stevens said. "It was too late for me to go back and say, 'No.' "

Stevens said 23 of his 25 shops were planning to open Monday, and most of his employees were coming back to work this week.

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Report: Homeland security warned of 'anarchist and militia extremists' plan to storm MN Capitol and burn it

ARTICLE CLXVIII. [**REPORT: HOMELAND SECURITY WARNED OF 'ANARCHIST AND MILITIA EXTREMISTS' PLAN TO STORM MN CAPITOL AND BURN IT**](#)

St. Paul Pioneer Press (Minnesota)

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Byline: Dave Orrick

Highlight: For days, a robust host of National Guard and law enforcement have been guarding the Capitol in St. Paul, although their numbers are unclear and often not visible from the outside.

Body

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Friday warned in a memo that "suspected anarchist extremists and militia extremists allegedly planned to storm and burn the Minnesota State Capitol," [Politico reported Monday](#).

The Pioneer Press was unable to independently confirm the warning, which cited FBI information and was contained in a Friday memo sent to law enforcement officials across the country, according to Politico.

Asked Monday evening about the reported memo and threat, Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell neither confirmed nor denied it specifically, saying "Threats do exist ... I can't get into specifics."

For days, a robust host of National Guard and law enforcement have been guarding the Capitol in St. Paul, although their numbers are unclear and often not visible from the outside.

The St. Paul information, according to Politico, was part of a wider warning that "domestic terrorist actors" might try to exploit First Amendment-protected demonstrations in response to [George Floyd](#), an unarmed black man who died following actions by a white police officer, to launch attacks.

Parts of the memo quoted by Politico suggest the suspected threats come from both extremes of the political spectrum: [anarchists](#) are generally associated with ideologies of the left, while militia groups with the right. Both, however, see various parts of establishment as a threat.

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He needed to hear his brother's name again

ARTICLE CLXIX. [**HE NEEDED TO HEAR HIS BROTHER'S NAME AGAIN**](#)

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Byline: MATT MCKINNEY; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

In a raw, heartbroken appeal for peace following his brother's death, Terrence Floyd on Monday stood near the spot where ***George Floyd*** was held to the ground by police officers and urged people to turn away from violence.

"Let's do this another way!" he shouted to hundreds of people who had come to see the memorial at E. 38th Street and Chicago Avenue.

It was Floyd's first visit to the south Minneapolis intersection where his older brother died in police custody just one week before. With the help of several men, he staggered, step after unsteady step, to the chalk outline of where his brother had gasped for breath.

Then Terrence Floyd collapsed to his knees, and the crowd hushed as he let out an anguished scream.

He had traveled from Brooklyn, N.Y., with several others, including the Rev. Kevin McCall, who told the crowd that the Floyd family has "a long road ahead of justice."

"Just because we're doing it peacefully, that doesn't mean we don't want all four of the officers locked up," said McCall, drawing cheers.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman filed charges Friday of third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter against former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who was taken into custody that same day. Chauvin is being held at the state prison in Oak Park Heights.

Public pressure to file charges against the other three officers involved in Floyd's arrest and death has grown. On Sunday, Gov. Tim Walz said he had asked Attorney General Keith Ellison to lead the prosecution with Freeman's assistance.

The protests and riots that began in Minneapolis last week have since spread to cities across the country and around the world.

He needed to hear his brother's name again

Some 250 U.S. Army troops patrolled the streets Monday in Washington, D.C., the first such deployment since the 1992 riots in Los Angeles.

In Minnesota, three nights of curfew and scores of arrests have quelled a spasm of violence that over the course of the week saw hundreds of buildings looted, destroyed and in some cases burned to the ground.

One person died Friday in a shooting on E. Lake Street near the riots, and dozens of others have been injured.

The site of ***George Floyd***'s arrest at 38th and Chicago has seen less violence, and on many nights last week didn't even have a police presence as mourners and neighbors constructed memorials made of flowers, posters and chalk art.

A striking mural painted on the Cup Foods convenience store at the intersection depicts Floyd and the words, "I can breathe now."

Speaking on Monday to onlookers and a crush of international media, Terrence Floyd took to task those people who have rioted in his brother's name, saying his brother loved Minneapolis.

"I understand you all are upset. But I doubt you are half as upset as I am. So if I'm not over here wilding out, if I'm not over here blowing up stuff, if I'm not over here messing up my community, then what are you all doing? ... That's not going to bring my brother back," he said.

As he did when he appeared on "Good Morning America" calling for "destructive unity," Floyd told the Minneapolis crowd that people should band together at the ballot box.

"Let's stop thinking that our voice doesn't matter and vote," he said, drawing cheers. "Educate yourself."

Floyd, wearing a face mask with his brother's image, finished his remarks, thanked the crowd on behalf of his family, and asked them to keep his brother's name ringing out.

"Now before I go, I just want to hear this again. What's his name?" yelled Floyd.

The crowd roared back: "***George Floyd!***"

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19 people shot since unrest began

ARTICLE CLXX. [**19 PEOPLE SHOT SINCE UNREST BEGAN**](#)

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Highlight: Two were fatal; but only one was linked to protests.

Body

At least 19 people have been shot in Minneapolis since widespread unrest began over the death of ***George Floyd*** in police custody, raising concerns with police officials and residents about the crime-heavy summer months ahead.

While only one of the shootings has been publicly linked to the protests, department statistics show that shooting tally was nearly five times greater than during the same span last year, when there were just four shootings.

Police say they received 131 shots-fired calls and ShotSpotter activations over a 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Saturday, during which at least six people were struck by gunfire.

The incidents were spread across the city and included a woman who was killed in an unexplained shooting on Friday at N. Bryant and 17th avenues. Police are looking into the possibility that the victim, who was found inside a vehicle with a gunshot wound to the back of the head, may have been sexually assaulted before her death.

The other homicide - and the only incident tied to the rioting - occurred Wednesday when a pawnshop owner shot and killed 43-year-old Calvin L. Horton. The owner, 59, was later booked into jail on suspicion of murder. A spokesman for the county attorney's office said that prosecutors have 36 hours to hold a suspect without charges, but that in this case they had obtained an extension. He was released from jail Monday evening as the investigation continues. He is not being named because he has not been formally charged, in keeping with the Star Tribune's policy.

Nine of the shootings last week happened on the city's North Side, while another nine occurred in the Third Precinct, which has been the epicenter of the massive protests. Police are still working to determine whether another shooting occurred, but the victim is being uncooperative, said department spokesman Garrett Parten.

19 people shot since unrest began

M. Michaux Parker, an associate professor of criminal justice at Indiana University East, said that other cities experienced surges in violent crime in the wake of a controversial police killing, including, notably, Baltimore after the death of Freddie Gray in 2015.

"It's fairly common to see upticks in violent crimes after police shootings that don't appear to conform to the laws of deadly force," said Parker, a former police officer. He said that when people witness "state-sponsored violence, it communicates the idea that any violence is OK."

Police abuse can undermine law enforcement's claims of legitimacy and encourage people to take the law into their own hands, he said. "Even with the charges against the one officer, from a citizen's perspective this is not over," he added.

State leaders admitted to being caught off guard by the size and ferocity of the protests that have shaken parts of south Minneapolis, saying that the hundreds of law enforcement officers deployed on city streets Friday were quickly outnumbered by "tens of thousands" of rioters. Dozens of area businesses and buildings have been looted or destroyed.

Now-fired police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** has been charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in connection with the death of Floyd, whose final minutes captured on a bystander's video prompted protests and growing unrest across the country. Chauvin had Floyd pinned under his knee for minutes, ignoring Floyd's pleas that he couldn't breathe, after police arrested him for reportedly using a fake \$20 bill at a convenience store. The three other fired officers involved haven't yet been arrested.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

ARTICLE CLXXI. [LAW ENFORCEMENT](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 9A**Length:** 680 words**Byline:** SANDRA LARSON, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Too much violence, too little accountability // Fifty years ago I served on a police planning division for Minnesota. Fifty years and the issues haven't changed.**Body**

It has been almost half a century since I spent five years working on police community relations in the 1970s, first in Maryland, and then three years here in Minnesota from 1973-76. In my last year I headed the police planning division of the Minnesota Commission on Crime Prevention and Control.

This was a citizens' commission under the direction of Robert Crew, who was appointed by Gov. Wendell Anderson. It was set up to administer the significant federal funds for the criminal justice system allotted under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 passed by Congress.

The purpose of the legislation was to improve all aspects of the criminal justice system throughout the country through a bureau in the U.S. Justice Department called the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

An important impetus for that effort was widespread and destructive rioting in the summer of 1967 that engulfed many major cities throughout America, almost all incited by the killing of African Americans at the hands of their local police. Given the national backdrop of these tensions, our focus, as it pertained to police, lay heavily on improving how police interacted with the community.

While many visionaries in law enforcement leadership agreed with this emphasis, there was huge resistance by many police and sheriff associations to any funding that was not strictly for upgrading equipment and enforcement training. However, programs to improve the caliber of officers and their effectiveness in the community also were funded and institutionalized.

This rather short-lived influx of federal funds for law enforcement died in 1982. And clearly, we can see today that whatever efforts made then and since have fallen short of creating the kind of policing of which we can all be proud.

I believe there are four major problems we identified then that are still problems today:

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1) Accountability for unacceptable performance remains a problem. Police conduct must be accountable to elected officials, with internal systems that expose and correct problems. In the 1970s, I witnessed numerous training sessions where some of the participants (certainly not all) had wildly unsuitable responses to situations with people in distress. But police unions could prevent any weeding out of personnel based on suitability of personality for the work, even after management became aware of these problems.

It appears past problematic behavior is still not accountable, given what we know of the officers involved in the *George Floyd* killing.

2) The second issue is the paramilitary culture of law enforcement. While no longer true today, police departments historically excluded or impeded nonveterans from joining the force, and there was no emphasis on hiring women or people of color. This has changed, but not entirely.

A few years back, I saw a recruitment video of a local police department in which the opening image was of a gun barrel, as if this would appeal to the target audience. While we know some progress has been made to change this mentality, I would submit that those who might want a career in community service most likely do not consider a law enforcement career as a first choice.

3) The third systemic issue is even a bigger challenge. Police must operate in a surrounding culture of violence, amid the presence of guns. An armed populace creates a problem for a law enforcement organization, even as it earnestly may try to turn away from a war mentality. This is our fault, not the police's fault.

4) The fourth problem is *systemic racism* and the growing inequity among our population. Social ills create social needs that must be met with empathy and a search for solutions, not violence.

Perhaps the terrible upheaval we are going through now will motivate the community to begin to address these four issues: personnel accountability, paramilitary thinking, community violence and racism. If not, all of us will be diminished. We are all responsible for this violence, not just our police. We must step up and say, no more.

Sandra Larson lives in Minnetonka.

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After being looted and then destroyed by arsonists, Lloyd's Pharmacy plans to rebuild

ARTICLE CLXXII. [AFTER BEING LOOTED AND THEN DESTROYED BY ARSONISTS,
LLOYD'S PHARMACY PLANS TO REBUILD](#)

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Highlight: "I want the community to know that we forgive the people who did this," the owner said.

Body

To say that Lloyd's Pharmacy in St. Paul's Hamline-Midway neighborhood has a loyal clientele is putting it mildly.

When news broke on Thursday night that the neighborhood's pharmacy at Snelling and Minnehaha avenues had been looted and destroyed during a riot, hundreds of customers began reaching out.

They called. They stopped by with flowers. They left notes. They organized a fundraising campaign. As of Tuesday, they had raised more than \$63,000.

"It's been incredible," owner Jim Stage said Monday. "I grew up in the Midway neighborhood. A lot of customers we've had for 30, 40, 50, 60 years. There are hundreds of people who have reached out, and it's just a wonderful thing."

The pharmacy and compounding center served about 8,000 patients, an extraordinary number for an old-fashioned pharmacy that had been in the same building since 1918. Lloyd's employs 35 people.

"It's a neighborhood staple," said Stage, who purchased the business in 2014 from longtime former owner Ron Johnson. "It's small, but we did a lot of business out of this space."

TENDING TO THE CUSTOMERS

Stage said Monday that he plans to rebuild on site. In the meantime, he is serving customers through Setzer Pharmacy on Rice Street, which he also owns. He plans to open a temporary satellite pharmacy on Snelling, just a few buildings down from the original location, as soon as possible, he said.

That news made customer - and former Lloyd's employee - Michael Glasgow happy on Monday.

"We rely on it," said Glasgow, whose family has owned Glasgow Automotive Services, a Volvo repair shop on University Avenue, since 1946. "I've been going to this pharmacy since I was an infant. My dad lives in Mendota Heights, but he still comes here. It's a generational thing."

After being looted and then destroyed by arsonists, Lloyd's Pharmacy plans to rebuild

When Glasgow spotted Stage at the corner of Snelling and Minnehaha on Monday, he stopped to offer his condolences.

"This is terrible. I'm so sorry," said Glasgow, 47, who worked as a clerk and a delivery driver at the pharmacy in the late 1980s and early 1990s. "There are people who work here who worked here when I worked here."

Customers rely on Lloyd's and remain loyal because the pharmacists know them, said pharmacist Tracy Taubert, who has worked at Lloyd's for 10 years.

"It was connected to the people it serves," Taubert said. "It was a foundational business in the community - a bustling, vibrant business. Patients that utilize an independent community pharmacy are looking for more than prescription. They're there to create a relationship, to have someone care for them and communicate with them."

SINCE 1918

Florian Ritschel, the son of German immigrants, opened Floyd's Pharmacy in 1918 after purchasing the building, which was built in 1914 and had previously housed a millinery shop. Lloyd Jensen purchased the pharmacy in 1949 and renamed it.

Johnson, who owned Lloyd's from 1974 to 2014, said he never considered changing the name.

"I just decided Lloyd was probably one of the nicest people I had ever met," Johnson said. "He was kind. He was salt of the earth. People loved him. Everybody knew Lloyd, so I just left it."

When Stage learned that rioters protesting the death of George Floyd were heading north on Snelling Avenue from University Avenue on Thursday afternoon, he had employees close the business around 3:15 p.m., he said.

'THEY FOUGHT IT ALL NIGHT'

Around 5 p.m., the building's security company notified him that the store had been broken into. Via an app on his phone, Stage watched looters ransack the store's drug supply and destroy computers and other equipment, he said.

"Neighbors came by and boarded it up," he said. "We really want to thank them. A guy that I know boarded it up after that."

Arsonists struck around midnight, and firefighters arrived about 10 minutes later. "They fought it all night," Stage said.

No other nearby businesses were damaged by the fire, and no one was injured, he said. "No one was hurt - that's what we're most thankful for," he said. "Buildings come and go."

Century-old Lloyd's Pharmacy is fully engulfed pic.twitter.com/R13x9OqMuq

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress) [May 29, 2020](#)

"I want the community to know that we forgive the people who did this," Stage said.

After being looted and then destroyed by arsonists, Lloyd's Pharmacy plans to rebuild

"We forgive those who make mistakes," added Mark Stage, his father, who does maintenance work at the pharmacy. "People want justice, and by God's grace, we'll have justice."

'WE NEED PHARMACIES LIKE LLOYD'S'

The business included the Menopause Clinic of Minnesota and a state-of-the-art compounding lab where employees would manufacture prescriptions that were not available commercially, Johnson said. "We could take a heart medication and turn it into a pediatric dose by making it a liquid," he said.

"Eight years ago, Lloyd's was able to compound medicine, which saved my daughter's eyesight," wrote a woman who donated \$50 to the "Lloyd's Pharmacy Rebuilding Fund" on [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com).

Another wrote: "After calling all chain and hospital pharmacies in our area to fill a prescription for our infant son, Lloyd's came through and compounded it for us. We were so incredibly grateful. We need pharmacies like Lloyd's in our community."

Philip Hommerding is the owner of Hunt's Silver Lake Drug & Gift in Rochester, Minn., and a friend and business partner of Stage's. He helped organize the fundraiser.

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Close to 1,000 people had donated to the fund by noon Tuesday; donations have ranged from \$5 to \$2,500.

"When you go through something like this, you realize what you mean to the community," Jim Stage said. "We're really grateful to be here."

Isabel Saavedra-Weis contributed to this report.

Graphic

Jim Stage, right, owner of Lloyd's Pharmacy, talks with long-time customer Sterret Morrison at the remains of his business in St. Paul on Monday, June 1, 2020. The St. Paul institution, on the corner Snelling Ave. and Minnehaha Ave., was looted and burned in violent protests Thursday, May 28, part of the reaction to the death of **George Floyd**, a black man who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on May 25. (John Autey/ Pioneer Press)

The exterior of Lloyd's Pharmacy, 720 Snelling Ave. North, on Friday, Oct. 28, 2005. (Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

Florian's Pharmacy, located at 720 North Snelling in St. Paul is seen in a black and white photo, circa 1930. (Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society)

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As firefighters spray water on the ruins, an excavator demolishes Lloyd's Pharmacy in St. Paul on Friday, May 29, 2020. The independent, family-owned pharmacy was looted and burned to the ground in early morning rioting following the Monday death of *George Floyd* while in police custody in Minneapolis. (John Autey/ Pioneer Press)

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University of St. Thomas to close for George Floyd service

ARTICLE CLXXIII. [**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS TO CLOSE FOR GEORGE FLOYD SERVICE**](#)

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Byline: Josh Verges

Highlight: The University of St. Thomas will close and classes will be canceled Thursday and Friday for the [**George Floyd**](#) memorial service. The service is being held at 1 p.m. Thursday at North Central University, not far from St. Thomas's Minneapolis campus. "This is important to allow our community members space to view the memorial or [...]"

Body

The University of St. Thomas will close and classes will be canceled Thursday and Friday for the [**George Floyd**](#) memorial service.

The service is being held at 1 p.m. Thursday at North Central University, not far from St. Thomas's Minneapolis campus.

"This is important to allow our community members space to view the memorial or otherwise participate in related activities and events honoring and demanding justice for Mr. Floyd," St. Thomas President Julie Sullivan said in a message to students, faculty and staff.

"Equally important, it will allow our community additional time to process, pray about and reflect upon all that has occurred and to better recognize the inequities and social injustices that have become part of our community fabric at St. Thomas and within our state and nation."

The Twin Cities have seen large protests each day since [*Floyd, who was black, died May 25 in Minneapolis police custody. Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform. 'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress. Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books. 'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd. Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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A week of unrest devastates Minneapolis' landmark street of diversity

ARTICLE CLXXIV. ***A WEEK OF UNREST DEVASTATES MINNEAPOLIS' LANDMARK STREET OF DIVERSITY***

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Highlight: Along the miles-long Minneapolis street where more than a century of migrants have found their American footholds - Germans, Swedes, Vietnamese, Somalis, Mexicans - a new history can be traced. There's the smoldering police station torched early Thursday morning by protesters enraged by the death of ***George Floyd*** while in custody. There's the Wells Fargo [...]

Body

Along the miles-long Minneapolis street where more than a century of migrants have found their American footholds - Germans, Swedes, Vietnamese, Somalis, Mexicans - a new history can be traced.

There's the smoldering police station torched early Thursday morning by protesters enraged by the death of ***George Floyd*** while in custody. There's the Wells Fargo bank branch two miles away that mobs stormed through the next night, leaving behind a carpet of shattered glass and strewn paperwork. "Kill Bankers" reads the graffiti now spray-painted on an outside wall.

Go farther up Lake Street and there's more fresh history: the Somali restaurant with the broken windows, the empty hulk of a burned sneaker store, the boarded-up party supply store owned by a Mexican immigrant who had been praying for the coronavirus lockdown to end so he could reopen.

The protests that have roiled Minneapolis night after night didn't inflame just a single neighborhood: Much of the violence raged up Lake Street, an artery of commerce and culture that cuts across a broad swath of the city.

For residents, for businesspeople, for artists, the Lake Street corridor has long been a symbol of the city's complex history, a block-by-block study in immigration, economic revitalization and persistent inequality.

On one end is a trendy district of bars and shopping. On the other are quiet neighborhoods atop the Mississippi River bluff. Between the two is a timeline that spans almost five miles marking each wave of arrivals, along with a tangle of languages spoken in each group's markets, restaurants, churches and community groups.

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The Lake Street businesses owned by Suad Hassan's family are now boarded up, bearing messages like "black owned - solidarity." Each night, the family has stood guard, successfully begging the mobs to pass them by.

The 35-year-old was born in Somalia, but her family fled the country to escape war when she was a child.

"When I saw the fire two nights ago, it was like a trauma that was triggered again for me," she said. "I had put that away in my life a long, long time ago ... I told my mom, "This is a war zone."

It's Lake Street's minority-owned small businesses that may suffer the most from the racial firestorm that hit the city last week. As thousands of people protested a police force with a history of violence against people of color, the collateral damage spread wide - from immigrant-owned restaurants to a center for Native American youth to a 190-unit affordable housing complex under construction.

"What happened with Mr. Floyd is a horror," said Eduardo Barrera, the general manager of Mercado Central, a cooperative of largely Latino-owned businesses that helped spark economic revitalization along the street when it opened 20 years ago. The mural-festooned corner building was broken into twice during the unrest, with some of its goods stolen.

"Nothing changes and people feel they've lost everything," Barrera said. "There's nothing to lose for them anymore. When there's no justice, no fairness and no equity, they lose hope."

"But we are hurting ourselves," he said.

Many speculate that Lake Street was hit so hard because its eastern stretch includes the police station associated with the white officer now charged with murdering Floyd. The destruction is particularly painful because Lake Street had become a success story, an achievement people took pride in.

Residents and business owners say they've spent the last 20 years working to revive its chain of neighborhoods - many blighted by years of neglect, suburban flight and disinvestment.

Deb Frank moved into the Longfellow neighborhood just off East Lake Street 25 years ago, buying a two-bedroom, 100-year-old home for \$40,000. The mail carrier and her neighbors teamed up to rid the area of two brothels by calling in license plates to the police and embarrassing the patrons.

Frank and her husband became used to walking to restaurants and coffee shops. "It was a really big transformation," she said.

Today, she wonders: Is it all fleeting?

"It took years to get where we were and here we're back in square one," she said, noting even the local post office had been damaged enough to disrupt mail service. "No, we're worse than square one."

By all accounts, immigrant entrepreneurs have been the engine of Lake Street's repeated resurgences. The stretch, which runs east-west through the city's south side, has long been a landing pad for recent arrivals to the city.

Early in the last century, it was Germans like Emil Schatzlein, who opened a saddle shop on West Lake Street in 1907 that still sells cowboy boots today. And the Scandinavians whose imprint is still visible in the nearly 100-year-old Ingebretsen's Nordic Marketplace, a local institution known for its lefse and herring.

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Today, within a couple blocks of Ingebretsen's, you can buy a bottle of fresh camel milk in an East African grocery and fried tortillas at Taqueria La Poblanita.

Just like many American cities, the 1960s saw a stream of white residents and businesses leave Lake Street for the suburbs. Buildings emptied out. By the time the Sears department store abandoned its towering building in the mid-1990s, much of the corridor was desperate for an economic infusion.

"It reinvented itself as an immigrant gateway," said Bill Convery, director of research at the Minnesota Historical Society. "The economic blight led to opportunity."

Somali immigrants fleeing war were among those who soon took advantage of the affordable rents to build businesses. Community organizations reopened the Sears building as the Midtown Global Marketplace, a showcase for international food and crafts.

Still, the economic progress did not erase the stubborn poverty, the racism or the striking inequality.

The corridor's neighborhoods, along with city's north side and core, know about police tensions all too well. An ACLU study of city arrests from 2012-2014 found black and Native American people more than eight times more likely than white people to be arrested for low-level offenses.

Minneapolis also has wrestled with its growing racial segregation - a division uncomfortably illustrated by driving east on Lake Street, which begins in the overwhelmingly white, quiet and leafy neighborhoods near the Chain of Lakes and Uptown before shifting into largely black or mixed neighborhoods.

Businesses already were suffering from the pandemic's stay-at-home orders when the protests started.

Gregorio De La Cruz, a Mexican immigrant, was just starting to reopen his two East Lake Street businesses - a party supply and candy store, and a commercial cleaning business - when the violence erupted. Less than a mile from the torched police precinct, he has closed shop again.

"I never imagined there would be so much violence in this neighborhood," he said, his eyes welling up as his 19-year-old daughter translated his Spanish words into English.

"We understand what's going on and we get that this is important. They have a right to protest. I wish they'd do it peacefully," he said.

De La Cruz hung a sign on his boarded-up door - "Justicia Por George Floyd" - one of scores of pleas emblazoned on Lake Street's plywood-lined storefronts. Two doors down, Ingebretsen's offered another: "One Human Family."

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Charges: St. Paul man shot at 2 Minneapolis police officers during George Floyd unrest

ARTICLE CLXXV. **[CHARGES: ST. PAUL MAN SHOT AT 2 MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS DURING GEORGE FLOYD UNREST](#)**

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Highlight: Prosecutors charged a St. Paul man with attempted murder Tuesday, saying he shot at two Minneapolis police officers during unrest in the city after **George Floyd** died in Minneapolis police custody. Over the weekend, there had been peaceful protests in the area of 15th Avenue South and Lake Street, but there had also been earlier [...]

Body

Prosecutors charged a St. Paul man with attempted murder Tuesday, saying he shot at two Minneapolis police officers during unrest in the city after **George Floyd** died in Minneapolis police custody.

Over the weekend, there had been peaceful protests in the area of 15th Avenue South and Lake Street, but there had also been earlier property damage, including the burning of the 3rd police precinct. Officers had rocks, debris and bottles of bodily fluids thrown at them.

On Saturday about 10:55 p.m., uniformed officers wearing SWAT vests and helmets were in an unmarked van, with the door open, and two were assigned to deploy 40-mm marking rounds to disperse crowds. The van was driving down Lake Street, flanked by two marked squad cars.

As they approached 14th Avenue South, a group of people were in a parking lot. Several ran away, but a man - later identified as Jaleel Kevin Stallings, 27 - walked toward law enforcement. He crouched down as if he was picking something up.

Officers said they were concerned something was going to be thrown at them and deployed one marking round at Stallings.

An officer "almost immediately ... saw three to four gunshot muzzle flashes from Stallings' chest toward law enforcement," according to the criminal complaint. "One round sparked and ricocheted in front of officers." The officer believed a separate officer in front of him had been shot.

Another officer saw Stallings fire the shots from hip level at law enforcement; the officer reported fearing for his life and also believed his partner had been shot, the complaint said. Body camera footage corroborated the two officers' statements.

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Stallings ran and took cover behind a vehicle and officers approached it from all sides. Stallings resisted arrest and an officer, using physical force, took him into custody, the complaint said. The officer saw an AK-47-style Mini Draco Style pistol near the vehicle's bumper.

Police took a statement from Stallings on Sunday. He asked if anyone had been killed and, when he was told no, said he wanted to speak with an attorney, according to the complaint.

The charges against Stallings include two counts of attempted second-degree murder and four counts of assault. An attorney for Stallings was not listed in the court record. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [23-year-old arrested in fatal shooting of man, 65, in Shakopee](#)

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Jaleel Kevin Stallings (Courtesy of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

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87 fires in 5 days in Twin Cities. Task force formed to track down arsonists.

ARTICLE CLXXVI. **87 FIRES IN 5 DAYS IN TWIN CITIES. TASK FORCE FORMED TO TRACK DOWN ARSONISTS.**

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Highlight: The Twin Cities witnessed 87 fires in five days during the heat of recent unrest, officials said Tuesday in announcing a new task force to track down arsonists believed to be responsible for a large portion of them. "Eighty-seven's an enormous number," Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said at an afternoon news conference, citing figures [...]

Body

The Twin Cities witnessed 87 fires in five days during the heat of recent unrest, officials said Tuesday in announcing a new task force to track down arsonists believed to be responsible for a large portion of them.

"Eighty-seven's an enormous number," Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said at an afternoon news conference, citing figures from the state fire marshal's office. Under normal circumstances, that period might see one or two fires, he said.

Fires have blazed across St. Paul and Minneapolis over the past week as rioting, arson and looting punctuated mass protests over last week's death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died when a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes.

Harrington said the task force consists of personnel from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, St. Paul and Minneapolis fire departments, arson investigators from the two cities' police departments, and the state fire marshal's office.

"Today they are starting to work that list of fires to find where are commonalities, where are the common criminal threads, and they are also going out to collect those incendiary devices - those bottles of gasoline that we've been hearing stories about but, frankly, had not physically gotten our hands on," he said. "So now we have folks out there picking those up. ... We know that so many of those fires were deliberately set."

Harrington said tracking down the arsonists isn't just a matter of investigating a statutory crime, but part of the broader issue of seeking justice in the aftermath of the riots.

"It was not just stuff," Harrington said, noting that many of the fires have left small-business owners with little prospects for rebuilding, workers without jobs, and communities without access to food, medicine and other goods and services.

87 fires in 5 days in Twin Cities. Task force formed to track down arsonists.

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Police: Retired St. Louis police captain killed amid unrest

ARTICLE CLXXVII. **POLICE: RETIRED ST. LOUIS POLICE CAPTAIN KILLED AMID UNREST**

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Highlight: ST. LOUIS (AP) - A retired St. Louis police captain killed by people who broke into a pawn shop after protests turned violent was a gregarious and outspoken leader who mentored youths and insisted on strict ethical conduct among his employees, a longtime colleague said Tuesday.

Body

ST. LOUIS - A retired St. Louis police captain killed by people who broke into a pawn shop after protests turned violent was a gregarious and outspoken leader who mentored youths and insisted on strict ethical conduct among his employees, a longtime colleague said Tuesday.

David Dorn, 77, was found dead on the sidewalk in front of Lee's Pawn & Jewelry about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. No arrests have been made.

The shooting and theft apparently was posted on Facebook Live, but the video has since been taken down. It came on a violent night in St. Louis, where four officers were shot, officers were pelted with rocks and fireworks, and 55 businesses were burglarized or damaged, including a convenience store that burned. Police also shot and gravely injured a burglary suspect who they say shot at officers.

Cities across the U.S. have seen protests and violence since **George Floyd** died May 25 after a white Minneapolis officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes even after the handcuffed black man stopped moving and pleading for air.

Dorn, who was black, was a friend of the pawn shop's owner and frequently checked on the business when alarms went off, his wife, St. Louis police Sgt. Ann Marie Dorn, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

David Dorn served 38 years on the St. Louis police force before retiring in October 2007. He then became chief of Moline Acres, a small town in St. Louis County.

Former St. Louis County police Chief Tim Fitch knew Dorn for 30 years and said they became close friends when Dorn and his wife were leading the St. Louis police department's Explorers program for young people interested in law enforcement careers, while Fitch was leading the county's program.

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"He was very dedicated to youth, especially disadvantaged youth," said Fitch, who led the St. Louis County Police Department from 2009 to 2014. "He wanted to see them succeed. He wanted to be a role model for those young men and women to go into law enforcement."

Dorn's personality was "bigger than life," Fitch said. "He was a fun guy, a happy guy. You never had to wonder what he was thinking when somebody did something incredibly stupid like a crime because he would just say it as he saw it."

When he took over as chief in Moline Acres, Dorn made it clear that his officers would be held to the strictest of standards, Fitch said.

"He wanted them to do the right thing all the time," Fitch said.

The Ethical Society of Police, which represents black officers in St. Louis, said in a news release that Dorn was "the type of brother that would've given his life to save them if he had to."

St. Louis police Chief John Hayden called Dorn a "fine captain."

"Many of us, the other officers, looked up to him," Hayden said. "Was very well-liked, very pleasant. And his wife still works here. So a very sad time for our agency. We will honor him." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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St. Paul police chief: Peaceful protesters should be protected, but not anyone bent on destruction

ARTICLE CLXXVIII. **ST. PAUL POLICE CHIEF: PEACEFUL PROTESTERS SHOULD BE PROTECTED, BUT NOT ANYONE BENT ON DESTRUCTION**

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Highlight: St. Paul's police chief said Tuesday he hears the community members who are filled with anguish and also those who are scared after acts of destruction.

Body

St. Paul's police chief said Tuesday that he hears the community members who are filled with anguish and also those who are scared after acts of destruction.

Todd Axtell said he wanted to convey that message in the wake of people looting businesses and setting them on fire in St. Paul on Thursday and into Friday. Since then, he said, "the tide seems to have changed."

He and the state's public safety commissioner credit the nighttime curfew in St. Paul and Minneapolis with helping to keep the peace.

Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell, who is helping lead the Minnesota Multi-Agency Command Center, said Tuesday night that increased security measures would remain in place until "restoration of general order is solid." He said "it would not be surprising" to see the curfew extended.

There have been peaceful protests in the Twin Cities that have drawn thousands of people who are voicing their anger and distress about the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody on May 25.

"We take care of our peaceful protesters and we have done that historically throughout our department, and my heart breaks for our entire community who has been tragically impacted by this outrageous incident," Axtell said. "But we will never take care of or coddle people who want to terrorize our community by looting, setting our businesses on fire and injuring our officers who are out there to protect us all. I truly believe that it's a false choice to say that destruction and danger is the only path to change. They can help by making their voice heard peacefully under the curfew."

Axtell said the curfew "helps our officers focus more on the people who are potentially out to terrorize our community."

ARRESTS CONTINUE

St. Paul police chief: Peaceful protesters should be protected, but not anyone bent on destruction

There were 123 arrests Monday and early Tuesday - 57 people at the state Capitol and 66 people in Minneapolis, according to the Public Safety Department. Most were cited for curfew violations and released, though Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said 13 guns were found.

The arrests at the Capitol on Monday night came after people peacefully marched there earlier and then some stayed after curfew in an act of "civil disobedience to make their point that racism and brutality has to stop," Harrington said.

Axtell noted a few had helmets - "normally a sign that they are expecting a conflict with police," he said.

St. Paul police found a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire in a van marked as a community "medic" vehicle near the Capitol, according to the department.

Arrest update:

48 people were arrested at the Capitol.

A protester support vehicle was towed. The van was marked as a "medic vehicle," and inside there were milk containers, helmets and a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire.

Go home, stay safe and help us keep St Paul secure. pic.twitter.com/OcbNIu7NYZ

- Saint Paul Police Department (@sppdmn) [June 2, 2020](#)

There were three or four instances of people ramming vehicles into squad cars overnight, Harrington said Monday. No officers were injured and some people were arrested.

REMAINING VIGILANT

"Our posture today ... remains vigilant," Harrington said Tuesday. "You will see high-visibility patrols continue to go out there ... to try and make sure that bad things don't happen and we can respond quickly if they do."

But Harrington said law enforcement has hardly needed to use tear gas over the past couple of days: "We have really seen the temperature change in terms of the kind of protests that we've been seeing now."

More than 170 businesses were damaged or looted in St. Paul last week, according to police. The fire department reported there were 55 fires, primarily to commercial buildings, in St. Paul between Thursday and Friday morning.

Nick Woltman contributed to this report.

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St. Paul police chief: Peaceful protesters should be protected, but not anyone bent on destruction

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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Two MN men charged with throwing Molotov cocktails into Dakota County courthouse

ARTICLE CLXXIX. [TWO MN MEN CHARGED WITH THROWING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS INTO DAKOTA COUNTY COURTHOUSE](#)

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Highlight: Two men threw Molotov cocktails into a Dakota County courthouse last Friday as unrest spilled into the Twin Cities suburbs in the aftermath of [George Floyd](#)'s death in police custody, according to the United States Attorney's Office Fornandous Cortez Henderson, 32, and Garrett Patrick Ziegler, 24, from Savage and Long Lake, respectively, have been charged [...]

Body

Two men threw Molotov cocktails into a Dakota County courthouse last Friday as unrest spilled into the Twin Cities suburbs in the aftermath of [George Floyd](#)'s death in police custody, according to the United States Attorney's Office

Fornandous Cortez Henderson, 32, and Garrett Patrick Ziegler, 24, from Savage and Long Lake, respectively, have been charged with arson and possession of Molotov cocktails. They made their initial court appearance Tuesday before Magistrate Judge Becky R. Thorson in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis.

Apple Valley police responded to a fire alarm at the Western Service Center in Apple Valley last Friday, according to a criminal complaint, and found broken windows, smoke, and flames coming from the building. Located at the scene were items consistent with those used in Molotov cocktails, including broken glass jars and liquor bottles, pushpins, intact glass jars containing ignitable liquid, and a charred red bandana.

They also found a set of car keys in the grass near the Western Service Center belonging to a Ford Fiesta parked in a nearby parking lot. They later executed a search warrant on the vehicle, which was registered to Ziegler, and found liquor bottles, a store receipt from last Thursday for three bandanas, an empty cardboard box for 12 mason jars, an empty Kingsford brand lighter fluid bottle, alcohol bottles, a plastic jar containing a clear unidentified liquid and a store receipt from last Wednesday for nail polish remover.

After putting out there fire, officers spotted Henderson and Ziegler on a nearby road and arrested them. According to a criminal complaint,, Henderson fled and was apprehended a short distance away, and Ziegler repeatedly resisted arrest.

After being apprehended, Ziegler informed officers that he lost his glasses near the Western Service Center and requested that officers retrieve them. They did and provided them to him at the police station.

Two MN men charged with throwing Molotov cocktails into Dakota County courthouse

Both men also gave false statements to the officers, according to a criminal complaint, stating they used Metro Transit to travel to 38th Street and Chicago Avenue last Friday to participate in protests following the death of Floyd. Metro Transit, though, had temporarily ceased operations last Thursday.

Early this morning, Apple Valley Police got a fire alarm call at the Western Service Center. When they arrived, they located multiple broken windows. There was significant fire and water damage. Due to their quick response AVPD arrested 2 individuals during a perimeter search. pic.twitter.com/JY8nvDHFyY

- Dakota County SO (@DakotaMNSheriff) [May 29, 2020](#)

[Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform. Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in **George Floyd** unrest. 19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during **George Floyd** unrest. Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots. 23-year-old arrested in fatal shooting of man, 65, in Shakopee](#)

Graphic

Garrett Patrick Ziegler

Fornandous Cortez Henderson

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As Vikings work to facilitate change, Eric Kendricks, Anthony Barr call on NFL to do the same

ARTICLE CLXXX. [**AS VIKINGS WORK TO FACILITATE CHANGE, ERIC KENDRICKS, ANTHONY BARR CALL ON NFL TO DO THE SAME**](#)

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Highlight: Vikings linebacker Eric Kendricks tweeted out a thread, later shared on teammate Anthony Barr's Twitter account, on Tuesday afternoon that served two purposes. One was to let people know the team has "opened a dialogue" with players and that all involved are working toward solutions in the wake of George Floyd's death at the hands [...]

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Vikings linebacker Eric Kendricks tweeted out a thread, later shared on teammate Anthony Barr's Twitter account, on Tuesday afternoon that served two purposes.

One was to let people know the team has "opened a dialogue" with players and that all involved are working toward solutions in the wake of George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis Police Officers. They asked for suggestions on how to support the city.

"Our team doesn't just want to donate - we want to work with local organizations and get out there to help facilitate change," Kendricks tweeted.

That has long been the aim of players like Kendricks, who serves in a leadership role on the Vikings' social justice committee. He also works with the Sheridan Story to battle childhood hunger in Minnesota. If there's something to be done to help those in need, Kendricks will do it.

"But we want answers at the league level," he tweeted Tuesday. "That's where change can happen, and we've seen none. Because right now, it seems like nothing. And nothing is unacceptable."

Enter point No. 2.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell released a statement Saturday that expressed condolences to the families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, while adding the "NFL family is greatly saddened by the tragic events across our country. The protesters' reactions to these incidents reflect the pain, anger and frustration that so many of us feel.

"As current events dramatically underscore, there remains much more to do as a country and as a league. These tragedies inform the NFL's commitment and our ongoing efforts," the statement read. "There remains an urgent need for action. We recognize the power of our platform in communities and as part of the fabric

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of American society. We embrace that responsibility and are committed to continuing the important work to address these systemic issues together with our players, clubs and partners."

That statement, Kendricks said, "said nothing."

"What actual steps are you taking to support the fight for justice and system reform?" Kendricks tweeted. "Your league is built on black athletes. Vague answers do nothing. Let the players know what you're ACTUALLY doing. And we know what silence means."

[Dalvin Cook reportedly set to hold out in search of contract extension](#) [Vikings' front office employees back in Eagan. When will the players be?](#) [Roger Goodell says NFL was wrong for not listening to players](#) [Minnesota athletes and coaches combine to help the community, and perhaps spark change](#) [Jake Lacina hopes to make big leap to his dad's former team, the Vikings](#)

The NFL doesn't have much of a leg to stand on when it comes to issues surrounding social injustice or police brutality, and the protests of them. Not with the way the league handled the peaceful on-field protests in 2016 started by Colin Kaepernick, that eventually spread across the league.

How it approaches the issue this time around appears to be under close watch from the very players on which the league relies.

"You can't bring in people to teach us how we should interact with police but not work towards changing the behavior of the police themselves," Kendricks said. "Silence will not make this go away. @NFL #WeWantAnswers #BlackLivesMatter."

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Protests in top 25 virus hot spots ignite fears of contagion

ARTICLE CLXXXI. [PROTESTS IN TOP 25 VIRUS HOT SPOTS IGNITE FEARS OF CONTAGION](#)

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Body

By MICHELLE R. SMITH and NICKY FORSTER

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - As demonstrators flooded streets across America to decry the killing of *George Floyd*, public health experts watched in alarm - the close proximity of protesters and their failures in many cases to wear masks, along with the police using tear gas, could fuel new transmissions of the coronavirus.

Many of the protests broke out in places where the virus is still circulating widely in the population. In fact, an Associated Press review found that demonstrations have taken place in every one of the 25 U.S. communities with the highest concentrations of new cases. Some have seen major protests over multiple days, including Minneapolis-St. Paul, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

The protests have come just as communities across the nation loosen restrictions on businesses and public life that have helped slow the spread of the virus, deepening concern that the two factors taken together could create a national resurgence in cases.

"As a nation, we have to be concerned about a rebound," Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser warned Sunday after days of protests rocked the nation's capital. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo bemoaned the crowds, saying that hundreds could potentially have been infected, undoing months of social distancing.

A fresh outbreak in the places where protesters gathered could lead to reinstating shutdowns.

The AP's review focused on large metro counties - the central counties within metro areas with more than 1 million people - that showed the highest rates of new cases per capita over the past 14 days.

While case numbers and deaths have been trending down in several of the cities where the largest protests have occurred, the number of people in those places infected with the virus - and with the ability to spread it - remains high. And in some of the communities, such as Minneapolis, the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 has been rising.

Protests in top 25 virus hot spots ignite fears of contagion

Floyd died May 25 after a Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into his neck for several minutes, even as he pleaded that he couldn't breathe. Minneapolis has been ground zero for the sprawling protests, which have crossed the Mississippi River into neighboring St. Paul.

The unrest has coincided with "the very worst days of the pandemic so far" in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, said Michael T. Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota.

"Our ICU bed care is at its all-time high and is really on the edge," he said.

Ramsey and Hennepin counties, home to the Twin Cities, ranked seventh and eighth for the highest per capita new cases in the AP analysis. Each has seen more than 250 cases per 100,000 population in the past two weeks, together reporting nearly 2,000 new cases in the last week alone.

Experts point out that other factors associated with protests could accelerate the spread of the virus. For instance, tear gas can cause people to cough and sneeze, as can the smoke from fires set by people bent on destruction. And both also prompt protesters to remove their masks.

Crowding protesters who have been arrested into jail cells can also increase the risk of contagion. An AP tally found that, thus far, more than 5,600 people have been taken into custody.

Protesters and police shouting at one another nose-to-nose also is raising alarms.

Osterholm and other public health experts note, however, that the protests aren't necessarily as alarming as other events that could fuel new cases because they take place outside and many people are wearing masks. In some cases, hand sanitizer also is being informally distributed.

And Dr. David Eisenman, director of the Center for Public Health and Disasters at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, said he feared partisan forces might accuse cities of bringing fresh cases on themselves.

"I'm actually more worried about how, if those spikes occur, how that information will be weaponized against the notion of protests," he said.

Eisenman called protesting an "essential activity," possible to practice with reduced risk. He said his grown children protested in Los Angeles and are taking safety precautions now, including isolating themselves at home. They plan to get tested for COVID-19 in about a week.

Dr. Leana Wen, an emergency physician and public health professor at George Washington University, said the hospitalizations for coronavirus in the Washington metro area have been on the decline but that she knows that could change.

"There are a lot of unknowns about what happens next," she said.

Wen was the health commissioner for the city of Baltimore during the 2015 uprising after the death of Freddie Gray in police custody and said many health clinics were closed and pharmacies burned down, making it difficult for members of disadvantaged communities to access health care.

It's a concern for her now, too.

"You will have compounded health issues that go beyond COVID-19," she said.

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Public health experts said it will take two to three weeks to know whether the protests cause a surge in coronavirus cases. And even then, they can't definitively tie it to the demonstrations.

The unrest is happening in tandem with the reopening of gyms, hair salons, restaurants, parks and beaches. It also comes on the heels of the Memorial Day weekend, when many people attended large gatherings, so experts already were bracing for a case increase, said Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University.

In Los Angeles, barbershops and in-person dining were allowed to resume last weekend, just as protests descended into destruction and more than 1,000 people were arrested. Nearly 10,000 new cases have been reported in Los Angeles County in the past week.

Hundreds of people also were arrested in Chicago, where Cook County has had among the highest per capita rates of new cases of any large county in the nation, with 283 new cases per 100,000 population in the past two weeks.

"The absolute number of cases is still high. We feel good about the fact that we've established a decreasing incidence, but we have a ways to go," said Dr. Ronald Hershow the director of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Hershow and others noted that the racial disparities laid bare by coronavirus - with communities of color bearing a disproportionate burden of infections and deaths - overlap with the issues being protested on streets across America and around the globe.

"Racism kills," Hershow said. "Sometimes that's direct, as in the case of *George Floyd*. And sometimes it's through a virus like COVID-19."

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Forster reported from Berkley, Massachusetts.

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LEADERSHIP

Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, is a shining example of exactly what is wrong with policing in 2020 ("Kroll, Minneapolis police union head, blasts city's riot response in letter to officers," StarTribune.com, June 1). In a letter to union membership shared by the media on Monday, he quickly and repeatedly attempted to remove any culpability from himself and his brethren and rather placed it at the feet of city politicians, Minneapolis citizens and even [George Floyd](#) - going so far as to say the four terminated officers lost their jobs without "due process."

The "us vs. them" position presented by Kroll is supremely emblematic of the existing underlying issues with the city police, which culminated the past week in unprecedented civil unrest. It also demonstrates an unwillingness to engage in the type of community policing that will be needed in order to restore the city's faith in the department.

While the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis is a private group and is free to elect its leaders as it likes, the collective bargaining agreement between the Police Officers Federation and the city of Minneapolis expired on Dec. 31, 2019.

I call upon the mayor and City Council to communicate to the Police Officers Federation that no future agreement shall be ratified until Kroll resigns from his leadership position within the union.

Archie Pickerign, St. Paul

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In many ways state Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, a Republican, was right when he said that what we're witnessing now is "a failure of leadership." But it's a leadership failure of historical proportions, not simply a recent failure. It's a failure of leadership to provide equality in education, equality in opportunity, equality in wealth and income. It's a failure of leadership to provide early child education, affordable child care and access to affordable health care. It's incumbent upon Gazelka and his fellow legislators to step up and provide leadership that leads to greater equality, not partisan posturing and benefits simply to those who already occupy positions of privilege.

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John E. Fredell, Minneapolis

POLICING BY CONSENT

Unworkable with so many guns

The letter in Monday's paper, "Rethink our policing model," made some "policing by consent" comparisons with other countries. The London example of many police officers without guns relying on the community's trust for their authority sounds wonderful. There is one major difference between England and the United States. Our reality is a culture of guns and violence.

England has 4.6 guns per 100 residents. The U.S. has 120 guns per 100 residents. Similarly, the number of police officers killed in Britain, a country with about a fifth the population of the U.S., is less than three per year. We average about 150 per year.

Being a police officer is a dangerous and highly stressful job, and the vast majority deserve our respect and thanks. This does not excuse over-the-top violence by the officers who are paid to protect us. However, until we change our irrational infatuation with guns, I am afraid that policing by consent is a pie-in-the-sky concept.

Bruce Lemke, Orono

CLEANING UP

In those brooms, I saw hope

I was born in Minneapolis, Fairview Hospital, 1942. When I turned on my television Friday morning and saw the devastation to our community my first thought was, how could this happen in our beautiful city? The next thought: What could I, a 77-year-old, do to help clean up debris, make some effort to be useful? Imagine my shock when I saw young person after young person walking amid other peaceful demonstrators bringing brooms, garbage bags, shovels and purposefulness to the task at hand - the broom brigade. As I watched them tears came unexpectedly, uncontrolled.

Never before in all my years and experience have I seen anything like it. I took part in the 1960s marches when Plymouth Avenue was burned to the ground. We protested. We marched. We chanted, but we didn't carry brooms and bags. Perhaps this generation, knowing change must finally occur to start meaningful steps forward, will be the agents for change - to begin to sweep away deeply held, entrenched and unnamed racial prejudices. Thank you, extraordinary, young Minnesotans. Thank you. Keep your brooms at the ready.

Sara Meyer, St. Mary's Point

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Hearts are broken and grieving. Beloved restaurants, service providers and businesses are burning. And, there is beauty that seized my heart and squeezed my throat this weekend. We were with the thousands of people of all races and ages who took to the streets with brooms, shovels, gloves and masks to clean up. It was a huge group of people lasting all day. I've never experienced a cleaner Lake Street. The now-famous intersection at Cup Foods where George Floyd was killed is filled with a circle of flowers and positive

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messages. Burning sage rose above the acrid smell as Aztec dancers' music and regalia brought healing to those quietly gathered there.

Thank you, fellow Twin Citians, for your humanity.

Linnea Swenson Tellekson, Minneapolis

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As if the fear and mourning were not enough this week, there have been media reports of insurance agents stating there is no coverage for damage caused by rioting, vandals and thugs ("Toll of our unrest," May 31). Having spent 30 years in insurance claims, I am here to tell you that there absolutely is coverage for damage and business interruption caused by these events. Homeowners and automobile owners also have coverage. If you are given any problems from your agents, you need to immediately file a written complaint with the insurance commissioner's office at the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Agents who falsely deny claims are subject to large fines and actions against their licenses.

Please don't risk your life defending a piece of property; that is what you paid insurance to do.

Curt Rahman, St. Louis Park

POLICING

I know the Floyd family's pain. Seeking justice must come next.

I don't have to imagine how the family of *George Floyd* feels. I know how it feels to have your unarmed loved one die in police custody. My heart breaks for the Floyd family, because they are entering a journey of pain that will remain with them forever. My son, Leslie Prater, was killed in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Jan. 2, 2004.

The cause of death, from actions of four police officers, was homicide by positional asphyxia. There were similarities between Mr. Floyd's death and Leslie's. One major difference is that no video captured Leslie's killing. There were eyewitnesses, but cellphones were without video capability. Another difference between the two is that our mayor never spoke out publicly. Citizens of Minneapolis are so fortunate to have Mayor Jacob Frey. Not only did he speak out, but his response was immediate and courageous. When he announced that the four officers were fired, I was so proud of him.

Now, the next challenge is to seek justice. It is not over yet. Justice can only occur if all four officers are convicted and sentenced to prison terms. Like most families, we received no justice. The officers were "punished" with a week off with pay. As a former university administrator, with oversight of a criminal justice department and police academy, I have conducted sensitivity training for future officers. I believe employing the "right" people and training them sufficiently can contribute to the complex solution to address police brutality.

Loretta Prater, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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UnitedHealth gives \$10M to Floyd family, rebuilding

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Body

UnitedHealth Group said it will pay for the college education of *George Floyd*'s children and donate more than \$10 million to help Twin Cities neighborhoods hurt by the riots of the past week.

After Floyd died while in Minneapolis police custody, an offshoot of peaceful protests turned violent, resulting in days of looting and destruction in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

UnitedHealth said it would donate \$5 million and up to 25,000 hours of its employees' volunteer time to help businesses - many of them small and minority-owned - to rebuild.

The Minnetonka-based health care giant also said it needed to "address the larger societal issues at the root of *George Floyd*'s death," so it is donating another \$5 million to the YMCA Equity Innovation Center of Excellence in Floyd's memory.

"*George Floyd*'s death is an unspeakable tragedy. Communities all across America are struggling to make sense of what's happened and how we as a society pull together to move forward, heal, learn and grow," said UnitedHealth CEO David Wichmann in a statement.

UnitedHealth, he said, is committed to building a culture of inclusivity and diversity.

The insurance company's effort is one of many acts of goodwill following several violent days. Individuals in neighborhoods stepped up to help protect businesses, and others raised money, gathered food to give out or started scrubbing graffiti off storefronts.

United Way of Minneapolis spokeswoman Kelly Puspoki said other Minnesota companies and citizens are also reaching out to see how they can support the Floyd family and various community rebuilding efforts.

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\$2.5M POURS IN TO HELP REBUILD LAKE ST. BUSINESSES

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Donors have given more than \$2.5 million to help small businesses on Lake Street rebuild in the aftermath of last week's riots that caused widespread destruction.

By Monday afternoon, just four days after the fundraiser launched by the Lake Street Council went live, more than 32,000 people had given money, with donations coming in furiously from the metro area and from across the country, said Matt Kazinka, senior strategic initiatives manager for the nonprofit, which advocates for hundreds of small businesses and organizations along the busy south Minneapolis corridor.

"It's incredible to see how much care about Lake Street and a community like ours," said Kazinka, noting that a majority of businesses are owned by immigrants and people of color. "These businesses serve so many people and are home for so many people. It's not just the goods and services they provide, but they are community centers."

The council said it will take millions of dollars to rebuild the scores of businesses damaged during the riots of the past few days, which erupted after the death of *George Floyd*, the 46-year-old black man who died May 25 after he was restrained during an arrest.

Kazinka said the council will be drawing up guidelines in the coming weeks to determine how to disburse the money.

To recognize the generosity, the council said it will use its own general operating funds to make a "significant gift" to Floyd's family. All donations that come in will be allocated to businesses to help them rebuild storefronts and reopen, the council said.

Many businesses had already been struggling economically in the wake of COVID-19 closures. Then the riots hit and delivered more devastation. But thousands are stepping up, Kazinka said.

"I can't believe it," he said. "I'm thrilled about what this means for our community."

Donations can be made on the council's website or at givemn.org.

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Checks can be mailed to the council's office at 919 E. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN, 55407. But the council warns it may not receive them for "some time" because mail delivery in the area has been temporarily halted.

In a separate fundraiser for the Lake Street Business Association, Edina-based Inclusivi-Tee will hold an online auction June 25-28. "Artists Who Share" will feature work from more than 40 established and new artists from the United States, as well as from Colombia, Kenya, the Netherlands, Argentina and England.

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Customers start trickling in

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Highlight: But restaurants hit another barrier as violence forces them to close

Body

They came for a beer. They came to celebrate an anniversary. They came seeking momentary reprieve from a pandemic.

Customers trickled in to Minnesota restaurants and breweries Monday, the first day patio dining was allowed to open under orders from the state.

"For some reason, this was my milestone for feeling more normal - to go out and have lunch again," said Sean Gilbertson of Edina, who was having a venison and Kobe beef Juicy Lucy and fries on the dock at 6Smith in Wayzata.

The restaurant was his second choice; his first made a last-minute call not to open after days of violence and looting swept Minneapolis in the aftermath of the death of [George Floyd](#) while in police custody.

Did having a meal outside his home for the first time in months help Gilbertson feel "normal"?

"No," he said. "I don't know what would make things more normal."

The state ordered dining rooms to close beginning March 17 to slow the spread of the coronavirus in Minnesota. Later, they were given a June 1 reopening date - with the caveat that all dining must take place outdoors, with no more than 50 guests at a time, on a reservation-only basis.

Many restaurants chose not to

reopen yet, whether due to the ongoing pandemic, a lack of outdoor seating or the economic hardship of opening to serve only a fraction of their usual capacity.

Then, with a week of unrest across the metro that saw several Twin Cities restaurants vandalized or damaged, more restaurants decided to put off their scheduled patio openings.

Customers start trickling in

But after nearly three months without a seated customer, others were ready to welcome guests back to their patios and rooftops on a sunny day with temperatures in the high 80s.

It wasn't business as usual.

At Pub 42 in New Hope, there was one significant barrier for entry to the deck overlooking the parking lot and N. 42nd Avenue. General manager Rob Gossard stood at the hosts' stand, pointing a white thermometer at guests' foreheads for a touchless temperature reading. Anyone over 99.5 degrees would be sent away.

"We're trying to keep fever out of the restaurant," he said.

At 6Smith, a timer went off every 15 minutes to let staffers - in matching gray masks - know it was time to wash their hands.

A bagpiper was on hand to welcome guests to Utepils Brewing's tucked-away beer garden along Bassett Creek in north Minneapolis. When the first song ended, a man seated on an Adirondack chair with a beer in hand yelled out, "Are you playing that thing with a mask on?"

The bagpiper's second number was taps, to honor Floyd.

The brewery had a total of 56 bookings for the day, a slow start, said owner Dan Justesen.

Still, he was "pretty excited" as he watched over about a dozen customers at picnic tables. "We live to do this," he said.

Jacob Bell and Sara Marie Sorenson are regulars at Sir Benedict's Tavern on the Lake in Duluth and were with co-owner Josh Stotts until the restaurant's last call before the stay-at-home order took hold in March.

"There's definitely been a piece of our lives that's been missing the last two months," Bell said.

Stotts said his patio can usually seat 119 customers, but he's spread out tables to make room for social distancing. Almost all 50 seats available were filled Monday afternoon.

"We're taking things one day at a time," he said.

Tavern on the Hill in Duluth filled all its reservation slots for Monday.

"Our phone's been ringing off the hook," said co-owner Julie Thoreson. "I wish we had more room. ... Fifty seats fill pretty darn quick."

More restaurants and bars will be rolling out their patios in the week ahead.

After its April debut was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, the Grocer's Table is opening in downtown Wayzata on Wednesday on a newly expanded patio that takes advantage of sidewalk footage.

Over the past two months, owner Lindsay Pohlad has made alterations to her original cafe-wine bar-market business plan by emphasizing the market aspect of her enterprise. Banquettes have been replaced with coolers stocked with all kinds of pantry staples, including locally sourced eggs, butter, yogurt and cheese.

Pohlad added that the Grocer's Table will follow now-standard protocols: a separate entrance and exit, disposable menus, cashless transactions and masked and gloved staffers.

Customers start trickling in

Although opening a restaurant during a global pandemic is "surreal," Pohlada is accentuating the positive. "I feel that we've been stressed and challenged in every way possible before we even opened, so that's a silver lining," she said.

Other restaurant and bar operators made the last-minute call not to open as planned. Finnegans Brewery was prepared to open its taproom Monday, until a Sunday night decision to postpone. "In light of what is happening in our city, now is not the right time to reopen," said an announcement on social media.

Three of Craft & Crew Hospitality's four restaurants opened their patios - but their Howe Daily Kitchen & Bar in south Minneapolis is delaying.

The online reservation system Open Table was still taking bookings midmorning Monday for the News Room on Nicollet Mall. General manager Brad Schwichtenberg had to call customers to let them know those reservations were canceled.

The restaurant, like others on the mall, is still boarded up and it will take almost 48 hours to take the boards down and prepare the restaurant for customers, Schwichtenberg said. They're hoping to open by Thursday.

Tables were set up at 6 a.m. on the patio outside French Meadow Bakery & Cafe on S. Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis for the long-awaited opening of its patio.

But French Meadow founder Lynn Gordon changed course minutes before the first seating, suspending service to those tables. (People can sit there with their takeout.) The cafe's hand-carved wooden front doors were damaged over the weekend in a break-in.

In St. Paul, Afro Deli opened its patio on the pedestrian-only West 7th Place. Even with social distancing restrictions, it has enough room to seat 30 to 40 people.

Opening Monday was important to owner Abdirahman Kahin, despite the destruction of businesses from riots and arson over the last week.

"We want to be a solution for the unrest," Kahin said. "We are sympathizing with ***George Floyd*** and his family and we also support people who are demanding justice. We want to make sure life goes on, despite the atmosphere."

Over the weekend, Afro Deli prepared 1,200 meals to distribute to citizens cleaning up Lake Street, and partnered with Meals on Wheels and Frontline Foods throughout the pandemic to get meals to seniors and children.

Opening the patio gives back to the community in another way, Kahin said.

"Some people feel better when they see businesses that are open," he said. "We want to show hope."

Staff writer Katie Galioto contributed to this report.

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Macy's hit as New York imposes curfew amid Floyd protests

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Body

By BRIAN MAHONEY and JENNIFER PELTZ

NEW YORK (AP) - New York City imposed a late-night curfew Monday that failed to prevent another night of destruction, including arrests after a break-in at the iconic Macy's store on 34th Street, following protests over *George Floyd's* death.

As the 11 p.m. deadline to get off the streets approached, bands of protesters marched peacefully through Manhattan and Brooklyn, but police simultaneously responded to numerous reports of roving groups of people smashing their way into shops and emptying them of merchandise.

The doors of Macy's flagship Manhattan store were breached. Police pulled two handcuffed men out and put them in a van.

People rushed into a Nike store and carried out armloads of clothing. Near Rockefeller Center, storefront windows were smashed and multiple people arrested. Bank windows were smashed. Wreckage littered the inside of an AT&T store.

Video posted on social media showed some protesters arguing with people breaking windows, urging them to stop, but instances of vandalism and smash-and-grab thefts mounted as the night deepened.

"We worked hard to build up the business, and within a second, someone does this," said the owner of a ransacked Manhattan smoke shop, who identified himself only by the name Harri. "Really bad."

New York joined other cities around the country in imposing a curfew after days of unrest. It comes on top of months of restrictions on public gatherings already imposed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Enough mayhem happened before the curfew took effect that Mayor Bill de Blasio tweeted that it would move up to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The curfew lifts at 5 a.m.

Macy's hit as New York imposes curfew amid Floyd protests

De Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the outbreaks of violence the previous two evenings - which left stores ransacked and police vehicles burned - gave them no choice to impose a curfew and boost police presence, even as they insisted they stood with the throngs of peaceful demonstrators who have spoken out for several days against police brutality and racial injustice.

"We can't let violence undermine the message of this moment," de Blasio said in a statement. He and Cuomo are Democrats.

Big crowds rallied in Times Square and Brooklyn on Monday afternoon and marched through the streets for hours. As in previous days, the demonstrations in daylight were peaceful, with officers mostly keeping their distance from marchers. A nighttime march through Brooklyn was also peaceful, and police let it continue for hours after the 11 a.m. curfew passed.

But midtown Manhattan descended into chaos as night fell. There were dozens of arrests, police said.

De Blasio tweeted at 1 a.m. that there were also "real problems" in the Bronx, which had largely escaped previous nights of unrest unscathed.

Video posted on social media showed multiple piles of rubbish on fire on a debris-strewn street and people smashing into stories.

Another video showed a group of men beating a police officer who was alone and down on the ground, smashing him with pieces of wreckage until he pulled his gun and they ran.

After the curfew took effect, police moved more actively to clear the streets, chasing after and knocking down some people who wouldn't comply as they streamed toward Times Square.

At the same time, the city's elected public advocate, Jumaane Williams, and some other officials held a news conference in Brooklyn criticizing the curfew.

"In the black community, every time we ask for resources or assistance, they send police," said Williams, a Democrat.

Earlier in the day, one Times Square demonstrator, Giselle Francisco, considered the curfew necessary.

"There are people who have ulterior motives, and they're trying to hijack the message," the New Yorker said.

Police Commissioner Dermot Shea expressed doubts earlier Monday about whether a curfew would be heeded. Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, a retired police captain whose borough has been a focal point for demonstrations and some damage, also had doubts.

"There are real deep, legitimate wounds, and if we're not going to put the same level of energy into correcting those wounds as we're going to put into telling people not to come out at 11, then we're going to fail, and this is going to prolong the problem," said Adams, a Democrat.

Bystander Sean Jones, who watched as people ransacked luxury stores in Manhattan's chic Soho neighborhood Sunday night, explained the destruction this way: "People are doing this so next time, before they think about trying to kill another black person, they're going to be like, 'Damn, we don't want them out here doing this ... again.'"

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Monday marked the fourth night in a row of mainly peaceful daytime demonstrations, chaotic nights, hot spots of violence and arrests, with the mayor's daughter among those arrested over the weekend.

Chiara de Blasio, 25, refused to leave a Manhattan street officers were clearing Saturday because people were throwing things. She was released with a court summons.

Her father said Monday she told him she'd behaved peacefully and believed she had followed officers' instructions.

Thousands of people have taken to the streets around the nation to express outrage over Floyd's May 25 death and other killings of black people, particularly by police. Floyd, who was black, died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee on his neck.

On Sunday, some New York City police officers knelt with protesters. But officers have also clashed with demonstrators.

Shea said the department is investigating officers' behavior in about six confrontations, including one in which two police vehicles plowed through a group of protesters Saturday in Brooklyn.

During Sunday night's demonstration, video posted to social media showed a police officer pulling a gun and pointing it at demonstrators on a debris-littered Manhattan street moments after a protester used an object to deliver a crushing blow to another officer's head a few yards away.

"That officer should have his gun and badge taken away today," de Blasio said.

Cuomo said some officers had exacerbated tensions with some "very disturbing" actions. Police union president Patrick Lynch said Cuomo was "wrongly blaming the chaos on the cops."

Contributing were Associated Press writers Larry Neumeister, Jake Seiner, Maria Sanminatelli, Michael R. Sisak, Karen Matthews and Deepti Hajela and video journalist Robert Bumsted in New York and Marina Villeneuve in Albany.

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MN DFL endorses Sen. Tina Smith for re-election

ARTICLE CLXXXVII.

[MN DFL ENDORSES SEN. TINA SMITH FOR RE-ELECTION](#)

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Length: 167 words**Byline:** Bill Salisbury**Highlight:** The Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party announced Tuesday it has endorsed U.S. Sen. Tina Smith for re-election. Smith won the DFL's backing in electronic balloting conducted over the past week after the party's convention scheduled for last weekend was postponed following the murder of **George Floyd** and the subsequent civil unrest that swept the Twin Cities. Smith, [...]**Body**

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Smith, 62, of Minneapolis was lieutenant governor of Minnesota from 2015 to 2018, when then-Gov. Mark Dayton appointed her to the Senate seat vacated by Al Franken. She won the 2018 election to fill the remainder of Franken's term.

Republicans last weekend endorsed former congressman and radio talk show host [Jason Lewis](#) to challenge Smith. But before they face off, Lewis must win the Aug. 11 GOP primary against four other Republican candidates, and Smith has a DFL primary contest with four other Democrats.

[DFL endorses incumbent Ilhan Omar for congressional seat](#) [Lewis sues Walz, saying coronavirus orders hindering his Senate campaign](#)

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More Hudson restaurants reopen, campaign to help rebuild Midtown

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[MORE HUDSON RESTAURANTS REOPEN, CAMPAIGN TO HELP REBUILD MIDTOWN](#)

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Some of the latest to reopen:

Barker's Bar and Grill, 413 Second St.; 715-386-4123; barkersbarandgrill.com Pier 500, 500 First St.; 715-386-5504; pierfivehundred.com San Pedro Cafe, 426 Second St.; 715-386-4003; sanpedrocafe.com

Barker's and San Pedro Cafe owner Pete Foster said he, like several downtown Hudson restaurants, are following recommended guidelines from the CDC, St. Croix County Health Department and Wisconsin Restaurant Association. That includes tables spaced six feet or more apart, reducing capacity.

"While there are no limits on capacity (in Wisconsin currently), with social distancing, we're down to 50 to 60 percent," he said.

Foster said while dine-in service has started up again, he expects there to still be a strong pickup and delivery operation, which has amped up during the coronavirus pandemic.

A GoFundMe page has been set up for Midtown Global Market to repair damages following unrest after the death of [George Floyd](#). Funds will go toward repairing and rebuilding the Lake Street market and cultural center housing 45 independently owned restaurants, retailers and other small businesses. To donate or for more information, visit "Midtown Global Market Mend" at gofundme.com/f/midtown-global-market.

Fig + Farro, the plant-based restaurant in Uptown Minneapolis with an environmentally conscious mission, closed May 31.

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"It's with deep sadness that we are announcing [we'll be closing our restaurant](#) permanently. With uncertainty of when we can reopen our dining room safely, we have decided to turn our mission of food and climate into a foundation," Fig + Farro founder Michelle Courtright stated in a news release. "More to come on this in the coming weeks...Thanks for your support over the years."

Fig + Farro in Calhoun Square was known for its plant-based comfort food with global influences. In 2019, Forbes Magazine named the spot one of its "Top 50 Vegetarian Restaurants in America." In addition to serving up plant-based foods as part of its mission to fight climate change, Fig + Farro donated one tree for every customer. Since December 2018, more than 71,000 trees have been planted through the restaurant and its program partner, Trees For The Future.

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Graphic

A pop-up food collection and food shelf to feed the community held on Saturday, May 30, 2020, at Midtown Global Market. The Lake Street market and area businesses suffered damages amid unrest after [George Floyd's](#) death. (Photo Courtesy of Neighborhood Development Center)

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Protesters urged to get tested for virus

ARTICLE CLXXXIX. [**PROTESTERS URGED TO GET TESTED FOR VIRUS**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 1227 words**Byline:** JEREMY OLSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** State health officials say such mass gatherings could be breeding grounds for COVID-19, though outdoor air could lessen the risk.**Body**

State health officials will be encouraging people protesting the death of *George Floyd* to seek COVID-19 testing - regardless of whether they feel sick - due to the increased risk of the disease spreading at mass gatherings.

A surge in COVID-19 cases among protesters isn't a given - many are wearing masks, and protests are outside, which can diffuse the virus. But health officials on Monday said they are expecting that the gatherings will counteract some progress.

"Concentrated gatherings and loud talking, singing, yelling, you know, all of those loud vocal expressions, exacerbate the risk of spread," said Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner, though it is "mitigated ... by the fact that this is outdoors."

Minnesota reported 361 COVID-19 lab-confirmed cases on Monday, which was the first day since April 28 when the daily count was below 400. The number was likely deflated by the lower reporting that has happened on most Mondays in this pandemic, and by the closure over the weekend of the state's public health lab, which didn't contribute results on Monday.

And yet this also coincided with the Covid Exit Strategy website changing Minnesota's status in the pandemic from "trending poorly" to "making progress" - based largely on the reduction in the growth in cases over the past two weeks. Ten deaths reported on Monday brought the state's total to 1,050 but also was the lowest single-day count in two weeks.

The threat of a new wave of cases among protesters prompted state health officials to recommend COVID-19 testing for all of them. One reason for concern is that 80% of infected people suffer mild or no symptoms, meaning protesters could spread the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 without knowing they have it.

Protesters urged to get tested for virus

The Minnesota Department of Health will soon issue guidance about asymptomatic testing of protesters, because until now it had asked doctors to prioritize testing supplies for patients with symptoms.

A key recommendation will be when asymptomatic protesters should seek testing, because the incubation period of the virus following infection is around five days - with a range of two to 14 days. Testing too soon could miss developing infections, Malcolm said.

Masks have been common,

but not universal, at demonstrations, as some protesters wore them for protection while others used them to conceal their identities.

"Obviously, it's something to be nervous about and thoughtful of," said Jessica Tomann of St. Louis Park, who wore a mask at a memorial on Monday for Floyd. "It's also like there's two viruses fighting this nation right now, and it's like, 'What's more important?' It's a double-edged sword, but you've got to pick the justice you really are going to fight for, you know?"

Maria Smith drove with her daughter to E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue on Monday so that her daughter, a jingle dancer, could perform with others. COVID-19 is a risk, but the memorial "is taking a little more precedence than that," said Smith, who wore a mask while standing shoulder to shoulder with other women at the event.

Stocking clinics

Social distancing and a 51-day statewide stay-home order, which ended May 18, had been credited with slowing the growth of COVID-19 in Minnesota, which is one reason health officials believed the pandemic was still peaking here compared with other states.

Modeling by University of Minnesota and state health researchers showed that adherence to the order had reduced disease transmission by 55%, though initially they had predicted a reduction of 80%. But no modeling accounted for the death of George Floyd during an arrest by Minneapolis police officers - and the outrage that sent people crowding into the streets.

Upon learning of the likely protests, the state Department of Health made sure masks were available through community clinics and partners if protesters wanted them, said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

Studies have shown that cloth, nonmedical-grade masks reduce the chance that wearers spread the coronavirus to others. These masks don't protect the wearers from being infected by others, though, unlike fitted N95 masks that are being largely held in reserve for hospitals treating COVID-19 patients.

State health authorities will make sure that clinics are well-stocked with collection kits for COVID-19 tests of asymptomatic protesters, said Dr. Ruth Lynfield, state epidemiologist.

Protesters can help by monitoring their own health and calling their doctors right away if they experience dry cough, difficulty breathing, fever, loss of taste or other classic COVID-19 symptoms, she added.

When it comes to the infection risk at a protest, "being outdoors is better than being in a very closed, confined indoor-type of setting," Lynfield said. "However it is hard to maintain a 6-foot distance at a rally."

Protesters urged to get tested for virus

Toll on black community

The potential spread of cases among protesters could be a double whammy, even though many of them are in the younger age demographic that has seen far fewer severe COVID-19 cases. Minnesotans 30 and under make up 74% of known infections but only six total deaths.

Further, many of the protesters are black, and people in this racial demographic suffer higher rates of chronic disease, which raises the likelihood of severe or even fatal COVID-19 cases. An initial state analysis showed that 23% of COVID-19 hospitalizations involved black people, even though they make up 6% of Minnesota's population.

Another problem is that black people make up a substantial share of the workforce in long-term care facilities - and residents of these facilities have suffered 855 of the COVID-19 deaths so far.

An outbreak late last month of COVID-19 in Minneapolis' largely black Cedar-Riverside neighborhood showed how infection risks work together. Health officials believe the outbreak was sparked by long-term care workers bringing the virus from work to friends and relatives in that community.

Assessing the impact of the protests on the pandemic in Minnesota will be challenging, because it is coming at the same time as other changes in state policies and restrictions. That includes the allowance as of Monday for restaurants and bars to resume outdoor dining service, and for salons to offer limited appointments at 25% of their usual capacities.

Contact tracing by state health investigators will be challenging as well when identifying sources of COVID-19 infection for people who participated in mass protests.

Finding the sources of infections for sick individuals is only one purpose of contact tracing, though, Ehresmann said. The other is to identify their close contacts around the time they developed symptoms, so that those contacts can quarantine themselves and avoid spreading the virus further.

Staff writer Matt McKinney contributed to this report.

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

25,208 -- Total cases

361 -- June 1 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,050 -- Total deaths

10 -- June 1

U.S. cases, new daily

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1,798,764 -- Total cases

20,634 -- May 31

U.S. deaths, new daily

104,381 -- Total deaths

606 -- May 31

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Ramsey County declares 2nd state of emergency

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Body

The Ramsey County Board declared a monthlong state of emergency Monday after the civil unrest, looting and arson following the death of **George Floyd**, a black man who died last week in Minneapolis police custody.

The declaration, which is in effect until June 30, overlaps the county's other ongoing state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic response.

"Significant threats to the health and safety of Ramsey County residents, first responders and businesses have been present throughout the violence, theft and property damage," according to a county report.

Commissioners unanimously supported the emergency declaration.

"My whole district is really reeling in these times. There is a lot of concern, fear and emotion - all of which is justified," said Commissioner Trista MatasCastillo.

Board Chairwoman Toni Carter had declared an emergency for the past weekend, but board action was required to extend it longer.

Emergency declarations grant county leaders more nimbleness in terms of spending and response. It also makes it possible for the county to seek state and federal aid.

In addition, the declarations are critical for businesses filing insurance claims and other assistance.

County Manager Ryan O'Connor told commissioners the community is facing the biggest health crisis since the flu pandemic of 1918, the largest economic crisis since the Great Depression of 1929 and the greatest social unrest since the late 1960s.

"We have been working around the clock to ensure the safety of those who want to speak out loudly and vocally about the killing of Mr. **George Floyd** and also to protect the community," O'Connor said.

Ramsay County declares 2nd state of emergency

The county's response to the protests and violence includes deploying the Sheriff's Office to keep the peace, assisting businesses damaged by looting and fires, and launching a community resiliency project.

The resiliency project includes 18 trusted grassroots community leaders who are speaking with residents to encourage peaceful forms of expression and connect them with resources including food and basic needs.

O'Connor said the county spent \$37,000 this past weekend on its response to the civil unrest.

MatasCastillo said the turmoil must be a catalyst for immediate and long-term changes.

"This cannot be as it was before. This was a system that wasn't working," she said.

She added that government stakeholders also must resist the urge to take over or duplicate work to change systems already happening at the grassroots level.

"We did a much better job in St. Paul and Ramsay County and that is because of the work and partnerships we've been building over time," she said.

Ramsay County's criminal justice reforms include shuttering its juvenile correctional facility and eliminating fines and fees for defendants and those serving probation.

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Seeing the helpers in Mpls., St. Paul

ARTICLE CXCI. [**SEEING THE HELPERS IN MPLS., ST. PAUL**](#)

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Highlight: With their cities hurting, community builders arrived to clean up and start the rebuilding.

Body

As the fires smoldered, the helpers came.

Since Friday morning, thousands of volunteers have arrived with brooms, shovels and garbage bags - especially along a 5-mile stretch of Lake Street in Minneapolis and a 1-mile stretch of University Avenue in St. Paul - to clean up the damage done by several nights of rioting in the Twin Cities.

During the same period, 27,000 people have contributed more than \$2 million to a fund coordinated by the Lake Street Council, a nonprofit that advocates for small businesses and organizations.

And understanding that the extensive damage has left some neighborhoods without grocery stores and other needed services, many have opened pop-up food shelves, while in smaller-scale efforts to feed the hungry some simply fired up grills and handed out free food to their grieving neighbors.

Showing strong support for justice and community building, those were some of the inspiring ways Minnesotans and others have responded to the looting and property damage sparked by the death of **George Floyd**, the 46-year-old African-American man who died on Memorial Day while in police custody.

While condemning violence and property damage, many who are helping with the cleanup say they understand the anger caused by Floyd's death. Rushing in to help clean up and rebuild, and provide for those harmed by the violence, are positive ways to honor Floyd's memory and live up his family's plea for peace.

As of Sunday, an estimated 270 businesses across the Twin Cities had been burned out, vandalized, looted or had doors and windows smashed. Some have been destroyed by fire, while others suffered water and fire damage.

The response from peace-loving citizens brings a bright light of comfort and hope for the future.

For those who still want to help, opportunities abound. You can still donate money and food to organized efforts in the affected communities. Contributions of brooms and other cleaning supplies are welcome. With public transportation suspended, giving rides to those who need them can help.

Seeing the helpers in Mpls., St. Paul

"Many of our local small businesses are being adversely impacted by the protests related to the murder of ***George Floyd***," the Minnesota Rapid Response Coalition said in a statement. "This coalition has joined together to help with the cleanup, in efforts to lower their unforeseen expenses so that they can get back to work and thrive. We will start with businesses along the Lake Street, Midway and East St. Paul business corridors, then allocate resources throughout the Twin Cities."

All Minnesotans should be proud and grateful for the positive response from so many parts of the community, including nonprofits, businesses, faith communities, neighborhood groups and colleges. The generous outpouring of help and support will go a long way toward repairing not only the damaged property, but wounded hearts and spirits as well.

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Theater production pros pitch in to board up businesses

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Highlight: Theater production wizards can create new worlds on stage. A group of Twin Cities production people are using those skills these days to create community - in the neighborhoods ravaged by fire and riots following the death of ***George Floyd***. "University Rebuild" is a theater-based group helping businesses throughout the Twin Cities to board up [...]

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Theater production wizards can create new worlds on stage.

A group of Twin Cities production people are using those skills these days to create community - in the neighborhoods ravaged by fire and riots following the death of ***George Floyd***.

"University Rebuild" is a theater-based group helping businesses throughout the Twin Cities to board up and protect property. They know their way around tools of construction, and are using them to combat destruction.

"A lot of people were looking for ways to support the community," says Daisuke Kawachi, a freelance director and former Guthrie Theater employee. "There was a high degree of technical knowledge lying fallow."

Theater productions were shut down, postponed and canceled because of the coronavirus in mid-March. The people who worked at Twin Cities theaters are out of work.

More than 100 of the same folks who make sets and props and lighting and a lot of backstage magic - and know how to use a drill and what a masonry bit looks like - are volunteering in the project, said Kawachi, one of the organizers of University Rebuild.

The group is running operations out of Mixed Blood Theatre in Minneapolis' Cedar-Riverside neighborhood. There's also a food bank at the theater (1501 S. Fourth St.).

There's a formal intake and request process through the group's [Facebook page](#), Kawachi said. They provide assistance only at the "explicit request" of the property owner, but scouts have also been going out to assess needs in areas that are hard-hit, he said.

Theater production pros pitch in to board up businesses

Kawachi figures University Rebuild has helped about 200 businesses. Often as they're working at one location, neighbors will ask for assistance. Or offer assistance.

Materials have come from Twin Cities theaters, private and nonprofit groups and corporations, Kawachi said. University Rebuild is also repositioning itself to help take down the boards and barriers as tensions ease.

They don't charge for their help, though they're often offered food and cash, Kawachi said.

Twin Cities production manager and freelance technician Merritt Rodriguez, who also used to work at the Guthrie, got things rolling after she saw a Facebook request from theater friends saying Ananya Dance Theatre on University Avenue in St. Paul was looking for lumber after the first night of protests over the death of Floyd.

She started the Facebook group, naming it University Rebuild, though they're working throughout the Twin Cities. "It kind of started by accident," she said. Numbers have grown quickly, with nearly 1,000 Facebook followers a week later.

The group sent out "carpenters, technical directors, electricians, scenic designers, lighting designers, production managers, sound designers and many more with plywood and their own tools and vehicles to scores of storefronts and more," Mixed Blood's artistic director Jack Reuler said in an email.

Theater-makers are familiar with working in teams with people they don't know when mounting a new production, Rodriguez said on Monday. They're also teachers.

"We're always doing something different and new. It's always a puzzle," said Rodriguez, who has been working in Twin Cities theater since 2012.

"A lot of what we do in the arts is tell people's stories. A lot of what we do is lift up voices," Rodriguez said. "It was time to do something. To stand in solidarity."

Props designer Abbee Warmboe and lighting designer Tony Stoeri are also part of University Rebuild's organizing team.

Kawachi said he's hoping the energy that the group is creating will carry forward.

"Theater people are really good at organizing quickly to build something beautiful," Kawachi said. "We're here as long as they need us."

A form to request assistance is on the group's University Rebuild [Facebook page](#). Donations to help with their work can also be arranged there. Or email .

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UnitedHealth commits \$10M to support Floyd family, local businesses

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UnitedHealth Group Inc. said Monday it's donating \$10 million to address societal issues at the root of [George Floyd](#)'s death, and to rebuild Twin Cities' businesses that were destroyed by days of rioting.

Minnetonka-based UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) is establishing a dedicated [Diverse Scholars](#) trust fund to support Floyd's children's education through college. The Diverse Scholars Initiative is a United Health Foundation charity that creates a diverse healthcare workforce, particularly in underserved communities.

"[George Floyd](#)'s death is an unspeakable tragedy. Communities all across America are struggling to make sense of what's happened and how we as a society pull together to move forward, heal, learn and grow," said UnitedHealth Group CEO David Wichmann. "The 325,000 people of UnitedHealth Group remain steadfast in our commitment to not only build a culture of inclusivity and diversity within our own organization, but to ensure our actions help create a more equitable society for the people we serve."

UnitedHealth commits \$10M to support Floyd family, local businesses

United is also donating \$5 million and 25,000 volunteer hours to restore numerous minority-owned businesses that were destroyed across the Twin Cities.

The additional \$5 million will go towards the YMCA Equity Innovation Center of Excellence in Floyd's memory. The Innovation Center, a collaborative effort serving the Twin Cities and beyond, is dedicated to advancing equity, inclusivity and systemic change.

"We all have a lot of work ahead of us to address long-standing inequities, and it's going to take individuals, governments and private enterprises like UnitedHealth Group to achieve our goals of a more inclusive society," said YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities CEO Glen Gunderson. "We're grateful for this contribution, which will help us accelerate our efforts to drive positive change in our communities."

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'Hate just hides': Biden vows to take on systematic racism

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Body

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE, STEVE PEOPLES and WILL WEISSERT

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) - Joe Biden vowed to address institutional racism in his first 100 days in office as he sought to elevate his voice Monday in the exploding national debate over racism and police brutality.

The presumptive Democratic presidential nominee offered emotional support and promised bold action during an in-person discussion with black leaders in Delaware and a subsequent virtual meeting with big-city mayors who are grappling with racial tensions and frustrated by a lack of federal support.

"Hate just hides. It doesn't go away, and when you have somebody in power who breathes oxygen into the hate under the rocks, it comes out from under the rocks," Biden told more than a dozen African American leaders gathered at a church in downtown Wilmington, his face mask lowered around his chin as he spoke.

Without offering specifics, he promised to "deal with institutional racism" and set up a police oversight body in his first 100 days in office, if elected. The former vice president also said he'd be releasing an economic plan focused on education, housing and "access to capital" and investments, especially for minority Americans, later this month.

"I really do believe that the blinders have been taken off. I think this tidal wave is moving," Biden told the mayors of Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and St. Paul, Minnesota. "I realize we've got to do something big, we can do it, and everyone will benefit from it."

Largely sheltering in place amid the coronavirus, Biden has struggled in recent weeks to be heard from his makeshift home TV studio over the noise of dueling national crises. But after another night of violent protests, he ventured out into public for the second time in two days and just the third time since the pandemic arrived in mid-March.

'Hate just hides': Biden vows to take on systematic racism

His hopeful and collaborative approach marked a sharp contrast to that of President Donald Trump, who has made little effort to unify the country. The Republican president slammed governors as "weak" during a video teleconference on Monday and demanded tougher crackdowns on protesters. Trump also lashed out at Biden on Twitter, writing that "Sleepy Joe Biden's people are so Radical Left that they are working to get the Anarchists out of jail, and probably more."

Biden's softer style may foreshadow how he presents himself in the five months before the presidential election, emphasizing calm and competence as a contrast to a mercurial president. It is an approach that carries the risk of being drowned out by Trump's much louder voice.

On Monday evening, Trump declared himself "the president of law and order" from the White House as military police and law enforcement fired tear gas and cleared protesters from nearby Lafayette Park. Biden made no mention of the unfolding events during an online fundraiser that took place at the same time, though he talked at length about persistent racism in the U.S.

He plans to deliver remarks on the unrest gripping the U.S. on Tuesday in Philadelphia.

In the early moments of Monday's gathering at the Bethel AME church in Wilmington, Biden listened quietly and took notes. All the attendees, including Biden, wore face masks but lowered them as they spoke.

"The vice president came to hear from us. This is a homeboy," pastor Sylvester Beaman said before everyone bowed their heads in prayer.

Biden's standing with the black community weighs heavily as he works to deny Trump a second term. African Americans rescued Biden's flailing primary campaign, but it's unclear if they will turn out for him in large numbers in November.

"I want to make something clear. I don't expect anything from the black community," Biden said Monday, insisting he has never taken its support for granted. The former vice president has been doing cleanup since telling a prominent black radio host a week and a half ago that African Americans who back Trump "ain't black."

Yet the mayors who spoke with Biden, three of whom are black, were clearly frustrated and angry with Trump, who has offered military support to address violent protests while denying them federal support to address the coronavirus fallout and repeatedly attacking them on social media.

"To see the president of the United States say that he's going to send the military into our communities but hadn't mentioned sending a single dime of support into our communities, speaks to where we are in America," said Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms.

Much of Biden's campaign strategy centers on trying to draw a contrast with Trump on temperament and values. He has called the White House contest a battle for the soul of the nation and has been particularly forceful in condemning Trump's handling of moments of racial tension.

In an election that is likely to be a referendum on the sitting president, some Biden aides say privately that the best plan may be to let Trump do himself in.

Yet there is also a recognition that Biden needs to do more than simply wait for voters who may be turned off by Trump to turn toward him. Some Democrats who have criticized Biden for not being more visible during the onset of the coronavirus said he is making the right moves now.

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"I'm sure they have some reluctance, understandably, right now to politicize it. That's not who he is," said Democratic strategist James Carville. "There might be a time for eloquence, but I think that simplicity is eloquence right now."

Jaffe reported from Washington; Peoples reported from Montclair, New Jersey. Associated Press writer Brian Slodysko contributed from Washington.

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Biden blasts Trump's 'narcissism' in new phase of campaign

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Joe Biden mounted one of his most aggressive attacks against President Donald Trump on Tuesday, deriding the commander in chief's disregard of core constitutional values and blistering him for being "more interested in power than in principle."

"He thinks division helps him," the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee said in a speech at Philadelphia's City Hall. "This narcissism has become more important than the nation's well-being."

Biden seized on police driving back peaceful protesters near the White House on Monday so Trump could briefly pose with a Bible in front of nearby St. John's Church.

"If he opened it instead of brandishing it, he could have learned something," Biden said as he chided authorities for using "tear gas and flash grenades in order to stage a photo op."

Biden said Trump "might also want to open the U.S. Constitution. If he did, he'd find the First Amendment. It protects the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Trump senior advisor Kellyanne Conway denied that the president directed authorities' actions to move back the protesters and bristled at suggestions the church visit was merely a photo op. She countered that Biden and other critics had no basis to second-guess what was in the president's heart and his intentions.

Still, Biden's address marked a new phase of a presidential campaign that had been effectively frozen for more than two months by the spread of the coronavirus. The former vice president is now emerging from his Delaware home to confront Trump and using in-person appearances to offer direct competition with the president, rather than relying on virtual events that often failed to garner a lot of attention.

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It was the third consecutive day that Biden made a public appearance and the first time he's been out of the state since March. His remarks were carried live on the three major cable news networks.

Biden spoke as upheaval in the wake of *George Floyd's* death has spread around the country. While Biden spoke, the National Guard maintained a visible presence to defend public buildings as Philadelphia continues to face sustained violent protests. Several buildings adjacent to City Hall, including banks, convenience stores and hotels, were boarded up.

He spoke of the "tug of war between the American ideal that we are all created equal and the harsh reality that racism has long torn us apart."

"The honest truth is both elements are part of the American character," he said.

Since the early days of his candidacy, Biden has framed the election as a "battle for the soul of the nation." He went into greater detail on Tuesday about what that meant and the questions voters should ask themselves.

"I ask every American to look at where we are now and think anew: Is this who we are?" he said. "Is this who we want to be? Is this what we pass on to our kids' and grandkids' lives? Fear and finger-pointing rather than hope and the pursuit of happiness? Incompetence and anxiety? Self-absorption and selfishness?"

The tone was part of Biden's effort to cast himself as a "consoler in chief" in stark contrast to Trump's blunt, confrontational style. While he noted that his anguish over the death of his son Beau five years ago from cancer isn't the same as the sadness felt by those protesting police brutality, he said he understood the hopelessness that can come with grief.

"Like many of you, I know what it's like to grieve," Biden said. "I know what it feels like when you're thinking you can't go on."

He said "bad cops should be dealt with severely and swiftly" and offered examples of how he might ease racial tensions and govern.

The former vice president called on Congress to act now on legislation that would place a federal ban on police using chokeholds. Biden also promised that, if elected, he would increase access to health care and improve the pay of first-responders and other workers who have stayed on jobs deemed essential during the pandemic.

But Biden's speech was perhaps most notable for its ferocity, even though his criticism of Trump is common. He accused the president of being more worried about himself than the nation at a time when it "is crying out for leadership."

"This president today is part of the problem and accelerates it," Biden said, adding that Trump is "consumed with his blinding ego."

Biden offered a stark departure from Trump, who tweeted Tuesday that Washington "had no problems last night" and cited "many arrests," as well as "overwhelming force" and "Domination," for which he thanked himself.

Trump has embraced the language of confrontation and war, seeking to be a "president of law and order," and betting that voters will want a more forceful approach at a time of national tumult and racial unrest.

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Katrina Pierson, a senior adviser to the president's reelection campaign, said Biden's speech "obviously made the crass political calculation that unrest in America is a benefit to his candidacy."

"President Trump is restoring the nation to order and is clearly the leader we need to return the country to peace and prosperity," Pierson said in a statement.

Despite his more confrontational approach, Biden was direct about the limits of his ability to singularly reconcile the nation's differences. He was careful to note that his administration won't be able to fix everything, especially not all at once.

"I know that the presidency, that's a very big job," he said. "Nobody will get it right every time, and I won't either."

But he vowed not to "traffic in fear and division."

"I won't fan the flames of hate," Biden said. "I'll seek to heal the racial wounds that have long plagued our country, not use them for political gain."

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Weissert reported from Washington.

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For young athletes, it's a start

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Body

For three months, Callie Patraw has worked alone.

On her footwork in her basement, dribbling around cones, kicking a ball against a tall net at a soccer field near her house. Again. And again. And again.

"It's not my favorite thing to do," the rising Elk River senior said. "It gets lonely, and it gets really hard just motivating yourself every day."

So when she heard the news about two weeks ago that Gov. Tim Walz would allow youth sports, including her Under-17 BoReal FC team, to resume practices on Monday provided they follow the Minnesota Department of Health's social-distancing guidelines during the coronavirus pandemic, she couldn't quite believe it. No more video-chat training sessions or solo workouts. She would finally be back with her team.

Well, for the most part.

Patraw returned to a new-look practice Monday night. While it takes 11 players to make a full lineup, guidelines require teams to split into groups of 10 or fewer, including coaches, meaning her soccer team can have four groups at most on separate areas of the field. Those groups won't mix, and there won't be any physical contact within the group. That had Patraw expecting a lot of individual skill development, passing drills and the dreaded fitness work.

Sanitizing equipment, recommended mask-wearing and maintaining that six feet of space between people will look very different from the tackling drills and other one-on-one action the defender is used to on the field. Her coach, Brady Johnson, said with all the restrictions, these practices will be minimally effective compared with what his elite players have done all their lives.

Johnson expects much more participation on his older, more competitive teams than the more recreation-focused ones because the girls he coaches, such as Patraw, are hoping for varsity roster spots and college scholarships. Training with no games in sight - minus the potential for some type of scrimmage eventually - is easier for them to understand.

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Especially since the urge to practice isn't just about improving.

"It's been really hard, just being a kid, being a sophomore, junior in high school and having the majority of your childhood be revolving around just sports," Johnson said. "And to kind of be taken away or out of that is super hard. So I think the players were really excited to get back. ... Especially right now in Minnesota with everything that's happened in the last week, it's just super important for the kids to be able to just have an escape."

But not everyone has that opportunity. While youth sports have the OK to practice, leagues and clubs around the state are still grappling with the logistics. For example, the Minnesota Youth Athletic Services' (MYAS) Gopher State and North Star baseball league teams have been "in limbo," as Elk River Baseball travel director Jason Herzog put it.

Several communities that participate in the league have already canceled their baseball seasons, MYAS program director Bobby Strickland said. Others need to know if games will go on so they can figure out refunds for players. Strickland said MYAS sent a petition to the governor's office weeks ago, hoping for clearance to start play June 15. If MYAS doesn't hear back by 4 p.m. Tuesday, or if the answer is no, the organization will cancel summer baseball and look toward planning a fall season, he said.

Of his about eight travel teams, Herzog said only one or two would take advantage of Monday's ability to practice, even if that meant just one session before a potential full cancellation Tuesday.

"It is difficult, but I think everybody understands," Herzog said. "I think everybody in our association just wants, at this point, an answer."

Last week concerns about building readiness to hold practices and workouts factored into the Minnesota State High School League delaying the start of the summer workout period for high school coaches to work with athletes by two weeks, until June 15.

Allowing practicing - albeit in an altered fashion - was the first step to youth sports returning to usual business amid a global pandemic and now civil unrest in the Twin Cities and nationally after the death of **George Floyd** in police custody. That small progress is what Patraw has been craving.

"It's the distraction that I need," she said. "Soccer is kind of just my distraction from anything. If something would go bad at school, I'd still have soccer. Or something was bad at home, I'd have soccer. But now I haven't had that. So I'm just excited [to practice again]."

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His bookstores burned. Don Blyly wants to keep selling

ARTICLE CXCVII. **[HIS BOOKSTORES BURNED. DON BLYLY WANTS TO KEEP SELLING](#)**

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Don Blyly has owned and operated a bookstore for 46 years. Whether there's a 47th depends on what he hears from his insurance agency.

Blyly's twin bookstores, Uncle Hugo's and Uncle Edgar's, were among the Minneapolis businesses destroyed amid the unrest that followed the police killing of ***George Floyd*** on Memorial Day. Burned to the ground five days later in what appeared to be an intentionally set fire, the bookstores were located on Chicago Avenue just one block north of Lake Street and about nine blocks north of the intersection where Floyd died.

It was 3:30 a.m. Saturday when Blyly got a call from the security company about a break-in at the bookstore. It didn't take him long to drive there, but it was already too late.

"As soon as I was within a block, I could tell it was bad," he said, recalling flames up and down the block and rioters dancing in the streets.

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Uncle Hugo's and Uncle Edgar's specialized in science fiction and mystery books, respectively, and were two sides of one business that occupied a century-old commercial storefront that had been expanded with a 1950s-era addition. Pulling into the dentist's office parking lot next door, Blyly could see flames shooting out the broken front windows of his business.

He ran around to the back door and pulled it open in hopes of finding the fire extinguisher just inside. Met with thick smoke, he turned back.

Blyly hurried next door to the dentist's office, entering through an open garage door in back. He thought he might be able to save that building. Pushed back outside by more smoke and flames, Blyly returned to his car and drove home.

"I was not especially interested in watching my business burn to the ground," he said.

In a letter to his customers and employees, Blyly described driving down Lake Street and passing building after building on fire. "No sign of any cops, national guard troops, or any help," he wrote after returning home.

Blyly said he's been told there are images of the possible arsonist who torched his business online.

"A white guy with a mask," he said. "Apparently, out there on the internet there's video of him doing it."

"The Uncles," as Blyly refers to the stores, contained over 100,000 used and new volumes when they burned. There were rare signed editions and decades of collectibles. He estimated the retail value at around \$1 million.

Both his inventory and his building were insured, and Blyly said he's been assured by his attorney that the policy will cover the loss. But that hasn't erased his worries.

Blyly's old policy expired May 23, and while he renewed the policy, he hadn't yet received an invoice for his first payment when the fire hit.

"So I'm rather nervous about this," he said.

Like many retailers, Blyly was already struggling due to the coronavirus pandemic, which had prevented him from opening his stores to walk-in traffic since March. Four of his six employees had gone on unemployment, returning to work not long before the stores were destroyed.

While Blyly worked long hours to fill mail orders alone during the shutdown, cashflow was limited. He estimated he owes publishers about \$50,000 for books delivered before the fire.

"I have completely given up on the idea of finding a place to rent to get back into operation quickly," Blyly added, expecting that vacant commercial storefronts will soon be in high demand.

Ultimately, he'd like to rebuild in the same locations he's occupied since 1984.

"I'll have to see whether or not the insurance company's estimate of what it would take to rebuild it is close enough to the architect's estimate," he said.

In the meantime, Blyly plans to run a small mail order business out of his home. He'll start by selling Uncle Hugo's and Uncle Edgar's branded T-shirts and sweatshirts; he recently ordered a two-year supply.

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It will give him something to live on until he rebuilds. If he rebuilds.

"A lot of authors have offered to send me signed books, so I'll be selling signed books on the internet," he added. "And I'm going to start selling off my personal library one book at a time."

Correction:

The original version of this story incorrectly described the employment status of four of Blyly's six employees. Temporarily laid off because of the pandemic, they had returned to work before the fire.

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Illinois man came 'to riot' in Minneapolis, charges say

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An Illinois man who came to Minneapolis to riot over the weekend livestreamed himself handing out explosives, destroying property and appearing to set a Sprint store on fire, according to charges filed in the U.S. District Court of Minnesota on Monday afternoon.

Matthew Lee Rupert, 28, is charged with civil disorder, possession of unregistered explosives and participating in and organizing riots, making him the first to face federal prosecution for allegedly taking part in the fires, looting and other violence that engulfed the Twin Cities since the death of **George Floyd** in police custody.

Last Thursday night, Rupert, of Galesburg, Ill., posted on his public Facebook page an invitation for "goons" to join him in traveling to Minneapolis, where he said he was renting hotel rooms and planned to wreak havoc and "take hella good videos."

The livestreamed videos, cited as evidence by FBI investigators in the complaint, show his role in the riots on Friday night and early Monday, including distributing explosives and then announcing, "He's throwing my bombs ... they're going to bomb the police with them."

"Good shot, my boy," he shouted after one of the explosions, according to the complaint. "We came here to riot," he declared later.

Later in the night, Rupert asked for lighter fluid and entered a Sprint store, according to the complaint. "I lit it on fire," he said, before entering an Office Depot and stealing items from it.

In the comments section of one video, viewed more than 4,000 times, several people criticize Rupert for his actions.

"If writing a bad check gets you killed, how do you think this guy will end up," writes one, a reference to the reason Minneapolis police originally detained Floyd after a clerk reported that he tried to pass a counterfeit bill.

"Nothing like snitching on yourself like a Facebook live video," writes another.

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"I love all my haters lmao," comments Rupert.

Another image posted to Facebook shows a blistered hand, under the caption, "I tried to pick up a tear gas bomb!"

On Saturday night, Rupert posted to Facebook his plans to return to Chicago and riot there. "[Let me know] who's on board I got cars we got this," he wrote, updating later that he would arrive in Chicago in two hours.

More videos show Rupert walking through Chicago hollering to people he seems to know as they drove by. In one 10-minute video, he stops in front of what appears to be a darkened cafe with a broken window.

"There's gotta be a register in there," he says. Then, spotting one, he urges someone to go in after it, and a person jumps through the broken window as glass rains down behind him. The camera moves inside, then quickly back outside. A moment later, it continues in what appears to be the inside of a smoke shop.

Videos show him proclaiming, "Let's start a riot" and "I'm going to start doing some damage," according to the complaint.

The charges say Rupert crossed state lines to participate in the riot, which makes it a federal crime. Chicago police officers arrested him at 2:21 a.m. They searched his car and recovered several "destructive devices," along with a heavy-duty flashlight, hammer and cash, according to the charges.

In a telephonic hearing Monday afternoon, a judge ordered his transfer to Minnesota to face future case proceedings. When the judge read his charges, Rupert appeared surprised at the count related to illegal explosives.

"A firework? I don't know, ma'am," he said.

A spokeswoman for the Minnesota U.S. Attorney's Office said that, while it will continue to pursue charges against rioters, their top priority will remain on the civil rights investigation into the events surrounding the death of Floyd.

Staff writer Dan Browning contributed to this report.

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In Duluth, protesters weren't outside agitators; 'That is us'

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Body

DULUTH - Rumor had it there would be busloads of protesters importing violence to Duluth this past weekend during the protests over the death of [George Floyd](#).

The rumors were wrong.

"It's so much easier for us to want that to come from somewhere else than for that agitation and fear and hurt to be our own," Mayor Emily Larson said Monday. "That is us. That anger is this community, and so are the beautiful parts and the healing and the hard work that is to come."

More than a thousand people gathered for peaceful protests on Saturday in downtown Duluth. Later that night a much smaller crowd continued to march and drive around town and eventually started causing property damage and injuries, including an assault on an officer and a Kwik Trip employee.

Warnings of outside agitators coming to town were spread throughout the day Saturday and stoked anxiety as violence raged in the Twin Cities and elsewhere; some protesters said they were concerned that troublemakers would show up uninvited.

Yet of the 11 people arrested during the late-night gathering Saturday, just one was from outside the area. There were seven arrests and 15 citations Sunday relating to curfew violations, but those were also mostly local residents.

"We want to place that anger somewhere else that's not us. But it's us," Larson said. "Many people who went out on Saturday night were young people who are clearly experiencing pain and trauma."

Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken said the department has analysts tracking and verifying social media rumors and did not take them at face value.

"Ultimately what we have our officers respond to is what is actionable, accurate intelligence," he said.

In Duluth, protesters weren't outside agitators; 'That is us'

After two nights of curfew, the mayor said there would not be another one Monday night. There will continue to be an increased police presence, which Tusken said comes at a great expense to the city - but the alternative was not an option.

What comes next, Tusken said, is "substantial change." He said that means bringing together police officers and communities of color "who have issues of fear and distrust, who are angry, who feel marginalized by police, and have an opportunity for them to have their voices heard."

"It can't just be something that in two weeks we say, 'Well that's over, we're gonna move on,' " he said. "We need to be committed to this."

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Insider tips and tidbits as Twin Cities restaurants reopen for outdoor dining

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Body

Time limits when dining. Special patio menus. Earlier closing times.

These are some of the additional things you can expect to see at various restaurants as outdoor dining spaces reopen this week.

After the governor announced eating establishments could reopen June 1 for dining for the first time since March 17 amid the coronavirus pandemic, restaurateurs started rolling out the welcome mat this week.

But it's not business as usual. Restaurateurs are working within new guidelines and restrictions that include outdoor dining only, tables spaced six feet or more apart, reservations only, no more than 50 people on a patio or other outdoor dining space and limits of groups of four, or six to a family.

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In addition to state guidelines, restaurateurs are implementing their own best practices beyond state guidelines, from how to best handle reservations to added safety measures, to make things run as smoothly as possible.

Here are insider tips and tidbits that will be good to know as restaurants reopen for outdoor dining.

Things continue to be fluid in the restaurant world these days, so check in with your favorite establishments to see what reopening plans are, as things can change hourly. Several restaurants we checked in with originally planning to reopen this first week have switched gears at the last minute, some delaying rollouts because of the coronavirus as well as unrest after the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody.

Since reservations are required, several restaurants are putting in timing caps when you dine. The time limits on dining allows for staff to have enough time to turn over and sanitize tables for the next group of diners, limited to four people, six for families, per dining group under state mandate. El Burrito Mercado plans to

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place a 75-minute dining cap on tables. We're finding more commonly 90-minute caps implemented at restaurants, such as Saji- Ya and Emmett's Public House on Grand Avenue in St. Paul.

While some places such as St. Paul's McGovern's, which opened at 11 a.m. Monday, plan to serve full-fledged menus on their patio, others will offer a trimmed-down or alternative version. Some places are getting creative and introducing new menus. El Burrito Mercado in St. Paul, which was planning to open Friday the last we checked, will feature a patio menu with two options: Tacos Callejeros (made-to-order fresh taco stand, order from server, weekends only) and La Placita Patio (burritos, ceviche, guisados and more), according to El Burrito Mercado's Milissa Silva-Diaz. And when Surly Brewing reopens its beer garden (date to be determined), expect a new menu that is a combination of new items and top sellers.

Reservations are required under the new state guidelines for dining at restaurants. Depending on the restaurant, reservations are mostly being taken online. Or, at places such as The Lex in St. Paul, reservations will be taken by phone only. If there is space, some restaurants - but, be warned, not all - will even take "walk-in reservations." Brent Frederick of Jester Concepts hopes to open the outdoor seating areas at his Parlour St. Paul as well as Minneapolis restaurants (Parlour Minneapolis, Borough and Monello) by the end of this week. "Obviously we're going to steer them more toward online reservations. But if someone's walking by and they want to eat at one of our restaurants and we have space, then we're going to take their reservation on the spot and seat them," Frederick said, adding that mainly the state wants diner information for contact tracing, which the restaurant can still do with on-the-spot reservations.

Social distancing means fewer people on the patios, with less staff and less business. That means restaurants are limiting hours to make it cost-effective. Pretty much every restaurant we've checked in with has reduced hours, mostly still opening when they do normally, but closing early. Expect this to be widespread.

Some restaurants will not be accepting cash or checks, but debit or credit cards only, so have one on hand. If you've been ordering takeout regularly since the pandemic, you should be used to this. As with takeout, some places may now require you to pre-pay when you order.

In addition to tables being spaced six feet or more apart, several restaurants have put up physical barriers between cashiers and customers. This includes outdoor dining spaces. Restaurants are asking - some even requiring - diners to wear masks during times when you're not eating or drinking, such as when walking through the restaurant and/or patio space, whether to enter or exit the establishment or use the restroom. Some will even make masks available for purchase if you forget to bring yours or don't have one.

Many restaurants have safety preparedness plans that let you know what staff are doing to keep diners safe. At the same time, they want to keep their staff and other diners safe. That means staying home if you're not feeling well and if there are things such as time caps when dining there. Check out restaurant websites before heading there to see what is expected.

When restaurants were forced to close for dining in mid-March, restaurants began amping up carryout and delivery operations. So if one of your favorite restaurants is not yet open for outdoor dining, you can still get dishes you are craving, as many continue to offer carryout and/or delivery services. Even restaurants that do reopen outdoor spaces plan to continue full-fledged takeout operations, as they realize some patrons may still be uneasy about dining onsite.

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The socially distanced patio at El Burrito Mercado in St. Paul during the pandemic. (Courtesy El Burrito Mercado)

The socially distanced beer garden set up at Surly Brewing Co. during the pandemic. The reopening date is yet to be determined. (Courtesy Surly Brewing Co.)

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Metro Transit to resume bus service on Wednesday, light-rail service possibly by Thursday

ARTICLE CCI. **[METRO TRANSIT TO RESUME BUS SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY,
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Highlight: Metro Transit will resume bus and Northstar rail services Wednesday and light-rail service as early as Thursday. A statement - by Metro Transit general manager Wes Kooistra - said that bus and Northstar commuter rail services will return at 4 a.m. Wednesday. Metro Blue and Green Line light-rail service will resume on Thursday at the [...]

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A statement - by Metro Transit general manager Wes Kooistra - said that bus and Northstar commuter rail services will return at 4 a.m. Wednesday. Metro Blue and Green Line light-rail service will resume on Thursday at the earliest. Once running again, transportation services will continue to operate at reduced levels because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the statement said.

Due to the past week's unrest over the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody, ongoing and changing detours are to be expected for many bus routes, including 5, 7, 11, 18, 21 and 23. Information regarding these routes can be found on [Metro Transit's website](#).

The statement emphasized that staff have been working quickly to move to resume service while also prioritizing safety.

"We acknowledge that many of the neighborhoods that rely heavily on transit are also those that were hardest hit by these events. People who use transit to secure groceries and medicine, to get to their jobs, or to make other essential trips suffered twin impacts - the loss of neighborhood businesses and services they rely on and the experience of being stranded because transit was unavailable," the statement read.

[Metro Transit remains shut down over unrest, but service tentatively slated to resume this week](#) [Metro Transit suspending service through weekend because of safety concerns](#) [Metro Transit requiring face coverings on all riders starting Monday](#)

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Police clear protesters with tear gas and rubber bullets so Trump can pose by a church

ARTICLE CCII. **[POLICE CLEAR PROTESTERS WITH TEAR GAS AND RUBBER BULLETS SO TRUMP CAN POSE BY A CHURCH](#)**

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WASHINGTON - People who gathered outside the White House to protest police brutality spent Monday waving signs and screaming for justice. They watched as police officers and National Guard units flooded Lafayette Square, delivering on a threat made by President Donald Trump. And just before the city's 7 p.m. curfew went into effect, they were hit with flash-bang explosions and doused with tear gas.

It was because the president, who spent part of the weekend in a secure bunker as protests roiled, wanted to have his picture taken holding a Bible at a battered church just beyond the gates.

St. John's Episcopal Church - the so-called Church of the Presidents because every one since James Madison has attended - had been briefly set ablaze as the protests devolved on Sunday evening. After Trump's aides spent much of the day Monday expressing outrage over the burning of a place of worship, Hope Hicks, a presidential adviser, eventually hatched a plan with others at the White House to have the president walk over to the building, according to an official familiar with the events.

As Trump delivered a speech in the Rose Garden vowing to send the military to states where governors could not bring rioting under control but calling himself "an ally of all peaceful protesters," the sound of explosions and the yells of demonstrators could be heard. After receiving repeated warnings to disperse before the city's curfew, the crowd was tear-gassed.

Trump began his walk to the church at 7:01 p.m. for a photo session that lasted about 17 minutes. On his way over, after protesters had been driven from the park, he was trailed by a group of aides, including Attorney General William Barr. The attorney general had strolled to the edge of the police line to observe the crowd in the minutes before the tear gassing began.

Barr walked alongside Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and adviser, and Ivanka Trump, his daughter and adviser. Ivanka Trump was wearing a mask, one of the few visible reminders on Monday that

Police clear protesters with tear gas and rubber bullets so Trump can pose by a church

the administration is in the midst of battling a public health crisis. Kayleigh McEnany, the White House press secretary, Hicks and Mark Meadows, Trump's chief of staff, were also among the cadre of aides.

As police sirens blared in the background, the president, his lips set in a thin line, stood with his back to the boarded-up, graffiti-laden facade of the buttermilk yellow church.

He cradled a Bible, bouncing it in his hands as if testing its weight.

"Is that your Bible?" a reporter yelled.

"It's a Bible," Trump responded, and hoisted the book up so reporters could see.

The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, who watched the scene unfold while away from the church visiting with her mother, said church officials were not told of the plan and expressed outrage at the White House's use of riot-control tactics on a generally peaceful crowd to clear a path for the president to visit the church.

"He did not pray," the bishop, Mariann E. Budde, said in an interview. Referring to the death of the black man in police custody that set off the protests, she added: "He did not mention *George Floyd*, he did not mention the agony of people who have been subjected to this kind of horrific expression of racism and white supremacy for hundreds of years. We need a president who can unify and heal. He has done the opposite of that, and we are left to pick up the pieces."

In Lafayette Square, one of the visiting priests attending to St. John's was sprayed with tear gas as she attempted to help scared demonstrators leave the area, said Budde, who was not at the church when Trump visited.

Budde denounced the way the president held up a Bible during his visit, a move she interpreted as a political prop.

"The Bible is not an American document," she said. "It's not an expression of our country. It's an expression of the human struggle to serve and love and know God."

Trump has been an infrequent visitor to St. John's, but attended a church service there on the day of his inauguration. Since his election, the church has been dragged into the backdrop of some of Trump's most partisan fights. Last spring, Robert Mueller, the special counsel who led the investigation surrounding the Trump campaign's ties to Russian interference in the 2016 election, drew a gawking crowd outside St. John's before his report was released.

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Rioting's aftermath leaves food desert

ARTICLE CCIII. [RIOTING'S AFTERMATH LEAVES FOOD DESERT](#)

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With Cub, Target, two Aldi stores and many small markets damaged by rioting over the past week, Longfellow and about eight other neighborhoods have nearly become a food desert.

"I consider the loss of these businesses devastating," said Melanie Majors, executive director of the Longfellow Community Council. "Besides just the food, there's a lack of retail for diapers, formula, household goods, even clothing."

Many residents of the area shop lower-priced stores such as Aldi or dollar stores. Two of those dollar stores - including Family Dollar on Lake Street - were destroyed in last week's looting and violence that arose after [George Floyd](#) was killed in Minneapolis police custody.

One Aldi store on E. Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis reopened Monday after power was restored to it. The frozen foods section had been cleared

out due to the outage that started late last week, but shelves were being restocked Monday.

Sashana Craft of Maple Grove purchased groceries there Monday for Headway Emotional Health Services, where she works with Indigenous families.

"I've never seen the shelves this empty," she said. "If people can't get to their grocery store, they should check with churches or support groups offering free food and groceries."

Majors said a few places were offering free food and supplies: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church near 31st Street and Minnehaha Avenue; Heart of the Beast Theatre at S. 15th Avenue and E. Lake; and Sanford Middle School at E. 35th Street and S. 42nd Avenue.

Amplifying the problem over the weekend and again on Monday was the fact that Metro Transit was not operating buses or trains. Public transportation will again be shut down on Tuesday.

Sylvester Hudson walked about 40 minutes from Fort Snelling Apartments to the Cub Foods at E. 46th Street and Hiawatha Avenue.

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It is the only supermarket left in the Longfellow neighborhood along the light-rail line after four other supermarkets closed because of destruction during the protests.

"I don't know if I'll be able to catch a cab, so I'll probably have to walk," said Hudson, 70, who brought a two-wheeled cart for grocery transport, as he finished shopping at Cub Foods. "This is the only store left open in the neighborhood that I can walk to."

Area residents with a vehicle could find open supermarkets nearby at Longfellow Market, S. 38th Avenue and E. Lake, and Lunds & Byerlys in St. Paul's Highland Park neighborhood.

Although shorter on Monday, there were lines out the door at several of the city markets on Sunday, similar to when Gov. Tim Walz first issued the stay-at-home order to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Business has been up more than 60% at Longfellow Market since the other stores were forced to close, according to manager Terry Mahowald.

"We never planned to be this busy," he said. "Everyone's stressed. This is certainly not the way we wanted to increase traffic."

He plans to add more lower-priced, generic items to help keep prices reasonable for shoppers at the natural and organic grocery.

Home delivery through Shipt or Instacart isn't an option for the neighborhoods, either.

Delivery services usually pick from stores nearby. With four of them closed, other arrangements are being made.

Target owns Shipt and is working on arrangements to fill delivery orders through other Targets, a spokeswoman said. The Minneapolis-based retailer also has pledged to rebuild the Lake Street store, hopefully by the end of the year.

Mahowald thanked neighborhood volunteers for saving the Longfellow Market.

"We've had nearly 25 people from the neighborhood guarding it every night since Tuesday," he said.

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They gave a sitting ovation

ARTICLE CCIV. [**THEY GAVE A SITTING OVATION**](#)

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Byline: JON BREAM; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: A drive-in concert at Crooners Monday evening brought live concerts back to the Twin Cities.

Body

They came in sedans, SUVs and even a vintage 1958 Chevy Impala convertible. They rolled down their windows to listen to live music Monday in a Fridley parking lot, and they honked their horns in appreciation after every song.

"This is the first time I'm not offended by people honking at me," singer Joyann Parker told 43 carloads outside Crooners Supper Club, on the shores of Moore Lake.

This was the first live ticketed Twin Cities concert since March 15, when Gov. Tim Walz closed venues and ordered Minnesotans to stay at home because of the coronavirus pandemic.

As with any other public gathering, it's hard to practice social distancing at concerts. At Crooners, vehicles were situated 10 feet apart, staggered throughout the parking lot.

Other protocols were in place. No alcohol was allowed. Concertgoers had to stay in their vehicles except to use the supper club's restroom - but only one person at a time. Food was served, drive-in style.

The music was broadcast on a FM channel that concertgoers could tune into on their car radios.

"This is like when I was a little girl at the drive-in movie in Faribault," said Val Cohn of St. Paul. "I love it. It's a familiar feeling. Except my dad isn't here."

Lloyd Larson of Coon Rapids, driver of the vintage Chevy, appreciated the resourcefulness of Crooners' staff.

"I've been to drive-in movies, drive-in restaurants and this is my first drive-in concert," he said. "It's good to be outdoors. This is working."

All except the scorching 90-degree sun beating down, which compelled his wife to move from shotgun to the back seat.

They gave a sitting ovation

Some concertgoers improvised by shielding the sun with umbrellas. Crooners owner Mary Tjosvold distributed tablecloths for people to use as impromptu window sunscreens.

Concertgoers came in couples, a few foursomes and some solo, including Bette Ashcroft of Edina, who left her husband and their black Lab at home because of the heat.

"It's wonderful to hear live music again," she said. "This is great. The sound is good coming over my car radio. This would be better if I could be outside my car in a lawn chair."

There were some other complaints in the first

show of Crooners' Lakeside Drive-in Concert Series.

Mike Urgo of Brooklyn Park couldn't see the stage clearly, his view blocked by a tall Honda Pilot in the middle of the parking lot.

"They should move that behemoth," he said during the concert.

Urgo and his wife "couldn't wait to come for the first show. We're so used to seeing movies. We're starved for entertainment. We might be coming back tomorrow."

There were two separate shows Monday, at 4 and 7 p.m. By the second, Crooners was already making changes. Parking spots were newly numbered, making food service more efficient, and taller vehicles were parked on the sides of the lot to improve sightlines down the middle.

Tjosvold was happy, especially after having to postpone the series in early May because of the governor's directives.

"We're glad we didn't give up," she said. "Even though people were in their cars, it felt like a lot of good energy out there."

Crooners regular Steve Zenz of New Brighton admits to going "stir crazy, being cooped up for a couple of months." So he was excited to see live music again even though he was caught up in what was happening after the death of George Floyd last week.

"Our daughter was marching Sunday. We donated to the Lake Street Council," he said. "We needed to take a break from that."

Cohn was torn about being at Crooners.

"There are so many things to mourn. The heart is heavy," she said. "I was feeling guilty, sitting and listening to Joyann sing Patsy Cline songs in a breeze, and seeing an oriole fly in the trees. I'm feeling pulled in the direction of being at the governor's residence [protesting Monday afternoon]. But musicians put things in perspective. With live music, there is love in there."

After her afternoon performance, singer Parker said she and other people need a break from both the Floyd and COVID-19 situations.

"It's healing for us to play music," said the Twin Cities R&B/blues favorite, who hadn't seen most of her band members for a few months, though she and guitarist Mark Lamoine have done live streams as a duo.

They gave a sitting ovation

Since Monday afternoon's show was a salute to country legend Cline filled with lots of back stories, Parker didn't think it was appropriate to preach, other than saying "love conquers all" at show's end.

"I'm an empath," the often emotional Parker said backstage. "I can feel the room. It's harder when people are in their cars. You can't see their faces. It's harder to emotionally connect. I felt like I'm on a movie screen."

A global phenomenon

While maybe not yet a trend, drive-in concerts have become a thing during the pandemic.

The first was in late March in Los Angeles' Echo Park with some underground musicians performing to about 50 cars. Drive-in shows started taking off in Denmark, the Czech Republic and elsewhere in Europe.

The first U.S. drive-in concert to make a splash was by country superstar Keith Urban, who performed May 14 at an actual drive-in movie theater outside Nashville for about 200 front-line medical workers.

In Miami, DJ-Nice had people dancing in the back of their pickup trucks - socially distanced at 20 feet. Shows are now scheduled everywhere from a pub's parking lot in Lima, N.Y., to the massive space outside the Texas Rangers' baseball stadium, with a sold-out four-night, two-shows-daily series for 400 cars, starting with country's Eli Young Band.

With room for 74 vehicles, Crooners has 16 more drive-in concerts scheduled so far, featuring such Twin Cities mainstays as Debbie Duncan, Daisy Dillman Band and Mick Sterling. Tickets are priced from \$15 to \$30 per person.

Even though Monday's inaugural show may not have been live music as usual, it felt a little bit like making lemonade out of lemons. And lemonade never tasted so sweet.

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Lakeside Drive-In Concert Series

Tuesday: Michael Monroe, 4 & 7 p.m., \$20.

Wednesday: Cafe Accordion Orchestra, 7 p.m., \$25.

Thursday: Ginger Commodore and Jesse Larson, 7 p.m., \$25.

Friday: Jennifer and Reed Grimm at 4 & 7 p.m., \$15.

Saturday: Andrew Walesch Big Band, 4 & 7 p.m., \$30.

Sunday: Arne Fogel, 4 p.m. \$15; Debbie Duncan, 7 p.m., \$15.

Monday: Prudence Johnson & Dan Chouinard, 4 p.m. \$15; Dane Stauffer & Dan Chouinard, 7 p.m., \$15.

June 9: Pat Donohue, 7 p.m., \$20.

June 10: Mick Sterling salutes to Van Morrison at 4 p.m., Billy Joel at 7 p.m., \$30.

Aug. 15: Daisy Dillman Band, 7 p.m., \$20.

They gave a sitting ovation

Where: Crooners Supper Club, 6161 Hwy. 65, Fridley.

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Tone turns friendly during mass arrest

ARTICLE CCV. [**TONE TURNS FRIENDLY DURING MASS ARREST**](#)

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Body

After a tense standoff lasting nearly an hour - with concussive devices and tear gas - police boxed in the protesters on all four sides and arrested them at Bobby & Steve's Auto World on the edge of downtown Minneapolis.

But as the protesters waited for the buses that would take them to jail, hands restrained behind their backs with flex cuffs, the tension turned to a surprising fellowship.

The detainees and the Minnesota State Patrol officers guarding them chatted, smiled and joked. One patrol officer held the skateboard of an arrested protester; other officers went around offering water to the detainees.

It had the air of a casual summer party - except hours earlier, one group of guests had been shouting and swearing at the other, which returned the favor by firing tear gas and projectiles at them.

"We're buddies," said P.J. Noble of Minneapolis, jerking his head at the patrol officer guarding him.

"Not Facebook buddies, though," the officer said, smiling.

Thousands of demonstrators arrived in downtown Minneapolis on Sunday night to protest the death of **George Floyd**, eventually violating the 8 p.m. curfew imposed by Gov. Tim Walz.

Some of the arrested were quiet as they were loaded on the buses. But soon, they were singing and chanting inside the bus, whose digital destination display read, "Have A Nice Day."

One arrestee joked about jail food.

"You want chicken? You want some chicken?" he said to another detainee. "You're gonna get a dry bologna sandwich," he said, laughing as officers looked on quietly.

Dakota Shelton-Norrunner said that his arrest failed to blunt the positive vibe of the night, and that he had no hard feelings toward the authorities who arrested him.

Tone turns friendly during mass arrest

"He's pretty cool," Shelton-Norunner said of the state patrolman next to him.

Once the drama and tension broke, the mood of the area changed as those arrested filed onto buses to take them away.

"We're human, too," said one State Patrol officer. "We'd rather be home with our wife and kids."

Staff writer Maya Rao contributed to this report.

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Trucker on 35W possibly confused, officials say

ARTICLE CCVI. [**TRUCKER ON 35W POSSIBLY CONFUSED, OFFICIALS SAY**](#)

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Body

State authorities said Monday that the driver of a tanker truck did not intend to hit anyone when he drove onto the Interstate 35W Bridge in Minneapolis and sent protesters running for their lives.

Government officials say trucker Bogdan Vechirko may not have realized that I-35W and other metro interstates had been closed as part of the ongoing unrest sparked by the death of [**George Floyd**](#) last week in police detention.

State Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said Vechirko, driving an empty fuel tanker truck from Interstate 94 onto northbound 35W, was speeding but did not go around any barricades and was not acting intentionally while narrowly missing everyone in the crowd.

As Harrington was making his comments at a midday news conference, Vechirko, 35, of Otsego, remained jailed on suspicion of assault but had not been charged.

The driver "panicked, and he just kept barreling forward," Harrington said. When Vechirko saw a woman on her bike fall in front of him, he slammed on his brakes and came to a sliding stop, the commissioner said.

"We don't have any information that makes this seem like this was an intentional act," he said. "It wasn't that he went around the barricades to get to the protest."

Harrington's conclusion about Vechirko's motives runs counter to that of several people on the bridge, including Drew Valley, who said, "He wasn't stopping. He was beeping loudly and driving into a crowd of people.

"That's the same kind of malice that brought us here. It's a callous disregard for someone's humanity."

Another marcher, who was nearly hit, said the driver's actions makes him suspect he meant to keep going but may not have been trying to hit anyone.

Trucker on 35W possibly confused, officials say

Charlie Garney said he spotted the truck about 150 yards from where he was standing. Garney said the driver began maneuvering around vehicles ahead of him that were trying to turn around after being unable to cross the bridge.

The truck driver "began accelerating from a low speed to a high speed while blaring his horn," Garney said. "It was clear ... he knew we were there and accelerating toward us."

Garney said the truck came within 15 to 20 feet of him on the bridge while going "deeper into the crowd. ... I was in fear of my life with no place to go."

Garney acknowledged being uncertain about Vechirko's motives.

"If he did have the intent to kill people, he had a change of heart," Garney said.

Gov. Tim Walz said he watched the incident live on highway cameras, and "I was breathless ... because I thought I was going to witness dozens or hundreds killed."

He also praised the protesters who protected the driver, who was pulled out of the cab when he stopped halfway across the Mississippi River span and attacked.

"He got beat up pretty bad," said Justin Goeman, who came to the driver's defense until police reached him. "If we hurt this man, it defeats our purpose. ... I cannot imagine what the narrative would be if we hurt that man."

The barriers were meant to be up in time to enforce an 8 p.m. curfew, but the Minnesota Department of Transportation was directed to have its barricades and big trucks in place earlier as 5,000 to 6,000 protesters marched from to the bridge, Harrington said.

At least in Minnesota, Vechirko's driving record is nearly spotless.

He was convicted of a seat belt violation in 2009 and has had dismissed one citation for speeding and two for failure to produce proof of insurance.

The driver's employer, Ohio-based Kenan Advantage Group, declined to answer questions about the incident after releasing a statement that said in part: "Our hearts go out to all those who are grieving the events of this past week. ... We will be cooperating fully with the investigating authorities in the days ahead."

One motorist said she encountered no barricades blocking traffic onto the bridge moments before the truck sliced through the crowd.

Meaghan Pezon was driving north on 35W and saw many cars going the wrong way toward her.

"I was confused and knew I should probably turn around, but there was no good place for me to do it," she said. "My car was surrounded by protesters. When a protester first approached me, there were no police, no barricades, no indication that 35 was closed."

As police swarmed in and protesters dispersed, she exited on an entrance ramp.

"I really had no idea what was happening on the bridge," she said. "I just thought I was going home."

Staff writers Mara Klecker and Matt McKinney contributed to this report.

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Tuesday coronavirus update: 22 new deaths, 310 additional cases

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Highlight: The death toll in Minnesota from COVID-19 reached 1,072 on Tuesday, with 22 additional deaths, more than doubling Monday's count. Of the state's overall deaths, 866 were long-term care or assisted-living center residents, according to Minnesota Department of Public Health data updated Tuesday morning. The state data report another 310 confirmed cases, increasing Minnesota's total [...]

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Of the state's overall deaths, 866 were long-term care or assisted-living center residents, according to Minnesota Department of Public Health data updated Tuesday morning.

The state data report another 310 confirmed cases, increasing Minnesota's total number of infections to 25,508. The actual number of cases is likely much higher as the data only represent those who have been tested for the virus, state officials say. Testing was limited early on in the coronavirus pandemic.

With just 77 new cases identified for the day in Hennepin County, a county that typically reports over 200 cases daily, it's likely the dip in new cases is an effect of the lack of health care activity during the social unrest unleashed by the death of [George Floyd](#) and ensuing protests, arson, looting and curfews.

After days of testing in the range of 6,000 to 7,000 tests daily, testing for COVID-19 plummeted to 3,155 for the day.

State officials said a spike in cases may occur later this month. An increase in cases would appear in about 21 days due to the incubation period of the virus.

Effective Monday, June 1, restaurants can open for outdoor dining, and salons and barber shops can also begin to reopen.

HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING? There were 20,381 patients Tuesday that no longer need to be isolated as they have recovered enough. This is an increase from 19,441 on Monday. There were 537 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, a decrease from 549 the day before. Of those patients in hospitals, 248 are in intensive care units, a decrease from 253 on Monday.

Tuesday coronavirus update: 22 new deaths, 310 additional cases

WHO IS GETTING SICK? Age group with most confirmed infections: 30- to 39-year-olds, with 5,105 cases. Age group with most deaths: 80- to 89-year-olds, with 368 deaths. Number of health care workers with COVID-19: 2,764.

This report includes information from Forum News Service.

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Union's Kroll blasts city's riot response

ARTICLE CCVIII. [**UNION'S KROLL BLASTS CITY'S RIOT RESPONSE**](#)

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In his first substantial comments since the killing of **George Floyd**, fiery Minneapolis police union president Lt. Bob Kroll blasted the city's handling of the ensuing riots in a letter to the rank-and-file, in which he told officers that they were being made "scapegoats" for the continued violence.

"No one with the exception of us is willing to recognize and acknowledge the extreme bravery you have displayed through this riot," said Kroll's letter, which seems to channel the frustration of some officers who feel abandoned by the administration and City Hall. "I commend you for the excellent police work you are doing in keeping your co-workers and others safe during what everyone except us refuses to call a riot. You've turned the tide of the largest scale riot that Minneapolis has ever seen."

Kroll, who represents more than 800 Minneapolis and park police, went on to accuse Mayor Jacob Frey, Gov. Tim Walz and other leaders of refusing to "acknowledge the work of MPD" and saying they "continually shift blame to it."

"It is despicable behavior," Kroll wrote. "How our command staff can tolerate it and live with themselves I do not know."

He continued by writing that he had reached out to Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka to discuss deploying more Minnesota National Guard troops on city streets and has spoken with other law enforcement leaders across the country to "push our messaging on a national level." He added that he was also working with the union's attorneys to help the fired officers get their jobs back.

Kroll's letter later surfaced on social media, where it was widely condemned as divisive and rekindled questions for some about whether real reform will ever take root in the city's police force. Janeé Harteau, a former Minneapolis police chief and frequent sparring partner of Kroll's, called for him to resign from his post.

"A disgrace to the badge! This is the battle that myself and others have been fighting against. Bob Kroll turn in your badge!" Harteau posted on her Twitter account.

Union's Kroll blasts city's riot response

Frey echoed those sentiments in a statement.

"For a man who complains so frequently about a lack of community trust and support for the police department, Bob Kroll remains shockingly indifferent to his role in undermining that trust and support," he said. "His categorical opposition to reform, his consistent disrespect for civilian leadership, and his lack of empathy for the community have done more to undermine trust in police than any 'community activist' ever has."

Former Mayor R.T. Rybak chimed in on Twitter, and noted that Kroll's letter doesn't detail that Floyd died after being pinned by an officer.

"Wonder why people are angry?!" Rybak wrote. "We have some very courageous cops but you must now stand up to your leader jeopardizing all our safety."

Kroll has long been a lightning rod for criticism, both for his unabashed defense of officers accused of misconduct and because critics believe he represents a bygone era of policing. He did not return a call Monday.

He joined the department in 1989 and was elected to his first two-year term as union president in 2015, easily defeating longtime incumbent John Delmonico. He next won in another landslide against acting Federation treasurer Cory Fitch before running unopposed in the most recent election this spring.

Kroll was named in a 2007 racial discrimination lawsuit against the department brought by five black officers - including current chief Medaria Arradondo - after Kroll reportedly called then-U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison a terrorist and made disparaging comments about a gay aide to former Mayor Rybak in front of several other high-ranking commanders. Both Kroll and Arradondo have since said they have settled their differences.

Kroll most recently drew activists' ire when he joined President Donald Trump onstage at his rally at Target Center in October. Kroll was also criticized for pointing out the criminal record of Jamar Clark, who was fatally shot by a Minneapolis officer in 2015. In his letter to officers, he also alluded to Floyd's "violent criminal history."

Kroll's supporters have said he is misunderstood and has been unfairly vilified.

The police lieutenant seemed to suggest that he was directly involved in some of the operations at the Third Precinct before the station was overrun and burned by rioters. He said several missteps might have prevented the Third Precinct station's destruction by rioters, noting that reinforcements from the Minnesota National Guard didn't materialize until just after midnight Friday. He also said that officers weren't allowed to "use gas munitions and less lethal munitions to defend themselves."

"Given the right numbers, the right equipment, and your ability to use them [we] would have ended this Tuesday night," Kroll wrote. "I know this because I've been in charge of three separate riot situations when the police on the ground had the ability to make the tactical decisions to effectively end the situation.

"The politicians are to blame and you are the scapegoats," he said.

City officials pushed back on that claim.

Union's Kroll blasts city's riot response

Council Member Steve Fletcher said he thought "it was bad choices by Minneapolis police officers that escalated the situation to the point that it turned into a prolonged week of action."

Council President Lisa Bender described statements like Kroll's as "a huge barrier to change" and said she believes it undermines "the leadership of the really talented ... police leaders within the department."

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Unrest damage could exceed \$100M in Twin Cities

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Finance and Commerce

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Fallout from the protests over the death of ***George Floyd*** continues as Twin Cities businesses emerge from the broken glass, rubble and charred remains of their buildings to begin the process of rebuilding.

The full extent of damage to buildings and businesses isn't fully known, but it's safe to say that "hundreds" of businesses were affected in Minneapolis and St. Paul, said Jonathan Weinhagen, president of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The St. Paul Police Department tweeted on May 28 that more than 170 businesses were "damaged or looted" and "dozens of fires" were reported as a result of protests stemming from Floyd's Memorial Day death at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Mark Kulda, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, said Tuesday that it's difficult for the industry to put a dollar value on the damage, in part, because claims are pouring in from cities across the country.

"But we are one of the hardest-hit cities," Kulda said in an interview. "In my estimation, we are clearly going to be over \$100 million if not more. Not all of it is going to be insured," because businesses aren't required to have commercial insurance.

Most standard insurance policies cover damage from riots and civil unrest, though some businesses might not get as much as they anticipated because COVID-19-related shutdowns likely reduced their income, Kulda said.

COVID-19 impacts are not covered because policies typically have specific exclusions related to viruses, Kulda said. But many businesses were allowed to reopen starting Tuesday, so that could be an inroad, he said.

"There could be some businesses that could make the claim, 'I was ready to reopen on Tuesday, but now I can't because of what happened,'" Kulda said. "It's going to be a little more nuanced because what a business was making pre-pandemic is probably different than what a business was making during the pandemic."

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Weinhagen, of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber, said the damage has “multiple layers to it,” from broken glass and burned down facilities to merchandise lost to looting and employees’ lost wages.

“Significant dollars” have been flowing into relief funds established in the past 72 hours, he said. In addition, the chamber and other groups have been talking with city and state leaders about potential relief in a special legislative session, he said.

Weinhagen said the chamber is already seeing “tremendous flexibility” from the city of Minneapolis on the regulatory side. For instance, he said, business owners didn’t have to obtain permits to board-up their facilities for protection.

“I anticipate that will continue,” he said.

Weinhagen added that the damage is “widespread across our city and our region. Certainly, Lake Street is the epicenter,” but Chicago Avenue, areas of downtown and the North Loop, North Minneapolis and other areas have been hit as well, he noted.

“We want to tell that story of the expansive nature of the damage and destruction across the city of Minneapolis and certainly in the city of St. Paul, as well,” Weinhagen said.

Kari Collins, Ramsey County’s director of Community and Economic Development, said the county is partnering with the city of St. Paul, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations to identify resources for affected businesses.

An existing resource is the Ramsey County Means Business site, which was launched to address the COVID-19 crisis and is being expanded to include relief for businesses damaged by the civil unrest.

Through that effort, the county will give priority to “businesses that have been doubly affected by the two crises,” Collins said.

Kyle Mianulli, a Hennepin County spokesman, said a number of county-owned buildings were damaged as a result of last week’s unrest. That includes the South Minneapolis Regional Service Center (broken window/glass doors, some fire damage, water damage, graffiti), the East Lake Library (windows and doors broken, minor fire damage, vandalism, graffiti, smoke damage), the Central Library (broken windows, graffiti) and the North Minneapolis Human Services and Public Health Satellite location (broken windows, vandalism).

“This continues to be a fluid and ongoing situation,” Mianulli added in an email. “It is still very early for detailed concrete policy actions around capital investments and future rebuilding efforts. Hennepin County will be considering a full spectrum of potential response strategies and tactics. That may include working with our existing funds and programs to support small businesses as well as seeking creative collaborative solutions in partnership with impacted communities and other public and private partners. ”

An immediate focus is to get more than \$20 million in “small business and relief funds into the hands of small businesses facing crisis due to COVID-19,” he said.

On Tuesday, he added, the county board was expected to approve an additional \$10 million in CARES Act funding for the Hennepin County Small Business Relief Fund. The county received 2,290 applications for that fund by the May 8 deadline and expects the additional funding “to allow us to support the balance of eligible businesses who applied,” he said.

“The events of the last week were momentous in many ways and compound the hardships the small business community is already facing due to COVID-19,” Mianulli said. “The impacts are felt especially hard by our small business community, many of which are directly impacted by events of the last week are minority-owned. Hennepin County has longstanding relationships with community, nonprofit, and business partners in the Midtown Corridor who we will work closely with to support efforts to respond and rebuild. ”

Mianulli added that building and land use authorities “fall outside the county so we expect any county response to be in deep partnership with city and state officials. We are assessing our available authorities in order to align ourselves for these partnerships. ”

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On its website, the city of St. Paul noted that the Minnesota Department of Commerce can help business owners, property owners and renters that experienced property damage. More information is available at www.stpaul.gov/curfew.

"The City of Saint Paul is working closely with our business community to support businesses impacted by the civil unrest this past week, including mobilizing all available resources," said Suzanne Donovan, marketing and public relations director for the city of St. Paul. "We continue to partner with the new Pay It Forward joint initiative, in which Saint Paul's business community has begun mobilizing a corps of volunteers to help small businesses access what they need to repair and rebuild."

The city is also reviewing procedures and options to expedite reviews to ensure building permits are issued as quickly as possible while continuing to promote the public health and safety of our community, said Donovan.

For its part, the Lake Street Council has launched a relief fund to "help rebuild Lake Street, starting with direct support to small businesses and nonprofits to help them rebuild their storefronts, reopen their businesses and serve our neighborhoods," according to the council's website. More information is at www.WeLoveLakeStreet.com.

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Murder charge increased against ex-Minneapolis officer; 3 others charged in George Floyd's death

ARTICLE CCX. **MURDER CHARGE INCREASED AGAINST EX-MINNEAPOLIS OFFICER; 3 OTHERS CHARGED IN GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH**

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Highlight: "We are gratified that this important action was brought before ***George Floyd***'s body was laid to rest," the family's attorney said.

Body

Days after taking over the case, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison beefed up the murder charge against a former Minneapolis police officer and filed criminal charges against three others, saying justice would be found for ***George Floyd***.

Ellison and Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman Wednesday filed an amended criminal complaint against ***Derek Chauvin***, adding a charge of second-degree murder.

Three other Minneapolis officers, who have also been fired, were charged Wednesday with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd's May 25 death. They are ***Thomas Lane***, 37, ***J. Alexander Kueng***, 26, and ***Tou Thao***, 34.

He also urged patience from those seeking a swift resolution, cautioning that it would take "months" before the case goes to trial. He did not say when body camera footage from the four officers might be made public.

Ellison said the slow wheels of justice in prosecuting the officers should have no bearing on the public outcry for police reform.

"There's a lot more to do than just this case," he said.

It was a sentiment echoed by Walz.

"The charges ... are a meaningful step toward ***justice for George Floyd***," Walz said in a statement. "But we must also recognize that the anguish driving protests around the world is about more than one tragic incident.

"***George Floyd***'s death is the symptom of a disease," Walz continued. "We will not wake up one day and have the disease of ***systemic racism*** cured for us. This is on each of us to solve together, and we have hard work ahead."

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Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, **Derek Chauvin**, **Tou Thao**, **Thomas Lane** and **J. Alexander Kueng** were charged Wednesday, June 3, 2020, in the death of **George Floyd**. A charge of second-degree murder was added against Chauvin. The other three are charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. (Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

Quincy Mason Floyd, 27, son of **George Floyd**, second from left, holds a news conference with his uncle Twain Mason, far left, family attorney Ben Crump, center, civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton, second from right, and Eric Garner's mother Gwen Carr, far right, after Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison charged three other police officers in the death of his father **George Floyd**, June 3, 2020, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, left, and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison arrive at a press conference in St. Paul on June 3, 2020 to announce that charges of aiding and abetting second-degree murder and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter had been filed against former Minneapolis police officers **Thomas Lane**, **J. Alexander Kueng**, and **Tou Thao** in the May 25 death of **George Floyd**. Ellison also announced that charges against former officer **Derek Chauvin** were upgraded to second-degree murder. (Scott Olson/Getty Images)

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Minneapolis police release Chauvin's personnel records, offering few more details

ARTICLE CCXI. [**MINNEAPOLIS POLICE RELEASE CHAUVIN'S PERSONNEL RECORDS, OFFERING FEW MORE DETAILS**](#)

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Highlight: The *Minneapolis Police Department* on Tuesday released personnel records for *Derek Chauvin*, the now-fired officer accused of killing *George Floyd*, a black man whose death has sparked protest nationwide. The records provide some insight into Chauvin's background, starting as a military police officer with the U.S. Army from September 1996 to February 1997 and again [...]

Body

The *Minneapolis Police Department* on Tuesday released personnel records for *Derek Chauvin*, the now-fired officer accused of killing *George Floyd*, a black man whose death has sparked protest nationwide.

The records provide some insight into Chauvin's background, starting as a military police officer with the U.S. Army from September 1996 to February 1997 and again from September 1999 to May 2000.

However, the records included little detail about the 17 times Chauvin was the subject of internal affairs investigations by the Minneapolis department.

Chauvin, who had worked with the Police Department since October 2001, had been disciplined for only one incident during his tenure. It occurred in August 2007 in Longfellow, a neighborhood just south of downtown Minneapolis. Chauvin was accused of pulling a woman out of her car after stopping her for going 10 mph over the speed limit. The woman filed the complaint the next day.

Investigators found that Chauvin "did not have to remove complainant from car" and that he "could've conducted interview outside the vehicle." Further investigation showed that Chauvin's squad car video camera was turned off during the course of the stop.

Chauvin received a letter of reprimand for the incident, the details of which were redacted.

Chauvin last week was fired and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter in George's death.

He is being held on \$500,000 bail in the custody of the state prison at Oak Park Heights. Chauvin is in "administrative segregation," which Minnesota Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell says is standard procedure for inmates who are law enforcement officers or high-profile offenders.

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Reports indicate Chauvin was previously involved in multiple shootings. In 2006, he shot and killed a suspect who allegedly had a gun. In 2008, he shot a domestic assault suspect, and in 2011, he fired at a man seen running from another shooting.

The other officers at the scene when Floyd died - ***Thomas Lane***, ***Tou Thao*** and ***J Alexander Kueng*** - are being investigated for their roles. Chauvin and the other officers could not be reached for comment.

According to internal records, Thao has been investigated at least six times by the department. None of those investigations resulted in discipline, records show. One case is pending.

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Floyd family attorney blasts county autopsy

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An attorney for the family of [George Floyd](#), a black man killed by Minneapolis police, blasted official autopsy results that differed from the conclusions of pathologists hired by his family, and called for protesters to "take a breath" and demonstrate peacefully.

Attorney Benjamin Crump made the remarks during a Tuesday news conference on the Floyd case. He and co-counsel S. Lee Merritt are also representing the families of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, black Americans killed recently by civilians and police, respectively.

Crump accused the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's office of going to "great length" to obscure the cause of Floyd's death. He said the office suggested there was no trauma to Floyd's trachea after officer [Derek Chauvin knelt](#) on his neck for several minutes on May 25 as Floyd and bystanders begged him and three other officers to stop.

"We know this is going to play out continuously through this trial," Crump said of the diverging autopsy results. "Attorney General Ellison's office is all over it."

Chauvin was charged last week with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd's death. Ellison's office declined to comment Tuesday on the autopsy reports.

Floyd's attorneys on Monday released the results of a private autopsy which found that Floyd died of asphyxia, which occurs when oxygen flow is cut off.

Officers [Thomas Lane](#) and [J Alexander Kueng](#) pinned Floyd stomach-down in the street as [Chauvin knelt](#) on his neck and officer [Tou Thao](#) stood watch. All four have since been fired.

The officers had responded about 8 p.m. to a call of a man allegedly using a counterfeit \$20 bill at Cup Foods at Chicago Avenue and E. 38th Street.

The medical examiner's office issued its final public autopsy report Monday, stating that Floyd died from "cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression." In short,

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it concluded that Floyd suffered a heart attack while being restrained and noted heart disease, "fentanyl intoxication" and some previous methamphetamine use as "significant conditions."

Both autopsies found that Floyd died of homicide.

Citing Minnesota law and the investigation, the county declined to elaborate on the cause of death or respond to Crump's comments.

Crump called the toxicology results a "red herring."

"That is an attempt to assassinate his character," he said.

Asked if Ellison has committed to using the private autopsy in his investigation into the officers, Crump said the attorney general "wants to look at all of the autopsies and all of the science as they build their case."

Gov. Tim Walz announced Sunday that Ellison would lead the investigation and prosecution, aiding the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

Crump called for protesters who have taken to the streets across the country and world to cease the destruction and looting that damaged more than 300 metro businesses, including the Minneapolis police Third Precinct.

"What he needed was breath," Crump said of Floyd. "The family's asked everybody to take a breath - just to take a breath for peace, take a breath for justice. If George was here, he would be asking people to peacefully protest.

"Just follow the example of George, America, and take a breath and try to heal our country."

Merritt called on President Donald Trump and law enforcement to follow suit.

"What we're asking from the highest executive office in this country and from policing agencies, from the National Guard, is to take a breath," Merritt said. "We are all here because law enforcement refused to do what they were trained to do, what humanity dictates they do, which is to de-escalate."

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Misinformation in Floyd death troubling

ARTICLE CCXIII. [MISINFORMATION IN FLOYD DEATH TROUBLING](#)

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On the morning of May 26, Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder sent a brief statement to reporters under the subject line: "Man Dies After Medical Incident During Police Interaction."

According to Elder, a suspected money forger had "physically resisted" arrest. And after police managed to get him into handcuffs, the officers "noted he appeared to be suffering medical distress."

The man was [George Floyd](#). And a source of the medical distress was the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, pinning Floyd to the ground by the neck almost eight minutes as Floyd pleaded that he couldn't breathe - all details that emerged hours later when bystander video surfaced online and went viral.

The statement came hours before the first video of the encounter went viral - the moment they lost control of the narrative, and the public took over. Some city politicians, including Council Member Jeremy Schroeder, say they are still searching for answers as to the source of the false information.

"It is deeply concerning that the information initially circulated by the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) early Tuesday morning did not fully reflect the horrifying circumstances surrounding [George Floyd](#)'s death," said Schroeder. "The original news release did not in my view accurately convey the facts or the role of the officers in this tragedy."

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said this week that he did not know the original source of the information contained in the news release.

"I'm committed as we move forward that we will do better to make sure we are getting as much factual information out in a timely matter as we can."

Elder said in an interview late Tuesday night that when he goes to a scene, information is fluid and the officers involved can't be interviewed by a public information officer.

"We try very hard to get information out as quickly as possible that is wholly honest and correct," he said. "There is no way I'm going to lie about a situation that is on body camera and is going to prove this department to be disingenuous."

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The most credible accounts of what happened that night came from bystander video and private surveillance footage, later supplemented by a criminal complaint. Minneapolis officers arrived at the intersection of 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue. They removed Floyd from a vehicle, handcuffed him and walked him across the street. While they attempted to get him into a squad car he went to the ground. A bystander video then shows officer *Derek Chauvin* pinning down Floyd by his neck while two other officers, J Alexander Keung and *Thomas Lane*, hold him down at his legs and back. Officer *Tou Thao* stands by.

"Please, *I can't breathe*," Floyd pleads repeatedly.

"He is human, bro," bystanders shout at the officers. "He's not even resisting arrest right now, bro. You're [expletive] stopping his breathing right now, bro. You think that's cool?"

"Look at him," another cries as Floyd becomes unresponsive.

After seeing the video, city leaders quickly condemned the police actions and Arradondo fired the officers. Protests have erupted across the Twin Cities, culminating Thursday night with crowds breaking into the Third Precinct police headquarters and lighting it on fire. Chauvin has been arrested and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter.

Mary Moriarty, chief public defender in Hennepin County, said her office frequently deals with cases where Minneapolis police officers provide official accounts of arrests later proven to be false by video evidence.

"Am I at all surprised that the police lied in their report? No," she said.

Moriarty also said she wasn't surprised to see Chauvin pinning down Floyd in what city officials have criticized as an unsanctioned form of restraint.

"We look at bodycam, we look at dashcam, and we frequently see officers put their knees in a client's back or neck," she said. "And it is troubling. It's extremely troubling."

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ARTICLE CCXIV. [MPD FACES RACISM PROBE](#)

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The Minnesota Department of Human Rights will launch an investigation into the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) after filing a civil rights charge related to the death of [George Floyd](#), who died while being pinned to the street by police last week.

The probe, announced Tuesday by Gov. Tim Walz, will look at Minneapolis police policies and procedures over the past 10 years to determine whether the department has engaged in discriminatory practices toward people of color.

"This is not about holding people personally criminally liable," said Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero, who will lead the investigation. "This is about systems change."

In a statement released late Tuesday, Police Chief Medaria Arradondo acknowledged there is work to be done.

"With the assistance of the State Human Rights Commission, we can take an honest examination at systemic barriers that have prevented us from reaching our greatest potential for those we serve," he said.

Lucero said this will differ from past examinations of the police department. First, the state Human Rights Department will work with city leaders to try to make some quick changes, she said. There will also be a longer process to potentially reach a consent decree, which can be enforced by the courts, Lucero said.

"This is not a report. This is something that will result in court action and require change," she said.

The investigation follows the arrest and charges against former Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#), a white officer who knelt on Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes before he died. Three other police officers have been fired following the deadly encounter.

"We are going to establish peace on the streets when we address the systemic issues," Walz said.

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The move is the first time the Human Rights Department has launched a systemic investigation into the largest police department in the state.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said an agreement with the state could be a needed catalyst for change that he considers to have been hindered over the years by the Minneapolis Police Federation, the department's powerful police union.

"For years in Minneapolis, police chiefs and elected officials committed to change have been thwarted by police union protections and laws that severely limit accountability among police departments," Frey said. "Breaking through those persistent barriers, shifting the culture of policing, and addressing systemic racism will require all of us working hand in hand."

Minneapolis police union president Lt. Bob Kroll did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday. Kroll has been an outspoken critic of the city's liberal leadership, which he faults for being anti-police and holding back on needed resources and manpower. In a letter to the rank-and-file, he blasted the city's handling of the riots following Floyd's death, saying officers had been made "scapegoats" for the continued violence.

Kroll was under fire from two of the state's largest labor organizations. Education Minnesota and the state AFL-CIO called for his resignation.

Meanwhile the City Council issued a joint statement welcoming the state scrutiny. In a news conference Tuesday afternoon, council members presented a wide range of ideas about how they hope this investigation could help reform the police department.

Some want to defund the department quickly, though others prefer to take a longer approach, soliciting more community input before drastically overhauling the force.

"I know you don't care what we say. You care about what we do, and this is action," said Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins.

Jenkins noted that the city as a whole has some of the largest racial disparities in the country.

Police department data also show disparities in how Minneapolis police use force: While 40% of city residents are people of color, they are involved in 74% of all cases of police use of force, according to the most recent department data available. Black people are involved in 63% of the cases.

The human rights probe came as Democratic state lawmakers rolled out policing reforms that they said should be a centerpiece of the special legislative session expected this month, a push that Walz endorsed. The proposals mirror some of the recommendations outlined in a February report produced by a 16-member task force on deadly police encounters, led by state Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington and Attorney General Keith Ellison, who has taken over the prosecution of Chauvin.

Lucero said her agency will also look into state-level changes. Some of those could involve legislative action, Lucero said, such as eliminating the ban on residency requirements. That ban has allowed Minneapolis to reach a point where just under 7% of officers live in the city, according to its human resources department.

Chauvin and three other officers involved in Floyd's arrest on Memorial Day are under investigation by state prosecutors and by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI, which is determining whether Floyd's

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constitutional rights were violated. Lucero said her department's investigation is focused on state law, and she is not sure whether there also will be a federal civil rights investigation.

The state's effort to enter into a binding agreement on discrimination and use of force is not the first move to curb alleged police abuses in Minneapolis. The Police Department entered into a federal mediation agreement with the U.S. Justice Department in 2003 aimed at addressing a host of police issues such as use of force, diversity and race relations. It was billed as a way to soothe community tensions inflamed by the fatal police shooting of a machete-wielding Somali man in March 2002, followed by a riot a few months later in north Minneapolis.

Arradondo, who was involved in the pact's negotiations, said at the time that he was willing to revisit the agreement, but it's unclear which of the reforms have been enacted.

That agreement outlined some critical areas of improvement, notably use of force and how officers handle suspects who are dangerously mentally ill. But critics say that the city for years fell behind on commitments in other areas: disciplining officers who were repeated targets of citizen complaints; providing culturally sensitive training across the department; hiring and keeping minority and female officers; and creating a forum for ongoing dialogue after the agreement expires.

Over the years, the agreement led to changes in the police department's policy on use of force and improvements in mental health training, while ending the controversial practice of transporting suspects in squad cars with K-9s, city officials say.

But a civilian oversight body, considered the centerpiece of that mediation agreement, dissolved in 2008 amid questions of its effectiveness.

Minneapolis Civil Rights Director Velma Korbel said changing the department has taken years, and that the city can't achieve reform on its own.

"Every time we let a black man's murder at the hands of the state go unpunished, we chip away a piece of the soul of this country," she said. "George Floyd should not have died. He died calling out for his mother. Let's do the work so that no other black mom has to go through life without her son."

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George Floyd's family demands arrest of all 4 officers involved in his death. AG Keith Ellison planning update

ARTICLE CCXV. **[GEORGE FLOYD'S FAMILY DEMANDS ARREST OF ALL 4 OFFICERS INVOLVED IN HIS DEATH. AG KEITH ELLISON PLANNING UPDATE](#)**

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Highlight: *George Floyd*'s family on Wednesday demanded the arrest of all four police officers involved in his death, as they visited a makeshift shrine at the Minneapolis street corner where the black man died after a white officer pressed a knee on his neck as he pleaded for air. The officer, *Derek Chauvin*, has been fired [...]

Body

George Floyd's family on Wednesday demanded the arrest of all four police officers involved in his death, as they visited a makeshift shrine at the Minneapolis street corner where the black man died after a white officer pressed a knee on his neck as he pleaded for air.

The officer, *Derek Chauvin*, has been fired and charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Three other officers who were present were also fired but have not been charged in Floyd's May 25 death.

Widely seen bystander video showing Floyd's death has sparked sometimes violent protests around the world against police brutality and discrimination.

The family's attorney, Ben Crump, repeated his call for all four officers to be charged.

"He died because he was starving for air," Crump said. "He needed a breath. So we are demanding justice. We expect all of the police officers to be arrested before we have the memorial here in Minneapolis, Minnesota, tomorrow."

[CNN is reporting that Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison](#) has reviewed the case on the officers. Ellison is planning to provide an update on the prosecution of the Floyd case this afternoon.

Gov. Tim Walz made an unannounced visit to the memorial earlier Wednesday. And on Tuesday, Walz and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights launched a civil rights investigation of the *Minneapolis Police Department* and its history of racial discrimination, in hopes of forcing widespread change.

George Floyd's family demands arrest of all 4 officers involved in his death. AG Keith Ellison planning update

The official autopsy by the county medical examiner concluded that Floyd's death was caused by cardiac arrest as police restrained him and compressed his neck. The medical examiner also listed fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use, but not as the cause of death.

Crump and the Floyd family commissioned a separate autopsy that concluded he died of asphyxiation due to neck and back compression due to Chauvin's knee on his neck and other responding officers' knees in his back, which made it impossible for him to breathe.

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Quincy Mason Floyd, right front, leaves after paying tribute at the makeshift memorial in honor of his father, **George Floyd**, on June 3, 2020 in Minneapolis. (Chandan Khanna/AFP via Getty Images)

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Walz extends curfew: 10 pm - 4 am Wednesday and Thursday nights in St. Paul and Minneapolis

ARTICLE CCXVI. **WALZ EXTENDS CURFEW: 10 PM - 4 AM WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS IN ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS**

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Byline: Dave Orrick

Highlight: St. Paul and Minneapolis will be under a curfew again Wednesday and Thursday nights. On Wednesday, Gov. Tim Walz announced that he was extending the 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. curfew for the Twin Cities both nights. While the past two days have seen outpourings of peaceful demonstrations and the last two nights have seen [...]

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While the past two days have seen outpourings of peaceful demonstrations and the last two nights have seen a noted fall in violence compared with days prior, authorities are still concerned that the situation remains volatile and unpredictable in the wake of last week's killing of ***George Floyd***, an unarmed black man, in Minneapolis police custody. Violence has continued in other cities across the nation.

According to a statement from the governor's office:

"During the curfew, no one is allowed to travel on Minneapolis and Saint Paul streets or public places, except for first responders, members of the media, people going back and forth to work, individuals seeking emergency care or fleeing danger, and people experiencing homelessness. Curfews are not limited to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mayors and local governments across the state can issue their own curfews as necessary."

Walz issued the following statement: "Minnesotans need more than ever to lean on their neighbors, show up for their communities, and add their voice to this urgent conversation on addressing our systemic problems. Yet they've made those sacrifices to stay home through the curfew to help keep our neighborhoods safe. We're incredibly grateful that Minnesotans are working with us so we can focus our conversation and energy on ***justice for George Floyd***."

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Protesters return to the streets as Trump decries 'lowlifes'

ARTICLE CCXVII. ***PROTESTERS RETURN TO THE STREETS AS TRUMP DECRIES
'LOWLIFES'***

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - Undeterred by curfews, protesters streamed back into the nation's streets Tuesday, hours after President Donald Trump pressed governors to put down the violence set off by ***George Floyd***'s death and demanded that New York call up the National Guard to stop the "lowlifes and losers."

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But most protests passed peacefully, and while there were scattered reports of looting in New York City, the country appeared calmer by late Tuesday than it did a day earlier, when violence swept through multiple cities.

The president, meanwhile, amplified his hard-line calls from Monday, when he threatened to send in the military to restore order if governors didn't do it.

"NYC, CALL UP THE NATIONAL GUARD," he tweeted. "The lowlifes and losers are ripping you apart. Act fast!"

One day after a crackdown on peaceful protesters near the White House, thousands of demonstrators massed a block away from the presidential mansion, facing law enforcement personnel standing behind a black chain-link fence. The fence was put up overnight to block access to Lafayette Park, just across the street from the White House.

"Last night pushed me way over the edge," said Jessica DeMaio, 40, of Washington, who attended a Floyd protest Tuesday for the first time. "Being here is better than being at home feeling helpless."

The crowd remained in place after the city's 7 p.m. curfew passed, defying warnings that the response from law enforcement could be even more forceful. But the protest lacked the tension of the previous nights' demonstrations. The crowd Tuesday was peaceful, even polite. At one point, the crowd booed when a protester climbed a light post and took down a street sign. A chant went up: "Peaceful protest!"

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On Monday, law enforcement officers on foot and horseback aggressively drove protesters away from Lafayette Park, clearing the way for President Donald Trump to do a photo op at nearby St. John's Church. On Tuesday, pastors at the church prayed with demonstrators and handed out water bottles.

Protests ranged across the U.S., including in Los Angeles, Miami, St. Paul, Minnesota, Columbia, South Carolina, and Houston, where the police chief talked to peaceful demonstrators, vowing reforms.

"God as my witness, change is coming," Art Acevedo said. "And we're going to do it the right way."

In New York, midtown Manhattan was pocked with battered storefronts after Monday's protests. Macy's flagship store was among those hit when crowds of people smashed windows and looted stores as they swept through the area. Police made nearly 700 arrests and Mayor Bill de Blasio extended an 8 p.m. curfew all week.

"We're going to have a tough few days," he warned, but added: "We're going to beat it back." He pleaded with community leaders to step forward and "create peace."

Thousands of protesters marched Tuesday night in a string of demonstrations across Manhattan and Brooklyn after merchants boarded up their businesses, fearing a repeat of the night before. Many people remained on the streets after the curfew hour. Police eventually ordered them to move along and began taking some into custody.

More than 20,000 National Guard members have been called up in 29 states to deal with the violence. New York is not among them, and de Blasio has said he does not want the Guard. On Tuesday, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo called what happened in the city "a disgrace."

"The NYPD and the mayor did not do their job last night," Cuomo said at a briefing in Albany.

He said the mayor underestimated the problem, and the nation's largest police force was not deployed in sufficient numbers, though the city had said it doubled the usual police presence.

Tuesday marked the eighth straight night of the protests, which began in Minneapolis, where Floyd died, and quickly spread across the country.

The mother of *George Floyd's* 6-year-old daughter, Gianna, said she wanted the world to know that her little girl lost a good father.

"I want everybody to know that this is what those officers took," Roxie Washington said during a Minneapolis news conference with her young daughter at her side. "I want justice for him because he was good. No matter what anybody thinks, he was good."

On Monday, scattered violence flared in multiple protests, including an officer who was shot and gravely wounded outside a Las Vegas hotel and casino, and four officers shot in St. Louis. They were expected to recover.

About a dozen other deaths have been reported around the country over the past week. And nearly 8,000 people nationwide have been arrested, according to a count by The Associated Press.

Some protesters framed the burgeoning movement as a necessity after a string of killings by police.

Protesters return to the streets as Trump decries 'lowlifes'

"It feels like it's just been an endless cascade of hashtags of black people dying, and it feels like nothing's really being done by our political leaders to actually enact real change," said Christine Ohenzuwa, 19, who attended a peaceful protest at the Minnesota state Capitol in St. Paul. "There's always going to be a breaking point. I think right now, we're seeing the breaking point around the country."

"I live in this state. It's really painful to see what's going on, but it's also really important to understand that it's connected to a system of racial violence," she said.

Meanwhile, governors and mayors, Republicans and Democrats alike, rejected Trump's threat to send in the military, with some saying troops would be unnecessary and others questioning whether the government has such authority and warning that such a step would be dangerous.

"Denver is not Little Rock in 1957, and Donald Trump is not President Eisenhower. This is a time for healing, for bringing people together, and the best way to protect civil rights is to move away from escalating violence," Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, both Democrats, said in a statement, referring to Eisenhower's use of troops to enforce school desegregation in the South.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the president is not rushing to send in the military and that his goal was to pressure governors to deploy more National Guard members.

Such use of the military would mark a stunning federal intervention rarely seen in modern American history.

Amid the protests, nine states and the District of Columbia held presidential primaries that tested the nation's ability to run elections while balancing a pandemic and sweeping social unrest. Joe Biden won hundreds more delegates and was on the cusp of formally securing the Democratic presidential nomination.

Also Tuesday, Minnesota opened an investigation into whether the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** has a pattern of discrimination against minorities. Floyd died May 25 after a white Minneapolis officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, pressed his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes.

Chauvin has been charged with murder. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said prosecutors are working as fast as they can to determine if the three other officers at the scene should be charged too. All four have been fired.

Sullivan reported from Minneapolis. Associated Press journalists across the U.S. contributed to this report. [*Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform*](#) [*'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress*](#) [*Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books*](#) [*'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd*](#) [*Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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Minneapolis school board ends security contract with city's police force

ARTICLE CCXVIII. **[MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL BOARD ENDS SECURITY CONTRACT WITH CITY'S POLICE FORCE](#)**

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Highlight: The Minneapolis school board has voted to end its contract with the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** following the death last week of ***George Floyd*** while a white police officer pressed his knee to the black man's neck. The Star Tribune reports the vote was unanimous Tuesday. Minneapolis Public Schools will stop further negotiations with the Police [...]

Body

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The ***Star Tribune reports*** the vote was unanimous Tuesday.

Minneapolis Public Schools will stop further negotiations with the Police Department. Schools Superintendent Ed Graff must come up with a new plan for school safety by the board's Aug. 18 meeting.

School board chairwoman Kim Ellison said in an interview that she values "people and education and life." Ellison said she's now convinced, "based on the actions of the ***Minneapolis Police Department***, that we don't have the same values."

The Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts have faced criticism over the use of school resource officers. Both districts have sought to transform the role to be more of a mentor than an enforcer.

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Walker Art Center won't use Minneapolis police for special events

ARTICLE CCXIX. [**WALKER ART CENTER WON'T USE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**](#)

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Byline: Kathy Berdan

Highlight: The Walker Art Center is cutting ties with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. It posted a message on social media on Wednesday afternoon stating it would no longer contract the services of the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** for special events "until the MPD implements meaningful change by demilitarizing training programs, holding officers accountable for the use of [...]"

Body

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It posted a message on social media on Wednesday afternoon stating it would no longer contract the services of the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** for special events "until the MPD implements meaningful change by demilitarizing training programs, holding officers accountable for the use of excessive force, and treating communities of color with dignity and respect."

The Minneapolis contemporary art center did not say how much it has paid the police department for services in the past.

The move is in response to the Memorial Day death of ***George Floyd*** while he was in police custody.

Meanwhile, the Minneapolis Institute of Art said Wednesday it has also "suspended its practice of contracting off-duty Minneapolis police officers."

Since Floyd's death, the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis School District and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board have also severed ties with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

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Ellison appointment can help build trust

ARTICLE CCXX. [**ELLISON APPOINTMENT CAN HELP BUILD TRUST**](#)

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Length: 551 words

Highlight: Attorney general's experience in civil rights is needed as case tests legal system's credibility.

Body

The legal case resulting from the death of ***George Floyd*** will be one of the most contentious, closely watched legal proceedings in Minnesota history.

The most recent high-profile criminal case against a police officer in the state led to the 2019 third-degree murder conviction of former Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor, who is black, in the death of Justine Damond, who was white. It was believed to be the first time in state history that a police officer was convicted of murder for an on-duty killing.

Gov. Tim Walz, drawing on his statutory authority, has requested that state Attorney General Keith Ellison take over the case against former officer ***Derek Chauvin***. Fired shortly after the incident that cost Floyd his life, Chauvin was initially charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter by Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, who prosecuted Noor.

Walz's decision was unusual. While it has not been uncommon in the past for smaller county attorney's offices to seek state assistance on complex cases, it is rare for a governor to make such a decision on his own. But there are extenuating circumstances that make this a sound and even necessary choice in the Floyd case. Restoring trust in the legal system among all Minnesotans is critical.

Floyd's family requested that Ellison take the case as a way to instill confidence in the outcome. Ten House members of the Minneapolis delegation sent a letter to Walz asking for Ellison to take over as well. The 10, all Democrats, stated bluntly that their constituents, "especially constituents of color, have lost faith in the ability of [Freeman] to fairly and impartially investigate and prosecute these cases." They cited a news conference in which Freeman appeared to suggest there was unseen evidence that could exonerate Chauvin and the other three officers involved in the arrest.

That, the letter writers said, "further ruptured that trust." Ellison, they said, "has earned the goodwill of Minneapolis residents through years of service to the city. ... It is imperative to signal ... that the authorities are treating this case with the special attention it deserves."

But the reasons for Ellison's appointment go beyond a symbolic gesture or even his decadeslong reputation in the city and communities of color. Ellison is steeped in civil rights issues, began his career litigating civil

Ellison appointment can help build trust

rights cases and led the Legal Rights Center of Minneapolis for five years as executive director. That experience will be necessary. Every facet of this case will be scrutinized here, across the country and beyond.

Already, conflicting autopsy reports - one from the Hennepin County medical examiner and another by doctors hired by the Floyd family - have contributed to the tension.

This is a time to make every effort to address the concerns of an aggrieved community forthrightly. That starts with a prosecution team that instills trust. Minnesotans should also welcome the state Human Rights Department's decision to launch a long overdue investigation into *Minneapolis Police Department* practices. The proposal to make police reform a cornerstone of any special legislative session is also a good one.

These are beginnings that should give all Minnesotans more confidence that the law works for everyone, regardless of the color of their skin.

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Minn. group in plateless car charged

ARTICLE CCXXI. [**MINN. GROUP IN PLATELESS CAR CHARGED**](#)

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Byline: CHAO XIONG; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Man from Illinois also jailed for rioting in cities.

Body

In warning that "outside agitators" had infiltrated local protests over the death of *George Floyd*, a black man killed by Minneapolis police, state officials outlined a list of concerning developments, including cars stripped of their license plates driving around town.

But at least one case charged Tuesday in Hennepin County District Court showed that a group of mostly local young men were riding in one of the mysterious vehicles.

Police allegedly recovered two guns, a hammer and an "electric grinding tool" from the men.

Authorities charged Junior G. Smith, 24, of Rochester; Augustine Z. Livingstone, 22, of Ramsey, Minn.; and Peter Shin, 29, of St. Paul.

They face one count of second-degree riot, armed with a dangerous weapon.

State authorities warned at a Sunday news conference focused heavily on the alleged threat of outsiders that such cars had been found loaded with rocks and weapons, and that caches of incendiaries had been discovered near sites of protests and vandalism.

They later backed off the claims after some arrest data didn't support the claim that outsiders were the bulk of the troublemakers.

According to the complaint against the three suspects: Minneapolis police were responding to looting and someone with a gun near S. Pillsbury Avenue and E. Lake Street about 12:50 a.m. Sunday.

"The area was recently subject to many instances of arson, structure fires, burglary, looting, assaults, vehicles driving with no license plates at high speed and other riotous activities," the charges said.

The city was under a curfew issued by Gov. Tim Walz that went into effect at 8 p.m. in an attempt to curb widespread vandalism and arson that ultimately damaged more than 300 businesses in the metro.

Minn. group in plateless car charged

Police saw a Mercedes sedan with no visible license plates speed down Lake Street.

The car turned onto Pillsbury, pulled into a parking area and backed out onto Pillsbury, the charges said.

"Officers ordered the vehicle to stop with guns drawn," according to the complaint.

The vehicle's occupants complied.

Police ordered the men out of the vehicle and found Smith with a loaded pistol in his waistband, the charges said.

Smith also allegedly carried a backpack containing a hammer and spray paint.

Shin allegedly had a backpack with a firearm and an "electric grinding tool," the charges said.

Livingstone was allegedly driving.

A fourth man who was not charged told police he was from Portland, Ore., and traveled to Minnesota to witness the protests.

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington on Sunday said authorities had intercepted such cars, which often had their lights turned off and windows blacked out.

Some suspects fled while others were arrested, he said, adding that he didn't have "any credible evidence of any specific group being here in Minnesota."

On Monday, Matthew Lee Rupert, 28, of Galesburg, Ill., was charged in federal court for traveling to Minnesota to riot.

He allegedly lit a store on fire and looted an Office Depot. Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets every day for a week after officer **Derek Chauvin knelt** on Floyd's neck on May 25, killing him as he said he couldn't breathe.

Bystanders, one of whom recorded the incident on video seen around the world, also pleaded with Chauvin and his three colleagues to stop.

None did.

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Mpls. schools end police contract

ARTICLE CCXXII. [MPLS. SCHOOLS END POLICE CONTRACT](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3B**Length:** 446 words**Byline:** RYAN FAIRCLOTH; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** The district must come up with new safety plan by mid-August.**Body**

Minneapolis Public Schools has severed its decadeslong relationship with the city's police department in response to the death of [George Floyd](#) in police custody.

The school board voted unanimously Tuesday to terminate the MPD's contract to provide school resource officers. The district will cease further negotiations with the department and Superintendent Ed Graff must come up with a new plan for school safety by the board's Aug. 18 meeting.

"I value people and education and life," school board chairwoman Kim Ellison said in an interview. "Now I'm convinced, based on the actions of the [Minneapolis Police Department](#), that we don't have the same values."

"I firmly believe that it is completely unnatural to have police in schools," school board member Kimberly Caprini said during the meeting.

In a statement, MPD Deputy Chief Erick Fors said they will continue to work with MPS on security and safety issues.

"The relationships that were built were impactful not only for the students and staff, but for the officers who had a calling to work with our youth through mentorship and engagement."

The Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts have long faced criticism over the use of school resource officers, with both seeking to transform the role to be more of a mentor than an enforcer. In 2018-2019, a Minneapolis Public Schools survey gave mostly positive marks to the officers, but the data also showed that school cops had more interactions with black students than their peers.

The state's third-largest school district has contracted with Minneapolis police since 1967, a district spokeswoman said, except from 2004-2009, when it worked with park police. Under the current contract, the district was paying Minneapolis police \$1.1 million annually for its services.

Mpls. schools end police contract

Earlier Tuesday, a few hundred people - including Democratic U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar - gathered outside the district's headquarters to voice support for the move.

"Police brutality doesn't just happen in the streets here in Minneapolis. It happens in our schools," Omar said. "Enough is enough."

A group of North High School students spoke against the removal of school resource officers. Their school resource officer, who is also their football coach, is "like a father," they said.

"With SROs being gone, nobody's going to feel safe at school," one of the students said. Board member KerryJo Felder offered an amendment during Tuesday's meeting to give North and Henry high schools the option to keep their officers. It failed.

Ellison noted that police response time will be slower without school resource officers if an incident occurs. But, she said, this is a matter of values.

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Fourth day of protest in Madison shuts down state highway

ARTICLE CCXXIII. **[FOURTH DAY OF PROTEST IN MADISON SHUTS DOWN STATE HIGHWAY](#)**

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Highlight: Protesters shut down a six-lane state highway that feeds into downtown Madison for a second day on Tuesday, as Gov. Tony Evers called for the Legislature to pass a law to reduce the use of police force and urged a united battle against racism.

Body

By SCOTT BAUER

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Protesters shut down a six-lane state highway that feeds into downtown Madison for a second day on Tuesday, as Gov. Tony Evers called for the Legislature to pass a law to reduce the use of police force and urged a united battle against racism.

The latest actions came after a third night of violence gripped downtown Madison, with protesters spraying graffiti on the state Capitol and nearby buildings, dumping paint on the beloved "Forward" statue and breaking into boarded up businesses. Police in riot gear used tear gas to disperse the crowd.

Madison, the liberal state capital with one of the deepest racial divides in the nation, has been a flashpoint for protests over the killing of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis policeman pressed his knee into his neck for minutes, even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

Evers, in a video message released Tuesday afternoon, urged calm and unity. The Democrat condemned "all those who encourage violence against black lives" and urged systematic change to fight racism. He did not speak directly to Republican criticism that he hasn't done enough to quell the violence.

Evers called on the Republican-controlled Legislature to pass a Democratic-sponsored bill that would require law enforcement agencies to minimize the use of force and prioritize preserving life. He also called for local government leaders to join the call for change. The bill died when the Legislature adjourned its regular session earlier this year.

Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway condemned the vandalism and called for an end. "This is not protest. This is dangerous criminal behavior," the mayor said in a statement Tuesday.

Rhodes-Conway said she welcomes protests, but does not want legitimate protests "to continue to provide cover for this violent, unacceptable behavior."

Fourth day of protest in Madison shuts down state highway

Meanwhile, workers boarded up storefronts near the state Capitol and University of Wisconsin campus that have borne the brunt of the vandalism since Saturday night, to ward off any more destruction.

"I have seen hope in those who've joined this cause in support, who've lent a hand to a neighbor, who've showed up with brooms and dustbins in hand to help clean up our neighborhoods," Evers said. "We must use this dark moment to begin to be an example for the rest of the nation. ... Please be kind to each other, support each other, and keep each other safe tonight and in the days ahead."

Hundreds of protesters again blocked traffic on John Nolen Drive, a state highway that feeds into downtown Madison. Traffic was stopped early evening on Monday in a peaceful protest and marchers held up traffic there for about two hours on Tuesday before forming a caravan through the city, including to the home of the Dane County sheriff in a residential neighborhood where they left flowers and signs saying "**Black Lives Matter.**"

In Milwaukee, police fired several tear gas canisters and rubber bullets at protesters Tuesday night, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported. Police said protesters were ordered to disperse after throwing rocks, glass and "Molotov Cocktails" at officers. An armed suspect in the crowd also was taken into custody, said Sgt. Sheronda Grant, a Milwaukee police spokeswoman.

Things turned violent in Madison late Monday night into Tuesday morning. Police said around 1 a.m. that someone fired a handgun in the air, two men were beaten with a crowbar and others attempted to light Molotov cocktails. Madison Police Chief Vic Wahl said in his blog that multiple police officers were struck with rocks and projectiles.

Madison police said 15 people were arrested Monday night, bringing the number of arrests since Saturday to at least 32.

The Capitol has increasingly become the target. A four-letter expletive was painted in large red letters on the building Monday night.

Graffiti painted on the state veterans museum, the "Forward" statue and nearby sidewalks and boarded-up storefronts said: "We had enough," "Where is our museum?" and "Do you hear us?"

Criticism from Republican state lawmakers over Madison's handling of the protests escalated Tuesday.

Several lawmakers retweeted photos of the vandalized "Forward" statue. It was first installed 125 years ago, but replaced with a bronze replica in 1998. It is placed prominently outside the Capitol, facing the University of Wisconsin campus and the street lined with bars, restaurants and small businesses that have been the target of much of the vandalism since Saturday.

Republican Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke directed a Twitter message bearing an image of the statue to Evers and Rhodes-Conway, both Democrats.

"When does it end?" Steineke tweeted. "When are you going to put a stop to this? Without a massive police presence (with actual arrests), this is your 'new normal'."

Rhodes-Conway has condemned the property damage and violence, but also said that frustration should instead be directed at how black people are treated.

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Former Wild star Jason Zucker calls out racism, wishes more NHL players would do the same

ARTICLE CCXXIV. **FORMER WILD STAR JASON ZUCKER CALLS OUT RACISM,
WISHES MORE NHL PLAYERS WOULD DO THE SAME**

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Highlight: Jason Zucker forced himself to watch the video of *George Floyd* dying under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer last week. He felt it was important to see it with his own eyes. "I was disgusted," said Zucker, a popular, former Wild forward who was traded to the Pittsburgh Penguins in February. "I couldn't [...]"

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"I was disgusted," said Zucker, a popular, former Wild forward who was traded to the Pittsburgh Penguins in February. "I couldn't believe what I was watching."

Which he admits is part of the problem. The fact that he couldn't fathom the police brutality that took Floyd's life, he said, speaks to his privilege.

"I'm not naive to the fact that I'm a white male who doesn't have to face these issues," Zucker said. "I realize that. I'll never be able to fully understand what the black community has to go through. But I want to be a part of the change by drawing awareness to it and being at the forefront of these conversations moving forward."

He took a step in the right direction Monday night, voicing his support for the black community in [a strong statement](#) he posted on his personal Twitter account.

While various athletes have released vanilla statements in the past week, Zucker took a firm stance. He called out racism and inequality, committed to donating to minority businesses impacted by the protests, and used the words "***Black Lives Matter***" in closing.

"I don't want to tip-toe around things," Zucker said. "It's pretty easy to see right through people who are doing that."

He educated himself over the past week before making his statement. He also confronted the fact that he wasn't vocal in his support former Wild teammate J.T. Brown, who is black, and has been very vocal about bringing awareness to the issues of police brutality.

Former Wild star Jason Zucker calls out racism, wishes more NHL players would do the same

"Just being supportive silently isn't enough," Zucker said. "You have to be able to truly stand behind a guy like J.T. Brown and help in any way possible. I wish I would've done more to help him when he was my teammate. We were texting about that the other day when I made my statement. Now it's about making sure that change happens."

That will require more players - white players, to be specific - using their platform to make a difference.

While this is as loud as the NHL has ever been in regards to racism - a movement started by San Jose Sharks winger Evander Kane after he appeared on ESPN's First Take last week and called out star Sidney Crosby by name - it's still not enough as far as Zucker is concerned.

"I wish more people would speak up," Zucker said. "I think some guys are afraid to say the wrong thing."

That silence could also stem from the culture around a sport that has long discouraged anybody from bringing attention to themselves. It's about the team more than anything else; anybody who feels differently is almost instantly criticized.

"I hope this starts a dialogue," Zucker said. "These conversations are important, whether it's a small group of guys or the entire team. I think they should happen more. We have a platform and we have to use that for good."

Aside from educating his kids about racism and inequality, Zucker also vowed to continue to educate himself. He talked to his agent Eustace King, who is black, for 45 minutes on the phone this week and asked him about his experiences.

[Wild star Matt Dumba teams up with fellow hockey players to eradicate racism](#) [From career backup to starter, Wild's Alex Stalock is Masterton Trophy nominee](#) [Wild prospect Gerry Mayhew named AHL's most valuable player](#) [Gov. Tim Walz on pro sports in Minnesota: "I think there's a potential there"](#) [Here's the case for St. Paul as an NHL playoffs 'hub city'](#)

"It was eye-opening," Zucker said. "I've been working with him for a few years now, and known him since I was a kid, and that was the first conversation I've had with him about that. That's my fault. It's not his job to bring that up. I need to ask those questions and learn and educate myself."

Which is something he vows to do moving forward.

"I should've been better before in educating myself earlier," Zucker said. "I'm very honest with myself and everyone else when I say I wasn't good enough and I didn't do enough before and I need to do a lot more now."

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Torched Minneapolis bar under fire for Facebook post

ARTICLE CCXXV. [**TORCHED MINNEAPOLIS BAR UNDER FIRE FOR FACEBOOK POST**](#)

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Body

A now-deleted Facebook post from the Hexagon Bar has sparked a different kind of fire after it blamed "arsonists connected with ***Black Lives Matter***" for destroying the place during rioting last Friday in south Minneapolis.

The message - which noted plans to rebuild - was posted Monday morning on the Seward neighborhood bar's Facebook page but taken down within a half-hour: "Due to Arsonist's [sic] connected with '***Black Lives Matter***' the Hexagon will be closed until further notice. Plans for rebuilding are in progress. We would Like to 'Thank our Community' for all their support and condolences for such an outstandingly shocking, lawless activities that seek to destroy our neighborhood & Community."

Screenshots of the post were captured, however, and circulated on social media. "You canceled yourself faster than the fire that burned you down," wrote music scenester Jason Koffman.

A subsequent post read, "Any previous postings regarding the disaster was not authorized. We apologize for any miss communications [sic]." The Facebook page itself was later deleted.

Responding hours later to a request for comment, Billy Hupp Jr. - son of owner Bill Hupp - reiterated the claim that the post was made "without the knowledge of management." He did not say who was behind those words, but "they do not reflect the beliefs of ownership or the Hexagon Bar.

"These posts made me sick to my stomach because the Hexagon Bar has been an intricate part of the Southside community for over 85 years, and I personally serve its patrons that come from all races, religions and walks of life."

A dive-y watering hole with gritty bathrooms and ultra-cheap beer that dated back to 1934, "The Hex" sits on the corner of 26th Street and 27th Avenue S., six blocks north of the heart of the rioting that ravaged E. Lake Street. It was adopted by punk and indie-rock bands in the 2000s, but the relationship between the bar's management (and its regulars) and the younger music community was often tenuous.

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"I once had the bouncer open the door with my face and throw me out in to the street while my band was on stage because he was too methed out and drunk to do his job," musician Liam Watkins wrote in one of many responses to the bar's initial post.

Hupp said his dad believes he caught the arson on a security cam: "A heavyset, white male threw something onto the roof of the bar just before the fire started. ... It is clear to us that the arson was not made by **Black Lives Matter** or anyone associated with the BLM movement."

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Trump offers 'domination' of DC protests as model for states

ARTICLE CCXXVI. [TRUMP OFFERS 'DOMINATION' OF DC PROTESTS AS MODEL FOR STATES](#)

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Body

By ZEKE MILLER, JONATHAN LEMIRE and MICHAEL BALSAMO

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The violent dispersal of peaceful protests near the White House the night before was a potent symbol of Trump's policing tactics and a physical manifestation of the rhetorical culture war he has stoked since before he was elected. Moments after historic Lafayette Park was cleared, Trump walked across to pose with a Bible in front of a church damaged by fire during protests the previous evening.

"D.C. had no problems last night. Many arrests. Great job done by all. Overwhelming force. Domination," Trump tweeted Tuesday, after a night in which heavily armed military forces and federal officers swarmed the city. Trump added: "(thank you President Trump!)."

The president wanted to make the aggressive action in the nation's capital - where he wields disproportionate powers - an example for the rest of the country, a senior White House official said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss internal thinking. Trump hoped his personal walk to the church, after federal officials dispersed protesters, would send a message about how dominant force could restore law and order.

The president has threatened that if states do not take tough enough action, he will deploy active duty military across the country to quell unrest in the wake of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Trump offers 'domination' of DC protests as model for states

"SILENT MAJORITY!" Trump tweeted Tuesday, embracing a phrase popularized by President Richard Nixon decades ago, in claiming broad support for his actions. Trump also emphasized the political importance of the moment to his supporters on Twitter and declared that "My Admin has done more for the Black Community than any President since Abraham Lincoln."

The District of Columbia's federal status gives the president outsized authority to act, allowing him to direct the deployment of the National Guard. He authorized Attorney General William Barr to oversee a surge in the deployment of federal law enforcement officers, including the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sought to distance themselves from Monday night's events after former military officials criticized their appearance with the president. Senior defense officials told reporters the two were not aware that the Park Police and law enforcement had made a decision to clear the square or that Trump intended to visit the church. They had been in Washington to coordinate with federal law enforcement officials but were diverted to the White House to brief Trump on military preparations, the officials said.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, said of Trump posing for photos holding up a Bible: "I just wish he opened it once in a while."

And D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said of the routing of the protesters, "At no time do we think it was appropriate that people who had not violated the curfew or anything else received that treatment."

Democrats weren't the only ones saying Trump had gone too far.

"There is no right to riot, no right to destroy others' property, and no right to throw rocks at police," said Nebraska Republican Sen. Ben Sasse. "But there is a fundamental - a constitutional - right to protest, and I'm against clearing out a peaceful protest for a photo op that treats the Word of God as a political prop."

It was Barr who gave the order Monday afternoon for law enforcement to clear out the protest before Trump's walk to the church and ahead of Washington's 7 p.m. curfew. Officials said the decision to clear the park was made earlier in the day in response to violence the night before.

Trump also ordered military aircraft to fly above Washington on Monday night as a "show of force," according to two Defense Department officials. They said the U.S. military and National Guard were operating under the mission name "Operation Themis." In Greek mythology, Themis is a titaness of divine law and order, whose symbols are the scales of justice.

Execution of the order to clear the park created striking split-screen images as officers deployed pepper spray, flash bangs and mounted units to break up the peaceful protest even as Trump was in the Rose Garden saying he supported the rights of peaceful protesters. Chemical remnants still hung in the air as he walked to the church.

Trump reacted to the clearing of the protesters with enthusiasm, pumping his fist at officers in the park. He'd been furious about weekend images juxtaposing the fires in the area with the darkened White House in the background, according to current and former campaign and administration officials not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

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Trump was also angry about the news coverage revealing that he had been rushed to the White House bunker during weekend protests, believing the park fires in what amounts to his extended front yard made him appear weak.

But some White House and Justice Department officials privately acknowledged that Monday's events didn't serve the administration well.

Trump on Tuesday appeared to be backing off his threat to deploy federal troops to quell unrest under the 1807 Insurrection Act. White House officials said Monday night's events indicated that the resources already available to local governments should be able to restore order.

Instead, Trump turned his Twitter fire on New York officials, including Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a frequent political sparring partner.

"New York was lost to the looters, thugs, Radical Left, and all others forms of Lowlife & Scum," Trump tweeted. "The Governor refuses to accept my offer of a dominating National Guard. NYC was ripped to pieces."

The federal government has provided all affected states with a list of National Guard resources available to them, the White House official said. The official added that Trump's message to governors was that if they don't use all the tools in their arsenal they shouldn't expect a sympathetic response to any request for federal dollars to help with cleanup and recovery down.

Trump, meanwhile, toured a Catholic shrine on Tuesday in his second straight religious-themed appearance after he declared himself to be the "president of law and order."

Washington Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory called it "reprehensible that any Catholic facility would allow itself to be so egregiously misused and manipulated in a fashion that violates our religious principles, which call us to defend the rights of all people even those with whom we might disagree."

On Tuesday's drive to the shrine, Trump's motorcade sped past National Guard members deployed around the World War II Memorial. Some onlookers along the route booed, held "***black lives matter***" signs or made obscene gestures as the convoy rolled past.

Floyd died after a white Minneapolis police officer pinned him down and pressed Floyd's neck with his knee as the man pleaded that he couldn't breathe. Violent demonstrations have raged in scores of American cities, marking a level of unrest unseen for decades.

Lemire reported from New York.

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Twins president sees hope for season

ARTICLE CCXXVII. [**TWINS PRESIDENT SEES HOPE FOR SEASON**](#)

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Highlight: St. Peter believes owners, players will reach a deal.

Body

Major League Baseball owners and the MLB Players Association have taken turns proposing ways to start the 2020 season - only for those proposals to be launched into oblivion by the other side like a hanging breaking ball.

Owners claim they will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars each game - one report had it over \$600,000 - by playing in stadiums this season without fans, something the union finds hard to believe. The apparent mistrust between the sides has fueled speculation about the possible cancellation of the 2020 season.

Not so fast.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred might implement a 50-game schedule - less than one-third of the standard 162-game schedule - in which the players would receive their salaries pro rata. It's not the 114-game schedule the players association proposed Sunday, but it's the pay scale they seek.

Perhaps it is the worst-case scenario. Perhaps the sides can negotiate for a few more games. But it's something to work with, and it is a possible path to playing baseball.

"I can tell you that as of [Tuesday], I am more optimistic about playing this season as I have been over the last couple of weeks," Twins President Dave St. Peter said. "I know there's a lot of media reporting and speculation [otherwise], but I think the reality of it is that the situation is a little closer to resolution than most people believe. I truly believe that.

"I think it is rooted in the reality that owners and players ultimately want to play. I think they want to find a bridge, come together. I know that's the case with the owners and I know that's the case of our players. I can't speak for the other 29 clubs."

The sides have been battling since late March, when they agreed to an altered salary structure as the coronavirus outbreak upended sports leagues worldwide. But the players and owners ended up disagreeing

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about the agreement. Owners claimed they could renegotiate a deal for a season with no fans allowed in stadiums; the union felt the March agreement was ironclad.

The league floated a 50-50 revenue split, which the union balked at. Last week, owners proposed an 82-game schedule and a sliding pay scale in which the highest-paid players would take a 75% pay cut. The fact that Manfred and other MLB staffers were taking only 35% pay cuts was not lost on players as they balked at that plan. Then the players suggested over the weekend a 114-game season with prorated salaries. That led to the league threatening a 50-game schedule.

"I think there are also some benefits to shorter versus longer that allows us to get out on the diamond and play in a safe manner, and hopefully for over an entire season," St. Peter said. "Getting derailed on the start/stop scenario is the worst-case scenario. You're trying to thread a needle in getting a baseball season in before a second surge of this virus which we believe is a very real possibility."

The health concerns of the players are issues that can be resolved, St. Peter said.

As other sports craft plans to complete their seasons, the return of baseball has been viewed by many as potentially a big step in the nation's emergence from the pandemic. But now the country needs healing in another way.

The Twins participated in Blackout Tuesday, a movement that originated in the music industry but has expanded as a way to mourn the May 25 death of George Floyd while pushing for social justice change and reflecting on ways the black community can move forward.

On Tuesday, the Twins tweeted a picture of a black square and even changed their avatar to a Twins cap with a black background, along with the message "Black Lives Matter."

St. Peter said he feels baseball can be part of the emergence from a tumultuous period in history.

"There's an appetite to make a deal, to come together and recognize that this is an opportunity," St. Peter said.

"Baseball historically has found ways to help our country recover from national emergencies.

"I do believe that is not just a historical fact, but a narrative that matters to players and owners.

"The events of the last week help reinforce how baseball can bring communities together. We have an opportunity here."

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Dorsey & Whitney ending relationship with city of Minneapolis after George Floyd death

ARTICLE CCXXVIII.

***DORSEY & WHITNEY ENDING RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS AFTER GEORGE FLOYD DEATH***

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Body

Minneapolis-based law firm Dorsey & Whitney is ending a roughly 40-year relationship with the city of Minneapolis to provided legal assistance in the prosecution of misdemeanor cases.

Managing Partner Bill Stoeri said he and other attorneys at the firm wanted to take action after watching the video of Minneapolis Police Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** pressing his knee on ***George Floyd***'s neck, resulting in his death. They decided to axe the pro bono Minneapolis City Attorney's program since its prosecutions disproportionately impacted minorities, Stoeri said.

"We wanted to do more than put out a statement," he said, adding it was his decision to end it. "Our governing board did a unanimous vote of support even though it wasn't their decision to make."

Roughly eight associates worked with the city for three-month stints annually.

The firm has had similar relationships in other markets, but nothing this long-standing, Stoeri said.

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He added the video of Floyd's death in police custody was painful to watch.

"Speaking just for myself, it was horrifying to to see," he said. "If there's anything good that comes out of this, I hope people are talking and understanding the real need for change."

Stoeri added that the firm's foundation has set up a \$50,000 matching grant to organizations working for racial justice. The firm is also working on streamlining services to minority-owned business clients so the firm can handle issues like permit applications and insurance claims more efficiently.

Unrelated, Stoeri said the firm is not expecting anymore staff cuts, after announcing two waves of reductions in recent months due to the economic impact of the coronavirus.

Dorsey, the third-largest firm in the metro area and the largest one headquartered here, [ranks 98th on the American Lawyer list](#), up one spot from 99th in 2019. The firm has more than 230 attorneys in the Twin Cities. Dorsey reported roughly \$387 million in companywide annual revenue, according to the report.

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Timberwolves, Lynx join forces with Minneapolis Foundation in pursuit of justice, healing

ARTICLE CCXXIX. [**TIMBERWOLVES, LYNX JOIN FORCES WITH MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, HEALING**](#)

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Highlight: Timberwolves coach Ryan Saunders and Lynx coach and general manager Cheryl Reeve are taking on civic leadership duties as part of the multi-year partnership the entire organization is entering with The Minneapolis Foundation "to address systemic inequities and translate community anger into actions." The organization said the move, announced Wednesday, is the "first of many [...]"

Body

Timberwolves coach Ryan Saunders and Lynx coach and general manager Cheryl Reeve are taking on civic leadership duties as part of the multi-year partnership the entire organization is entering with The Minneapolis Foundation "to address systemic inequities and translate community anger into actions."

The organization said the move, announced Wednesday, is the "first of many steps the organization will take to fight racism and help unite its communities following the murder of [George Floyd](#) by law enforcement."

Reeve and Saunders will serve as leaders on one or two advisory committees designed to oversee the disbursement of the Fund for Safe Communities. The second committee will feature diverse youth from Minneapolis.

That fund will "champion the prevention of further violence, address systemic inequities, reform the criminal justice system and heal communities affected by this tragedy."

"Minneapolis is a special place," Saunders said in a statement. "I want all people of color to experience this amazing city without fear. We talk a lot about actions over words; we need to make meaningful change and that starts with partnering with The Minneapolis Foundation. As leaders on this advisory committee, we will work diligently with our youth counterparts to listen to what needs to change, raise awareness, and partner with informed leaders who can help bring meaningful impact to our cities."

The two committees will "work collectively to disburse funds from the Fund for Safe Communities as early as next week."

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"This is a moment where we all need to step into some bigger, bolder leadership," Chanda Smith Baker, senior vice president of impact at The Minneapolis Foundation, said in a statement. "We need allies in this work and we are excited the Timberwolves and Lynx have decided to step into this partnership, dig deep into understanding the complexity of the inequities, and to help us drive toward solutions that ensure senseless tragedies rooted in racism never happen again."

The Timberwolves and Lynx organization said it will announce "additional programming and initiatives pertaining to ending ***systemic racism*** and the need for community conversations." Players will be part of those initiatives. You can donate to the fund by texting SAFEMPLS to 243725.

"I am proud of the ways in which the Minnesota Lynx have used our voices to stand up for social justice. The senseless murder of ***George Floyd*** has strengthened our resolve to bring about change in the inequities that face our black and brown communities," Reeve said in a statement. "This alignment with The Minneapolis Foundation will allow us to directly impact these inequities as well as be active participants in the healing of our communities."

Graphic

Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Ryan Saunders applauds his players in the first half of an NBA basketball game Portland Trail Blazers, Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

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DFL leaders want police reform at top of special session

ARTICLE CCXXX. **[DFL LEADERS WANT POLICE REFORM AT TOP OF SPECIAL SESSION](#)**

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Highlight: "We are at a critical point," lawmakers say as Floyd's death revives policing proposals from AG task force.

Body

A visibly emotional group of Democratic state lawmakers demanded Tuesday that policing reform be a centerpiece of the special legislative session expected this month.

Speaking on the front lawn of the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center in St. Paul, House Democratic leadership and members from its People of Color and Indigenous Caucus outlined a sweeping package of nearly two dozen policy proposals that they argued now must be heard after last week's death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody.

The proposals mirror some of the recommendations outlined in a February report produced by a 16-member task force on deadly police encounters led by state Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington and Attorney General Keith Ellison, who has taken over the prosecution of **Derek Chauvin**, who faces murder charges in Floyd's death.

"We are at a critical point," said state Rep. Ruth Richardson, DFL-Mendota Heights. "What's happening in our cities right now is about ... that legacy of pain, the legacy of murder, the legacy of lynching that continues today. It's 2020: if you're not going to listen to us today, you're never going to listen to us."

Gov. Tim Walz is expected to call lawmakers back to the State Capitol by June 12 for an extension of the state's peacetime emergency, declared in March amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The passage of a major public works bonding bill was left undone in May and was expected to be a focal point of the session. But some DFL House and Senate leaders have since suggested that failure to advance policing reform would stall any other work.

State Rep. Carlos Mariani, a St. Paul Democrat who chairs the House's public safety committee, said Tuesday that the governor told him he expected policing reform to be part of any upcoming special session.

DFL leaders want police reform at top of special session

"Quite frankly it's a false proposition at this point in time to say that the Minnesota Legislature would convene and not address this issue," Mariani said. "There are no other issues more important than the public safety and well-being of Minnesotans and our communities. So yes, this rises to ... the highest level of responsibility for us in the coming session."

DFL lawmakers are pushing for changes in the way officer-involved deaths are investigated. The lawmakers also want to give the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension more leeway to investigate police killings. Other proposals include citizen oversight councils for law enforcement, more oversight of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) board's officer licensure and training, lifting a state ban on local-residence requirements for police officers and ordering the POST board to develop a model policy on use of force in responding to peaceful protests.

"We're talking about our lives; we're talking about our existence," said state Rep. Hodan Hassan, a Democrat from south Minneapolis, who later added: "Every single one of us should be on the right side of this fight. We should all be outraged, we should all be angry. We should demand the four officers to be behind bars. We should fight for justice. No justice, no peace."

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Floyd's family speaks out, calls for justice

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Body

On the sprawling lawn of the Minnesota Capitol, thousands of teenagers and young adults sat shoulder to shoulder to protest racism in policing, sparked by the death of *George Floyd* at the hands of Minneapolis officers.

Near the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office, medical students sat in quiet protest of an autopsy report on Floyd that they allege was reckless.

And nearby, inside Minneapolis City Hall, Floyd's 6-year-old daughter, Gianna, stood near her mother in a plea for justice.

Young people took the lead in rallies and protests around the Twin Cities on Tuesday, eight days after bystander video showed a handcuffed Floyd pleading for breath before falling unconscious as a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck. Floyd was later pronounced dead.

In a case that has sparked international outrage and widespread protests across the country, Minnesota leaders were hoping Tuesday evening for a third straight night of relative calm after bouts of arson and looting destroyed businesses and public buildings last week. More than 7,000 National Guard members had been brought in to help quell the unrest days earlier.

Floyd's family has urged that protests over the 46-year-old man's death be peaceful.

Roxie Washington, the mother of Floyd's young daughter, stood inside City Hall on Tuesday and tearfully described how Floyd was more than his last moments; he was a loving and devoted father who continued to provide for their family.

"He loved her; he loved her so much," she said.

"Gianna does not have a father. He will never see her grow up, graduate. He will never walk her down the aisle. If there's a problem she's having, if she needs her dad, she does not have that anymore.

Floyd's family speaks out, calls for justice

"I'm here for my baby and I'm here for George because I want justice for him," she said, flanked by attorneys and retired NBA player Stephen Jackson, who was Floyd's childhood friend. "I want justice for him because he was good. No matter what anybody thinks, he was good. And this is the proof that he was a good man."

Floyd's family had hired a medical team to conduct an autopsy, which found he died of asphyxia. Their findings differed from an autopsy from the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office, characterized in a criminal complaint as not showing "physical findings that support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation" and noting that Floyd had underlying health conditions including coronary artery disease and hypertensive heart disease.

"The combined effects of Mr. Floyd being restrained by the police, his underlying health conditions and any potential intoxicants in his system likely contributed to his death," the complaint said.

Later, an updated medical examiner report said Floyd died as a result of "cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression."

About 150 University of Minnesota medical students protesting Tuesday outside the Medical Examiner's Office said it was a lie to say pre-existing health conditions and drug toxicity played a role.

"Everyone saw the video; it's clear as day," said Ifeolu Akinola, an M.D./Ph.D. student. "To say that his death is attributed to these pre-existing conditions and not so much as the strangulation by the officer in custody is just a blatant lie."

"We all saw the tape," said Dominique Earland, also an M.D./Ph.D. student. Whether the medical examiner's findings were mischaracterized on its own report or by lawyers writing the complaint, he said, "It's important that we understand as a medical community our voices have power."

At a makeshift memorial outside Cup Foods, where Floyd was detained, the smell of barbecue and music filled the air and families with children lined up for free hot dogs, kebabs and drinks in an uplifting atmosphere.

Crowds took photos of a new mural, and people listened to speakers nearby as others danced near messages written on the street and thousands of bouquets placed at the intersection.

On the Capitol lawn in St. Paul, students held moments of silence for Floyd amid impassioned speeches, music and chanting.

Speakers demanded criminal charges against the four officers who detained Floyd. So far, only officer ***Derek Chauvin***, whose knee was on Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes, has been arrested. He was charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Speakers also called for systemic changes such as fewer government dollars spent on law enforcement and more on community needs and services.

"I am angry and I am heartbroken," said volunteer Priya Manda, 18, of Stillwater. "There is such injustice. Something needs to be done."

Caden Frahm, of St. Paul, occasionally raised his fist with the crowd as he stood with his friends listening to speakers.

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"I have experienced racism," said Frahm, 17. "It's a terrible feeling. I am here for everyone who has fallen to police and to white supremacy."

Preston Hamlette, a 27-year-old professional rugby player in Australia visiting a friend in the Twin Cities, said he was shocked by Floyd's murder. But the size and passion of the peaceful crowd stretching across the lawn gave him hope, he said.

"If this doesn't get the people in charge's attention," he said, "I don't know what will."

Staff writers Shannon Prather, Kim Hyatt and Matt McKinney contributed to this report.

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Three more charged in connection with riots

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Body

Two Twin Cities men were charged Tuesday in a federal complaint in the firebombing of the Dakota County courthouse, and a third man was charged in Hennepin County with attempted murder for allegedly shooting at police officers during the protests and rioting that followed the May 25 death of **George Floyd** while in police custody.

According to charges unsealed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in St. Paul, two Minnesota men threw Molotov cocktails into Dakota County courthouse buildings early Friday. The accused men are: Fornandous Cortez Henderson, 32, of Savage, and Garrett Patrick Ziegler, 24, of Long Lake. Each was charged with destruction of property used in interstate commerce and possession of Molotov cocktails. Both men appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Becky Thorson in St. Paul on Tuesday for an initial appearance.

Apple Valley police responded to reports of fire early Friday and found broken windows, smoke and flames pouring out from the part of the courthouse where the judges' chambers and clerks' offices are located. Inside they found broken glass jars and liquor bottles, pushpins, intact glass jars containing ignitable liquid and a charred red bandanna, according to the federal criminal complaint.

Officers found a set of car keys in the grass near the building that belonged to a Ford Fiesta registered to Ziegler, which had been parked in a nearby parking lot. A search of the car uncovered materials that could be used to make fire bombs, according to the charges.

After dousing the fire, authorities found Ziegler and Henderson on a road nearby and arrested them. The two suspects gave false statements to the officers, according to the charges.

Jaleel K. Stallings, 27, of St. Paul was charged Tuesday in Hennepin County District Court with two counts each of attempted second-degree murder, first-degree assault and second-degree assault for allegedly firing a gun at police early Saturday. Stallings was also charged with one count each of second-degree riot and dangerous weapons. Court records show he was arrested Sunday and spoke briefly with police before asking for a lawyer.

Three more charged in connection with riots

The charges say the shooting took place near Lake Street and 14th Avenue S. after officers had fired a "less lethal" round - which usually means rubber bullets - at Stallings. No officers were hit in the incident, which occurred about 4 a.m.

The arrest of Floyd, who is black, was captured on video that went viral on the internet, setting off protests in dozens of U.S. cities and around the world. All four officers at the scene of the arrest were fired and one, **Derek Chauvin**, who is white, was charged last week with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

According to the complaint, the shooting at officers took place as Minneapolis police were working to enforce a curfew ordered by Gov. Tim Walz. Officers in SWAT vests and helmets were near Lake Street and 14th Avenue S. around 4 a.m., when they encountered a group of people in a parking lot.

Several people fled, but Stallings allegedly walked toward police from behind a pickup truck. Several SWAT officers were in an unmarked white van flanked by two marked squads. Stallings ran toward the truck and crouched, the charges said.

An officer reported that he had fired a 40-mm "less lethal" round at Stallings, concerned that he was going to throw debris or rocks at police.

It's unclear if Stallings was struck.

"Almost immediately, Officer A saw three to four gunshot muzzle flashes from Stallings' chest toward law enforcement," the complaint said. "One round sparked and ricocheted in front of officers."

The shooting was captured on the officers' body camera footage. An AK-47 style Mini Draco Style pistol was found nearby, according to the charges.

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George Floyd's young daughter, her mother visit Minneapolis: 'He was good'

ARTICLE CCXXXIII. [**GEORGE FLOYD'S YOUNG DAUGHTER, HER MOTHER VISIT MINNEAPOLIS: 'HE WAS GOOD'**](#)

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Highlight: The mother of *George Floyd's* 6-year-old daughter, Gianna, said Tuesday that she wanted the world to know that her little girl lost a good father who would never get to see his daughter grow up. "I want everybody to know that this is what those officers took. At the end of the day, they get [...]"

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The mother of *George Floyd's* 6-year-old daughter, Gianna, said Tuesday that she wanted the world to know that her little girl lost a good father who would never get to see his daughter grow up.

"I want everybody to know that this is what those officers took. At the end of the day, they get to go home and be with their families," Roxie Washington said during a Minneapolis City Hall news conference with her young daughter at her side. "I'm here for my baby and I'm here for George because I want justice for him. I want justice for him because he was good. No matter what anybody thinks, he was good."

Floyd died on Memorial Day after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into the black man's neck for several minutes even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

Accompanying Washington was former NBA player Stephen Jackson, who was a friend of Floyd's in their native Houston.

Jackson and Floyd called each other "twin" because of their resemblance. Both were star high school athletes in the Houston area in the 1990s.

Floyd was also the father of a 22-year-old daughter from a previous relationship.

A [crowdfunding campaign](#) has been set up for Gianna and, as of Tuesday night, had collected \$190,431 towards its \$250,000 goal.

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George Floyd's young daughter, her mother visit Minneapolis: 'He was good'

Graphic

Roxie Washington speaks and stands behind Gianna Floyd, the daughter of ***George Floyd***, at a news conference Tuesday in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

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Thousands gather for peaceful protests across Twin Cities Tuesday

ARTICLE CCXXXIV.

THOUSANDS GATHER FOR PEACEFUL PROTESTS ACROSS TWIN CITIES TUESDAY

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Highlight: Faith leaders from several congregations marched in silence Tuesday in St. Paul as a way to reflect the "beloved community" and the social justice action of the civil rights era in the United States.

Body

Faith leaders from several congregations marched in silence Tuesday in St. Paul as a way to reflect the "beloved community" and the social justice action of the civil rights era in the United States.

A corresponding march was also held in South Minneapolis, along 38th Street to Chicago Avenue, where ***George Floyd*** died May 25 after being pinned facedown by three Minneapolis police officers for nearly nine minutes, despite his pleas to stop and that he couldn't breathe.

Led by local black clergy, marchers in St. Paul met at Gordon Parks High School at Griggs Street and walked in the middle of a temporarily closed University Avenue. It ended a few blocks away at the boarded-up Super Target, which became the epicenter of protesting, rioting and looting last week in St. Paul following Floyd's death.

"We know we are all hurting, and we all want justice," said Stacey L. Smith, pastor and presiding elder of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church - a 130-year-old historically black church in St. Paul's Old Rondo neighborhood. "And that's what today is about. We pray that it is healing that will begin today. We're going to decree and declare today."

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell and St. Paul Fire Chief Butch Inks walked alongside clergy members during the march, which was one of several peaceful protests held throughout the Twin Cities on Tuesday.

At the state Capitol, a crowd estimated at up to 3,000 people gathered on the front lawn and steps for a sit-in organized by a dozen high school students from around the metro area.

Also Tuesday afternoon, several hundred protesters - some of whom migrated over from the Capitol - held a "speak-out" on Kellogg Boulevard in front of St. Paul City Hall and the Ramsey County Courthouse.

Speakers included civil rights attorney Nekima Levy-Armstrong and relatives of Marcus Golden, who was killed in an encounter with St. Paul police in 2015, and Brian Quinones, who was killed by Richfield police following a police chase in 2019.

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Golden's aunt, Monique Cullars-Doty, said he would have turned 30 years old on Tuesday. She read the names of individuals killed in encounters with St. Paul police. Protesters yelled the names back.

Cullars-Doty said she doesn't want to see St. Paul police officers taking a knee for a "photo-op," referring to a picture the department shared on its Facebook page Monday of officers on one knee during a peaceful protest in front of the Minnesota Governor's Residence.

On University Avenue, Axtell said now is a "pivotal moment for policing in America."

"We have to start connecting at much higher levels with our community," he said. "We have a strong history in the St. Paul Police Department of doing that and this is an opportunity to continue to do that - build more relationships and really show the community that our eyes are open, our ears are open and most importantly our hearts are open to brighter and better days."

The walk passed several former businesses that are now rubble from Thursday night's arson fires.

A COLLECTIVE STATEMENT

Outside the Target store, the Rev. James Thomas of Mount Olivet Baptist Church in the Old Rondo neighborhood told those gathered that the silent march was "our link to the historical lynching of African-American men. But this time, instead of a rope and a tree, we witnessed a police officer use his knee while a black man laid in the gutter."

As a collective body, he said, the clergy has "publicly held our peace."

"But we have something to say," he said. "Our silent march is our collective statement that we recognize the pain and suffering in our cities. Our silent march is our weakness that for several days our best cells became our worst cells. Our silent march is a protest against the violence, the looting and aggressive policing. In other words, all violence must end."

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Frederick Melo contributed to this report.

Graphic

Clergy members from around the region are joined by hundreds as they march past the ruins of a burned business along University Ave. W. in a "Silent Clergy March" from Gordon Parks High School to the Midway Target in St. Paul on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. The march was in response to the death of **George**

Thousands gather for peaceful protests across Twin Cities Tuesday

Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police officers and the subsequent civil unrest. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Thousands of people gather at the state Capitol in St. Paul during a rally on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to protest the death of ***George Floyd***, who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on May 25. (Nick Ferraro / Pioneer Press)

Army National Guard soldiers hand out bottled water during a protest on the state Capitol grounds in St. Paul on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, following the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody on May 25. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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'No one to call for help' - Twin Cities neighbors band together to stand guard

ARTICLE CCXXXV. **'NO ONE TO CALL FOR HELP' - TWIN CITIES NEIGHBORS BAND TOGETHER TO STAND GUARD**

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Byline: Kathleen Hennessey, Tim Sullivan

Highlight: A week of civil unrest has led some Twin Cities residents near the epicenters of the violence to take steps to protect their homes and neighborhoods. They've stocked up on fire extinguishers and buckets, and formed scores of loose neighborhood watch groups - aided by a cluster of apps and social media - to share [...]

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Preparing for nightfall in Minneapolis has meant a new routine for many: stashing garbage cans to keep them from being tossed or set on fire, turning on lights and opening blinds. In some neighborhoods near large demonstrations, witnesses say it also includes residents armed with baseball bats, crowbars and the occasional pistol barricading their streets to keep violent protesters away.

By Tuesday, one GroupMe neighborhood watch group had swelled to 479 members, organized into seven smaller regions. Members, identified only by their first names and cross streets, posted a steady stream of descriptions of suspicious vehicles, loud popping sounds, worries about outsiders and objects that might be filled with accelerants used to set fires.

"I would guess those are lawn bags," one poster said.

Residents have reason to be on alert. Arson and vandalism have devastated a large stretch of the vital Lake Street corridor, and have spread beyond to pockets of neighboring St. Paul and some suburbs. State law enforcement authorities have said they've found caches of flammable liquids all over the metropolitan area, as well as stolen vehicles without license plates that they believe have been used to move the material.

In the worst-hit neighborhoods, where store after store was sometimes burned to the ground and looting was brazen, groups of neighbors sometimes set up makeshift barricades at their street corners, standing behind them for hours with baseball bats and metal rods.

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But most of the tactics are far less confrontational.

Michael Grunke, a 35-year-old who lives near where Floyd died at Chicago Avenue South and East 38th Street, said he and other tenants in his building gathered hoses and buckets for water. The building manager bought up fire extinguishers before they sold out at some local hardware stores. The group stayed up all night, standing watch, he said - his way to show support for the peaceful protests.

"This was a good thing I could do to help the community and make sure things weren't getting destroyed and tarnishing the memory of ***George Floyd***," Grunke said.

Joy Miciano, 47, lives with her husband and their two teenage children in the Uptown area, where stores have been damaged. She said she and her husband stayed up keeping watch Friday because they felt no police or firefighters would respond.

"That's what was worrisome to us - if this was coming our way, there was no one to call for help," she said.

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Graphic

Obediah, a member of a neighborhood watch that started after the death of ***George Floyd*** in police custody sparked unrest, looks out from the roof of his home with binoculars, Tuesday June 2, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minn. A week of civil unrest has led some Minneapolis residents near the epicenter of the violence to take steps to protect their homes and neighborhoods. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Michael Grunke looks out from his home to the streets around his neighborhood, where he has joined neighbors to form a watch group, after the death of ***George Floyd*** while in custody of police sparked unrest, Tuesday June 2, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minn. A week of civil unrest has led some Minneapolis residents near the epicenter of the violence to take steps to protect their homes and neighborhoods. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

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Minneapolis cops, State Patrol targeted journalists, protesters with violence, lawsuits say

ARTICLE CCXXXVI. **[MINNEAPOLIS COPS, STATE PATROL TARGETED JOURNALISTS, PROTESTERS WITH VIOLENCE, LAWSUITS SAY](#)**

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Highlight: Two separate lawsuits seeking class-action status allege law enforcement officers targeted journalists and used unnecessary force against protesters during demonstrations in Minneapolis over the May 25 death of **George Floyd** in police custody. The American Civil Liberties Union and freelance reporter Jared Goyette filed a lawsuit Tuesday night in U.S. District Court in Minnesota alleging [...]

Body

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The American Civil Liberties Union and freelance reporter Jared Goyette filed a lawsuit Tuesday night in U.S. District Court in Minnesota alleging First Amendment violations by the city of Minneapolis, city police leaders and the heads of the State Patrol and Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

The complaint alleges officers specifically targeted journalists with violence and arrest and used excessive force in retaliation for their reporting.

"Over the past week, the Minneapolis Police and the Minnesota State Patrol have tear-gassed, pepper-sprayed, shot in the face with rubber bullets, arrested without cause, and threatened journalists at gunpoint, all after these journalists identified themselves and were otherwise clearly engaged in their reporting duties," the complaint reads.

"These are not isolated incidents. The past week has been marked by an extraordinary escalation of unlawful force deliberately targeting reporters."

Goyette, a freelance reporter who covered the protests for the Washington Post, alleges a Minneapolis police officer drew his gun on him. Separately, he says, a police officer on May 27 shot him in the face with a less-lethal ballistic while he was standing alone and carrying a notepad, camera and monopod.

Goyette was shot, he said, while trying to document what had happened to a man who was more seriously hurt.

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When I was hit by a police projectile, an incident that is now part of an [@ACLUMN](#) class-action lawsuit against the MPD, I was trying to document what was happening to this man, and the efforts of people like to keep him alive. Never got a chance to finish. pic.twitter.com/Bbh71X4VC5

- Jared Goyette (@JaredGoyette)

Goyette said in an interview Wednesday that he hopes the lawsuit will bring to light why law enforcement officers have threatened and harmed journalists.

"I am hoping that with this case, we can understand more ... about what went into people's decisions and ultimately hold them accountable for those decisions as needed," he said. "That's very much in the spirit of what I try to do as a journalist. It turns out that when you have a lawsuit, you cannot only interview people, but interview them on the stand and make them swear under oath."

Goyette said he was reluctant to sue but the ACLU told him they were taking action on behalf of protesters, as well.

"Hopefully, the lawsuit may make it safer for journalists to do their jobs," he said. "But other people are also being impacted, and this is part of an overall process to seek answers."

BLINDED, PEPPER-SPRAYED, ARRESTED

The complaint alleges numerous other incidents in which officers arrested or used force against journalists.

It alleges that on May 29:

CNN reporter Omar Jimenez and his news crew were arrested during a live broadcast. An Associated Press photojournalist John Minchillo was shot with a less-lethal projectile. A police officer sprayed USA Today reporter Tyler Davis in the face after he identified himself as a member of the media.

On May 30:

Freelance journalist Linda Tirado was blinded in one eye when police or troopers shot her in the face with a less-lethal projectile. A police officer threw Vice journalist Michael Adams to the ground. Adams said he was a reporter and showed his credential, then a second officer hit him in the face with pepper spray. Police pepper-sprayed a group of reporters, including some from KSTP-TV, outside the Fifth Precinct. Minneapolis police fired less-lethal projectiles at a CBS news team, injuring sound engineer John Marschitz, while they stood far from any protesters. Police or troopers fired projectiles at an MSNBC news crew, hitting Ali Velshi. Later, police confronted Velshi and another TV crew in an empty parking lot and fired projectiles at them. Police shot Reuters TV cameraman Julio-Cesar Chavez and a member of his news crew with projectiles. Photojournalist Lucas Jackson was pepper-sprayed in the face and shot in the back with a projectile. CBC correspondent Susan Ormiston was hit by a projectile and a tear gas canister after protesters had cleared the parking lot. Police fired a flash-bang grenade at Morgan Chesky's MSNBC news crew while they were live on air. State troopers backed Los Angeles Times journalists Molly Hennessy-Fiske and Carolyn Cole against a wall and fired tear gas and less-lethal projectiles at them. State troopers fired projectiles at Star Tribune reporter Ryan Faircloth's car after he made a wrong turn. He later was cut by glass when officers fired more projectiles, breaking his car windows. Star Tribune photographer Anthony Souffle was tear-gassed by police or troopers. WCCO-TV videographer Tom Aviles was forced to the ground and arrested; he previously had been shot with a less-lethal projectile. European Pressphoto Agency

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photojournalists Tannen Maury and Craig Lassig were arrested and charged with curfew violations, and NBC reporter Simon Moya-Smith was pepper-sprayed and arrested.

On May 31:

A police officer threatened Star Tribune reporters Liz Sawyer with arrest. She and four other journalists were told earlier that night that their press credentials were "bull--." Police detained and searched Tim Arvier's Australian TV news team, handcuffing the cameraman.

The complaint alleges Minneapolis police and state troopers fired both Skat Shells and Direct Impact Rounds at journalists despite warnings that they can cause "serious injury or death."

Defendants in the lawsuit include Lt. Bob Kroll, who heads the Minneapolis police union. The complaint calls Kroll the department's "de facto policymaker" and cites his recent letter to rank-and-file officers complaining about the "liberal media."

Gov. Tim Walz at a Sunday news conference called the officers' treatment of journalists "unacceptable."

In a statement Wednesday, the State Patrol said it "recognizes the importance of the media in covering the civil unrest" and that "it can be difficult for officers to distinguish journalists from those who are violating a curfew order or not complying with commands to leave an area."

The agency said it's "reviewing the incidents involving our troopers in an effort to prevent similar incidents in the future."

The city of Minneapolis did not respond to a request for comment.

PROTESTER LAWSUIT

Separately, attorney David Madgett and protester Annette Williams filed a federal class-action lawsuit Tuesday night against the city of Minneapolis on behalf of any peaceful protesters who were injured and now are reluctant to "speak out against police violence against citizens." [Minnesota lawmakers pressed to make changes after Floyd @JaymalGreen June 3, 2020 Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform 'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest 19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#)

That complaint, too, details incidents in which police officers used tear gas and percussion grenades and fired projectiles at protesters.

"This 'corral and combat' strategy has no tactical purpose other than injuring otherwise peaceful protesters," the complaint reads.

Williams, an African American woman from St. Paul, says she was peacefully protesting on a public sidewalk May 28 when a chain of police vehicles rode by and an officer sprayed a chemical irritant out the window at Williams and her daughter.

Well THAT was uncalled for. pic.twitter.com/Qdu4LyrZ9U

- Jennifer Brooks (@stribrooks) [May 29, 2020](#)

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Police, criminal justice reform bills introduced at Minnesota Capitol

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POLICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BILLS INTRODUCED AT MINNESOTA CAPITOL

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Byline: Sarah Mearhoff

Highlight: State legislators in Minnesota's People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus have introduced a slew of police and criminal justice reform bills in response to the death of ***George Floyd***, a black St. Louis Park man who died by asphyxiation after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck last week. Introduced at a [...]

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Introduced at a Tuesday news conference, the caucus said they want to make the bills and overall reform a priority for the Legislature's upcoming June 12 special session, as well as future sessions.

POCI Caucus Chair Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St. Paul, said Tuesday that "it's time for all hands to come on deck and fundamentally change how police interact with black men and boys."

"For too long, people in my community have been told they will have to wait for the systemic changes necessary to ensure people of color don't have to live in fear of law enforcement," Moran said. "They are tired of waiting for reform, tired of waiting for accountability, and tired of waiting for justice."

The legislators said the bills, if passed, will increase police accountability and transparency, raise conduct standards, heal community trust in law enforcement and reform investigation and prosecution processes for cases of officer-involved uses of force and deaths.

Rep. Fue Lee, DFL-Minneapolis, said Tuesday that Floyd died "at the hands of four individual police officers," but the issues stem back to "structural racism and implicit bias (that) have prevailed for generations." Tuesday's proposals are a first step to change, he said.

Rep. Ruth Richardson, DFL-Mendota Heights, added that the voices of black Minnesotans "must have their voices uplifted ... and must be leading the change that our voices have been crying out for centuries."

At a separate Tuesday news conference, Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said she and Gov. Tim Walz back the POCI Caucus's proposals because "we are no longer in a place where we can throw our hands up."

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"The most important thing that leaders can do right now is to listen directly to communities of color, and to the Black community specifically, about policy proposals deconstructing systems of racism," Flanagan said. "If we don't take action, I don't see how we can move forward as a state at all."

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Want to help St. Paul businesses damaged in recent riots? Here's how.

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[WANT TO HELP ST. PAUL BUSINESSES DAMAGED IN RECENT RIOTS? HERE'S HOW.](#)

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Highlight: As businesses in the Midway area and across St. Paul grapple with damage caused by recent riots, fundraisers are being established to help. Following protests that escalated to riots resulting in looting, vandalism and arson of businesses after the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody, more than 200 businesses in St. Paul have [...]

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Following protests that escalated to riots resulting in looting, vandalism and arson of businesses after the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody, more than 200 businesses in St. Paul have been damaged. Some businesses, like [Lloyd's Pharmacy on North Snelling Avenue](#), were completely burned to the ground.

We Love St. Paul launched Wednesday by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation aims to address the immediate financial needs of businesses. Donations made to the fund will be tax deductible and directly support businesses to help them rebuild store fronts and reopen.

The fund will help businesses in the heavily damaged Midway area and across St. Paul, said B Kyle, president and CEO of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

Kyle said the fund is encouraging donations "from people of all walks of life," including individuals, businesses, companies and foundations.

Kyle said she hopes this will also be used as an opportunity to form long-lasting relationships with businesses in the community. Donations can be made on the fund's website at www.welovestpaul.com.

A number of other funds have been set up across the Twin Cities to help businesses:

The Lake Street Council started the "We Love Lake Street" fund, which has raised more than \$4.3 million. Donations can be made at www.welovelakestreet.com.

Want to help St. Paul businesses damaged in recent riots? Here's how.

The African Economic Development Solutions started a fund to assist African-owned businesses affected by the riots. Donations can be made on the fund's [GoFundMe page](#).

The Asian Economic Development Association launched a fund to help Asian-owned businesses. Donations can be made on the fund's [GoFundMe page](#).

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George Floyd's daughter on 'GMA': What she wants people to know

ARTICLE CCXXXIX. [**GEORGE FLOYD'S DAUGHTER ON 'GMA': WHAT SHE WANTS PEOPLE TO KNOW**](#)

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Highlight: Here's what 6-year-old Gianna Floyd wants people to know about her dad: "Kinda that I miss him," she said during an interview that aired Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America." Eva Pilgrim - an ABC News correspondent and GMA weekend co-anchor - asked the girl what her dad was like. "He played with me," she [...]

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Here's what 6-year-old Gianna Floyd wants people to know about her dad:

"Kinda that I miss him," she said [during an interview](#) that aired Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

[Eva Pilgrim](#) - an ABC News correspondent and GMA weekend co-anchor - asked the girl what her dad was like.

"He played with me," she remembered.

He was a good dad, said Gianna's mom, Roxie Washington.

"He loved his little girl," she said.

Floyd had moved from Houston to Minnesota to better provide for his family, Pilgrim said.

In the sit-down interview, Washington says she found out in a phone call that Floyd had died. She then went online to find the video of the Minneapolis police officer kneeling on Floyd's neck.

"I watched it," she said. "Only for a moment."

That moment was horrific. She cried as she tried to describe her reaction.

"I can't believe ... " she said. "I couldn't believe that someone was doing him like that."

If only ...

"I wish I could have been there to help him," she said, crying.

George Floyd's daughter on 'GMA': What she wants people to know

Gianna does not know exactly what happened to her dad, her mother said.

But she does know this:

"I told her," Washington said, "that her dad died because ...

She paused.

" ... he couldn't breathe," she said, her face wet with tears.

In the segment, Pilgrim says that while the girl might not know what happened to her dad, she does know that we are talking about him.

"[*Daddy changed the world*](#)," she says in a clip on Instagram.

She also knows what she wants to be when she grows up.

"I wanna be a doctor," she said. "I want to take care of people."

The segment, which is about 3-1/2 minutes long, is interspersed with photos of father and daughter from the girl's baby album. That baby book includes a note - " ... and Daddy stayed every night" - when she was a newborn. It's hard to believe he is not here still, Washington said through her tears.

"My heart is broke for my baby," she says. "It's broke."

Floyd was also the father of a 22-year-old daughter and a 27-year-old son.

On Wednesday, the son, Quincy Mason Floyd, visited Minneapolis from Texas.

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READERS WRITE Together, do what Floyd couldn't

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GEORGE FLOYD

The family of **George Floyd** of blessed memory has retained an attorney, Benjamin Crump. On Monday, Crump reported the results of an independent autopsy of Floyd ("Justice: 'A long road,' " June 2). The conclusion of this second autopsy is that Floyd died of asphyxia. After making the announcement, Crump shared these words with the listening public:

"I implore all of us to take a breath for justice, to take a breath for peace, to take a breath for our country and to take a breath for George."

I hope we are all indeed breathing deeply, always, but especially now. Breath clears the body of toxins; breath renews. The Israelites under Pharaoh could not hear the words of hope offered by Moses because of "kotzer ruah" - shortness of breath (Exodus 6:9). They could not breathe, so they could not hear, so they could not hope. We have a choice. I hope we are appreciating the miracle of breath - how it sustains life, how it brings calm, how it creates spaciousness of spirit, so that each of us can act with compassion and wisdom, with intention and focus.

For all those suffering in this pandemic, and for **George Floyd** of blessed memory, let us all indeed take a breath for justice, for peace, for our country and for life itself.

Rabbi Shosh Dworsky, St. Paul

POLICE UNION

That was the wrong response, Kroll

It is always sad to see the police union president, Lt. Bob Kroll, emerge from his cave waving his "the world is against us" flag. It has to be a cave without Wi-Fi or TV for him to make statements like those in his letter to union members describing the events of the past week as something "everyone except [members of the union] refuses to call a riot." Huh? We're informed that he's working with the union's attorneys to help the fired officers get their jobs back. What exactly would it take for the union to acknowledge unacceptable behavior by a member? Apparently, to this union, there is no limit on police behavior.

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Kroll criticizes the decision of Mayor Jacob Frey around abandoning the Third Precinct. Fair enough, but he then goes on to say, "The politicians are to blame and you are the scapegoats." News flash, it wasn't Frey with his knee on the neck of *George Floyd*.

The police elect their union leadership. If Kroll's behavior doesn't disgust the rank and file enough to replace him after this, we will know where they stand, and sadder days lie ahead.

Bill Mease, Minneapolis

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With the Minneapolis police union collective-bargaining agreement having expired on Dec. 31, the city has an opportunity to take the lead to amend those provisions of the contract that overly restrict its ability to discipline those officers who violate policy, procedures and practices established by the city and Police Department. The federation, if it truly cares about its members, should be willing to work with the city to identify and review the applicable provisions. The city is a signatory to the contract, as well as the union. Therefore, Minneapolis must also take ownership for agreeing to such restrictive provisions in first place. Likewise, the members themselves should demand such "justice" to protect the good cops. Yielding to political pressure by the federation is unacceptable and should be called out.

W.W. Bednarczyk, Minneapolis

POLICING

The solution is not more of the same

While I feel that Gov. Tim Walz and Mayor Jacob Frey are trying their best to do the right thing in controlling the looting and arson, their response shows how poor our ability to cope with justified social unrest is. The only tool that Walz has to deal with looting and arson triggered by violent and overly militarized police is ... more violent and overly militarized police.

Watching the live footage of the behavior of the police on Sunday shows a force that is not at all ready to engage successfully with the population of the city. It attacks clearly credentialed journalists and people watching from their porch in the neighborhood. This looks like an attempt to keep citizens from seeing what is in progress and preserve police impunity. Will steps be taken to make accountable those who have attacked citizens without provocation? A more frightening question is: Is it even possible to hold these officers accountable?

The lack of planning to positively engage with even peaceful protesters, and elected leadership's inability to exert meaningful control over law enforcement, is another illustration that our criminal enforcement system has become the tail that wags the dog of our city and our state.

Robert Goldman, Minneapolis

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It seems to me that public officials should not use the phrase "urban warfare" when referring to civil disturbance. Warfare involves soldiers who engage an enemy. Police officers are not soldiers. Their work is to protect and serve citizens, not to engage enemies. Using war language puts the wrong idea in the minds of all involved, and actions often follow ideas.

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Duane Cady, Shoreview

RIOTS

Last week set gun control back

This is in response to the letter writer who expressed the view that, with fewer guns in private citizens' hands, more effective, community-focused policing models could be developed ("Unworkable with so many guns," June 1). I agree with his view that there are far too many guns in private citizens' (both lawful and unlawful) hands. I also fully support the agenda of the recent protests to align policing methods and policies with the interests of the whole community, rather than just a privileged segment that benefits from the color of their skin.

Unfortunately, results are often just the opposite of best intentions. And I think the recent rioting, arson and looting - actions that some in the community support because they believe it's the only way to get change - have taken us in just the opposite direction. The thunder you hear is the feet of thousands of folks racing to gun stores to buy a gun to protect themselves and their property because they perceive the police can't provide that protection.

Here is their reasoning: If I'd been sitting in from of my small-business establishment with an AR-15 in my lap, how many looters would have wanted to confront me and my "little friend"?

More assault weapons in the hands of private citizens is the last thing we need! It is so unfortunate that a good cause has set gun control back to the point where true reform is now a pipe dream.

Nick Holman, Loretto

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Those donations are needed but point to the larger problem

UnitedHealth Group has donated \$10 million to help rebuild Lake Street ("UnitedHealth gives \$10M to Floyd family, rebuilding," June 2). Good. This money is sorely needed. But let's put this in perspective. In 2019, David Wichmann, UnitedHealth's CEO, received total compensation of more than \$52 million, according to an April article in the Star Tribune. This is not to personally disparage Wichmann or any of UnitedHealth's employees. They are merely doing their job, which is to make as much money as possible for UnitedHealth.

However, the fact that the leader of a company whose primary function is to filter the relationship between health care providers and health care recipients can earn compensation that strikes many as obscene is closely related to the anger and sense of grievance rending our country.

Connect the dots. An economic system that over the past few decades has been exquisitely designed to push the proceeds of productivity to the few while leaving most people in idle, or even moving backward, nourishes the forces that explode into riots.

Marty Koessel, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Best Buy's Corie Barry on the aftermath of George Floyd's killing: 'We will do better'

ARTICLE CCXLI. [**BEST BUY'S CORIE BARRY ON THE AFTERMATH OF GEORGE FLOYD'S KILLING: 'WE WILL DO BETTER'**](#)

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As protests have spread nationwide after the death of ***George Floyd*** while in Minneapolis Police custody, Best Buy Co. Inc. CEO Corie Barry on Wednesday said she's committing the company to assist in systemic, permanent change in as many ways it can find.

"I don't have the answers, but I am no longer OK with not asking the question: If everything were on the table, what could Best Buy do?" Barry said in an email sent to customers on Wednesday. "With that in mind, I am appointing a diverse group (by demography and level in the company) to challenge one another and, ultimately, our senior leadership team and Board of Directors, with substantive, enduring ways we can address the inequities and injustices to which all of us bear witness every day."

Barry said she believes this is one of the toughest times in our country's history, as the pandemic and resulting economic havoc combine with the raging confrontation over long-term effects of racial injustice.

Best Buy's Corie Barry on the aftermath of George Floyd's killing: 'We will do better'

"Watching tens of thousands take to the streets to speak out against fear and inhumanity is, on one hand, inspiring for the commitment it represents and, on the other, heartbreaking for its profound need," Barry said. "But what's next? What do we do to change the cycle in which black men or women, with tragic frequency, are harmed by those who are supposed to protect them? Or the gut-wrenching truth that to be a person of color in America is often to not feel fully safe, seen or heard?"

"For me, it starts with seeing the situation for what it is, acknowledging these experiences for what they are and, quite simply, apologizing for not doing enough. As important, it includes committing the company I lead down a path of systemic, permanent change in as many ways as we can find."

Best Buy plans to create more than 100 additional [Teen Tech Centers](#), places where teens from disinvested communities are exposed to and trained on a range of technology that helps them find success in college or the job market.

Best Buy is also continuing to provide computers and internet access to hundreds of thousands of youth so they can learn from home to help reduce the digital divide and opportunity gap.

Barry said some stores across the country remain closed to protect employee safety, and any affected employee will be paid for their time.

"Neighborhoods across America have felt the heat of flames lit by those who would do only harm, and still others have felt the fear that comes from not knowing where that harm may go next. But those fires will be extinguished, and the damage will be repaired," Barry said. "What remains, however, are the indelible images of [George Floyd](#) and the many who came before him. It is in their name that we embrace the fight for equality and justice as a common cause, one we all fight - and solve - together."

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Twin Cities blood donations dangerously low. Here's why and how to help.

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Donation centers are asking individuals who are healthy and feeling well to consider donating blood. With hospitals beginning to offer elective surgeries again that were stalled because of the pandemic, all blood type donations are needed.

Due to the pandemic, less people are donating blood than usual, even more so due to the current protests, said American Red Cross spokeswoman Susan Thesenga.

Memorial Blood Centers were just beginning to offer blood drives again, but were forced to cancel due to civil unrest and protesting, said Wendy Capetz, a spokeswoman for Memorial Blood Centers.

"We're starting to see our blood supply reach a critical level so we need to reverse that now going into the summer so we don't have an additional health crisis," Thesenga said.

At a media briefing Monday afternoon, state health officials also emphasized the need for blood donations and encouraged healthy individuals to donate if they are able.

Having a stable blood supply is essential, Capetz said. Blood donations are needed for surgeries, cancer patients, childbirth and more.

Normally, Memorial Blood Centers have a seven-day blood supply, Capetz said. Right now there is less than a three-day supply.

Twin Cities blood donations dangerously low. Here's why and how to help.

Both the American Red Cross and Memorial Blood Centers are taking extra precautions concerning the pandemic, including offering appointment scheduling, requiring face masks and taking each donor's temperature.

Additionally, both the American Red Cross and Memorial Blood Centers are collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma from recovered patients to help those who are currently fighting the virus develop antibodies.

WHERE CAN BLOOD BE DONATED IN THE TWIN CITIES? The American Red Cross has five metro locations located in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Bloomington, Arden Hills and St. Cloud. The American Red Cross blood donor mobile app can also connect residents to blood drives near them. For information, go to their website: www.redcross.org. Memorial Blood Centers has six metro locations located in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Eden Prairie, Bloomington, Plymouth and Coon Rapids. For information, go to their website: www.mbc.org. [Coronavirus Wednesday update: 19 more Minnesota deaths and 352 new cases](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Ramsey County sheriff's office helps organize food drive for Somali community](#) ['Like the first day of school': Fitness centers across Minnesota prepare to reopen](#) [What you need to know as Minnesota opens more businesses amid coronavirus](#)

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Deluge of giving engulfs anguish

ARTICLE CCXLIII. **DELUGE OF GIVING ENGULFS ANGUISH**

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As the world sees images of soldiers and armored vehicles patrolling Minneapolis streets, an even larger army is quietly gathering strength. Their mission: to put out financial and emotional fires still smoldering after last week's violent protests.

Lines of vehicles stretched 14 blocks after Sanford Middle School requested 85 bags of food to help families after local stores were looted and burned. They wound up with 20,000 bags of bread, fruit and more.

All My Relations Arts on Franklin Avenue has been transformed from a gallery into a food pantry that the Native American Community Development Institute plans to operate until at least October.

A refrigerated truck carrying 18 tons of fresh produce rolled into a Cub Foods parking lot Tuesday, a gift from the Zakat Foundation, a Muslim charity based in Chicago.

The sheer scope of support, pouring in from Minnesota and the nation, has surprised and relieved exhausted Minneapolis communities.

"These people are coming out of nowhere," said Mark Graves, director of the Southside Village Boys & Girls Club, watching a group of young men who spontaneously offered to unload groceries from a Richfield food drive Tuesday.

"I haven't seen anything like this in the 40 years I've lived in south Minneapolis," Graves said. "This is the positive stuff that people around the country need to see. In a time you want to give up hope, this is the stuff that makes you not want to give up hope."

Hope is coming in ways big and small to Minneapolis neighborhoods, reeling from the torching and looting that erupted after the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police on May 25. Individuals show up with brooms. Neighbors form night watch committees. Suburban gyms collect diaper donations. Nonprofits orchestrate volunteers to scrub graffiti.

Top priority is food

Deluge of giving engulfs anguish

The Southside Boys and Girls Club, like so many organizations, has morphed into an emergency support center during this crisis that has left a community with no major grocery stores, limited transportation and unemployment reaching new heights as more than 150 businesses were damaged or destroyed.

Their gymnasium became a food distribution center this week because the Boys and Girls Club in the Little Earth community ran out of space from the flood of donations, Graves said.

The Little Earth community center, packed with cereal, soup and diapers, served 1,000 Little Earth residents as well as 7,500 people from the nearby neighborhoods - turning away donations for the first time ever, said Millie Hernandez, Little Earth Youth Development Center director.

People picking up bags of groceries said they were desperate with neighborhood grocery stores destroyed.

"I am so thankful," said Robin Keaton, 64, as she looked over the bags.

Chris Foreman, 47, of Apple Valley, brought his two teenage daughters to sort and organize donations. The Army Ranger served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said troops would never do to captured Taliban what Minneapolis police did to George Floyd.

"I needed to come out here to help the community and I think that's what all Minnesota should do," he said. "There is Minnesota goodness out there, but that label [Minnesota Nice] papers over ... the inequities."

A mile away, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Jackson Odenbach, 17, and five of his co-workers from an insurance company near La Crosse, Wis., arrived Tuesday after driving nearly three hours to volunteer. He stood at a table piled high with tortillas and trail mix.

Earlier in the day, Odenbach had seen a woman waiting for about half an hour. He held up a package of baby formula and asked if she needed it.

"She just started crying," he said.

All My Relations Arts gallery was emptied last week in case the riots came to its Ventura Village neighborhood. The space quickly became a storage site for thousands of donations, from fire extinguishers to diapers to canned goods. Distribution began Tuesday morning.

"This is a food desert now," said Angel Swann, donation coordinator.

Swann grew up in the area and said she's never seen the community come together so quickly before. Volunteers have driven from reservations across Minnesota to sort the items, she said.

"There's a place for everyone to do something now," she said.

The power of one

Valerie Quintana is among thousands of Minnesotans who have created do-it-yourself volunteer projects. Last week she gathered a few friends to clean up the shattered glass outside the Target and Cub Foods stores attacked by looters arsonists during last week's violence.

She posted on Facebook that she was looking for help. The next day, 400 volunteers answered - and they are still coming.

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"This has grown really big, really quick," Quintana told a crowd of strangers holding brooms and dust pans at Phelps Field Park on Monday, the fourth day she's organized cleanups.

Quintana started the cleanup effort as a tour guide to tragedy, guiding volunteers to the intersection where Floyd's life was ended. She wanted to show the mostly white volunteers who might not typically venture to this neighborhood that it is safe.

"The broom is a symbol," she said. "It's a symbol of hope, it's a symbol of action."

In north Minneapolis, Sanctuary Covenant Church is another symbol of hope and a destination for those wanting to pitch in. On Tuesday, Ashley Adkison drove an hour from New Richmond, Wis., to drop off two carloads of supplies she gathered from her community and police department after seeing a Facebook post seeking help.

"When you see something as heartbreaking as this, the only option is to help," said Adkison, a bakery owner.

The church had planned to start a daily barbecue to offer meals to residents, but when strangers such as Adkison started pulling up with groceries, it transformed into a broader effort that now serves about 1,000 people a day across the street from a now-shuttered Cub Foods store.

"People have come from literally every part of the cities," said Pastor Edrin Williams, as church volunteers directed traffic. "The response to help is incredible, but the need is also incredible."

The business community, in particular, has felt that painful need. More than 46,000 Minnesotans responded, donating more than \$3.8 million to date to the Lake Street Council to distribute to business owners whose livelihoods were damaged or destroyed.

While grateful for the support, and uplifted by it, the aid cannot meet the financial needs caused by the devastation, neighbors said. Even as donations pour in, they do so on streets that still have the faint smell of smoke and where rubble is still piled high on the sites of former businesses.

Neighbors hope Minnesotans don't forget them after the current crisis has passed.

Said Graves: "There are so many needs."

Reporters Mara Klecker, Erin Adler and Katy Read contributed to this story.

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Kendricks prods NFL to do more

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Highlight: Vikings LB criticizes commissioner's statement on [George Floyd](#)'s death.

Body

Through his leadership role on the Vikings' social justice committee, his partnership with the Sheridan Story to fight childhood hunger and his recent efforts to help those affected by COVID-19 through sales of his artwork, linebacker Eric Kendricks has worked for several years to address systemic inequalities he's encountered.

With a series of social media posts Tuesday morning, he called on the NFL to do the same.

Kendricks took to Twitter, asking the NFL to show its work on social justice issues, after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell issued a statement Friday addressing the May 25 death of [George Floyd](#) while restrained by Minneapolis police officers.

Goodell's statement expressed condolences to Floyd's family, adding the reaction of protesters in Minneapolis and around the country "reflect the pain, anger and frustration that so many of us feel." On Tuesday morning, Kendricks joined the chorus of players criticizing the statement, which referred to the league's "ongoing efforts" to address "systematic issues." Kendrick asked the NFL to go beyond words.

"@NFL what actual steps are you taking to support the fight for justice and system reform? Your statement said nothing," Kendricks wrote in a Twitter thread later shared by teammate Anthony Barr. "Your league is built on black athletes. Vague answers do nothing. Let the players know what you're ACTUALLY doing. And we know what silence means."

Kendricks then said the Vikings have "opened a dialogue with players and we're all working toward solutions with the team," before asking for suggestions from Twin Cities residents about ways the team can support the city.

"Our team doesn't just want to donate - we want to work with local organizations and get out there to help facilitate change," he wrote. "But we want answers at the league level. That's where change can happen, and we've seen none. Because right now, it seems like nothing. And nothing is unacceptable. You can't bring in people to teach us how we should interact with police but not work towards changing the behavior

Kendricks prods NFL to do more

of the police themselves. Silence will not make this go away. @NFL #WeWantAnswers #BlackLivesMatter."

Goodell and the NFL have been taken to task in recent years for their handling of race issues, including players such as Colin Kaepernick protesting police brutality by kneeling during the national anthem and a lack of diversity in the league's coaching ranks.

The Vikings released a statement last Wednesday afternoon offering condolences to Floyd's family, and coach Mike Zimmer released a statement through the team Tuesday, supporting "peaceful protests." The Vikings also retweeted Kendrick and Barr's messages about players opening a dialogue with the team and soliciting suggestions for ways to support the Twin Cities.

After President Donald Trump said in September 2017 that NFL players who kneel during the national anthem to protest police brutality should be removed from the league, Vikings owners Zygi and Mark Wilf linked arms with players on the team's sideline before a home game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They later committed \$250,000 of their own money to a social justice fund that players could use at their own discretion. Kendrick and Barr assumed leadership roles on the team's new social justice committee in 2018.

The team announced in January its social justice committee approved a \$35,000 grant for All Square, a south Minneapolis grilled-cheese shop that provides jobs to those returning from prison to society.

The committee also has organized visits to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center to talk to teenagers there. Kendrick shared stories of his father's struggles with drug addiction and how his mother, Yvonne Thagon, kept their family together during that time.

"I just told them, 'Hey, if you guys ever feel like giving up, use me as an example.' " he said in Dec. 2018. "The skills we learn, the things we do, we learn from somebody. These kids are good kids; they just happened to be in the wrong situation."

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Our heartless leader

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Nearly everything about President Donald Trump's response to protests sweeping the nation is wrong.

His approach and tone have been divisive, mean-spirited and blatantly partisan. At a time when America desperately needs measured, unifying and healing leadership, this president instead fuels the flames.

Trump initially said little about the death of **George Floyd** while in Minneapolis police custody a week ago. Instead, he responded to Floyd's death and resulting protests with a series of polarizing tweets.

Then during a brief address in the Rose Garden on Monday, Trump told reporters that he is an "ally" of peaceful protests even as a peaceful demonstration was being broken up by law enforcement a few yards away. Demonstrators were forcibly pushed out of a park across the street from the White House before the 7 p.m. curfew. Trump went on to declare himself the "law and order" president and vowed to "dominate" the streets with military force.

After Trump spoke, it became clear why the park had been cleared. Without taking questions from reporters, the president strolled across that park for a surprise visit to the historic St. John's Church, which was boarded up because of damage caused by rioters. In front of the church, he stood awkwardly with a Bible in his hand for a quick photo op, then walked back to the White House. He made no reference to Floyd, the church or the peaceful protesters police had just cleared away.

Faith leaders and some lawmakers quickly denounced the appearance as a political stunt in which Trump used the Bible as a prop. The Rev. Mariann Budde, formerly of Minneapolis, who is now bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C., said she was "outraged" by Trump's visit, adding that it "did not serve the spiritual aspirations or the needed moral leadership It did not address the grievous wounds that we are dealing with and the agony of our country."

The rioting that has left Minneapolis, St. Paul and other American cities damaged and on edge must not be condoned. Yet at times like these, presidents who've come before Trump have found effective ways to bring people together. What the nation doesn't need is a tone-deaf strongman who shows little regard for the underlying issues that have made **George Floyd**'s death a flash point.

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Rosedale Center reopens, Mall of America still closed following riots

ARTICLE CCXLVI. **[ROSEDALE CENTER REOPENS, MALL OF AMERICA STILL CLOSED FOLLOWING RIOTS](#)**

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[Hundreds of metro businesses were damaged](#) during several days of sometimes violent unrest that followed the May 25 death of **[George Floyd](#)** in Minneapolis police custody.

The damage caused many stores and shopping centers either to *[temporarily close or postpone reopening](#)* after a long .

Maplewood Mall had been open for one week before shutting down again Thursday through Sunday as a precautionary measure. It reopened with limited hours Monday.

The Mall of America was scheduled to reopen stores Monday after closing March 17. But amid the property damage and looting in the Twin Cities, the mall postponed reopening "out of an abundance of caution."

The mall said it would "announce a new reopening date in the coming days." Curbside pickup also is suspended until further notice.

Several CVS locations in the metro remain closed, including stores in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Maplewood and Brooklyn Center. Various Walgreens stores in St. Paul, Minneapolis and one in Bloomington remain closed until further notice, as well.

As of Saturday, Target had temporarily closed 71 stores statewide after looters overtook Minneapolis locations. Most stores have reopened, but the Uptown and East Lake Street locations in Minneapolis remain closed.

The Target on Lake Street took extensive damage and must be rebuilt. The Uptown store could reopen before the end of the year.

Rosedale Center reopens, Mall of America still closed following riots

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Tim Walz visits site of George Floyd's death, lays flowers, apologizes to CNN reporter Omar Jimenez for arrest

ARTICLE CCXLVII. [**TIM WALZ VISITS SITE OF GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH, LAYS FLOWERS, APOLOGIZES TO CNN REPORTER OMAR JIMENEZ FOR ARREST**](#)

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Body

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz on Wednesday morning visited the Minneapolis site where ***George Floyd*** died while being arrested last week.

In a visit that was not announced to the media - and apparently not intended to be seen publicly - Walz laid flowers at the memorial, he said later.

Dressed in casual clothes with a University of Minnesota hat pulled over his face, he ended up encountering CNN reporter Omar Jimenez, the same reporter whose [arrest on live TV](#) embarrassed Walz and the State Patrol before the nation.

Walz granted Jimenez a brief interview in which he apologized and explained why he felt the need to personally see the scene near East 38th Street and Chicago Avenue South, which has become a sort of sacred ground for the swells of protests and mourning that have sprung from Floyd's killing in the custody of Minneapolis police.

"It's very personal," Walz said in the [interview broadcast on CNN](#). "We wanted to try to get down here early, I'll just say that, because I very much worry about white politicians appropriating black pain, and that's certainly not it. ... I have to personally and viscerally feel this. It's unfortunate I've become friends with mothers only because their sons were killed."

Walz has already apologized publicly and personally to CNN leaders for the arrest of Jimenez and his crew last week, but Wednesday's encounter appears to be the first time the two have met.

"Thank you for the professionalism, thank you for understanding and I'm deeply sorry," Walz said. "And you know that we've made other mistakes on this as far as making sure that you have access, but protocols and everything else, we're learning, have to change because we have to create the space for you to tell the story."

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ARTICLE CCXLVIII. **[BIDEN MOVES CLOSER TO FORMALLY WINNING DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION](#)**

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Highlight: Joe Biden is on the cusp of formally securing the Democratic presidential nomination after winning hundreds more delegates in primary contests Tuesday that tested the nation's ability to run elections while balancing a pandemic and sweeping social unrest.

Body

By STEVE PEOPLES

Joe Biden is on the cusp of formally securing the Democratic presidential nomination after winning hundreds more delegates in primary contests Tuesday that tested the nation's ability to run elections while balancing a pandemic and sweeping social unrest.

Biden could lock down the nomination within the next week as West Virginia and Georgia hold primaries.

On Tuesday, voters across America were forced to navigate curfews, health concerns and National Guard troops - waiting in line hours after polls closed in some cases - after election officials dramatically reduced the number of in-person voting sites to minimize the spread of the coronavirus outbreak.

Biden and President Donald Trump easily swept their respective primary contests that ranged from Maryland to Montana and featured the night's biggest prize: Pennsylvania. The two men are certain to face each other on the presidential ballot in November, yet party rules require them first to accumulate a majority of delegates in the monthslong state-by-state primary season.

Trump secured the Republican presidential nomination in March.

Pennsylvania, which offered Tuesday's largest trove of delegates, also represented a significant test case for Republicans and Democrats working to strengthen their operations in a premier general election battleground.

Biden moves closer to formally winning Democratic nomination

Voters were forced to brave long lines in "militarized zones" because officials consolidated the vast majority of polling places in Philadelphia to minimize health risks, according to Erin Kramer, executive director of One Pennsylvania. She noted that some polling places in African American communities are in police stations.

"Having to stand in line while police officers are entering and exiting the building on police business is not exactly how people want to spend their election day," Kramer said.

Biden was in Philadelphia earlier Tuesday to deliver remarks about the civil unrest that has erupted across the nation after the police killing of *George Floyd*. He didn't talk about the primary, instead focusing his attention on Trump, whom Biden blasted as "more interested in power than in principle."

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders is not actively campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, having suspended his operation and endorsed Biden, but his name appeared on the ballots. On the eve of Tuesday's primaries, senior adviser Jeff Weaver encouraged progressives to vote for Sanders anyway to help maximize his influence in the direction of the Democratic Party.

The comments served as a reminder that Biden may have no legitimate Democratic rivals remaining, but he must still win over skeptical activists from his party's far-left flank, who worry he's too close to the political establishment.

Party unity was an afterthought this week, however, as more immediate health and safety concerns dominated the national conversation. The coronavirus death toll has surged past 100,000 nationwide, and thousands of new cases are reported each day.

At the same time, several major cities, particularly Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia among those voting Tuesday, struggled to contain protests and related looting that led to thousands of arrests.

Some voters said Trump's increasingly tough tone toward protesters inspired them to participate in the democratic process. Nicholas Autiello, who works in finance in Rhode Island, said he was disturbed by police driving back peaceful demonstrators near the White House on Monday.

"Last night, we have a president who is acting like a dictator," Autiello said. "So being able to come out here this morning and fill in a circle next to a name for someone who I know will restore honor and decency to the presidency was so important."

Political groups have had to adjust as some states move to a system that relies largely on voting by mail. They include Montana, where all 56 counties decided to vote entirely by mail, despite Trump's repeated warning against it. Voting rights watchdogs in multiple states on Tuesday expressed concerns about access to mail ballots, confusion about deadlines and a shortage of poll workers that led to long lines.

"We are in unique times, and voting is a unique challenge for people," said Josh Schwerin, chief strategist for the pro-Democrat super PAC Priorities USA. He said that his organization and others would be watching closely on Tuesday "to see how well it works, where issues are and where obstacles have been put in place."

Those voting Tuesday included the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and South Dakota. Two other states holding primary elections on Tuesday, Idaho and Iowa, chose their presidential nominee early in the year.

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In Iowa, Republican Rep. Steve King, known nationally for controversial remarks, lost his bid to be nominated for a 10th term to state Sen. Randy Feenstra. House Republicans stripped King of his committee assignments in 2019 after comments that seemed to defend white nationalism, providing fuel for Feenstra's argument that King was no longer an effective representative for the 4th District.

In a New Mexico race for an open House seat, ex-CIA operative Valerie Plame lost the Democratic primary to attorney Teresa Leger Fernandez, a professional advocate for Native American communities and voting rights issues. A first-time candidate for public office, Plame harnessed her fame as the operative whose secret identity was exposed shortly after her diplomat husband disputed U.S. intelligence used to justify the 2003 Iraq invasion.

Associated Press writer Rodrique Ngowi in Providence, R.I., and Terry Spencer in West Palm Beach, Fla., contributed to this report.

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Construction starts plummet in April

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FINANCE & COMMERCE

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Struggling to regain its footing amid the COVID-19-induced economic downturn, Twin Cities construction activity is falling further behind last year's pace after an especially slow month of building in April.

In April, the 13-county metro area saw \$326.46 million worth of construction starts, down 56% from April 2019, according to a new report from Dodge Data & Analytics. Nonresidential starts, \$61.9 million, are down 84%, and homebuilding, \$264.5 million, is off 25%.

For the year through April, overall construction starts, \$1.63 billion, are down 36%. That includes \$513 million worth of nonresidential construction, down 52%, and \$1.1 billion in the residential sector, down 24%.

Residential includes both single-family and multifamily construction. Nonresidential covers offices, retail, hotels, warehouses, manufacturing, education, religious, recreational and other sectors.

Tim Worke, CEO of the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, said he's surprised at the level of the April downturn.

"While everyone anticipated a pretty sharp reduction or downturn in the construction market during the quarter, I anticipated the bigger impacts would play out in the third and fourth quarter," Worke said in an email. "This is because I think members are reporting owners are deferring or canceling projects that may have been planned for later in the year or next year."

Worke noted that architectural billings are also off dramatically, which would "portend an impact on future work in the pipeline. The Dodge numbers show a more immediate impact of COVID in the construction market as the safer-at-home orders did not take effect until mid-late March."

Folks still believe that multifamily housing has "strong market underpinnings and that this downturn will see a correction as COVID fades, the economy rebounds and construction starts to resume," Worke said.

Worke added that the Dodge numbers don't reflect the highway market, which has "remained relatively unaffected and has opened the season strong."

Construction starts plummet in April

The Dodge numbers, which predate the civil unrest sparked by the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police, are the latest in a string of grim economic reports for the local building industry.

In April, demand for U.S. design services saw its “steepest decline on record,” according to the American Institute of Architects. AIA’s Architecture Billings Index, a barometer of future construction starts, fell to 29.5 in April. Any reading below 50 indicates a decrease in billings.

In May, single-family homebuilding permits were down 25% year-over-year and planned multifamily units were off 57%, according to the Keystone Report, which tracks homebuilding permits in the 13-county area. The combined value, \$163.3 million, is down 32%.

Also in May, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis released a survey that shows widespread project cancellations. More than 500 local construction firms responded to the survey. Roughly 70% reported at least one project canceled and a third reported “moderate or significant numbers of projects canceled,” according to the Minneapolis Fed.

The sluggish Twin Cities activity is part of a national trend.

From March to April, when construction activity typically picks up, construction employment declined in nine out of 10 metro areas across the country, the Associated General Contractors of America said Wednesday.

“[Wednesday’s] employment report shows how few areas were left unscathed by April’s unprecedented job losses,” Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist, said in a statement.

Simonson cited a recent AGC survey, which shows that project cancellations “are escalating, making further job losses inevitable unless there is funding for widespread new projects.”

Worke called for more state and federal investment, including a stimulus package, to help “rebuild the economy and engage economic activity and opportunity.”

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Contact tracing concerns raised

ARTICLE CCL. [**CONTACT TRACING CONCERNS RAISED**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 1197 words**Byline:** JEREMY OLSON; GLENN HOWATT; STAFF WRITERS, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Tracking those exposed to virus could get tougher following civil unrest.**Body**

Minnesota has gone all-in on contact tracing - mobilizing more than 400 interviewers and investigators to find people at risk for COVID-19 and prevent them from spreading the infectious disease.

But a new report questions that strategy against the coronavirus causing this pandemic. And those concerns were raised irrespective of the mass protests over the death of *George Floyd*, which could produce a new wave of COVID-19 cases that would be tough to trace.

"We've almost seen a mind-set that if a little contact tracing is good, a lot more must be better. ... We're saying, 'No that's not true,' " Michael Osterholm, executive director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), said on Tuesday.

CIDRAP's report stated that contact tracing is valuable against viruses that infect a small percentage of a community, and cause clear symptoms, but that COVID-19 is widespread and involves a coronavirus that many people carry without symptoms.

The report recommends continued study to see if contact tracing works in the U.S. rather than assuming that it will work as well as it did in Asian countries with strict government testing mandates and quarantines.

Testing boosts tracing

The Minnesota Department of Health on Tuesday reported 25,508 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,072 deaths, but health officials suspect that as much as 5% of the state's population has been infected. That would be 280,000 people.

Contact tracing usually occurs after people have been diagnosed through testing, and identifies anyone they have been close to who might have been infected. Those at-risk contacts are then asked to quarantine themselves until their infection status is clear.

The CIDRAP report raises valid concerns, though state infectious disease director Kris Ehresmann said that contact tracing isn't expected to identify all cases and stop the virus' spread completely.

Contact tracing concerns raised

"We can't say that case investigations or contact tracing can eliminate transmission," she said. "We're really trying to mitigate as best we can."

Contact tracing helped contain a measles outbreak in 2017 that was centered around Somali-Americans and child-care facilities. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic this winter, Minnesota officials viewed it as part of a containment strategy to keep the virus from spreading out of control, and discussed how it could reach a point at which it would no longer be effective.

As the search for treatments and a vaccine continues, though, Ehresmann said contact tracing remains useful.

"It's the tool that is available," she said.

It could be working, too.

An increase in diagnostic testing over the past month has allowed for more contact tracing, and in the past week the growth in COVID-19 cases in Minnesota has ebbed. The 310 lab-confirmed cases on Tuesday was the lowest daily case count in the COVID-19 pandemic since April 27.

Hospitalization numbers have plateaued for now as well - at 537 COVID-19 patients admitted and 248 needing intensive care statewide. Those numbers had been rising so fast two weeks ago that hospitals in the Twin Cities were nearing capacity and diverting patients.

Ehresmann said her staff is keeping up with the goals of reaching out to people within 24 hours of positive tests, and having tracers conduct at least eight interviews per day. There is no way to know if that is reducing the number of COVID-19 cases, though.

As of May 24, 36% of people infected with COVID-19 in their communities had no known sources of exposure - preventing health officials from identifying others at risk.

Getting people to pick up their phones is one limitation, though Ehresmann said most comply with quarantine requests once they are determined to be at risk.

Adequate information is another limiting factor. About 10,000 free tests at National Guard armories over the Memorial Day weekend found 405 COVID-19 cases.

To keep up with higher-than-expected demand, the testers accepted forms from people without complete contact information. That has hindered contact tracing.

Reaching vulnerable groups

Ehresmann said it is premature to assume Minnesota has peaked in its COVID-19 cases - given the potential of the protests to spread the virus.

At a rally Monday night at the spot where Floyd died last week, about a third of the 1,000 attendees weren't wearing masks.

The state on Tuesday advised doctors to test protesters, first responders and volunteers who cleaned up after the riots - regardless of whether they had symptoms of infection.

Contact tracing concerns raised

Ehresmann said the state is looking to improve contact tracing in vulnerable populations, including in minority and immigrant communities that have been hesitant to participate. The state has offered a \$1.5 million contract to firms that can increase minority participation in COVID-19 testing and contact tracing this year.

Minorities have suffered higher rates of severe COVID-19, in part because they have more chronic health problems that complicate their infections. Black people make up less than 7% of the state's population but more than 20% of its COVID-19 hospitalizations.

One concern with the focus on contact tracing is the distraction from other public health problems that haven't gone away amid the pandemic.

Minnesota's contact tracing team includes workers from other state health divisions who were reassigned, as well as volunteers and workers provided by health insurers - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Medica.

Retasking foodborne disease investigators was easier with restaurants shut down, but they are starting to reopen, Ehresmann said.

Osterholm said that is a key problem if states commit too many people to contact tracing for COVID-19, without proof that it helps, and then neglect proven services.

The rate of childhood immunizations has dipped, for example, Osterholm said.

"I know that's a very bad thing," he said.

The state is seeking to outsource the case investigation and contact tracing work, in part to allow health workers to return to such tasks. It is seeking bids from firms that can manage up to 1,400 workers.

The state also hired Rose International, a St. Louis-based staffing firm, to hire about 40 contact investigators with specialized skills, including medical backgrounds and proficiency in foreign languages. The contract, which can pay out up to \$3 million, runs until July 1.

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

25,508 -- Total cases

310 -- June 2 new cases

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

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Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,072 -- Total deaths

22 -- June 2

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

U.S. cases, new daily

1,820,658 -- Total cases

21,894 -- June 1

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

U.S. deaths, new daily

105,121 -- Total deaths

740 -- June 1

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Coronavirus update: 14 new MN deaths, 372 additional cases

ARTICLE CCLI. [**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: 14 NEW MN DEATHS, 372 ADDITIONAL CASES**](#)

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Length: 441 words**Byline:** Betsy Helfand**Highlight:** The total number of Minnesotans to have died from the coronavirus hit 1,086 on Wednesday, an increase of 14 from the day before, according to the state Department of Health. An additional 372 infections were also reported, raising the number of confirmed cases in the state to 25,870. The actual number of cases in Minnesota [...]**Body**

The total number of Minnesotans to have died from the coronavirus hit 1,086 on Wednesday, an increase of 14 from the day before, according to the state Department of Health.

An additional 372 infections were also reported, raising the number of confirmed cases in the state to 25,870. The actual number of cases in Minnesota - and around the country - are believed to be much higher than actually reported because testing ability is still improving from months ago.

The data report shows an additional 6,971 tests were completed on Tuesday after reporting 3,155 a day before. Testing numbers had been trending higher than 8,000, but had dropped in recent days as the Twin Cities area dealt with the unrest following *George Floyd's* death while in Minneapolis police custody last week and the ensuing civil unrest. The MDH Public Health Lab was closed for testing from May 30 to June 1 as a result.

CURRENT PATIENTS The state reports 537 patients with COVID-19 in hospitals around Minnesota, the same number as a day before. Of those patients 254 are in intensive care units, a slight increase from 248 on Tuesday. A total of 21,169 patients that have recovered enough to no longer need isolation. That is an increase from the 20,381 on Tuesday. **WHO IS SICK?** The age group with the most confirmed infections remains 30-to-39-year-olds with 5,181 cases. The age group with the most confirmed deaths in Minnesota is 80-to-89-year-olds with 374 deaths. The number of health care workers in the state infected by COVID-19 is 2,802. **HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE STUDY COMPLETED**

University of Minnesota researchers found that hydroxychloroquine, an anti-malaria drug, did not prevent COVID-19 any more so than a placebo. The trial, which was completed with patients who had been exposed to COVID-19, began on March 17 and participants were watched for two weeks.

Coronavirus update: 14 new MN deaths, 372 additional cases

According to a news release, researchers found that about 12 percent of participants given the drug developed the illness while 14 percent given the placebo got sick. Researchers say this is not a statistical difference. Results also show that 40 percent of those who took the drug came down with other non-serious side effects, including nausea, diarrhea or upset stomach. They did not find serious side effects.

"Our objective was to answer the question of whether hydroxychloroquine worked to prevent disease or did not work," David Boulware, the senior investigator of the trial and infectious disease physician at the U, said in a release. "While we are disappointed that this did not prevent COVID-19, we are pleased that we were able to provide a conclusive answer. Our objective was to find an answer."

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County tallies toll at libraries, other sites

ARTICLE CCLII. [COUNTY TALLIES TOLL AT LIBRARIES, OTHER SITES](#)

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Body

Nine artisan-etched windows at the Cesar Pelli-designed Central Library in downtown Minneapolis rank among the damage done to Hennepin County properties in last week's riots, the County Board learned at a meeting Tuesday.

Margo Geffen, director of property services for the county, projected grim images of the destruction inflicted on buildings in the county's urban core, including extensive vandalism to structures on E. Lake Street in south Minneapolis and W. Broadway on the North Side that provide health services.

Hennepin County is working with insurance adjusters but doesn't yet have a damage estimate for the buildings or a timeline for reopening, Geffen said. The damaged windows at the Central Library likely will be replaced with plain glass until etched ones can be installed.

Among the buildings extensively damaged was Hennepin County Library's East Lake branch in south Minneapolis, near the heavily damaged Third Police Precinct and a little more than 2 miles from the corner where police officers fatally pinned [George Floyd](#) to the street last week.

Geffen displayed two photos showing that locals had posted cardboard over the library's broken windows and written, "Respect this community-owned library."

Other damaged buildings provide an array of services to residents and are relatively new as part of the county's recent move to decentralize outside downtown Minneapolis.

At the county's South Minneapolis Regional Service Center, at Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue, every window was broken and the building was flooded with water from fire sprinklers.

On the service center's ground floor, two private businesses - Briva Health and Seward Pharmacy - were hit. County Administrator David Hough said it's going to be "very hard" for the businesses to rebuild.

"We'll do everything we can to help," he said.

County tallies toll at libraries, other sites

The North Minneapolis Human Services and Public Health Satellite, at 627 W. Broadway, saw significant damage. The county leases space for the satellite office above a Walgreens at Lyndale Avenue and West Broadway.

Most of the looting and destruction occurred Wednesday and Thursday. Since then county officials have worked to shore up and protect existing structures.

Geffen said the county has boarded up 20 buildings on commercial corridors and installed fencing and barricades at other major facilities, including the 24-story Government Center, the Medical Examiner's Office and HCMC in downtown Minneapolis. Those facilities also are now protected by armed guards.

During the board meeting, Commissioner Angela Conley asked Sheriff David Hutchinson about protesters, including Conley herself, being "shot at" outside Cup Foods while mourning Floyd. Hutchinson told her it's difficult to pick out the peaceful protesters from the dangerous agitators.

Afterward, Conley criticized the sheriff on social media for offering an "unwanted apology" but "no substantial answers." She said she wanted to know how he will tell the difference between peaceful protesters and bad actors after the curfew, but got no answer.

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Donaldson CEO sees optimism after 11.7% drop in Q3 revenue

ARTICLE CCLIII. [**DONALDSON CEO SEES OPTIMISM AFTER 11.7% DROP IN Q3 REVENUE**](#)

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Highlight: Asia-Pacific region is recovering, he said, and signs point to more stability.

Body

Donaldson Co. CEO Tod Carpenter said the Bloomington industrial-filtration company is in good shape financially despite a global downturn because of COVID-19.

Carpenter said in an earnings call Tuesday that the Asia-Pacific economy, led by China, is now in recovery mode, and Europe is beginning to stabilize.

The company said revenue for its quarter ended April 30 was down 11.7% to \$629.7 million. Third-quarter net earnings were \$63.4 million, or 50 cents a share, down about 15% from the same period a year ago.

Donaldson's sales started to improve in April, and Carpenter said results were slightly better than anticipated.

"We are well-positioned to deal with continued unevenness, which will likely extend beyond the end of our fiscal year in July," Carpenter said in the company's earnings statement. "We have further enhanced our already-strong liquidity position, and we will maintain our historically disciplined

approach to capital deployment, giving us necessary flexibility to respond to demand changes while continuing to prioritize investments in long-term capabilities."

Despite the positive signs globally, uncertainty remains, so the company is withholding guidance for the remainder of the fiscal year and also for fiscal 2021.

Europe, despite stabilizing, is still in various stages of reopening, Carpenter said in the earnings call. North and South American markets remain challenging with varying degrees of government-mandated economic lockdowns still in effect.

Donaldson's strategy is to support different regions of the world with manufacturing locations in more than 40 countries. That has given the company broad geographic diversity in responding to the global coronavirus

Donaldson CEO sees optimism after 11.7% drop in Q3 revenue

pandemic and the ability to adjust production to local health, business and government conditions, company officials said.

Carpenter concluded the earnings call by addressing the events in the Twin Cities last week, offering condolences to the family of ***George Floyd***, who died in Minneapolis police custody, and pledging that Donaldson is committed to sustainable change and is united with its local communities and the nation to stop cycles of discrimination.

Donaldson shares closed Tuesday at \$49.04, up 2.3%. Year-to-date Donaldson share are down 14%.

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Fighting to resurrect: Black-owned salon burned to the ground

ARTICLE CCLIV. [**FIGHTING TO RESURRECT: BLACK-OWNED SALON BURNED TO THE GROUND**](#)

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Body

After years of work, Flora's Hair Designs, a black-owned hair salon in North Minneapolis, was starting to see earnings pick up. Covid-19 swiftly killed that purple patch. Then, four days after the death of **George Floyd**, Flora's was burning.

Flora Westbrook, the salon's owner, set up shop at 921 W. Broadway Ave. in 1986. She has developed a strong connection with the area - some of her customers tell her their grandmothers used to come to Flora's to get their hair done, Westbrook said.

She got a call saying that her business was in flames Friday evening. She rushed to the scene to be greeted by a crowd, a firetruck and an inferno. The two buildings next to hers, a MetroPCS and Olympic Cafe, were engulfed as well.

Fighting to resurrect: Black-owned salon burned to the ground

"I understand that they were protesting about Mr. Floyd and my sympathy goes to him," Westbrook said. "But this is beyond that. Why would you come and do this to us? Why would you take our business away like this?"

Westbrooks couldn't bear to watch. She got in her car and drove away. The fire appears to have been intentionally set, but she's not sure who started it.

"That was my life; that was everything to me," she said. "If they only knew my story, they wouldn't have done what they did. They don't know the things I endured, the things I went through to try and keep my business. It wasn't easy for a black-owned business to stay there that many years and to survive."

A GoFundMe page aimed to raise \$30,000 to help with rebuilding efforts. It easily cleared that amount, raising \$64,000 so far, and the goal has been boosted to \$100,000.

"It makes me feel so great," said owner Flora Westbrooks. "I'm so grateful, so thankful for that, and I'm just hoping that it goes where I can just rebuild. I just want to rebuild my business, that's all I want to do."

Westbrooks is worried her financial situation is too precarious to apply for a loan, though she is considering applying for a PPP loan after a conversation with a banker.

"I just want it to keep growing, keep growing, rebuild," Westbrooks said. "Because I'm still hurting inside. I just want my store back, that's all I want."

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Guard waits 'for the scales to tip'

ARTICLE CCLV. [**GUARD WAITS 'FOR THE SCALES TO TIP'**](#)

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Highlight: National Guard assists state and local law enforcement to face historic protests.

Body

Tech Sgt. William Hildebrand stood in a camouflage uniform as the sun went down on another night of protests in the Twin Cities, and as thousands of Minnesota National Guard soldiers and Air National Guard airmen helped keep a tenuous peace.

Hildenbrand is 35 years old. He has three children. He worries how they're dealing with 2020, from the global pandemic to the protests and violence in their home state. He has spent nearly half his life in the Minnesota Air National Guard. He works for U.S. Bank, managing a team that helps employees through serious life crises: domestic violence, mental health issues, the worst moments of their lives. He has shared select details of the past few days with his kids - that he spent Friday night on a concrete floor at the armory in St. Paul, that he is now sleeping on a cot, that he hasn't had a shower in three days - and he constantly assures them he's safe. He served in Iraq for six months in 2010, during the drawdown, and says that being activated for the protests and riots after George Floyd's killing at the hands of Minneapolis police is much more stressful than Iraq.

Because this is his home.

On Minnesota's steamiest night of the year so far, he would have liked nothing more than to be on the deck at his home in Champlin, 26 miles away, drinking a beer.

Instead, Hildebrand was standing outside Regions Hospital in St. Paul, a gas mask strapped to his waist, an M4 rifle slung over his shoulder, waiting to see if Monday night's peaceful protests at the State Capitol would turn violent.

"You're just waiting for the scales to tip one way or the other," Hildebrand said. "Things are either going to get better or they're going to get worse. We're not going to maintain this kind of riot purgatory. You're just kind of waiting. All of that plays into the human dynamics of it. People gotta feel heard. People gotta speak their piece. But we also have to defend the city, protect the people. It's a balance."

Guard waits 'for the scales to tip'

This is life for Minnesota's citizen-soldiers and citizen-airmen now: Long days and tense nights as they continue the Guard's largest

domestic deployment in its 164-year history.

"When it's sunny out, your guard is never down, but your mind is more at ease," said Airman 1st Class Jordan Hopwood. "As soon as that sun touches the horizon, you're getting ready for it to be a long night. And that's been since the start. I don't think anybody is really scared or nervous. We're just like, 'How long is this going to go on for?' "

About Hopwood: He is 23 and grew up in Woodbury. He is biracial. His mother used to be a St. Paul police officer. He loves playing his Xbox: "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare" or "NHL 20." He plays left wing for the 133rd Airlift Wing's hockey team. Fellow Airmen tease him by calling him Hollywood, since he's done modeling since he was a kid.

A security forces squadron of 45 airmen from the Minnesota Air National Guard's 133rd Airlift Wing, based at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, started their Monday evening at Jimmy Lee Recreation Center across the street from St. Paul's Central High School. They were tasked with the same mission as all 7,000 Minnesota National Guard and Air National Guard troops called up last week by Gov. Tim Walz: To assist state and local law enforcement in the face of historic protests and riots that started here and spread across the nation.

The heat was beating down: Still 90-plus degrees an hour or so before dusk. Hopwood's shadow grew long. A convoy of Minnesota Air National Guard troops combined with St. Paul police officers and drove to a public works building to gas up. As they pulled out of the parking lot, a Jeep Cherokee on Marshall Avenue stopped with its windows down. A young man and woman, both white, extended middle fingers for more than a minute as troops moved out.

By 8 p.m., the squad was milling around a parking lot next to the Cathedral of St. Paul. Church bells chimed. Then a St. Paul officer shouted, "Loading up!" The convoy turned onto Kellogg Boulevard and headed toward the Capitol. A jogger paused and stared. A protester held up a sign: "ABOLISH THE POLICE!"

They came to a halt between Regions Hospital and the Harold E. Stassen Office Building: A couple blocks from the Capitol protests, close enough to react quickly but far enough away so they weren't seen as a provocation. They parked in a line of 20 or so police vehicles. One Airman ate an MRE, Meal Ready to Eat: A taco, room temperature. Catered dinners soon arrived. Humvees blocked roads to the Capitol so that only foot traffic could come through. Airmen waved to nurses who gathered at hospital windows to watch.

"Thank you for your service!" a woman shouted as she drove past. A waxing moon rose in the clear sky.

The crowd of peaceful protesters at the Capitol dwindled as the 10 p.m. curfew crept closer. By 10 p.m., perhaps 30 remained. Those who remained were arrested.

"We want to be there if things go bad," Hildebrand said, "but we also want to allow them the opportunity to peacefully do their thing. Because that's their constitutional right. They need to be able to do that. And sometimes our presence can be an agitation if we're there - if they're peaceful and we're coming in, rolling deep, that can be agitating.

Guard waits 'for the scales to tip'

"It's better to be a couple blocks behind and let them do their thing and still be there - and protect the people from having the city burn down."

The city wasn't burning down on Monday as it had been just days before. Senior Airman Nathan Van Beusekom (22, a full-time student at University of Northwestern, St. Paul, finance major, football player, married) has lived here all his life: Turtle Lake Elementary School, Chippewa Middle School, Mounds View High School. He was part of a "snatch-and-grab" team with St. Paul police. They look for bad actors. Over the weekend at the Capitol, his squad hauled away a rowdy man accused of punching a woman during the protest.

Like so many across the Twin Cities, Van Beusekom both appreciates the motive behind the protests - "It's a worthy cause," he said - and hates when they turn violent.

Amid the past week's destruction, Van Beusekom has seen some light.

"Those moments when law enforcement and protesters come together and have a moment - it's just completely opposing what's out there in people's minds," he said. "I had one of those moments yesterday, with the Army colonel out there, the one in charge of everything out by the Capitol. He took all his gear off: His helmet, his vest, his weapons. He went outside the fence and started talking to the protesters when they were all riled up. He got them to kneel with him, talk with him. They were taking pictures with him. He ended up de-escalating the situation all by himself."

"There's just a bigger message out there to take in," he said. "We're all people, and we have to love each other."

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Hackers force Minnesota Senate website offline

ARTICLE CCLVI. [**HACKERS FORCE MINNESOTA SENATE WEBSITE OFFLINE**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 5B**Length:** 268 words**Byline:** TOREY VAN OOT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Body**

Hackers forced the Minnesota Senate website offline Tuesday, the latest in a series of cyberattacks targeting state and local computer systems.

Secretary of the Senate Cal Ludeman wrote in an e-mail to staff that the Senate's server was "hacked and accessed for several minutes" starting at 4:24 a.m. Tuesday. Senate information technology employees "brought down the server as a precaution" as they worked with Minnesota IT Services and the FBI to trace what was accessed, his e-mail said.

While the hack hit a file that includes the Senate Wi-Fi password, login information for senators and staff was not accessed. The Wi-Fi password has been reset.

Ludeman said the security breach came from the same hacker group that targeted 10 state agencies, including the governor's office, in recent days.

It's unknown whether the attacks are related to demonstrations and unrest sparked by the death of *George Floyd*. But Gov. Tim Walz said at a weekend news conference that "a very sophisticated denial-of-service attack on all state computers was executed" as the state readied its response to riots on Saturday.

Such denial-of-service attacks send high levels of external traffic to a website's servers, causing the site to freeze or crash.

"That's not somebody sitting in their basement," Walz said at the time.

City of Minneapolis websites also experienced outages due to a cyberattack early Thursday morning. A city spokeswoman said there was no evidence of a data breach and that most of the sites were back online by 9 a.m. that day.

Staff writer Liz Navratil contributed to this report.

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Letters: SPPD should extend its purview

ARTICLE CCLVII. **LETTERS: SPPD SHOULD EXTEND ITS PURVIEW**

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Byline: Letter Writers

Highlight: A modest proposal I propose that our Saint Paul Police Department extend its purview to the City of Minneapolis. I'll bet things would work out better that way. In exchange, Minneapolis could come over and pick up our trash. Joel Clemmer, St. Paul The world's concern The last few days have of course called [...]

Body

I propose that our Saint Paul Police Department extend its purview to the City of Minneapolis. I'll bet things would work out better that way.

In exchange, Minneapolis could come over and pick up our trash.

Joel Clemmer, St. Paul

The last few days have of course called for headline coverage of matters connected with the death of **George Floyd**.

On May 29, the same day that you first covered the story, a three-inch column in section 3B reported that "U.N. warns of global famine"; the pandemic would cause "unimaginable devastation and suffering around the world" with historic levels of hunger and famine and up to 1.6 billion people unable to earn a living unless action is taken now."

Granted that the Floyd case called for front-page coverage. However, the press as the "fourth estate" in a democracy bears responsibility "to inform, criticize and stimulate debate" (Peter Millett).

I would hope for more than a mere 3 inches of column given to what should be the world's concern for the billions who suffer hunger and disease for lack of food and necessary health care - and for the thousands who die daily.

The Pioneer Press often does well in this regard. I hope that you will continue in this vein and that the current world concerns for poverty, hunger, disease and climate change will find adequate reporting in your paper.

Maynard W. Dorow, Arden Hills

Letters: SPPD should extend its purview

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Mayor resigns over inflammatory meme about protesters

ARTICLE CCLVIII. [MAYOR RESIGNS OVER INFLAMMATORY MEME ABOUT PROTESTERS](#)

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Byline: JOHN REINAN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: In Sauk Rapids, two volunteer firefighters were fired for offensive social media posts.

Body

The mayor of Blackduck, Minn., resigned Monday after posting a Facebook meme that appeared to support running over protesters.

Rudy Patch issued a resignation letter and deleted his post. It showed what was apparently a bloody Jeep with the caption, "I don't know what you mean by protesters on the freeway. I came through no problem."

On Sunday night, a tanker truck drove into a large crowd of marchers on Interstate 35W near downtown Minneapolis protesting the death of [George Floyd](#). Nobody was seriously injured, but witnesses described it as a terrifying event. Officials have said they don't believe the truck driver was intentionally attempting to drive over protesters.

He was released from jail on Tuesday without charges.

Blackduck, a town of about 850 residents, is in Beltrami County about 25 miles northeast of Bemidji.

In his resignation letter, Patch said his sharing of the meme was a misguided attempt to show how dangerous it could be to protest on a highway.

"I have made a mistake by sharing a post without the correct context behind it," Patch wrote. "It is not and never has been my intention to support running over protesters.

"Social media can be used as a good tool for people to spread their messages," he wrote. "In this instance, it is a life lesson for me about how things put on social media can be mistaken without a context to back it up."

In Sauk Rapids, Minn., two volunteer firefighters were fired on Monday for offensive social media posts.

"Threats of violence and racism are unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the city of Sauk Rapids," officials said in a news release signed by the city's mayor, city administrator, fire chief and police chief.

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According to screen captures shared by UniteCloud, a social justice organization in the St. Cloud area, one of the firefighters, Tyler Heinen, called for deadly violence against protesters in at least two Facebook posts.

The other ousted firefighter, Tom Muehlbauer, shared a post similar to Patch's, showing a semitrailer truck with a bloody, damaged front end that referred to protesters.

Muehlbauer is remorseful and has been communicating with UniteCloud, said Natalie Ringsmuth, the group's founder and director.

"We are actually in contact with Tom, talking back and forth with him," she said. "He just said to me, 'I don't know why I did this. I've lost everything I love.' "

Ringsmuth said Heinen hasn't been in contact with her group, adding that Heinen's primary employer, the owner of a small construction company, made an angry social media post, "doubling down" on the sentiments Heinen expressed. That post has since been deleted.

It's important to have dialogue in situations such as this, Ringsmuth added.

"My organization hopes that we can provide a path to get back into relationships with these folks, because they're part of our community," she said. "Just because they're not firefighters any more, they're still members of our community. And some people won't want to have relationships with them, and that's OK, too."

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Memorial to be at North Central University

ARTICLE CCLIX. [**MEMORIAL TO BE AT NORTH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**](#)

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Byline: PAUL WALSH; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

North Central University in Minneapolis will be the site for a private memorial service for ***George Floyd***, the man whose death during a police encounter more than a week ago has provoked an unprecedented reaction throughout the nation and beyond.

The service, announced Tuesday, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Lindquist Sanctuary of the Trask Word & Worship Center. The Rev. Al Sharpton will deliver the eulogy, the civil rights leader's National Action Network said.

The gathering at the school in the city's Elliot Park neighborhood is the first of three memorial events culminating with Floyd's funeral and burial in Houston, where the 46-year-old man lived for most of his life.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said he will be among those attending at North Central.

The campus of 1,200 students tucked in the southeast corner of downtown was chosen to host the memorial through a connection on its faculty. Prof. Ellington Porter has a brother on the national task force associated with Sharpton's organization, said North Central President Scott Hagan.

Hagan said he's confident that the sanctuary "is a very normal space to help the family and put aside the theater and noise that is going on."

Along with Sharpton's eulogy, Floyd's family members will participate, and a statement from family attorney Benjamin Crump will be read.

North Central said the memorial is limited to family, friends and invited guests. The event will be carried by livestream on local media outlets, the school added.

Late last week, as the sometimes violent and destructive unrest struck many blocks in Minneapolis, Hagan wrote in an open letter that "as a Christian university ... I believe North Central University is poised as a healing agent in downtown Minneapolis."

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Sharpton was in Minneapolis Thursday and spoke at E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue, the corner where Floyd was detained until he fell into unconsciousness. Sharpton was accompanied by Gwen Carr, the mother of Eric Garner, who was killed by New York City police in 2014.

One of the challenges of staging the Minneapolis gathering and the others is working within social distancing rules in place to restrict the spread of the novel coronavirus.

North Central's sanctuary seats roughly 1,000 and can expand capacity by another 2,000 or so because of the nearby gymnasium and other adjacent space, Hagan said.

Under an executive order from Gov. Tim Walz, this type of gathering appears to fall under these conditions: organizers must ensure a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance between households, and occupancy must not exceed 25% of normal capacity as determined by the fire marshal, with a maximum of 250 people in a single, self-contained space.

Hagan said the memorial will resemble more of "a small family event," and he is confident the school can adhere to the social distancing restrictions.

A statement from North Central said it is working with the service's planners and Walz's office "to ensure appropriate measures will be in place for health and safety related to COVID-19. When finalized, these measures will be communicated to all guests and media attending the funeral."

Another remembrance is scheduled for Saturday in North Carolina, the state where Floyd was born. A public viewing is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon CDT and then a memorial at 2 p.m. at the Cape Fear Conference B Headquarters in Raeford.

Floyd's funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. June 9 in Houston at the Fountain of Praise, with burial to follow. There will be a viewing the day before at the same location from noon to 6 p.m.

Crump, the attorney for the Floyd family, said Tuesday on CNN that Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden is expected to attend the Houston funeral.

Boxing legend Floyd Mayweather, who lives in Las Vegas and has never met Floyd, said he will be paying for the funeral.

The Fort Bend Memorial Planning Center, just south of Houston, is handling arrangements in all three states. Center operator Bobby Swearington said additional details will be announced soon.

Staff writer Liz Navratil contributed to this report.

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Minneapolis ends school resource officer program. Will St. Paul be next?

ARTICLE CCLX. [**MINNEAPOLIS ENDS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM.
WILL ST. PAUL BE NEXT?**](#)

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Highlight: The St. Paul school board will re-evaluate its school resource officer program next week after their Minneapolis counterparts voted Tuesday to break ties with that city's police department. The St. Paul district is paying up to \$775,000 this school year to station seven police officers at public high schools in the city. The one-year contract [...]

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The St. Paul district is paying up to \$775,000 this school year to station seven police officers at public high schools in the city. The one-year contract expires next month.

"The Board plans to review our relationship with the SPPD in light of current events. We are prepared to take action on this important matter with thoughtful dialogue," board vice chair Jeanelle Foster said in a statement released by the school district Wednesday.

The contract discussion will be part of Tuesday's board meeting, but any formal action would wait till June 23.

The St. Paul district began [reforming its program in 2016](#) amid police scrutiny following a suburban officer's shooting death of school food service worker Philando Castile and the rough arrest of a student at Central High School.

School-based officers no longer arrest students for minor crimes, and any arrests they do make require a school administrator's involvement. They also get training in racial equity and nonviolent intervention.

Board members have [debated the merits of the program each year](#), fretting over the financial and psychological costs of having armed officers in schools. But the most recent vote, last December, was .

St. Paul student surveys have found overwhelming support for the program.

Outrage over the May 25 death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody led a unanimous Minneapolis school board on Tuesday to terminate its relationship with their police department.

Minneapolis ends school resource officer program. Will St. Paul be next?

Now, some are calling for the St. Paul district to do the same with St. Paul police. [*St. Paul school board chairwoman Marny Xiong, 31, dies of COVID-19 unanimous in favor of another one-year contract St. Paul school board postpones meeting on school police after chairwoman's death*](#)

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Minority neighborhoods staggered by destruction

ARTICLE CCLXI. [**MINORITY NEIGHBORHOODS STAGGERED BY DESTRUCTION**](#)

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Body

As fire and riots raged around Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue last week, several employees of an American Indian nonprofit called Migizi stayed behind to guard their building.

They wrote "native youth center" on the window to discourage attacks. Members of the American Indian Movement came to help. But rioters set fire to the block anyway. The inferno forced out the building's protectors around 3:30 Friday morning.

When the nonprofit's executive director, Kelly Drummer, returned to the scene a few hours later and saw the destruction, she said, "I knelt down and I just cried."

The riots and arson that followed protests of *George Floyd's* death have devastated organizations and businesses that serve communities of color. Destruction from the south side's Lake Street to West Broadway in north Minneapolis has hit immigrant- and minority-owned businesses already struggling amid the pandemic-induced shutdown. Now, ethnically diverse neighborhoods are grappling with the loss of jobs, services and investments.

"People right now are going to want to stay away from Lake Street and that is understandable," said Ricardo Hernandez, who owns an ice cream shop there called La Michoacana Purepecha. Workers gave away free Popsicles over the weekend after the shop lost power in the riots.

"It's very hard to see your whole life savings go down like this. We used up all our money to build something nice for ... not just the Latino community, but everybody," Hernandez said.

Although La Michoacana Purepecha had only minor damage from vandals, he expects a loss of business as many nearby establishments burned and the area remains under threat. His 20 employees, all Latino, are out of work until the neighborhood returns to normal.

On the same block, immigrant Luis Tamay saved for more than a decade to open his Ecuadorian restaurant, El Sabor Chuchi, seven years ago. His specialty was a soup called encebollado, made with tuna fish, yuca, fried plantain and onions. Tamay guarded his lifelong dream the first few nights of the riots, but stayed

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home on Friday night to abide by the curfew, assuming that he had nothing to fear with the National Guard in town.

He was aghast to see Facebook videos showing El Sabor Chuchi in flames - and even more so when he called 911 for help in vain. By the time Tamay got to his restaurant Saturday morning, it was burned to the ground, along with establishments on either side. He didn't have insurance, he said, because quotes for the neighborhood were too high. The father of two was already working hard to pay his employees and other bills.

"There's the freezer right there; the kitchen was right there," Tamay said, pointing as he climbed the pile of rubble. "Seventeen years of work is gone."

A building owned by Latina entrepreneur Maya Santamaria also burned down - and with it, the Spanish language radio station La Raza.

"Small, minority business owners found themselves with the businesses that they worked their fingers to the bone building destroyed, looted, vandalized and burned down," Santamaria wrote on a GoFundMe page. "Some had no insurance. Others have no resources."

Jeff Lusuer empathized with the protesters as he boarded up his West Broadway barbershop, where looters had broken in and stole some supplies. His other barbershop, on Lake Street, burned down amid the riots. Lusuer said his insurance should cover the losses, and that people have a right to be angry and the protests are a way to get their point across. As a black man, he said, he's fed up with police too.

"Even though it hurt my businesses, I understand," Lusuer said. As unrest grew last week, Areal Crawford noticed that some establishments on Lake Street highlighted the fact that they were owned by people of color in hopes of warding off attacks. The Himalayan Restaurant across the way had posted "minority-owned business," and A & M Disaster Services nearby posted signs that said "Black owned."

Crawford's family lives off 29th Avenue behind O'Reilly Auto Parts, which was tagged with graffiti and burglarized. He feared that if arsonists set fire to the building it would quickly engulf his family's home a few feet away. So he picked up a can of spray paint left by vandals and wrote: "Please don't burn black home next door thanks."

"I saw the minority-owned business signs going up and thought, 'If that's what it takes to get people to not burn [expletive] down, then that's what it takes,' " Crawford said.

His father, Ken Crawford, stood guard at O'Reilly for days as rioters with golf clubs, baseball bats and tire irons trawled the neighborhood. He said he told them that if they set the building on fire that he had a gun and wasn't afraid to use it. The antagonists were racially mixed at first, he said, but were nearly all white by Thursday night as protesters took over the Third Precinct. What troubled him and his family most, including wife Nina Sobotta, was that many of the troublemakers appeared to be outsiders.

"I don't want people from different neighborhoods coming to tear up my stuff - this is all we've got," said Ken Crawford, scanning the lot behind his house, which was littered with Cub Foods shopping carts that had been dumped by looters.

"Now the whole community is suffering," he said.

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Back at the 43-year-old nonprofit Migizi, which supports American Indian youth, Drummer recalled how she had helped raise \$2 million to move into the new building on S. 27th Avenue last summer. The restaurant Gandhi Mahal, a few doors down, sent over food for the grand opening.

On Friday afternoon, Drummer gazed at the charred Migizi building as 20 officers formed a phalanx to block off the street and firefighters trained their hoses on the collapsed, smoldering Gandhi Mahal. That restaurant, too, had posted a minority-owned business sign.

"We're policing ourselves," Drummer said. "They didn't care until after the building burned."

While staff managed to save important cultural items from the fire, the loss of the space will be felt by young people, said youth development specialist LeVi Boucher.

"They have said, 'Migizi is my home and I'm watching it burn' and it didn't have to be that way," Boucher said.

Though not the epicenter of the riots, West Broadway also saw a string of businesses raided and damaged. It had been the city's pre-eminent commercial corridor in the mid-20th century but was devastated by the flight of white and black middle-class residents after the 1960s race riots and the burning of nearby Plymouth Avenue. Broadway has gradually seen progress as business and community leaders pushed for redevelopment.

"You got the sense that [West Broadway] was slowly making its way forward," said Don Samuels, a former school board and City Council member representing the area.

So he was horrified to see the raiding of Broadway Liquor Outlet and the gutting of U.S. Bank and other structures. Looters also hit a Walgreens and Cub Foods, the main grocery store in the area, which suffered damage. Now, residents of the mostly black neighborhood have no convenient way to get food and other supplies.

"Will it bounce back in a year or two or is this a death blow for decades?" Samuels asked. "Will people have the resources to rebuild?"

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Tawanna Black wants to see a funeral for racism

ARTICLE CCLXII. [**TAWANNA BLACK WANTS TO SEE A FUNERAL FOR RACISM**](#)

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Body

Tawanna Black is CEO and founder of the Center for Economic Inclusion, a St. Paul-based nonprofit organization that aims to close the wage gaps between white and BIPOC (black, indigenous and people of color) people in the Twin Cities.

Tawanna is also a thought leader, and recently [wrote for the Brookings Institution](#) about public policy decisions that hurt black people.

On Monday, she spoke with the Business Journal about rebuilding Minneapolis after a week of looting and arson, how CEOs can push social change, and how she has personally reacted to Minnesota's hardest week in living memory. The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

I'd like to get your personal impressions of the past week. How are you feeling?

I am feeling continued pain, for both the family of [George Floyd](#) and our entire community. We have experienced, I think, one of the most painful, visible murders of an unarmed black man that our country has

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seen publicly in some time. It's yet another painful reminder that we have not ever had racial justice in this country.

These protests feel different than other recent protests, like after Philando Castile was killed. Do you agree?

I do. I also would say we are still separating the protests from the way the protests have been infiltrated by white supremacists and people who want to cause destruction. For the actual protestors, I think some of the difference is people who have never protested before have now seen enough that they're scared for where our country is headed and are saying, "I need to march. I need to take my children to march. I need to go be a part of something that's bigger than myself."

You met with Gov. Tim Walz this weekend. How did that go?

Yes, this weekend I organized a meeting between black leaders and Gov. Walz. Some were business leaders, some were organizers, some were nonprofit leaders. We're starting to talk about what economic rebuilding looks like, knowing that African Americans have been widely disenfranchised in this state for many decades. And so when you add Covid-19 to that, which has disproportionately left African Americans unemployed, and see so many of our businesses and nonprofits burning down and suffering economically, we need to be partnering between the government, the private sector and nonprofits to ensure that we are building a meaningful and intentional plan.

Do you have a roadmap of what rebuilding will look like?

We have a roadmap for what it should start to look like. What's most important is that it is African Americans who are driving that plan for African Americans, but that we also start to build plans for our indigenous communities and for Asian and Latino communities, as well. For far too long we've had other institutions trying to lead plans for communities of color and hence we have not made progress.

Can you say a little more?

We released a roadmap for [economic recovery following Covid-19](#) about a month ago. We are following that roadmap. We've got to be both building businesses in communities of color and ensuring that those businesses have dollars to grow at scale. Right now, we have businesses, but those businesses are not at scale so they're not able to employ a large number of people of color and pay family-sustaining wages. At the same time, we're rooting out racism in our private sector. Particularly in a market like the Twin Cities where we have so many large corporations, we need to be intentional in thinking about how we get the C-suites of those corporations to reflect the racial diversity in the Twin Cities.

What sort of support are you seeing from CEOs?

You know, the Center for Economic Inclusion issued a statement to the CEOs asking for really direct commitments, and they put out a letter the next day. The letter, while nice, speaks about desiring nice neighborhoods and things like that. Which is nice, but it's still not getting to a commitment to racial equity in wages. It's still not getting to a commitment to stopping the injustices that exist in Minneapolis and St. Paul. That won't be achieved by letters, press conferences and statements. That will be achieved by them using their power in the same way that they drive meaningful tax incentives and other policy changes that they need to cultivate business.

Is there anything else our readers need to know?

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I think it's important to note the number of people who are working hard to ensure that we heal. That can't be stressed enough. I actually am right now looking at letters that neighbors in Roseville woke up to on their lawns that are just hate-filled. We go to work every day and don't know that our black and indigenous and co-workers of color are experiencing hate in ways we have no idea about. They don't know that you have neighbors in Roseville who woke up to signs on their lawns telling them, "I'm going to torch your home." I don't think those signs or letters are left by their neighbors, but nonetheless, now they've living in fear. I've had people warning me all weekend about my Twitter feed and how I should be scared. I went to bed Saturday night with my kids in my bed because I was scared after all the warnings I got, and I'm living in a suburb for God's sakes. I just want readers to know they have no idea the weight that people of color are carrying every day, all day long. And now we have a real chance to not just have a funeral for another man, but to have a funeral for racism if we want to do this work and do it right.

Correction:

This story previously stated Tawanna Black is affiliated with the Northside Funders Group. She is no longer a part of that organization; MSPBJ regrets the error.

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The Latest: Ex-CIA operative Valerie Plame loses N.M. race

ARTICLE CCLXIII. [**THE LATEST: EX-CIA OPERATIVE VALERIE PLAME LOSES N.M. RACE**](#)

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Body

By The Associated Press

The Latest on Tuesday's primary elections (all times EDT):

1:05 a.m.

Former CIA operative Valerie Plame has lost her race in the Democratic primary for an open seat representing New Mexico in Congress.

Attorney Teresa Leger Fernandez overcame six competitors to win her party's nomination to succeed U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Luján as he runs for the U.S. Senate. Sen. Tom Udall is retiring.

In her first run for public office, Plame harnessed her fame as a former U.S. intelligence operative whose secret identity was exposed shortly after her diplomat husband disputed U.S. intelligence used to justify the 2003 Iraq invasion.

Leger Fernandez was making her first bid for public office as a professional advocate for Native American communities and voting rights issues.

She could become the first woman to represent the state's 3rd Congressional District, a Democrat-heavy district.

12:10 a.m.

Controversial Iowa Republican congressman Steve King has lost his bid to be nominated for a 10th term.

The 71-year-old Iowa native faced four challengers in Tuesday's Iowa primary. Topping the field is a well-funded state senator, Randy Feenstra, who offered support for President Donald Trump, hardline immigration policies and other conservative views without King's baggage.

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Provocative statements piling up over the years have been a drag on King's latest campaign. He has compared immigrants crossing the border illegally to cattle, made light of rape and incest in defending his anti-abortion views, and wondered aloud when the term "white supremacist" became offensive.

Last year House Republicans stripped King of his committee assignments after his remarks seeming to defend white nationalism appeared in The New York Times. King said they were taken out of context.

Critics in both parties have charged that King is no longer an effective representative for Iowa's 4th Congressional District on agriculture and other local issues. Worse for King, even his supporters worried that he could lose the seat to a Democratic challenger if he were nominated again.

10:45 p.m.

Joe Biden has scored a clean sweep of the seven states conducting Democratic presidential primaries on Tuesday, not at all a surprise given that the presumptive Democratic nominee has no active opposition.

Yet the delegate haul is important to Biden's goal of gaining enough delegates to claim the Democratic nomination before the party's summer convention. Tuesday's results may leave Biden just short of the 1,991 delegates he needs, but primaries next week in Georgia and West Virginia could put him over the top.

Of Tuesday's elections, Pennsylvania's could add the most delegates to Biden's count. He also won contests in Maryland, Indiana, Rhode Island, New Mexico, Montana and South Dakota.

Also choosing a nominee Tuesday are voters in the District of Columbia. Those results are pending.

10:44 p.m.

Dozens of Maryland primary voters are waiting in line to vote two hours after polls were scheduled to close.

At one location in Baltimore, roughly 100 people were still waiting to cast their ballots around 10 p.m. Tuesday. Another location had about 50 people in line.

The voting was being slowed by the limited number of people allowed inside the polling stations because of the coronavirus pandemic. Most voting took place by mail because of the virus.

However, elections officials allowed six in-person voting centers in Baltimore over concerns that ballots were not arriving in the mail as scheduled.

The highest-profile contest on the ballot is the Baltimore mayoral election. Voters are looking for a leader who can get violent crime under control, address deep-rooted poverty and restore trust in local government after years of scandal and dysfunction.

10:19 p.m.

Joe Biden has won the Montana presidential primary as he advances toward the goal of earning enough delegates to claim the Democratic Party nomination before the summer convention.

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The primary in Montana was conducted by mail in an effort to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

Biden has also won Tuesday contests in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Rhode Island, New Mexico and South Dakota.

With no active opposition, Biden is already the party's presumed nominee. But the former vice president's haul of delegates from Tuesday's voting pushes him closer to the 1,911 delegates he needs to claim the Democratic presidential nomination.

Voters in several states and the District of Columbia have participated in primary elections Tuesday. They coincide with a time of crisis across the country. Voters have had to navigate both health concerns over the coronavirus and protests against racism and police brutality.

9:30 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden has won the New Mexico presidential primary, his latest victory in Tuesday's voting as he marches toward earning enough delegates to claim the party nomination before the summer convention.

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has pledged to help Biden connect with racial- and ethnic-minority voters in the state. She has also been talked about as a possible Biden running mate.

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9:13 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden has won the South Dakota presidential primary, racking up another victory in Tuesday's voting as he marches toward earning enough delegates to claim the party nomination before the summer convention.

The secretary of state's office sent absentee ballot applications to all registered voters in South Dakota in late April amid the coronavirus pandemic.

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8:55 p.m.

Joe Biden has won Maryland's Democratic presidential primary.

Biden was declared the winner of Tuesday's primary on a night when six other states and the District of Columbia are voting in the presidential nomination contest. The result has been expected because Biden's rivals have already dropped out of the race.

Voters in Maryland were strongly urged to vote by mail because of concerns about further spread of the coronavirus.

Biden's haul of delegates from his Maryland win and victories in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Indianan push him closer to the 1,911 delegates he needs to capture the Democratic presidential nomination.

8:40 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden has won Pennsylvania's presidential primary, which promises the biggest haul of delegates among the seven states choosing their presidential nominees on Tuesday.

Biden has also won the Democratic primaries in Rhode Island and Indiana.

With no active opposition, Biden is already the party's presumed nominee. But the former vice president's haul of delegates from Tuesday's voting pushes him closer to the 1,911 delegates he needs to claim the Democratic presidential nomination.

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7:05 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump have won Indiana's presidential primary.

Indiana is among the states and the District of Columbia with primaries on Tuesday. Pennsylvania offers the day's biggest trove of presidential delegates.

The Democratic result in Indiana was expected because Biden's rivals have already dropped out of the race.

The former vice president's haul of delegates from the Indiana victory pushes him closer to the 1,911 delegates he needs to capture the Democratic presidential nomination.

The state's primary was delayed by four weeks because of the coronavirus outbreak.

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4:40 p.m.

Voters in nine states and the District of Columbia are participating in primaries Tuesday.

The states voting are Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and South Dakota.

Indiana polls are scheduled to close first, at 7 p.m. Eastern time. Pennsylvania offers the day's biggest trove of delegates. Joe Biden is already the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, but he needs to win 89% of all delegates at stake Tuesday to formally clinch the nomination. If he doesn't reach the requisite number on Tuesday, he has more opportunities to do so later this month.

Voters are navigating coronavirus concerns and curfews in place amid protests of ***George Floyd***'s killing by police. In-person voting is down in every state, as many voters were encouraged to vote by mail because of the pandemic.

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Trucker who drove on bridge leaves jail

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Body

The truck driver who drove onto the I-35W Bridge and narrowly missed hitting protesters over the weekend was released from jail Tuesday, but prosecutors continue investigating the incident in consultation with the state's senior public safety official.

Bogdan Vechirko, 35, of Otsego, was jailed Sunday evening on suspicion of assault and held in the Hennepin County jail until midday Tuesday in connection with his empty fuel tanker careening through a crowd marching to protest the May 25 death of George Floyd after being restrained by Minneapolis police.

The County Attorney's Office had until noon Tuesday to hold Vechirko without charges before they had to release him, pending further investigation, County Attorney Mike Freeman said in a statement Tuesday.

"Investigators are in the process of gathering additional information and answers to aid in the charging decision," the statement says.

Earlier Tuesday, a relative of Vechirko's said the harrowing incident was unintentional.

Art Loghinov said he has spoken with Vechirko since Sunday's near-deadly sequence of events and is convinced that the incident on the bridge was "not his fault. ... He didn't have any intent to harm or do anything bad to anybody."

State Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said Monday that the driver was speeding and "panicked, and he just kept barreling forward" but did not breach any barriers put up to protect the protesters and was not aiming for anyone.

On Tuesday, Harrington said he'd been talking with Freeman about potential charges.

"We just want to make sure, even though no one was killed ... we are certainly getting to the right charge that holds him accountable for the behaviors," he said.

Several protesters on the bridge, including Drew Valle, said the truck's driver "wasn't stopping. He was being loudly and driving into a crowd of people."

Trucker who drove on bridge leaves jail

Minneapolis schoolteacher Doug Butler said that while "we perhaps cannot know his motives ... he sped [and] hurtled into protesters."

Loghinov and others in the family commissioned a brief video that features Vechirko's wife appealing for financial help on behalf of the couple.

Liudmila Vechirko, who is eight months pregnant, says in Russian with subtitles, "Due to multiple requests, I am recording this video for those who care and want to help our family." She then holds up a piece of paper with an address for a PayPal fundraising account.

Liudmila Vechirko adds that "our credit cards are frozen since they stole his wallet, phone and all the belongings in the truck's cabin."

Loghinov also said the family is "very thankful for the people who came to rescue him and very grateful for the police" who fended off some of the marchers who began attacking Vechirko after his truck came to a stop on the bridge over the Mississippi River.

The couple's financial situation is under pressure from Vechirko missing work, his wife being pregnant and the potential for legal bills in connection with the incident, Loghinov said.

"They are not a rich family," he said. "He is a hard worker and the only one bringing money to the family."

Loghinov said Bogdan Vechirko came to the United States from Russia when he was 4 years old and met Liudmila in Minnesota.

"He's a nice, friendly guy," Loghinov said. "He was just going home."

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ARTICLE CCLXV. [CHARGES FOR ALL 4](#)

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Attorney General Keith Ellison's office on Wednesday upgraded charges against the former Minneapolis police officer who knelt on [George Floyd](#)'s neck and charged the other three officers at the scene with aiding and abetting murder.

The decision came just two days after Ellison took over the prosecution from Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman and followed more than a week of sometimes-violent protests calling for tougher charges against former Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#), who had pinned Floyd to the ground and held him there for nearly nine minutes. Protesters also demanded the arrests of the three other former officers who were present but failed to intervene. All three were booked into the Hennepin County jail on Wednesday.

"To the Floyd family, to our beloved community, and everyone that is watching, I say: [George Floyd](#) mattered. He was loved. His life was important. His life had value. We will seek justice for him and for you and we will find it," Ellison said

However, he said, he doesn't believe that "one successful prosecution can rectify the hurt and loss that so many people feel. The solution to that pain will be in the slow and difficult work of constructing justice and fairness in our society."

Chauvin, who was recorded on video kneeling on Floyd's neck as he begged for air on Memorial Day, now faces the more serious charge of second-degree murder, in addition to the original charges of third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter with culpable negligence.

Chauvin was originally charged by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office last week.

The amended complaint filed against Chauvin stated, "Police are trained that this type of restraint with a subject in a prone position is inherently dangerous. ... Officer Chauvin's restraint of Mr. Floyd in this manner

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for a prolonged period was a substantial factor in Mr. Floyd losing consciousness, constituting substantial bodily harm, and Mr. Floyd's death as well."

Don Lewis, special prosecutor in the case against Jeronimo Yanez, the former St. Anthony police officer who killed Philando Castile in 2016, said the nearly nine-minute recording of the moments before Floyd died showed ample evidence of intent to kill on Chauvin's part.

"Those are moments to cause reflection on whether or not you're in the middle of a wrongful death here," Lewis said. "You have ***George Floyd*** begging for his life, right? '***I can't breathe.***' This is a moment of potential reflection on Chauvin's part," Lewis said. "He had multiple opportunities to change course here and decided not to over the span of almost 10 minutes."

The other officers at the scene - ***Tou Thao, J Alexander Kueng*** and ***Thomas Lane*** - were each charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder while committing a felony, and with aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter with culpable negligence. Both charges are categorized as "unintentional" felonies.

Thao was recorded watching as Chauvin continued to press on Floyd's neck with his knee. Kueng was one of the first officers on the scene and helped pin Floyd down. Lane was detailed in earlier charges as pointing a gun at Floyd before handcuffing, and he later asked whether officers should roll Floyd on his side as he was restrained.

The charges come just days after Gov. Tim Walz asked Ellison to take over the prosecution, which until Sunday had been led by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Freeman stood next to Ellison as the attorney general announced the charges Wednesday, but he did not speak and left midway through the news conference.

Despite the quick pace of adding charges to the investigation, Ellison sought to manage expectations, cautioning that the cases could take "months" to see through. He also brushed off the idea that intense public pressure influenced the process.

The charges noted that Floyd was "calm" after he was first arrested and before ***Chauvin knelt*** on his neck. The complaint also noted three times that after Floyd was pinned to the pavement by three officers, none of them moved from their positions despite pleas from Floyd. Video of the incident showed that bystanders also pleaded with police.

Floyd had told the first two officers at the scene - Lane and Kueng - that he was not resisting arrest but did not want to get into the back of their squad car because he is claustrophobic, the charges said.

Walz issued a statement after Ellison announced the new charges. "I laid flowers at ***George Floyd's*** memorial this morning. As a former high school history teacher, I looked up at the mural of George's face painted above and I reflected on what his death will mean for future generations. What will our young people learn about this moment? Will his death be just another blip in a textbook? Or will it go down in history as when our country turned toward justice and change?"

"It's on each of us to determine that answer," Walz said. "The charges announced by Attorney General Keith Ellison today are a meaningful step toward ***justice for George Floyd.*** But we must also recognize that the anguish driving protests around the world is about more than one tragic incident."

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"George Floyd's death is the symptom of a disease. We will not wake up one day and have the disease of systemic racism cured for us. This is on each of us to solve together, and we have hard work ahead," he said. "We owe that much to George Floyd, and we owe that much to each other."

One of the attorneys representing Floyd's family, Benjamin Crump, released a statement Wednesday praising the arrest and charging of the other three officers and the upgrading of murder charges against Chauvin. Crump's statement came after the Star Tribune first reported the charges and before Ellison's office made any official announcements.

"This is a bittersweet moment for the family of George Floyd," said the joint statement by Floyd's family, Crump and the legal team. "We are deeply gratified that Attorney General Keith Ellison took decisive action in this case, arresting and charging all the officers involved in George Floyd's death and upgrading the charge against Derek Chauvin to felony second-degree murder."

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey also released a statement in support of the new charges.

"That George Floyd's plea - that his struggle to survive - went unrecognized and unaided by not just one but four officers will live forever as the most chilling moments in our city's history," Frey said. "Failing to act amounted to a failure to recognize George's humanity."

Attorney Eric Nelson, who is representing Chauvin, declined to comment. Chauvin remains in custody at the state prison in Oak Park Heights.

Kueng's attorney, Thomas Plunkett, released a statement Wednesday stating that his client was asked at 1:20 p.m. to turn himself in; he is being held at the Hennepin County jail. Plunkett, who represented former Minneapolis officer Mohamed Noor when he was tried and convicted in 2019 for fatally shooting Justine Ruszczyk Damond, declined further comment.

Attorney Earl Gray, who is representing Lane, also declined to comment. Gray represented Yanez when he was tried and acquitted in 2017 for fatally shooting Castile.

Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, could not be reached for comment.

Floyd's family and Crump, their lawyer, called the new charges "a significant step forward on the road to justice, and we are gratified that this important action was brought before George Floyd's body was laid to rest ... That is a source of peace for George's family in this painful time."

They urged Ellison to continue the investigation and upgrade the charges to first-degree murder, which carries a potential life sentence.

First-degree murder requires proof of planning out the crime. Second-degree unintentional murder carries a maximum sentence of 40 years. Murder in the third degree has a maximum 25-year sentence. Charges of aiding and abetting carry the same maximum penalties as the underlying crime.

"These officers knew they could act with impunity, given the Minneapolis Police Department's widespread and prolonged pattern and practice of violating people's constitutional rights," the family's statement said. "Therefore, we also demand permanent transparent police accountability at all levels and at all times."

The family thanked the "outpouring" of support it has received, which manifested in days of huge protests across the country and world.

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"Our message to them: Find constructive and positive ways to keep the focus and pressure on," they said. "Don't let up on your demand for change."

The former officers' prosecution is the quickest in Minnesota history against officers on the job who have killed civilians, and is the first time more than one officer involved in such an incident has been criminally charged. Three officers have previously been charged with killing a civilian on the job; Noor was convicted at trial while two were acquitted.

"Let me be honest here, our country has under-prosecuted these matters in Minnesota and throughout the country," Ellison said. "We can't control the past. All we can do is take the case that is in front of us right now and do our good-faith best to bring justice to this situation, and we will."

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Minneapolis police release some personnel data on 4 former officers

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Highlight: The *Minneapolis Police Department* late Wednesday released 235 pages of personnel records for the four former officers charged in *George Floyd*'s killing on May 25, all of whom were fired after video of his death emerged the following day. Three of the officers - *Thomas Lane*, 37; *J. Alexander Kueng*, 26; and *Tou Thao*, 34 [...]

Body

The *Minneapolis Police Department* late Wednesday released 235 pages of personnel records for the four former officers charged in *George Floyd*'s killing on May 25, all of whom were fired after video of his death emerged the following day.

Three of the officers - *Thomas Lane*, 37; *J. Alexander Kueng*, 26; and *Tou Thao*, 34 - were charged Wednesday with aiding and abetting second-degree murder.

The fourth officer, *Derek Chauvin*, 44, who was arrested last week, now faces an increased charge of second-degree murder.

Many of the pages of the personnel files were heavily redacted, but they revealed details of the officers' lives before joining the department and during their time on the force.

Chauvin appears to have been reprimanded and possibly suspended after a woman complained in 2007 that he needlessly removed her from her car, searched her and put her in the back of a squad car for driving 10 mph over the speed limit.

[*Chauvin was the subject of at least 17 misconduct complaints*](#) over two decades, but the woman's complaint is the only one detailed in 79 pages of his heavily redacted personnel file. The file shows that the complaint was upheld and that Chauvin was issued a letter of reprimand.

"Officer did not have to remove complainant from car," read the investigators' finding. "Could've conducted interview outside the vehicle."

In one part of the records, the discipline imposed is listed as "letter of reprimand," but Chauvin was also issued a "notice of suspension" in May 2008, just after the investigation into the complaint ended, that lists the same internal affairs case number.

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Investigators wrote that there was no audio of the incident and that the dashcam "had been turned off during course of stop."

The records say Chauvin admitted to leaving a microphone in the squad car during the traffic stop and "did not check" the dashcam at the start of his shift.

In applying to the ***Minneapolis Police Department***, Chauvin said he had served as a member of the Army, working for a time as a member of the military police. He also said he had worked as a security guard and as a cook for McDonald's and another restaurant in the mid-1990s. The records said he was hired by the department in January 2001 as a part-time community service officer.

Kueng had been an officer with the department for less than six months. He joined the force as a cadet in February 2019 and became an officer Dec. 10, 2019, his personnel records show. He had previously worked as a community service officer with the department while he earned his bachelor's degree in sociology at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

He also worked as a security guard at a Macy's and stocked shelves at a Target, and graduated from Minneapolis' Patrick Henry High School in 2012.

Otherwise, most of his personnel file was blacked out, including basic details like whether he had a driver's license, whether he lived in Minneapolis, whether he had any convictions for a long list of crimes, whether he was a U.S. citizen, and what his college GPA was.

His file shows that he was terminated May 26, the day after Floyd's death, at 4:45 p.m. It says he was fired for substandard performance, misconduct and violations of the city's use-of-force policy, including failure to stop another officer from applying inappropriate force.

Lane did not graduate from high school, his file shows, but he went on to get his GED, then an associate degree from Century College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in criminology.

He was accepted to the police academy in January 2019 but started working in the criminal justice system in 2017 as a probation officer. Lane previously worked a series of different jobs, from restaurant server to Home Depot sales associate. He volunteered at Ka Joog tutoring, working with Somali youth in Cedar Riverside.

Thao held jobs at McDonald's, at a grocery store as a stocker, and as a security guard before being hired in 2008 as a community service officer in Minneapolis. But he worked there less than two years before being laid off in late 2009 because of budget cuts. Almost two years later, in 2011, he was recalled, then hired as a police officer in 2012.

Thao graduated in 2004 from Fridley High School and attended North Hennepin Community College, where he studied for an associate degree in law enforcement but never graduated, according to his file.

According to police department data, Thao faced at least six complaints in his career with the Minneapolis force and also was the subject of a lawsuit that claimed he and another officer punched, kicked and kneed an African American man, leaving the man with broken teeth and bruises.

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Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, **Derek Chauvin**, **Tou Thao**, **Thomas Lane** and **J. Alexander Kueng**

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Lawyers: 2 of 3 newly charged ex-cops were rookies; 3rd cooperating with investigators

ARTICLE CCLXVII. **LAWYERS: 2 OF 3 NEWLY CHARGED EX-COPS WERE ROOKIES;
3RD COOPERATING WITH INVESTIGATORS**

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A judge set bail at \$750,000 apiece Thursday for three fired Minneapolis police officers charged with aiding and abetting in the killing of **George Floyd**, as a memorial service took place just blocks away.

Body

Two of three Minneapolis police officers accused of aiding and abetting in the death of **George Floyd** were rookies barely off probation when a more senior white officer ignored the black man's cries for help and pressed a knee into his neck, defense attorneys said Thursday.

Earl Gray said his client, former officer **Thomas Lane** had no choice but to follow the instructions of **Derek Chauvin**, who has since been charged with second-degree murder in Floyd's May 25 death. Gray called the case against his client "extremely weak."

Meanwhile, the [New York Times](#) reported that the third officer has cooperated with investigators.

A judge set maximum bail at \$1 million apiece for Lane, **J. Alexander Kueng** and **Tou Thao**, when they made their first appearances in Hennepin County District Court on Thursday. Simultaneously, and just blocks away, celebrities, friends and relatives gathered to memorialize Floyd at a Bible college.

The **Minneapolis Police Department** fired all four officers last week and charged Chauvin - initially with third-degree murder - the following day. But protests that began on the streets of Minneapolis quickly spread across the nation, calling for justice for Floyd and other African Americans who were killed by police.

On Wednesday, the three other officers were charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder. If convicted, they potentially face the same penalty as Chauvin: up to 40 years in prison.

Gray said Thursday that all Lane did was hold Floyd's feet so he couldn't kick, and he underlined that the criminal complaint says Lane asked Chauvin twice if they should roll Floyd over and expressed concern that Floyd might be in delirium. He said Lane performed CPR in the ambulance.

"What was my client supposed to do but follow what his training officer said? Is that aiding and abetting a crime?" Gray asked.

Lawyers: 2 of 3 newly charged ex-cops were rookies; 3rd cooperating with investigators

Gray and Kueng's defense attorney, Tom Plunkett, asked the court for lower bail, saying their clients had been police officers for just four days when Floyd was killed. Police records indicate that while the men were rookies, they had more experience than a handful of days on the force. According to their records, they joined the department in February 2019 and became full officers in December. Minneapolis officers must serve a year on probation and spend time in field training with a more senior officer before they are fully qualified.

Kueng, who is black, became a police officer because he "wanted to make his community a better place," Plunkett said. He said Kueng was raised by his single mother on Minneapolis' predominantly black North Side.

Plunkett and Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, did not address the merits of the charges in court and declined to comment after the hearing out of respect for Floyd's family during the memorial. But Paule told the New York Times that Thao had cooperated with investigators before they arrested Chauvin.

Judge Paul Scoggin set their next court dates for June 29. Gray said he plans to renew his arguments for lower bail then, saying it could take more than a year for Lane's case to go to trial.

Chauvin's first court appearance is Monday, the Star Tribune reported, and his attorney has not publicly commented on the case. The latest criminal complaint says his actions were a "substantial causal factor in Mr. Floyd losing consciousness, constituting substantial bodily harm, and Mr. Floyd's death as well."

The complaint against Lane, 37, notes that while he suggested to Chauvin, 44, that Floyd should be rolled over he "took no actions to assist Mr. Floyd, to change his position, or to reduce the force the officers were using against Mr. Floyd."

Kueng's complaint says the 26-year-old was positioned between Chauvin and Lane and could hear their comments. Thao, 34, was seen in the cellphone video standing near a crowd of bystanders, and his complaint says although he fetched a hobble restraint - designed to restrict the movement of a person in custody - from the squad car, "the officers decided not to use it and maintained their positions."

Chauvin is being held on a maximum bail of \$1 million while in custody at the state prison in Oak Park Heights.

Gov. Tim Walz and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights have ordered a civil rights investigation of the police department to determine how to address racial discrimination and create systemic change.

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Graphic

Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, ***Derek Chauvin***, ***Tou Thao***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***J. Alexander Kueng***, were charged Wednesday, June 3, 2020, in the death of ***George Floyd***. A charge of second-degree

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murder was added against Chauvin. The other three are charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. (Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

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COMPLAINT: FROM CALM TO FATAL

ARTICLE CCLXVIII. [COMPLAINT: FROM CALM TO FATAL](#)

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[George Floyd](#) was calm during his encounter with Minneapolis police last week, authorities said, but things turned deadly after three officers pinned him to the pavement, where he told officers he could not breathe before eventually losing consciousness. An amended criminal complaint released Wednesday against [Derek Chauvin](#), [J Alexander Kueng](#), [Thomas Lane](#) and [Tou Thao](#) offered a revealing new look at the last minutes of Floyd's life:

8:08 p.m. Officers Lane and Kueng responded to a call about a man using a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Cup Foods store on the corner of Chicago Ave. and E. 38th St. They found Floyd, 46, of St. Louis Park, in the driver's seat of a nearby car with two passengers. Lane pointed his gun at Floyd and re-holstered it when Floyd placed his hands on the steering wheel.

Lane ordered Floyd out of the car, then pulled him out and handcuffed him. The complaint said he was "calm," adding that after he was seated on the ground, he thanked Lane.

The officers' body-worn cameras captured the incident.

8:14 p.m. Lane and Kueng walked Floyd to their squad and tried to put him inside. Floyd "stiffened up and fell to the ground."

"Mr. Floyd told the officers that he was not resisting but he did not want to get in the back seat and was claustrophobic," the complaint said.

Chauvin and partner arrive

At some point, officers Chauvin and Thao arrived at the scene in a separate squad. The officers tried several times to get Floyd into the back seat of a squad by "pushing him from the driver's side," the charges said, adding that Floyd "repeatedly said that he could not breathe."

8:19 p.m. Chauvin pulled Floyd out of the squad and he "went to the ground" facedown while still handcuffed. Kueng held onto Floyd's back while Lane restrained his legs and Chauvin placed his left knee on Floyd's neck.

COMPLAINT: FROM CALM TO FATAL

Thao retrieved a hobble restraint from a squad to control Floyd, but the officers opted not to use it. Thao stood watch nearby, and was seen in a video dismissing the concerns of witnesses who pleaded with the officers to stop.

"Mr. Floyd said, '*I can't breathe*' multiple times and repeatedly said, 'Mama' and 'please,' as well," the charges say. "At one point, Mr. Floyd said, 'I'm about to die.' "

The complaint noted three times that the three officers did not move from their positions. At one point, an officer told Floyd, "You are talking fine."

Lane asked if they should roll Floyd on his side. Chauvin responded that Floyd was "staying put where we got him."

No pulse detected

8:24 p.m. Floyd's "slight movements" decreased and he stopped moving.

8:25 p.m. Floyd appeared to stop breathing. "Want to roll him on his side?" Lane asked again.

Kueng checked Floyd's pulse. "I couldn't find one," Kueng said.

8:27 p.m. Chauvin removed his knee from Floyd's neck. An ambulance and emergency medical personnel arrived at the scene and transported Floyd to Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC).

9:25 p.m. Floyd was pronounced dead at HCMC after first responders and emergency room staff tried to revive him for nearly an hour.

"Police are trained that this type of restraint with a subject in a prone position is inherently dangerous," said an amended criminal complaint filed Wednesday against Chauvin. "Officer Chauvin's restraint of Mr. Floyd in this manner for a prolonged period was a substantial factor in Mr. Floyd losing consciousness, constituting substantial bodily harm, and Mr. Floyd's death as well."

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Watch: George Floyd memorial in Minneapolis

ARTICLE CCLXIX. [**WATCH: GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL IN MINNEAPOLIS**](#)

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Body

Mourners converged in Minneapolis on Thursday for the first in a series of a memorials to *George Floyd*, whose death at the hands of police has sparked turbulent protests around the world against racial injustice.

The afternoon event was set for North Central University, where the civil rights leader the Rev. Al Sharpton was scheduled to be among those eulogizing the 46-year-old Floyd.

"He was a human being. He had family, he had dreams, he had hopes. The real duty of one with this type of assignment is to underscore the value of the human life that was taken, which gives the reason the movement was occurring," Sharpton said ahead of the gathering.

Inside the sanctuary, a golden casket was flanked by white and purple flowers, and an image was projected above the pulpit of a mural painted at the street corner where Floyd was pinned to the ground by police. The sanctuary normally seats 1,000, but because of the coronavirus outbreak, the capacity was reduced to about 500.

The service was expected to attract an array of celebrities, civil rights leaders, activists and politicians from around the country.

Seats were reserved for actors and comedians Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish and Regina Hall; actor and producer Tyler Perry; Martin Luther King III; the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz; Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey; Rep. Ilhan Omar; Sen. Amy Klobuchar and others, though it wasn't certain that all would attend.

[*Memorial service for George Floyd a call for justice and change*](#) [*George Floyd's daughter on 'GMA': What she wants people to know*](#) [*His business in St. Paul got looted. He's more concerned with justice for George Floyd*](#) [*Democrats prepare police reform bills after Floyd's death*](#) Memorials are set to take place in three cities over six days: After the Minneapolis event, Floyd's body will go to Raeford, North Carolina, where he was born, for a public viewing and private family service on Saturday.

Watch: George Floyd memorial in Minneapolis

Next, a public viewing will be held Monday in Houston, where he was raised and lived most of his life. Then a 500-person service will take place Tuesday at the Fountain of Praise church.

The farewells for Floyd - an out-of-work bouncer who was arrested on suspicion of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill at a convenience store and died after a white officer pressed his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes - come as demonstrations around the globe continue.

In the U.S., where protests had been marked by bouts of lawlessness earlier in the week, relative quiet continued for a second straight night Wednesday following a decision by prosecutors to charge the three other Minneapolis officers at the scene of Floyd's death with aiding and abetting a murder.

Authorities also filed a new, more serious murder charge - second-degree, up from third-degree - against the officer at the center of the case, *Derek Chauvin*.

If convicted, they could get 40 years in prison.

The three officers newly charged in the Floyd's death - *Thomas Lane*, J. Kueng and *Tou Thao* - were due to make a first court appearance Thursday. Chauvin is not due in court until Monday.

Meantime, in Georgia, a white father and son charged in another killing of a black man that has raised racial tensions in the U.S. made a court appearance Thursday via video. A state investigator testified that the man accused of shooting Ahmaud Arbery, Travis McMichael, uttered a racist epithet as he stood over Arbery's body.

The new charges in Minneapolis punctuated an unprecedented week in recent American history, in which largely peaceful protests took place in communities of all sizes but were rocked by bursts of violence, including deadly attacks on officers, theft, vandalism and arson. In Minneapolis alone, more than 220 buildings were damaged or burned, with damage topping \$55 million, city officials said.

Nationwide, more than 10,000 people have been arrested, an Associated Press tally found. More than a dozen deaths have been reported, though the circumstances in many cases are still being sorted out.

From Paris and London to Tel Aviv, Sydney, Johannesburg and Rio de Janeiro, Floyd's death has triggered demonstrations, with protesters decrying inequality, police brutality and other problems in their own countries.

"It's a solidarity question. We stand with our brothers, internationally, our sisters as well, but the same thing is happening here. It's no different," Isaak Kabenge said in Stockholm.

The attorney for Floyd's family, Ben Crump, called the additional charges against the officers "a bittersweet moment" and "a significant step forward on the road to justice."

Hundreds of protesters were in New York City's Washington Square Park when the charges were announced.

"It's not enough," protester Jonathan Roldan said, insisting all four officers should have been charged from the start. "Right now, we're still marching because it's not enough that they got arrested. There needs to be systematic change."

Watch: George Floyd memorial in Minneapolis

The mood in New York turned somber later in the day after a police officer on an anti-looting patrol was ambushed by a man who walked up behind him and stabbed him in the neck. Two other officers suffered gunshot wounds to their hands in the struggle, and the attacker was in critical condition after being shot by police.

The new second-degree murder charge alleges Chauvin caused Floyd's death without intent while committing another felony, namely assault. It carries a heavier sentence than the third-degree charge, which is punishable by up to 25 years behind bars.

At a protest in the nation's capital, 30-year-old Jade Jones said the demonstrations would continue despite the new charges.

"That's the least they could do," Jones said. "It's not going to wipe away 400 years of pain."

Merchant reported from Houston and Sedensky from Philadelphia. Associated Press journalists across the U.S. and the world contributed to this report. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Witness who was in George Floyd's car says his friend did not resist arrest

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Body

WASHINGTON - A longtime friend of ***George Floyd***'s who was in the passenger seat of Floyd's car during his fatal encounter with a Minneapolis police officer said Wednesday night that Floyd tried to defuse the tensions with police and in no way resisted arrest.

"He was, from the beginning, trying in his humblest form to show he was not resisting in no form or way," said the friend, Maurice Lester Hall, 42, who was tracked down Monday in Houston, arrested on outstanding warrants and interviewed by Minnesota state investigators.

"I could hear him pleading, 'Please, officer, what's all this for?' " Hall said in an interview Wednesday night with the New York Times.

Hall recounted the last moments with Floyd on Memorial Day, May 25, after they had spent part of the day together.

"He was just crying out at that time for anyone to help because he was dying," Hall said. "I'm going to always remember seeing the fear in Floyd's face because he's such a king. That's what sticks with me, seeing a grown man cry, before seeing a grown man die."

Hall is a key witness in the state's investigation into the four officers who apprehended Floyd, including ***Derek Chauvin***, who knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes, even after he became unresponsive.

But Hall - who had outstanding warrants for his arrest on felony possession of a firearm, felony domestic assault and felony drug possession - provided a false name to officers at the scene of Floyd's arrest, according to a Minnesota official.

Hall left Minneapolis and hitchhiked to Houston two days later, after visiting a memorial at the site of the police encounter.

"When the whole world was finding out that they murdered ***George Floyd***," he said, "I went and said a prayer where I witnessed him take his last breath, and I left."

Witness who was in George Floyd's car says his friend did not resist arrest

Hall said he had left dinner with his family late Monday evening when their car was surrounded by at least a dozen law enforcement officers. After his arrest, he was questioned for hours by a Minnesota state investigator about Floyd's death - not about his warrants. Hall was then transferred to the Harris County Jail in Houston, and Tuesday, he returned to his home in the city, after his lawyers fought for his release.

"When Hall's family found us, he had been isolated in jail for 10 hours after being interrogated until 3 a.m.," said Ashlee C. McFarlane, a partner at Gerger Khalil Hennessy & McFarlane, who is representing Hall. "This is not how you treat a key witness, especially one that had just seen his friend murdered by police. Even with outstanding warrants, this should have been done another way."

"I knew what was happening, that they were coming. It was inevitable," Hall said in the interview with the Times. "I'm a key witness to the cops murdering George Floyd, and they want to know my side. Whatever I've been through, it's all over with now. It's not about me."

Hall and Floyd, both Houston natives, had connected in Minneapolis through a pastor and had been in touch every day since 2016. Hall said that he considered Floyd a confidant and a mentor, like many in the community, and that he went back to Houston because the "only ties I had in Minnesota that had me Houston-rooted was George."

Agents of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is building the state's case against Chauvin and the three other officers involved in the Floyd case, "attempted to contact Hall numerous times to no avail," said Bruce Gordon, a spokesman for the bureau.

Hall said that he was distraught and working through his trauma with his family and was not taking phone calls in the days immediately after.

The bureau asked law enforcement agents in Texas to arrest Hall because it believed he was not cooperating with its investigation. Hall and McFarlane, his lawyer, said that he cooperated fully with the Minnesota official's interview.

"They got a testimony, and that's what they were after," Hall added. "They came and saw, and left me to fighting for my freedom."

Passengers in the car with Floyd, a man and a woman, had remained unidentified until Hall spoke with The Times on Wednesday. Hall said that he did not know the woman's name.

Minnesota officials said Wednesday that the state had upgraded the charges against Chauvin to second-degree murder from third-degree murder and manslaughter. They also charged the other three officers who took part in the fatal arrest - Thomas Lane, 37; J. Alexander Kueng, 26; and Tou Thao, 34 - with aiding and abetting murder.

All four officers were fired the day after Floyd died and video of his death went viral online.

"I walk with Floyd," Hall said. "I know that I'm going to be his voice." [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#). ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#). [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#). ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#). [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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CHARGES AGAINST FOUR EX-MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS

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Derek Michael Chauvin, 44, Oakdale

Second-degree murder : Chauvin caused the death of a human being, [George Floyd](#), without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense.

Maximum sentence: 40 years

Third-degree murder : Chauvin caused the death of another, [George Floyd](#), by perpetrating an act eminently dangerous to others and evincing a depraved mind, without regard for human life.

Maximum sentence: 25 years

Second-degree manslaughter : Chauvin caused the death of [George Floyd](#) by culpable negligence, creating an unreasonable risk and taking a chance of causing death or great bodily harm.

Maximum sentence: 10 years

Thomas Kiernan Lane, 37, St. Paul

Aiding and abetting unintentional second-degree murder while committing a felony: Lane intentionally aided, advised, hired, counseled, or conspired with or otherwise procured another to commit a crime, namely, causing the death of a human being, [George Floyd](#), without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense.

Maximum sentence: 40 years

Aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter - culpable negligence creating unreasonable risk: Lane intentionally aided, advised, hired, counseled, or conspired with or otherwise procured the other to commit [a] crime, namely caused the death of another, [George Floyd](#), by his culpable negligence, creating an unreasonable risk and consciously took the chances of causing death or great bodily harm to another, [George Floyd](#).

Maximum sentence: 10 years

CHARGES AGAINST FOUR EX-MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS

J Alexander Kueng, 26, Plymouth

Aiding and abetting unintentional second-degree murder: Kueng intentionally aided, advised, hired, counseled, or conspired with or otherwise procured another to commit a crime, namely, causing the death of a human being, **George Floyd**, without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense.

Maximum sentence: 40 years

Aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter - culpable negligence creating unreasonable risk: Lane intentionally aided, advised, hired, counseled, or conspired with or otherwise procured the other to commit [a] crime, namely caused the death of another, **George Floyd**, by his culpable negligence, creating an unreasonable risk and consciously took the chances of causing death or great bodily harm to another, **George Floyd**.

Maximum sentence: 10 years

Tou Thao, 34, Coon Rapids

Aiding and abetting unintentional second-degree murder: Thao intentionally aided, advised, hired, counseled, or conspired with or otherwise procured another to commit a crime, namely, causing the death of a human being, **George Floyd**, without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense.

Maximum sentence: 40 years

Aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter - culpable negligence creating unreasonable risk: Thao intentionally aided, advised, hired, counseled, or conspired with or otherwise procured the other to commit a crime, namely caused the death of another, **George Floyd**, by his culpable negligence, creating an unreasonable risk and consciously took the chances of causing death or great bodily harm to another, **George Floyd**.

Maximum sentence: 10 years

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Memorial service for George Floyd a call for justice and change

ARTICLE CCLXXII. **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD A CALL FOR JUSTICE
AND CHANGE**

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Body

For eight minutes and 46 seconds, the family of **George Floyd** stood in silence, along with civil rights leaders, celebrities and politicians on Thursday.

"That was the time that George was on the ground, and we want you all over the world to stand with us ... and make that commitment for justice in the name of George," said the Rev. Al Sharpton during Floyd's memorial service in Minneapolis.

Floyd died May 25 after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into the neck of the 46-year-old for nearly nearly nine minutes. The death off Floyd set off global protests.

Thursday's memorial at North Central University's sanctuary was a private service and featured repeated calls for change and justice. A crowd of several hundred people gathered outside and listened to the service that was also broadcast outdoors. Many held signs of support for Floyd and wore T-shirts that bore his name.

The mural for Floyd is projected on a screen. [@DaneMizutani](https://twitter.com/DaneMizutani) wrote about how the mural came to be: pic.twitter.com/GKY7qvXxMH

- Mara Gottfried (@MaraGottfried)

"**George Floyd**'s story has been the story of black folks," Sharpton said in his eulogy. "Because ever since 401 years ago, the reason we could never be who we wanted and dreamed to be is you kept your knee on our neck. ... What happened to Floyd happens every day in this country in education, in health services and in every area of American life. It's time for us to stand up in George's name and say, 'Get your knee off our necks!' "

Sharpton vowed this will become a movement to "change the whole system of justice."

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A golden casket was flanked by white and purple flowers, and an image was projected above the pulpit of a [mural painted at the street corner https://t.co/hjtt8eoj6j](https://t.co/hjtt8eoj6j) June 4, 2020 where Floyd was pinned to the ground by police. The university's sanctuary normally seats 1,000, but because of the coronavirus outbreak, the capacity was reduced to about 500.

An autopsy report released Wednesday showed Floyd had tested positive for COVID-19 at the beginning of April. The medical examiner determined he died after his heart stopped while he was restrained by police.

"It was not the coronavirus pandemic that killed **George Floyd**," family attorney Benjamin Crump said during the service. "... It was that other pandemic that we're far too familiar with in America, that pandemic of racism and discrimination that killed **George Floyd**."

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Floyd was raised in Houston and lived there most of his life, yet Minneapolis "adopted him and showed him so much love," said his brother, Rodney Floyd.

Growing up, their family "didn't have much, but we had a house full of love," Rodney Floyd said.

"Our mom did what she could," said Philonise Floyd, another of George's brothers. "We would sleep in the same beds, play video games together, go outside and play catch."

They danced and cooked with their mother. They made banana and mayonnaise sandwiches. "It was a family thing," Philonise Floyd added.

Floyd's family called him Perry, but he had many nicknames - Big George, Big Floyd, Georgie Porgie.

People wanted to be around Floyd, who had a way with words. Whether someone was homeless or did drugs, Floyd made them feel like they were "the president" when he spoke with them, Philonise Floyd said.

A cousin, Shareeduh Tate, said she would miss Floyd's hugs the most.

"He was this great, big giant, and when he would wrap his arms around you, you would just feel like ... any problems you had, any concerns you had would go away."

While Tate said they all need prayers, she said they're most concerned about Floyd's five children and 3-year-old granddaughter.

A bystander's video captured what happened to Floyd. Crump said Thursday what it showed was torture, inhumane and evil.

"Yes, it was," called out people gathered at the service.

While officers were restraining Floyd, he said "**I can't breathe**" multiple times and also "mama."

Sharpton said when he heard that, he told Crump he wanted to talk to Floyd's mother, but Crump told him she was deceased.

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"And I thought about it because I was raised by a single mother and sometimes the only thing between us and our conditions was our mothers, sometimes the only thing that would take danger away was our mothers," Sharpton said. "... I know why George was calling for mama."

Floyd's son told Sharpton on Wednesday night another thought about why Floyd was calling for his mother: "Because at the point that he was dying, his mother was stretching her hands out, saying, 'Come on, George. ... There's a place where police don't put knees on you, George,'" Sharpton said.

Former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death. Three others are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter; they've also been fired from the ***Minneapolis police department***.

Carolyn Washington, a minister who attended Thursday's service, said she was most moved by standing for Floyd.

"I don't think any of us has ever paid attention to eight minutes and how long eight minutes actually is," she said. "I could not hold back the tears because all I could think about was the weight of that officer on his neck and, 'What if that was my son?'"

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and members of Congress, including Reps. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas and Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts prayed over Floyd's casket.

Among others in attendance were Martin Luther King III, son of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith; Gov. Tim Walz; Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey; House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park; and Minnesota's top Republican politicians, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka and House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt.

A number of celebrities came to the service, including T.I., Ludacris, Tyrese Gibson, Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish, Master P, Will Packer and Marsai Martin.

About a dozen members of the Minnesota Vikings were in the sanctuary, along with Josh Okogie of the Minnesota Timberwolves and University of Minnesota men's basketball coach P.J. Fleck.

"We understand the hard times that are going on today, and some of us can feel it near and dear to our hearts," Vikings running back Alexander Mattison said afterward. "It's time for change."

North Central University has established a ***George Floyd*** Memorial Scholarship, and even before it was announced more than \$53,000 was contributed, President Scott Hagan said during the memorial service. He challenged university presidents around the nation to start scholarships in Floyd's name and said, "It is time to invest like never before in a new generation of young black Americans."

On Saturday, a public viewing and private family service will be held in Raeford, N.C., where Floyd was born.

A public viewing will be held Monday in Houston, Floyd's hometown before moving to Minnesota in 2014, and a private family service will follow Tuesday, also in Houston.

Nick Ferraro and Dave Orrick contributed to this report, which includes information from the Associated Press.

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His business in St. Paul got looted. He's more concerned with justice for George Floyd

ARTICLE CCLXXIII. ***HIS BUSINESS IN ST. PAUL GOT LOOTED. HE'S MORE CONCERNED WITH JUSTICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD***

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Body

Mussie Embaye was protesting the killing of *George Floyd* on Saturday night when his business on University Avenue in St. Paul was broken into and looted.

He returned to Go Get It Tobacco on Sunday morning to survey the damage, wandering around the destruction of the tobacco shop he worked so hard to open a mere 11 months ago.

The front door was kicked in, display cases shattered, and pretty much everything stolen from him. Still the last thing on Embaye's mind was his business.

"I took one for the team," Embaye said. "I don't care. There are bigger things going on right now. That's what we should be focused on."

He knows he can rebuild. He can repair and reopen. He still has a future.

He knows the same thing can't be said about Floyd. Not after he died under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer last week in what has been deemed a homicide by the Hennepin County medical examiner.

It was the latest example of a black man being killed by a police officer, a list that notably includes Philando Castile and Jamar Clark in the Twin Cities, and too many names to count nationwide.

As a result, peaceful protests broke out across the Twin Cities last week with some areas escalating into riots. This same pattern has played out across the country in recent days.

"What happened is pretty much the straw that broke the camel's back," Embaye said. "Look at all of these other times that we have seen innocent black people get killed. We have tried the peaceful protest. We have tried changing legislation. We have tried getting different leaders in there. And this still happens."

His business in St. Paul got looted. He's more concerned with justice for George Floyd

Which is why Embaye, 32, wasn't thinking about his tobacco shop over the weekend. Instead, he was thinking about the years of oppression, both his personal experiences and those on a larger scale, that led up to that moment that people broke in.

'I WAS TAUGHT RACISM IN MINNESOTA'

His family emigrated from Eritrea back in 1993. It was the first time in his life he looked different than the people around him, and it started to make him feel different, even as a kid.

He remembers being teased in elementary school. He remembers being called the n-word during his adolescence. He remembers being racially profiled when he got to college.

"I was taught racism in Minnesota by people that don't look like me," Embaye said. "I came from a place where everybody looked like me. Whether it was doctors, nurses, anybody in a position of power, police officers, military, everybody was black. I didn't know racism until I came to Minnesota."

He said it continued after he opened his business, citing how he had to battle "systemic racism" to obtain the license needed to convert to a tobacco shop.

EMBAYE'S 40-FOOT BATTLE

After opening as Little Grocery in August 2017 near the intersection of Herschel Street and University Avenue, Embaye made the decision to convert to a tobacco shop amid new restrictions that limited sales of menthol tobacco products in convenience stores.

He was originally denied his license for being too close to to a similar business. He was is 2,600 feet away, and thus, needed a 40-foot variance to fall in line with the policy that states tobacco shops in St. Paul need to be at least 2,640 feet apart. He presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals, asking for a 40-foot variance, and was narrowly approved by a vote of 4-3.

Though he was happy with the result, Embaye also voiced his frustration about how the Board of Zoning Appeals approved a larger 200-foot variance unanimously a week earlier. All the while, Embaye also battled with Association of Non-Smokers Minnesota, who appealed the decision.

He eventually got to present to the St. Paul City Council and was finally granted his license after months of legal battles. That said, Embaye's fight wasn't quite done. His landlord didn't want a tobacco shop in that area and wouldn't renew his lease.

That forced Embaye to move, and he opened Go Get It Tobacco in July 2019 at its current location.

"Everything I had to do, if it wasn't for me grinding and having the support of my family, I wouldn't have made it to the finish line," Embaye said. "I want people to know the struggle and what it took for a black person to get a (expletive) business in St. Paul."

'I CAN'T LET THINGS LIKE THIS PASS'

He gets emotional talking about it because it brings up the racism he's been dealing with his whole life. It's the same racism that led to Floyd's death last week, he said.

That's what Embaye wants people to focus on right now. As hard as he worked to get Go Get It Tobacco opened, he is more concerned with justice for Floyd.

His business in St. Paul got looted. He's more concerned with justice for George Floyd

As he wrote on his store's [Go Fund Me](#) page, "We know buildings do not matter more than black lives."

"This emotion is real," Embaye said. "That's why I've been out there protesting since Day 1. My mom doesn't understand why I'm out there. She just wants me to be safe like any mother would. And I have to tell her, 'This is why I'm doing this.' I can't let things like this pass."

As an inspiration in the Eritrean community, Embaye hopes to continue to make a positive impact moving forward. His store's Go Fund Me page has already met its goal and he plans to donate any additional funds to Captain Rebel, another black-owned business that was destroyed on Lake Street in Minneapolis last week, as well as other East African and Native American businesses across the Twin Cities.

That said, Embaye knows there's still a lot of work to do as far as fighting racism and demanding equality. He has the letters "TMC" plastered on the windows outside of Go Get It Tobacco as a reminder. It stands for "The Marathon Continues" and pays homage to the late Nipsey Hussle and the movement he started.

"It's letting people know that anything in life that we do is not a sprint," Embaye said. "It's not going to happen overnight. It's a marathon. And if we continue running we can get to the end."

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Mussie Embaye's Go Get It Tobacco business on University Avenue in St. Paul, seen Tuesday, June 2, 2020, was broken into and looted twice in the past week. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Mussie Embaye at his Go Get It Tobacco business on University Avenue in St. Paul on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. The business was broken into and looted twice in the past week. Embaye stands behind the broken counters holding a rock which was hurled through his window. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Mussie Embaye poses outside his Go Get It Tobacco business on University Avenue in St. Paul. (Photo courtesy of Mussie Embaye)

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TWIN CITIES SEE A SECOND NIGHT OF RELATIVE CALM

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If you listened very closely Wednesday night, you could almost - almost - hear residents of Minneapolis and St. Paul heave a collective sigh of relief.

More than a week after the death of *George Floyd* at the hands of police, after days and nights of protests and marches and fires and looting and curfews and the deployment of National Guard troops and the charging of four former police officers with murder and aiding and abetting murder, the Twin Cities experienced a second night of relative calm. While state and community leaders said much more remains to be done, there was a sense that the grip of the past week is loosening.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Keith Ellison announced the addition of a more serious second-degree murder charge against former Minneapolis police officer *Derek Chauvin*, who was shown on a witness' video kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes. Ellison also announced that the three former officers involved in Floyd's arrest were charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Walz thanked Minnesotans for their sacrifices to stay home and keep their neighborhoods safe, but he wasn't ready to ease up just yet. He extended the curfews in Minneapolis and St. Paul for two more nights, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., on Wednesday and Thursday out of continuing public safety concerns.

"Minnesotans need more than ever to lean on their neighbors, show up for their communities, and add their voice to this urgent conversation on addressing our systemic problems," the governor said in a statement. "Yet they've made those sacrifices to stay home through the curfew to help keep our neighborhoods safe."

People who have abided by the curfew are creating a space to allow state leaders to focus on other priorities, Walz said, priorities such as the civil rights investigation into the *Minneapolis Police Department*, charging the other officers involved in Floyd's death and introducing changes that need to be made during the upcoming legislative special session.

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In at least one sign of a return to normal in the Twin Cities area, Metro Transit restarted some service Wednesday morning. Buses began rolling again at 4 a.m. Wednesday after service was halted late last week over concerns for the safety of riders and employees.

Blue and Green Line light-rail service was to resume at 6 a.m. Thursday, the agency announced.

"I ask for - and I thank you for - your continued patience as we work to restore service," Metro Transit General Manager Wes Kooistra said in a statement. "Please know that we are eager to return to fulfilling our mission to get people where they need to go. We recognize that reliable transportation is especially important in areas where food and other services are now harder to come by, and we will do all we can to meet those needs."

Transit spokesman Howie Padilla said that despite the extension of nighttime curfews until before dawn Friday, "we expect to have service at the same levels and times as we have had during the COVID-19 epidemic."

Some bus routes that usually travel in areas where unrest broke out in recent days may need adjusting. That includes the intersection of E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue, where Floyd was detained by police and where a sprawling memorial on the pavement now dominates the space.

Various suburban transit agencies are also moving closer to normal operations.

Floyd's death on May 25 prompted many days of protest in large areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul that included acts of looting, arson and property damage along with peaceful expressions of grief and outrage. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Response Team arrived in Minneapolis this week to investigate who was responsible for starting the fires during the riots.

While the unrest has ebbed since the mobilization of thousands of National Guard troops and the imposition of nightly curfews, nonviolent gatherings and activities have continued largely without incident. Protests have continued - outside the governor's residence, on the grounds of the State Capitol and outside the offices of the Minneapolis Police Federation. Protesters there demanded the resignation of the union's president, Lt. Bob Kroll.

Kroll has been an outspoken critic of the city's liberal leadership, which he faults for being anti-police and holding back on needed resources and manpower. In a recent letter to the rank-and-file, he blasted the city's handling of the riots following Floyd's death, saying officers had been made "scapegoats" for the continued violence.

City leaders, in turn, have blasted Kroll for opposing reform and lacking empathy for the communities police serve.

Other statewide unions including Education Minnesota and the Minnesota Nurses Association joined the AFL-CIO in calling for Kroll's resignation.

The Star Tribune, too, has drawn criticism. A protest in front of the news company's offices on S. 3rd Avenue in downtown Minneapolis on Wednesday evening featured civil rights attorney Nekima Levy-Armstrong encouraging people to cancel their subscription to the newspaper.

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The paper "regurgitates the news releases that come directly from the police department," she said afterward. In the case of *George Floyd*, she said, "They put out that news release without any investigative journalism, without talking to black witnesses to get a different narrative."

The protest drew thousands of people, nearly enough to fill the city block of S. 3rd Avenue between S. 7th Street and S. 6th Street.

Chief Hennepin County Public Defender Mary Moriarty also spoke, telling people, "This is a moment in history ... We in the system need your help. We need you to help us. I vow to you that I will keep speaking out about *systemic racism*."

Monique Cullars-Doty is the aunt of Marcus Golden. He was shot and killed in 2014 by two St. Paul police officers. She said the "media repeated multiple lies from the St. Paul Police Department."

"They're not investigating, they're just putting out false narratives as if they're an extension of the law enforcement agencies," she said. "Their goal in doing that when the police try and demonize our loved ones is to justify the homicide."

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3 more officers charged in George Floyd's death

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Body

By AMY FORLITI, STEVE KARNOWSKI and TIM SULLIVAN

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The most serious charge was filed against Derek Chauvin, who was caught on video pressing his knee to Floyd's neck and now must defend himself against an accusation of second-degree murder. The three other officers at the scene were charged for the first time with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

All four were fired last week. If convicted, they could be sentenced to up to four decades in prison.

Chauvin was initially charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Those charges still stand.

The new second-degree murder charge alleges that Chauvin caused Floyd's death without intent while committing another felony, namely third-degree assault. It carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, compared with a maximum of 25 years for third-degree murder.

The other officers - Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao - face the same maximum penalties for aiding and abetting. All three men were in custody by Wednesday evening. Chauvin was arrested last week and is still being held.

The multiple charges against each officer would offer a jury more options to find them guilty.

The charges were sought by Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who called the protests unleashed by the death "dramatic and necessary" and said Floyd "should be here and he is not."

3 more officers charged in George Floyd's death

"His life had value, and we will seek justice," said Ellison, who cautioned that winning convictions would be hard and said that public pressure had no bearing on his decisions.

Hundreds of protesters were in New York City's Washington Square Park when the charges were announced.

"It's not enough," protester Jonathan Roldan said, insisting all four officers should have been charged from the start. "Right now, we're still marching because it's not enough that they got arrested. There needs to be systematic change."

Ben Crump, an attorney for Floyd's family, called it "a bittersweet moment" and "a significant step forward on the road to justice." Crump said Ellison had told the family he would continue his investigation into Floyd's death and upgrade the charge to first-degree murder if warranted.

The move by prosecutors punctuated an unprecedented week in modern American history, in which largely peaceful protests took place in communities of all sizes but were rocked by bouts of violence, including deadly attacks on officers, rampant thefts and arson in some places.

Nationwide, more than 9,000 have been arrested in connection with unrest. At least 12 deaths have been reported, though the circumstances in many cases are still being sorted out.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, speaking after the new charges were announced, said the state and nation need to "seize the moment" and use the wrenching events of the past week to confront the effects of racism, including unequal educational and economic opportunities.

"I think this is probably our last shot, as a state and as a nation, to fix this systemic issue," he said at a news conference.

Also Wednesday, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office released the full autopsy report on Floyd, which noted he had previously tested positive for COVID-19, but was apparently asymptomatic. The report was released with the family's permission after summary findings Monday that said he had a heart attack while being restrained by officers.

President Donald Trump has pushed the nation's governors to take a hard line against the violence. He again tweeted Wednesday: "LAW & ORDER!"

An overpowering security force - including officers from the FBI Hostage Rescue Team, the Secret Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Prisons and, according to a senior defense official, at least 2,200 National Guard soldiers - was out in force Wednesday as thousands of peaceful protesters demonstrated in the nation's capital. Some remained near the White House while others marched toward the Capitol building.

Military vehicles were parked on streets near the White House, and an array of agencies kept watch from the air. An FBI plane, an Army surveillance plane and a Park Police helicopter circled overhead.

At one point near the White House, protesters began singing "Amazing Grace" as they knelt in view of law enforcement officers in riot gear. "We are not going anywhere!" they chanted. There were no signs of confrontations.

Protester Jade Jones, 30, said the demonstrations would continue despite the new charges.

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"That's the least they could do," said Jones, who had been attending Washington protests for days. "It's not going to wipe away 400 years of pain."

"We are glad there are additional charges, but that doesn't mean justice has been served," she said.

More than 20,000 National Guard members have been called up in 29 states to deal with the violence.

In New York City, where high-end stores were looted in earlier days, some retailers fortified their property. At the luxury department store Saks Fifth Avenue, windows were boarded up, then covered in chain-link fencing and razor wire. The front of the store was guarded by a line of tattooed men with dogs. There was scuffling in some parts of the city Wednesday night, but no signs of major clashes between protesters and police.

The protests have also taken root overseas.

In Greece, police fired tear gas after young people attacked them Wednesday outside the U.S. Embassy in Athens. Some 4,000 protesters had been peaceful until near the end of the demonstration, when some threw gasoline bombs and stones at police. No injuries or arrests were reported. Other protests were held Wednesday in London, Helsinki, Rotterdam and Bogota, among other cities.

The anger over Floyd's death has spilled into an array of racial issues across the U.S.

In Philadelphia, for example, a statue of former Mayor Frank Rizzo was removed by the city Wednesday after repeatedly being targeted by vandals. Rizzo presided over a police force widely accused of racism and brutality in the 1970s.

In Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam was expected to announce plans Thursday for the removal of an iconic statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from Richmond's prominent Monument Avenue, a senior administration official told The Associated Press. The statue in the former Confederate capital has been the target of vandalism during the protests.

Associated Press journalists across the U.S. contributed to this report.

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Pushing for race and police reforms, Walz fires shot at Republicans in Senate

ARTICLE CCLXXVI. [PUSHING FOR RACE AND POLICE REFORMS, WALZ FIRES SHOT AT REPUBLICANS IN SENATE](#)

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To be clear, Walz, a Democrat, never uttered the word "Republican" or mentioned any lawmaker by name. But on the eve of [memorial services for Floyd](#) that will continue the national spotlight on Minnesota, Walz's pivot to an offensive posture against the only body of power in the state not controlled by Democrats left little doubt. He all but dared them.

"My call to action on this is: This is on us, and I don't think things just happen by chance," Walz said at a 5 p.m. news conference carried live on local stations, underscoring that the national fury over racial injustice was sparked in Minneapolis when a white police officer put his knee to a subdued and unarmed Floyd's neck, leading to his death. "I'm not sure there's anywhere else in the country (where) their Legislature is coming back next week. So you're gonna get to see an opportunity next week how serious people are about getting this done. Because I will guarantee you, there will be bills put on the floor and put to a vote: Yes or no. Put your money where your mouth is and send it forward."

Walz didn't articulate the actual bills he wants to see voted on, but it was clear from his deference to minority lawmakers and community activists that he's endorsing a cornucopia of proposals long sought by liberal Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party members from the core cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

A request for comment from the state's most powerful Republican, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, wasn't returned Wednesday evening.

LEGISLATURE DORMANT

Pushing for race and police reforms, Walz fires shot at Republicans in Senate

The shift toward the Minnesota Legislature is jarring; the entire legislative branch of government has taken a way-back seat to Walz ever since the the coronavirus pandemic hit and Walz, like governors across the nation, in March granted himself sweeping emergency powers allowed under state law. The Legislature was in session at the time, and the sense of national crisis spawned a brief flash of bipartisanship as both the Democratic-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate sped through a series of relief packages.

But then the chambers went largely dormant, scattered into scratchy Zoom calls and soon defaulting to muted-but-still-steadfast partisan lines. They adjourned last month with no agreement on a public infrastructure spending package, aka "bonding bill," even though the basic idea enjoys widespread support from lawmakers of both parties.

However, for Walz to continue his emergency powers, he must call lawmakers back to the Capitol in St. Paul for a special session. He's said he'll do so on June 12.

Walz attempted to draw a natural progression to the doorsteps of the Legislature Wednesday.

He highlighted that the executive branch - his domain - on Tuesday launched a [sweeping civil rights probe](#) into the ***Minneapolis Police Department***'s racial practices over the last decade.

And he reiterated that Attorney General Keith Ellison - an independently elected official with constitutional powers - had taken over prosecution of the police officers involved in Floyd's custody. On Wednesday, [Ellison upped the charges against Derek Chauvin](#), the then-Minneapolis police officer whose knee kept Floyd's face pressed against the pavement, to second-degree murder and also charged the three other officers with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Walz noted that the prosecution will eventually face the scrutiny of the judiciary branch of government.

Then, after saying "the center of gravity" of the national unrest "is in this state," he rattled off a host of historical racial inequities, from discriminatory housing to educational achievement, and pivoted to the legislative branch.

LIST OF PROPOSALS

"Pick your issue," Walz said, suggesting perhaps a way for those who have demonstrated to channel their energy.

The agenda poised to embody much of the initiatives was [laid out earlier this week](#) by lawmakers in the People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus, of which Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan was a founding member when she served in a Legislature.

Their agenda includes some two dozen ideas, under five general topics - as the caucus defined them:

Reform the investigation and prosecution of officer-involved deaths and wrongful actions
Increase police accountability and transparency
Raise standards of conduct and support officer excellence
Partner officers with the communities they serve
Repair and build community trust and create community-centered public safety

Among the specific ideas:

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Create a new crime: "unjustified use of force that results in death or great bodily harm" Create a legal duty for officers to intervene when a fellow cop is using excessive force Move all officer-involved death investigations and prosecution to the attorney general's office Rescind current state law that bans municipalities from requiring cops to live within their borders "Prohibit use of 'Bullet-Proof Warrior' style use of force training" Develop new policies to respond to protests

"I think this is probably our last shot," Walz said of the ambitions to rewrite many of the laws and policies that govern police behavior.

IS IT REALISTIC?

By any traditional political calculation, the list of ideas would face little hope of reaching Walz's desk. In fact, many have been proposed for years, but never gained enough traction, with some never reaching the floor of the House and others languishing in the Senate, where traditional law-and-order Republicans preside over key committees.

But Walz is seeking to capitalize on what he painted as ground-shifting momentum during a moment when all lawmakers will face re-election in November.

Special legislative sessions are traditionally short affairs as lawmakers try to get in, pass urgent matters, and return to their summer breaks. When asked how such a list of reforms could possibly be heard, debated and passed in a short stretch of time, Walz suggested time wasn't an issue.

"The strongest leverage is the people," he said. "I could see us staying there until we get 'er done."

Shortly after his remarks, Walz's political campaign committee sent an email to supporters to rally the cause.

"Will his death be just another blip in a textbook?" the email said of Floyd. "Or will it go down in history as when our country turned toward justice and change?"

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Park Board cuts ties to MPD

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PARK BOARD CUTS TIES TO MPD

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The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board voted Wednesday night to sever its longtime relationship with the Minneapolis Police Department, adding to the list of organizations that have cut ties with the local police following the death of George Floyd at the hands of its officers.

The University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Public Schools, museums and venues have also chosen to limit or end their collaboration with the Police Department in the wake of Floyd's death May 25, which resulted in the firings and arrests of four officers.

The Park Board's unanimous vote directs Superintendent Al Bangoura to immediately stop using Minneapolis police officers to staff park-sanctioned events, and block Park Police officers from responding to nonviolent Minneapolis police calls.

"Recent actions by the Minneapolis Police Department in the alleged murder of George Floyd while in police custody have severely undermined community trust in, and sense of safety around, Minneapolis Police," the resolution read. "This ... does not support the mission of the [Park Board] and has no place in our parks."

Commissioners also unanimously voted to create a new uniform for the Park Board's police force that distinguishes them from Minneapolis police. Officers will now have to wear green; a new design would need to be presented to the board by Oct. 1, according to a separate resolution.

Earlier Wednesday, Bangoura expressed little confidence that park and city police would resume their working relationship anytime soon.

The Minneapolis Police Department "has a long road ahead of them," he said. "We can't judge an entire department by the few, [but] there is a lot that is going to have to change."

The Park Board's police force is made up of 33 officers, 91% of whom live outside the city, according to the board. Roughly 18% of the city of Minneapolis is Park Board land.

Park Board cuts ties to MPD

During the meeting, Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto said only 2% of serious violent crimes occur on parkland.

The ***Minneapolis Police Department*** assists the Park Police when there are multiple calls at a time, something which is common during the summer, Ohotto said. Its officers also answer calls in parks in the early mornings.

Ohotto added he could not speak for the Minneapolis police if they would continue to provide that emergency assistance following Wednesday's vote.

Bangoura said the Park Board's police would need to search for new partners to cover nearly 2,000 employee hours it needs each year for events large and small. Those agencies could be the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, the State Patrol, Metro Transit police and University of Minnesota police.

The vote was held after Park Board employees read an hour's worth of e-mails sent by residents, most of them supporting the resolution to cut ties with Minneapolis police.

A visibly shaken Bangoura, who is black, said during the meeting he was "angered, devastated and heartbroken" to see the video of Floyd's arrest.

"I stand in solidarity with those seeking justice, as does the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board," he said. "We denounce racism in all forms and we support and promote justice."

The board also voted to create a safety plan that would address policing in the city's parks by June 17.

"We still have our Park Police. They will be focusing on our parks spaces," Park Board President Jono Cowgill said. "This gives us a chance to step back and really have those discussions on what policing looks like in our parks system."

Other local organizations also announced they were cutting ties with the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** on Wednesday.

The Walker Art Center announced it would no longer contract with city police for security "for special events until the MPD implements meaningful change to by demilitarizing training programs, holding officers accountable for the use of excessive force, and treating communities of color with dignity and respect."

The Minneapolis Institute of Art and First Avenue said they would not hire off-duty Minneapolis police officers for their events. In a Twitter post, First Avenue said it would "instead work with local organizations who represent our community, and who will protect and affirm Black and Brown lives."

In recent days, Minneapolis Public Schools officials said they would no longer have city police act as school resource officers, terminating a \$1.15 million annual contract with the city. University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel said her school also was cutting some ties with city police, including contracting off-duty security for football games, concerts and ceremonies.

A Park Police squad car is visible in the viral video of Floyd's arrest, stationed in front of the Cup Foods while he was pinned to the pavement. Bangoura and Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto said Wednesday that the officer was responding to a request for backup, that he was across the street monitoring a vehicle and that he could not see what was happening to Floyd.

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The Park Police was subject to its own public outcry in 2018 after a video showed its officers handcuffing four Somali-American teens at Minnehaha Regional Park, yelling and pointing a handgun at them. The Park Board paid \$170,000 in recent months to settle claims filed on behalf of the teens.

Commissioners and Ohotto on Wednesday decried the death of Floyd and the actions of the Minneapolis police. Some said the Park Board now needs to focus on reforming its own force.

"The Park Board has a small enough police force that we can actually make some real change," said Commissioner Londel French, who is black. "If we don't do it the right way, our communities burn."

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MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Citizens of Minneapolis employed former MPD officer ***Derek Chauvin***, and we granted him broad powers, including authority to use deadly force when absolutely necessary.

Last week, we witnessed the killing of an innocent black man, ***George Floyd***, thereby abusing our trust and the power we had conferred on him.

As a citizen, I bear some responsibility for Chauvin's actions - to some degree, we all do. But I can't help thinking that I may be more responsible than others.

In late 2007, I along with attorney John Klassen filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of five high-ranking, African-American officers against Minneapolis and former Police Chief Timothy Dolan. Never before had five such accomplished, currently employed police officers stepped up to call out discrimination by the MPD.

These brave souls included Medaria Arradondo. He is now chief of the ***Minneapolis Police Department***, a position he would not hold if he had previously refused to stand up against the powers that be.

The widely publicized discrimination suit drew attention to systemic problems within the MPD, including overt and covert racism inflicted upon the citizens of Minneapolis. By the end of July 2008, we had spent countless hours working toward a comprehensive resolution of the case with former Assistant City Attorney James Moore, former members of the City Council, and U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson.

Late in the night on July 28, 2008, we had a settlement on the table, and it included the most sweeping changes to any major police department in the United States. For example: The creation of a deputy-chief position to monitor and combat racism within the MPD, including illegal use of force against people of color; mandatory adherence to the terms of a federal consent decree, with continuing federal oversight; and robust data collection and public reporting on incidents of racism within the MPD and the community.

That night, we were on the one-yard line of making history.

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The next morning, details of our negotiations leaked to the media, and certain segments of the public vehemently opposed such a sweeping settlement. The mayor at the time and others on the City Council got cold feet. They refused to sign off on the would-be-historic deal, worrying it would be far too expensive and, I believe, fearing political fallout. As a result, the deal we had fought so hard to make died, taking much-needed reform with it to the grave.

By early fall 2009, the public had lost interest in the case. It continued, and our clients became the target of unfair personal and professional attacks. So in September 2009, we reached a settlement that was in our client's best interests. It provided them significant relief for the discrimination they had suffered, but it contained no sweeping changes on a department-wide level.

Given the nature of the suit, alleging intentional discrimination against our clients, the city of Minneapolis would have had to voluntarily agree to sweeping reforms; we likely could not obtain them otherwise. And, at that time, the political will to change just didn't exist.

Last week, I along with others in Minneapolis cried watching Floyd's death. And in the back of mind, I wondered what might have been if 12 years ago politics had not gotten in the way of making history. Were we wrong to have settled the case in the best interest of our clients? Would the reforms we thought the city had agreed to in 2008 have changed the course of history? We will never know.

A few things I do know: Half-measures are worthless; they will not save lives. Chief Arradondo, my former client and friend, is absolutely the perfect person to lead the MPD in reform. He has staked his career on fighting institutional racism multiple times in the past, including in our federal lawsuit.

If the current mayor and council members learn from the mistakes of prior leaders - that is to say, if they put their money where their mouths are - reform will happen. If they fail to make good on their current promises, ***George Floyd*** will have died in vain. Nothing is more expensive, both in terms of innocent lives lost and dollars wasted, than inaction. We must all stand up.

Andrew P. Muller is a Minneapolis attorney.

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Minneapolis park board votes to sever ties with city's police department

ARTICLE CCLXXIX. [**MINNEAPOLIS PARK BOARD VOTES TO SEVER TIES WITH CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT**](#)

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Body

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board voted unanimously Wednesday evening to sever ties with the city's police department in response to the death of [**George Floyd**](#) at the hands of its officers.

The resolution adopted by the board directs parks superintendent Alfred Bangoura to prohibit park police officers from responding to backup requests from the [**Minneapolis Police Department**](#) on nonviolent calls, and to stop employing Minneapolis police officers to provide security at park-sanctioned events.

Under the resolution, Bangoura must provide an alternative plan to secure events by Aug. 1.

"Recent actions by the [**Minneapolis Police Department**](#) in the alleged murder of [**George Floyd**](#) while in police custody have severely undermined community trust in, and sense of safety around, Minneapolis Police," the resolution read, in part.

The park board also unanimously approved a second resolution to redesign park police uniforms to distinguish them from those worn by Minneapolis police.

The park board is just the latest entity to cut ties with the department. The Minneapolis school board on Tuesday [**voted to stop employing**](#) the city's police officers to provide security at the district's schools. The Walker Art Center Wednesday morning.

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Rachel Marsden: Here's how the U.S. government would be talking about itself if it were a foreign country

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Highlight: PARIS - It looks like democracy has finally arrived, and the regime's days are numbered. It was a single spark in a tinderbox of totalitarian exasperation that ignited a firestorm of freedom. An innocent civilian, ***George Floyd***, member of a minority racial class, died at the hands of regime authorities. Video of the incident leaked [...]

Body

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Video of the incident leaked online and quickly shot around the world, igniting protests against the interventionist regime in cities such as Paris, Amsterdam and Dublin. The footage showed a member of the domestic paramilitary kneeling on the victim's neck for several minutes. The regime cited underlying health conditions as a cause of death and refused to acknowledge any premeditation.

For the past several days, the American people's attempt to overthrow the regime by spilling into the streets in protest has been led by average people from all walks of life. Call it the Free American Army. The regime is trying to discredit the FAA by tying it to ***antifa***, which the regime plans to declare a terrorist group. This dishonest attempt to associate the plight of average American citizens with the actions of a violent group known worldwide for rapidly organizing to exploit domestic strife in various countries has one objective: to undermine the uprising and keep the regime in power.

This fight for freedom comes after more than two months of intense crackdowns across the country. Citizens were told to "shelter in place" and were denied the basic human freedoms of movement, assembly and work under the pretext that a virus was lurking outside. Various members of the regime, including medical apparatchik Dr. Anthony Fauci and New York Gov. Anthony Cuomo, whose father also served in the regime, appeared regularly in white face-burkas on state television to bombard Americans with death statistics, inciting fear of going outside or getting too close to others. As the regime plunged the middle class into poverty, it legislated a redistribution of wealth to the country's elites.

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"I want to protect myself and protect others, and also because I want to make it be a symbol for people to see that that's the kind of thing you should be doing," Fauci said as he encouraged Americans to wear face-burkas in public.

The battle between freedom-loving Americans and the authoritarian regime had already begun when citizens started gathering en masse and flooding the country's beaches without face-burkas.

The last hope for pro-democracy reformers was President Donald Trump, an outsider who had vowed to reform the country's institutions. Unfortunately, Trump has struggled to enact meaningful structural reforms, leading his supporters to conclude that perhaps the system is simply unreformable.

Trump is only tolerated by regime elites when he falls into line and distracts citizens from domestic problems by shaking his fist at other countries. The regime has even offered a \$15 million reward for information leading to the arrest of a foreign leader, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, while its military has continued to infiltrate, invade and destabilize countries all over the world.

The regime is now trying to depict peaceful protestors as radical, sending its army into the streets to crack down on the movement with tear gas and rubber bullets. Videos have emerged showing state violence against unarmed civilians. The regime has vowed to maximize the presence of its forces in the streets. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a Trump associate and noted proponent of foreign meddling, has appeared on Fox News state propaganda TV, explaining that when he was the strongman of New York City, he had hundreds of people arrested during protests.

Trump has echoed that sentiment. In a leaked recording of a conference call, Trump and Attorney General William Barr indicated that they want local elites to use the regime's army to "dominate" the protesters. He also said that he thinks the whole world is laughing at the regime's weakness. Trump should sit down with the protesters - bring all factions involved to the table and negotiate their inclusion in a new democratic government.

In the meantime, our NATO allies can set up a no-fly zone over major U.S. cities to protect the Free American Army and civilian democracy activists. Next week, there should be a congressional vote on sanctioning regime elites, including travel bans and asset freezes. Their wealth comes at the expense of the suffering American people. Our coalition will also draft a new constitution for America that ensures the inclusion and equal representation of all protest groups.

Free people will always prevail against oppression and tyranny, and America will always be on the side of those fighting in the streets. Elsewhere.

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READERS WRITE Let the real work begin

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AFTERMATH OF FLOYD'S DEATH

Open letter to the peaceful protesters who have brought a message of justice and needed police reform in light of *George Floyd*'s death: The time and energy you have spent demonstrating is to be commended. But now the real work to bring justice and change must begin.

Marching in the street is an immediate sugar high compared to the sometimes excruciatingly slow process of effecting real and lasting change. Now you must lobby your local, state and national representatives: Call, write and meet with them. Tell your story. Put a face to it so they see the pain you have experienced. Explain in detail the changes you wish to see. Attend local meetings and state legislative hearings. Support representatives who share your values. Organize your community, your family, friends and neighbors, to join you in the effort. And do the most powerful thing of all: Vote! Yes, be loud, peacefully march and protest, but don't stop there - make your voice heard long after the street demonstrations end.

Steve Millikan, Minneapolis

PROTESTS

That's what faith really looks like

Thank you, Star Tribune, for the beautiful front-page image on Wednesday of black clergy marching in silence. I was gratified that this was the image we saw above the fold this morning, rather than the photo of the president tried to create for his own political purposes.

The dignity and courage of these real faith leaders in our local communities is the image we need in these times and is a reflection of true faith instead of craven political pandering.

The Rev. Pamela Fickenscher, Northfield, Minn.

POLICING

Can't trust their information, either

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Any investigation of the *Minneapolis Police Department* must extend to the department's public information office, which, at this point, appears to have engaged in covering up police misconduct.

Virtually everything about the initial news release was false: The police did not respond to a "forgery in progress." The videos of the incident show no indication that *George Floyd* "physically resisted officers. The officers did not "note" that Floyd was "suffering medical distress"; rather, they caused it. More than a week later, the police chief cannot explain it and does not know the original source of the information in the news release ("Misinformation in Floyd death troubling," June 3).

We have come to expect spin, but we shouldn't be lied to. Until the "public information" function of the MPD is fully addressed and reformed if necessary, we can't trust what the department says and must continue to rely on a relentless free press and citizens with cellphone cameras.

Carolyn Wolski, St. Paul

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According to Richard Greelis' commentary, the actions that lead to Floyd's death "certainly do not represent the Minneapolis police" ("Most protesters don't loot, most cops don't kill," Opinion Exchange, May 30). So, at least one of the cops present should have conducted himself in a manner that does represent the Minneapolis police.

But Greelis says *Derek Chauvin* didn't. So, one of them is bad. OK.

But also, he says the other three didn't. Huh.

It's a shame that the sole four bad eggs out of 800 officers all happened to be in the same place at the same time.

Ben George, Roseville

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Since the 1980s and the colorful reformer Tony Bouza, Minneapolis has had six police chiefs and five mayors. All attempted to improve police-community relations. All failed. Chief Medaria Arradondo and Mayor Jacob Frey hope to make things better, too, and they too will fail. MPD is broken beyond fixing.

But there is a solution: Disband MPD and contract with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department for policing services.

Sure, the sheriff will need to hire a lot of Minneapolis cops. But that's part of the benefit: They will need to be hired. Bad eggs can be identified and left behind. The toxic police union will go away. So will the financial bill for police misconduct. That price tag, since 2007, has been at least \$40 million, and several times the per-capita liability of the rest of Minnesota.

Cities contract with other cities and sheriffs' departments for police coverage all the time. Usually it's a smaller city contracting with a larger one. But there is no reason Minneapolis can't scrap a remarkably dysfunctional department and start over. There will be a new sheriff in town, and things can only get better.

David Therkelsen, Minneapolis

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VICE PRESIDENCY

Michelle would thrive. Others, too.

With respect to Hank Shea's opinion piece, "A democracy in crisis needs Michelle Obama," I agree that Obama would make a terrific vice president. The Obamas undoubtedly will go down in history as one of the best, if not the best, first couple this country has had to this point.

I do not believe, however, that she is the only person who can heal the nation. Indeed, it pains me that Joe Biden has committed to picking a woman as his running mate and is being pressured to choose a black woman. This means that whoever he picks will be viewed through the lens of having been chosen from an artificially narrowed field. I would love to have him pick a black woman because she is the most qualified to help him lead the country out of all possible contenders.

That woman does not have to be Obama, who, as terrific as she is, has served and continues to serve this country in ways of her choosing. She has repeatedly said she is not interested in the job. Consider Keisha Lance Bottoms, the mayor of Atlanta. Consider Muriel Bowser, the mayor of Washington, D.C. Both are intelligent and articulate black women who are doing an outstanding job of leading their cities in this time of crisis. These are just two that come to mind.

Michelle Obama is not the only black woman in this nation capable of the job of vice president. It is myopic and demeans others to say so.

Elissa Mautner, Minneapolis

CLEANING UP

We're still processing - together

My wife's niece (who said I could share this story) has two sons. The 10-year-old has a neurological disorder that prevents him from processing what he experiences and has left him nonverbal, even though he can sense events around him and respond with simple signing. His older brother turned 13 a few days ago, in the midst of our pain and protest, unrest and violence.

Their mother took them to see some of the destruction on East Lake Street, only a few blocks from their home. The younger one knew what he saw was not good, and over and over again he signed, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry." As they walked with the younger one's repeated lament, the older one often held his brother's hand tightly.

It is unfair that a boy of 10 cannot process and verbalize what he experiences. It is also unfair that a boy of 13 is forced to process such prejudice, terror and destruction as we have had these days. Yet, for all who watched on Lake Street, these two young brothers gave an alternative: a vision of caring and shared love and security, an image of hope.

Paul Rogers, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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First Avenue, Walker drop security deals with Minneapolis police

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**[FIRST AVENUE, WALKER DROP SECURITY DEALS WITH
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Minneapolis nightclub First Avenue and the Walker Art Center on Wednesday said they would stop using ***Minneapolis Police Department*** officers as security for events, a sign that pullback from the department after last week's death of ***George Floyd*** - and days of subsequent protests - is spreading to the private sector.

City Pages [reports on the announcements](#) (you can also read them [here](#) and [here](#)). First Avenue's is blunter, saying that in the wake of Floyd's death during an arrest by police, "The presence of off-duty MPD officers at our events will not guarantee the safety of our patrons and does not support our community or our values as an organization."

Four officers [were fired after the incident](#). On Wednesday, ***Derek Chauvin***, the officer captured on video with his knee on Floyd's neck, was charged with second-degree murder, an upgrade of an earlier charge, while three others now face aiding and abetting charges, the Star Tribune reports.

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Floyd's death sparked days of protest across the country, which in turn spun into rampages of violence that destroyed or damaged hundreds of businesses before calming in the past few days.

Since then, the Police Department has seen the termination of several contracts, including with the University of Minnesota and Minneapolis Public Schools. On Wednesday, the Minneapolis Park Board voted to separate its police force from the city's; the Star Tribune [has more details on that move.](#)

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George Floyd memorial draws hundreds of mourners, supporters. 'Just spread some love today.'

ARTICLE CCLXXXIII. **[GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL DRAWS HUNDREDS OF MOURNERS, SUPPORTERS. 'JUST SPREAD SOME LOVE TODAY.'](#)**

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Highlight: Yvonne Cain of western Wisconsin drove more than an hour just to be outside North Central University as a show of support for **George Floyd**, who died after being pinned to the ground by Minneapolis police - an act that was recorded on a cellphone camera and outraged people from across the world. Cain, 54, [...]

Body

Yvonne Cain of western Wisconsin drove more than an hour just to be outside North Central University as a show of support for **George Floyd**, who died after being pinned to the ground by Minneapolis police - an act that was recorded on a cellphone camera and outraged people from across the world.

Cain, 54, was one of hundreds of mourners and well-wishers Thursday who chose Elliot Park, across the street from the university's Frank J. Lindquist Sanctuary, and other nearby open places to partake in Floyd's funeral service, audio of which was pumped in from several loudspeakers.

"I'm so happy we can listen out here," said Cain, a resident of Little Falls, Wis., who sat on a lawn chair, wore a sun hat and drank a Sierra Mist. "I wasn't sure what to expect - if I should come out here or watch it on TV."

The vibe in and around the park was lively before and after the service, which was invitation-only and attended by several political dignitaries and celebrities such as The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish and Ludacris. Soothing gospel music could be heard. Media members from the around the world broadcast live reports throughout the day.

A large crowd of mourners and well-wishers gathers outside North Central University in Minneapolis for **#GeorgeFloyd** private memorial service

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress)

Former Pioneer Press sports reporter Ray Richardson knew Floyd and was covering the service for **KMOJ-FM pic.twitter.com/7hOIJNt4Zv** June 4, 2020, a North Minneapolis radio station. Before it began, Richardson recalled how he first met Floyd three years ago when Richardson ran the CDL truck-driving

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training program at the YWCA in St. Paul. He said he'll remember Floyd as determined, respectful and polite.

"I won't remember him lying down in the street," said Richardson, who wore a black face mask that read, "We still can't breathe." "I want to remember the guy who I interacted with."

So [@899KMOJ](#) radio host Ray Richardson, a former sports reporter, got to know [#GeorgeFloyd](#) about three years ago when Richardson ran the CDL truck driving training program at the YWCA in St. Paul. He'll remember Floyd as determined, respectful and polite.

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress) [June 4, 2020 @PioneerPress pic.twitter.com/QXeHTdYfi8](#)

Homeless tents were staked under trees, where people of all walks of life sought shade from the sun that raised temperatures into the mid-80s by the start of the 1 p.m. service. Several pickup soccer games were played.

Anthony Thornton, who lives about five blocks away, set up his lawn chair at 7 a.m. He planned to take photos and videos for his family around the country.

"Hate, whether you're black, white, green or brown, is no good in America," he said. "The whole of America has seen enough of this."

Mark Hintz, his wife, Meg, and their children Emma, 13, and Hazen, 11, passed out water and snacks in the park. The Roseville family belongs to Hope Community Church, which is on the other side of the park along 10th Avenue, and wanted to "just spread some love today," Mark said.

Nearby, Chris Jacobz held his 1-year-old nephew Quintavious Mims with one hand and a sign in the other. On it were the words that Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in an open letter while in a Birmingham jail for leading a protest in 1963: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

About a block away, members of Brothers Empowered, a nonprofit organization from North Minneapolis, served free meals at 14th Street and Chicago Avenue - the same street where Floyd was pinned facedown to the ground May 25 by three Minneapolis police officers.

These folks from Brothers Empowered - a North Minneapolis nonprofit - served free meals to anyone Thursday afternoon outside the [#GeorgeFloydMemorial](#)

- Nick Ferraro (@NFerraroPiPress)

The group had been feeding up to 500 people a day since the start of the coronavirus outbreak, and they wanted to be part of the funeral any way they could, minister Charles Caine said.

"We're here to support the family by handing out free food, and just hoping that justice comes for them and George," he said.

[Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform pic.twitter.com/72PFVZ2Pgc June 4, 2020](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) Nicole Smith of Brooklyn Center wore a T-shirt with Floyd's face and the words, "***I Can't Breathe***." She bought it Thursday

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from Reggie Jones, who came to Minneapolis from Bowman, S.C. He said proceeds from the shirts will go to Floyd's children.

"His face is the message," Jones said. "This is a face you don't want to forget right here."

Jones reflected on Floyd as he stood outside the memorial service: "I'm hurt, I'm hurt, I'm hurt. Any time a life is taken senselessly and kids are left behind, I'm hurt."

When Floyd's shiny gold-colored casket was wheeled out of church, calls to prosecute the police and chants of his name rained down from the crowd.

Mara H. Gottfried contributed to this report.

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County autopsy: Floyd had virus, not factor in death

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COUNTY AUTOPSY: FLOYD HAD VIRUS, NOT FACTOR IN DEATH

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Body

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office released the full autopsy results performed on **George Floyd** with his family's permission.

The release comes nine days after Floyd died following his detention on the pavement by police at a Minneapolis intersection and as crucial differences surfaced Monday with outside autopsy findings released by family attorney Benjamin Crump.

Also disclosed by the report was that Floyd tested positive for COVID-19 in early April, although the autopsy did not cite that as a factor in his death.

"Since ... positivity for [COVID-19] can persist for weeks after the onset and resolution of clinical disease, the autopsy result most likely reflects asymptomatic but persistent ... positivity from previous infection," the report said based on the autopsy performed by the medical examiner, Dr. Andrew Baker.

Floyd repeatedly told officers that he was unable to breathe while he was restrained before he lost consciousness and died. A concern with SARS-CoV-2 infection is that it can cause scarring in the lungs that results in lingering respiratory problems and shortness of breath. However, doctors worry more about that long-term problem in severe COVID-19 cases that require hospitalization, and doctors expect that patients with asymptomatic cases will fully recover. It can take weeks in some cases, though, before X-rays show that lungs have recovered.

The release of the 20-page report comes "with the consent and cooperation of Mr. **George Floyd**'s family and their legal representatives," the examiner's office said in a statement that noted a court order was also needed.

The key difference between the medical examiner's findings and those of the autopsy arranged by the family is whether Floyd died from asphyxia.

County autopsy: Floyd had virus, not factor in death

The medical examiner made a point last week to say no, while the second report's findings focused heavily on asphyxia being caused by officer ***Derek Chauvin*** pinning Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes with his knee while officer ***Thomas Lane*** put his weight on the 46-year-old's back and constricted his chest.

Before releasing its full report, the examiner's office summarized in two public disclosures that Floyd died as a result of "cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression." It also listed "arteriosclerotic and hypertensive heart disease," as well as fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use as "other significant conditions."

The medical examiner appeared to back his conclusion that Floyd was not asphyxiated by listing a host of injuries that were absent, in particular petechiae, or pinpoint-size red spots caused by broken blood vessels that can be a sign of asphyxiation.

Staff writers Jeremy Olson and Liz Navratil contributed to this report.

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Letters: You own this, Minneapolis and Minnesota Democrats

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LETTERS: YOU OWN THIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS

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Highlight: The fact is ***George Floyd*** was killed in Minneapolis, by a Minneapolis policeman. He was not killed by a federal agent in a community of white supremacists. Minneapolis has been dominated by Democrat mayors for more than 40 years. If ***systemic racism*** exists in the Minneapolis police force it has been enabled by Democrat leaders [...]

Body

The fact is ***George Floyd*** was killed in Minneapolis, by a Minneapolis policeman. He was not killed by a federal agent in a community of white supremacists.

Minneapolis has been dominated by Democrat mayors for more than 40 years. If ***systemic racism*** exists in the Minneapolis police force it has been enabled by Democrat leaders for more than 40 years. Make no mistake, Gov. Walz, Mayor Frey, Attorney General Ellison, Police Chief Arradondo, Rep. Omar, Sens. Klobuchar and Smith - you own this situation. You have all run on platforms promising you would rid our community of this type of heinous behavior.

Liberal politicians' show their cynicism when, while in control for decades, they express their outrage that racism is a systemic problem in the police department of our largest city. Each of these leaders has expressed support for the protesters, as if they are sympatico with their cause. Where is the self-awareness? These people are not supporting your leadership, they are protesting against your failure to deal with ***systemic racism*** while you are empowered to make real change.

Tim Waltz is our governor; not George Wallace

Jacob Frey is the mayor; not Lester Maddox

Keith Ellison is attorney general; not Jeff Sessions

Amy Klobuchar is our U.S. senator; not Strom Thurmond

Medaria Arradondo is police chief; not Bull Connor

Enough of the empty accolades for the protesters. Don't pretend you are in agreement with their cause. Your actions, while in power to make real change, demonstrate otherwise. The correct response on your part is

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not to insult the community with feigned emotion, your responsibility was to prevent this from happening. You have all failed miserably.

Jack Joseph, St. Paul

"One reason that they (mainland China's Communist Party and immigrants) came to Hong Kong is because there was the rule of law, there was a free enterprise system, there was a capitalist system, and there was democracy and local legislative elections. If all those things go away, I'm not sure how the financial community can stay there. It looks like with this national security law they're (China) going to basically take over Hong Kong," White House National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien said on May 24, 2020.

For ordinary people like us, the takeover of Hong Kong by mainland China can seem far away and irrelevant, but imagine if Winnipeg, Canada, declared that they now control St. Cloud or Duluth simply because we both have some shared history and are connected geographically. China's takeover of Hong Kong is a feudal takeover not grounded in Confucian nor Socratic methods of governing but instead unilaterally puts China's arbitrary police enforcement and judicial decision-making in the hands of their communist comrades increasingly sent to Hong Kong. The citizens of Hong Kong, however, have no army and their vulnerable population - slightly larger than Minnesota's - has demonstrated the power of resisting the destruction of their democratic principles for decades culminating in the massive, peaceful 2019 demonstrations.

The democratic, not autocratic, principles that made Hong Kong so desirable to China are the same principles that keep the United States functioning: judges trained to control their personal bias and who strive to determine rules of law that preserve a stable environment for everyone; individuals who value a competitive free market system, and most important of all, collaboration between and participation by all members of society through fair elections. Threats to each of these core aspects of democracy are occurring not only in Hong Kong but also in the U.S., when representatives seek the success of businesses rather than the well-being of citizens, and when judges make partisan decisions that excuse crime.

Excuses have been made for decades about China's actions in Tibet and Xinjiang so Hong Kong is just the next phase in their agenda. Hong Kong and the United States have been extremely attractive places to live because of the balance between stable legal and judicial systems, and the balance of public safety and private profit. Hong Kongers are at the frontlines of defending democratic principles, principles that led to stability and wealth for many people but principles which China is destroying in Hong Kong. Hong Kongers are not far away over there; hopefully, we recognize the same desire for fairness, stability and equity for which they are risking their lives and, hopefully, we are willing to work for its preservation here.

Mary Voight, St. Paul

If Jesus were alive today would we see him with and organizing demonstrations for racial justice or would he be standing next to the president on the steps of a church for a photo op?

Joseph Capecci, Mendota Heights

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Florida officer on leave after pressing knee into man's neck

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[FLORIDA OFFICER ON LEAVE AFTER PRESSING KNEE INTO MAN'S NECK](#)

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Highlight: SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - A Florida police officer pressed his knee into the neck of a handcuffed black man a week before the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis, a bystander's video released this week shows - a release that has prompted a departmental investigation and the officer being placed on leave.

Body

SARASOTA, Fla. - A Florida police officer pressed his knee into the neck of a handcuffed black man a week before the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis, a bystander's video released this week shows - a release that has prompted a departmental investigation and the officer being placed on leave.

Two Sarasota officers are seen on video holding down Patrick Carroll, 27, as they arrested him May 18 on domestic violence charges for allegedly attacking a woman by pulling her hair, striking her and throwing her to the ground.

One officer put his knee on Carroll's neck as he lied face down on the street as another appears to be tightening the handcuffs holding his arms behind his back. A third officer stood nearby. A bystander yelled at the officer not to put his knee on Carroll's neck.

The department told news outlets it wasn't aware the officer placed a knee on Carroll's neck until it was tagged in the video on social media on Monday. In a police report released by the department, an officer stated, "minor force was used to escort subject to the ground and secure him long enough for him to calm down."

"Utilizing your knee on someone's neck is not something that we train," Sarasota Police Deputy Chief Patrick Robinson said. "It's not something that we authorize and it's not something that we stand behind." He has pledged transparency in the investigation.

Policing experts have told The Associated Press that no U.S. department is known to teach officers to put a knee into a suspect's neck because it can cut off the suspect's breathing and blood flow to the brain. Academies teach recruits a variety of use-of-force techniques, all with the idea that any force employed may equal but not exceed the physical resistance offered by a suspect.

Florida officer on leave after pressing knee into man's neck

One technique is to restrain someone on the ground face-down, but officers are taught to press a part of the lower leg, such as the shin or top of the ankle, across the shoulders or the back. In some cases officers will "hog-tie" suspects' legs to prevent flight or violent resistance.

The New York Police Department, for example, says in its policies manual in bold capitals that officers "SHALL NOT" use chokeholds and should "avoid actions which may result in chest compression, such as sitting, kneeling, or standing on a subject's chest or back, thereby reducing the subject's ability to breathe."

Such tactics gained worldwide attention after bystander video of Floyd's May 29 death showed a Minneapolis officer putting his knee on his neck for over eight minutes while three other officers failed to stop him. Floyd complained he couldn't breathe and then lost consciousness. Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** is charged with second-degree murder while the other three officers are charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Sarasota police said on Facebook that Carroll "didn't require medical attention nor did the individual complain of injuries during the incident." Carroll's family disputes this, telling the Herald-Tribune that a request for medical attention was denied in jail and they are seeking legal counsel.

Aerial video posted by the department Tuesday shows more of the encounter. The officers are seen speaking with Carroll for several minutes before placing him in handcuffs. He then resists being put in the patrol car, and officers force him to the ground.

Carroll said he was trying to ask officers why he was being detained. He said he has asthma and scoliosis in his back, and was having trouble breathing.

"I could have been dead on that ground and not standing here talking to y'all right now," Carroll told reporters this week, amid global protests over the death of Floyd, who said he couldn't breathe as a Minneapolis officer pressed a knee into his neck on Memorial Day.

The officer who placed his knee on Carroll's neck has been placed on administrative leave, the department said. The two other officers are on "desk duty" while the arrest is being investigated, news outlets reported. Officials have not identified the officers.

Carroll, meanwhile, faces charges of domestic battery, resisting arrest and possessing ammunition by a felon as he allegedly had bullets but no gun in his backpack. The police report says the woman he allegedly attacked had bruising to her arms, face and chest. He is free on bail. State records show he served 1.5 years in prison on a felony battery conviction and was released in 2015. [*Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform*](#) [*'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress*](#) [*Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books*](#) [*'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd*](#) [*Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey will ask for state and federal aid to help rebuild after the civil unrest. Until that happens, community members are pitching in to support Minneapolis neighborhoods.

[More than \\$1 million has been raised](#) to help businesses in North Minneapolis, WCCO-TV reported. The West Broadway Business and Area Coalition says it will announce how they plan to use the money in the coming weeks. to help businesses along Lake Street in South Minneapolis.

In St. Paul, where more than 200 buildings were damaged or set fire, the city is still assessing and tabulating the overall destruction, much of which occurred along University Avenue.

The violence follows the death of Floyd, a handcuffed black man who died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck, ignoring Floyd's cries that he couldn't breathe.

Prosecutors Wednesday upgraded charges against the officer, [Derek Chauvin](#), to second-degree murder and charged three other officers with aiding and abetting in the case that has rocked the nation with protests over race and police brutality.

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MEDA's work supporting minority-owned businesses set back 10 years by riots, CEO says

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The Metropolitan Economic Development Association, or MEDA, was founded in 1971 in part to help Minneapolis and St. Paul recover after riots rocked both cities in the late 1960s, said CEO Alfredo Martel.

Now, Martel said, MEDA's work supporting the formation and growth of minority-owned businesses has been set back 10 years by riots that stemmed from the killing of **George Floyd** by a member of the **Minneapolis Police Department**.

"This is going to be a big hole to crawl out of," Martel said.

The destruction hasn't been distributed equally. Minneapolis-based MEDA has clients in many of the neighborhoods that have been most impacted, such as along Lake Street in Minneapolis and University Avenue in St. Paul. Those businesses have been looted and faced water damage to their inventories. Some have had their buildings completely destroyed by fire.

MEDA's work supporting minority-owned businesses set back 10 years by riots, CEO says

The riots disproportionately impacted businesses owned by ethnic minority entrepreneurs, and are largely in industries like food service or retail that have thinner margins and were already more impacted by the financial effects of Covid-19, Martel said. Minority-owned businesses also often have less cash on hand and are less likely to have a relationship with a mainstream bank.

The Twin Cities is something like an ecosystem, and damage to any part of that ecosystem has profound ripples, Martel said. While many of the businesses that have been hurt will recover, the people those businesses employ will likely spend some time out of work.

Even the corporate businesses that were impacted invest in communities through their presence, Martel said.

"That Target that's across from the Third Precinct provides jobs," he said.

The bright spot is the collaborative response of the Twin Cities community. Groups like the Lake Street Council and Northside Funders Group are actively [raising](#) [funds](#) to help repair and rebuild business corridors that have been affected by looting and arson.

MEDA urges any businesses that have been damaged during the protests to reach out to the organization, whether they were existing MEDA clients or not, as the organization tries to understand exactly how much impact the riots have had on the Twin Cities economy.

"We are open for business," Martel said.

Martel also encouraged business owners to start crowdfunding and to seek donations through social media channels.

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Mood becomes hopeful at Floyd memorial site

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Body

Standing at the intersection where his brother was pinned to the street by Minneapolis police more than a week ago, Milton Carney spoke with a quiet intensity about the death of [George Floyd](#).

Behind him, hundreds of people had gathered outside Cup Foods to celebrate the news Wednesday afternoon that three former Minneapolis police officers had been charged with aiding and abetting murder in Floyd's death. Charges against a fourth, [Derek Chauvin](#), were upgraded to second-degree murder in the Memorial Day incident, in which Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes, leading to his death.

"We are glad the system is starting to work for the righteous," said Carney, 45, of Houston. "But this is just the first step. The journey is not over; the fight is not over.

"If y'all want the violence to stop, you got to give them something to make it stop."

For more than a week, the intersection of 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue has been a place of intense passion and somber reflection. But Wednesday, as news of the charges against all four ex-police officers made its way through the crowd, the scene took on an air of hope and celebration.

Music blared, hot dogs and hamburgers sizzled on grills, and people mingled in the sunshine at the spot that's become a sacred shrine to many across the globe. After days of tragedy, terror and overwhelming grief, people were feeling some joy again.

"This is a moment of change that I didn't think I'd live to see," said Rod Adams, a Minneapolis native who now lives in Detroit, speaking to the day. "This is one of those moments in this country when we can do real structural change."

"I think it's about time," said Caroline Njogu of St. Paul, reacting to the charges against the former officers. "This is why we've been here. Today we're celebrating."

'We deserve justice'

Mood becomes hopeful at Floyd memorial site

Shortly after Attorney General Keith Ellison announced the new charges, ***George Floyd***'s son, 27-year-old Quincy Mason, stood outside a downtown Minneapolis hotel with family attorney Benjamin Crump and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

"I am happy that all the officers have been arrested," Mason said. "My father should not have been killed like this. We deserve justice."

Crump said the family wanted a first-degree murder charge filed against Chauvin but has faith in Ellison's pledge to investigate and prosecute the former officers.

"We believe it was torture," Crump said, adding that Chauvin's continued application of pressure on Floyd's neck despite another officer questioning him amounted to "intent," an element of first-degree murder.

Sharpton, who will deliver the eulogy at Floyd's funeral Thursday, said he plans to call for a national act akin to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that protects citizens from police.

"It's not about piecemeal," he said. "We need fundamental federal laws."

Both Sharpton and Crump said they were hopeful, given the outrage. Since Floyd's death, demonstrations for justice have spread to all 50 states and many nations.

"I've always believed you need to fight in the court of public opinion before you can get to the court of law," Crump said.

Added Sharpton, "When I see young white kids out there marching ... I know that change is possible."

Nearby, Gwen Carr, the mother of Eric Garner, who died in police custody in New York six years ago while also gasping that he couldn't breathe, said Floyd's pleas felt like "my son's voice echoing from the grave."

Although she expressed relief that the firings of the officers and criminal charges came swiftly in Minneapolis, Carr urged everyone to prepare for the long haul.

"We gonna fight," she said. "We gonna win."

Earlier Wednesday, Crump and Mason visited the intersection of 38th and Chicago. Crump's voice boomed as he spoke, rising above the hundreds of supporters and dozens of media members encircling the site.

"We are demanding justice ... [for] what the entire world has seen with their eyes and cannot unsee," he said. "We cannot have two justice systems in America - one for black Americans and one for white Americans."

Throughout the week, activists have circulated at the Cup Foods site, gathering support for their causes.

On Wednesday, a group seeking to recall Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman launched a petition drive, sending out volunteers with clipboards and signature sheets. Chaplains from the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team also were circulating through the crowd.

Ann Boekhoff of St. Paul left a gift of fruit and bars outside Cup Foods, and she also brought her 2-year-old granddaughter. "I'm here to honor ***George Floyd***," she said. "This is a very sacred place. I wanted her to be exposed to what's going on in the world."

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Carmilla Peterson of Minneapolis echoed the thoughts of many.

"I think people are happy that some justice has been served, but it's not enough," she said. "There's a lingering anger, because it took the destruction of our town to get some justice."

Larry Cregg, who lives a block from Cup Foods, said the events reminded him of the 1960s, when massive protests resulted in civil rights laws being passed. But those laws haven't been enough, he said.

"This says that black people in America haven't made any progress," he said. Gesturing at the crowd, he added, "If all these people don't go out and vote, all this is for nothing."

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Valerie Castile: 'I knew this day would come'

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Body

It has been an emotional nine days since Valerie Castile's daughter alerted her to the video of Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin** kneeling on **George Floyd**'s neck on Memorial Day for more than eight minutes before he died.

The video felt like a sickening déjà vu: Another black man killed at the hands of a Twin Cities police officer, and filmed for the world to see. It was like four years ago, when her son, 32-year-old Philando Castile, was shot five times by officer Jeronimo Yanez after a traffic stop in Falcon Heights.

When Castile watched the video, she cried.

When she was invited to speak at a protest in downtown Minneapolis last week, the day before her 64th birthday, she spoke, even though she's avoided crowds during the coronavirus pandemic.

When she saw protests turn violent, she wasn't surprised: "I've said it time after time. You cannot keep treating people this way. They're going to rebel. I knew this day would come. **George Floyd** was the straw that broke the camel's back."

When Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison on Wednesday announced a harsher charge against Chauvin - second-degree murder - and charges against the three other officers, she cheered.

And yet all this is, she said, "really meaningless" - unless it's accompanied by drastic systemic changes in police departments around Minnesota and the country. By that, she means amending use-of-force guidelines, including community members in police advisory boards, and not responding to nonviolent incidents - her son's traffic stop, or Floyd being accused of using a counterfeit \$20 bill - with aggressive tactics.

"For years, I've cried for other women's children," Castile said Wednesday, not long after charges were announced for the three other officers. "When that happened to me with Philando, I hardly had tears to shed for him. Because I was all cried out. And this just broke my heart all over again, to see such a brazen murder in broad daylight, and people asking this fool to get up off the man. That's just too much."

Valerie Castile: 'I knew this day would come'

The image of Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck brought to mind a sickening comparison for Castile: It looked like a hunter sitting on top of a deer that he'd just slain.

"That's what went through my mind," she said. "He's sitting on that man like he done killed his prize trophy. Arrogant - just arrogant. Boastful. Inhumane. All of that."

As she spoke, a dog barked. It was Julio, a Morkie - a mix between a Maltese and Yorkshire terrier - that Castile got after her son's death. Julio was the one of Philando's nicknames.

The barking nearly woke up her napping granddaughter. Her granddaughter is named Philandra, after her slain son. Philandra turns 2 in August.

"She's all I got left," Castile said. "I can't live without her."

She was pleased that the four police officers were immediately fired. She was heartened that Gov. Tim Walz didn't militarize the Twin Cities with federal troops after protests turned violent. She was saddened that civic leaders weren't talking with President Donald Trump: "He should be concerned: 'How can we mend this thing? How can we get this right?' I don't hear any conversation like that."

One night this week, she was in Philando's old room in her Brooklyn Park house. She came across a 30-page report from the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations, submitted on Sept. 29, 2017. There were plenty of recommendations: implicit and explicit bias training for police officers, bringing special prosecutors to partner with county attorneys in police investigations, promoting de-escalation strategies among police, working more closely with community leaders.

"I said, 'Oh my God, here it is in black and white,' " she said. "You can make all the recommendations in the world. But they're gathering dust. You just gotta pull it out and dust it off."

Her top priority is having community advisory boards. She wants these boards to be diverse and to include ex-police officers.

"I don't get it, that for the people that live here in Minnesota, there's not a community accountability board, an advisory board, that can go sit down with chiefs of police and the governor and say, 'We need to look at use-of-force policy,'" Castile said. "These policies are so vague, any attorney can flip those words. It's all about the word game - who can spin the best lie. And that's who they're gonna believe. But if there's no wiggle room in these policies, [then] it is what it is. You kill somebody, you go to jail."

Part of her feels optimistic that, this time, things will be different. That this time, people's eyes will open. She's grateful all four officers involved in Floyd's death have been charged.

But she's seen this movie before. She just hopes there's a different ending.

"You charge a person, you got high hopes, and then they slap you back down," Castile said. "If they're really sincere in really creating a different culture, really believing in what they're saying about accountability, and there being consequences about the things that you do, then yes. By all means. I hope they do. I pray that they do."

"It's now or never."

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St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter spoke wisely and well at a May 31 briefing where state and local officials updated the public on their newly muscular efforts to control civil unrest in the wake of [George Floyd's](#) terrible and world-famous in-custody death.

Carter pleaded with protesters to channel the passions on display on Twin Cities streets in recent days of rage into a crusade for positive change.

"Take that energy," Carter said, "and use it not to destroy our neighborhoods but to destroy the historic culture [of injustice], to destroy the [systemic racism](#), to destroy, in specific, the laws, the legal precedents, the police union contracts - all of the things that make it so difficult to hold someone accountable when a life like [George Floyd's](#) is so wrongfully taken."

Carter has certainly set forth an heroic agenda here. To heal and transform the often sorrowful legacy of history is not the work of a day. But politicians often proclaim grand, visionary goals.

What actually made Carter's battle cry an exceptional case of starry-eyed optimism was his nuts-and-bolts call to reform "police union contracts" and dismantle "laws and precedents" that help those unions block accountability.

But by all means, let us dream the impossible dream.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey seems willing. Welcoming a state investigation of his Police Department, he decried how "for years in Minneapolis, police chiefs and elected officials committed to change have been thwarted by police union protections and laws that severely limit accountability."

What barriers to accountability could the mayors be talking about? Well, one might well wonder how a Minneapolis police officer could possibly suppose that physically abusing a handcuffed arrestee would ever, if discovered, be seen as anything but intolerable misconduct.

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Reading a few labor arbitration rulings in police discipline cases might clear up that mystery.

Last October, barely more than half a year before Floyd's death, a fired Minneapolis police officer was reinstated to his job by a state arbitrator. MPD officer Peter Brazeau had beaten a handcuffed, intoxicated man who kicked him, producing what the arbitrator described as "a pool of blood."

The arbitrator agreed with Police Chief Medaria Arradondo that Brazeau had violated policy and shown no remorse. But Brazeau had (somewhat strangely) been returned to duty as a "training officer" and had performed well while his case went through channels following the 2016 beating incident.

A two-week unpaid suspension would be punishment enough, the arbitrator decided.

Any regular reader of this column has endured this kind of story before - and this kind of frustrated harangue. I have been writing about the dysfunctions of police disciplinary processes for roughly 30 years, without the slightest effect.

But this is merely to say that my reform efforts on this front have been about as successful as everyone else's.

State law governing public employment requires every police department in Minnesota, as public employers, to allow all discipline to be appealed to binding arbitration. Arbitrators sometimes uphold discipline (including firings) but it's not uncommon for terminations to be reduced to suspensions and for other discipline to be diminished. Evidence suggests fired cops are reinstated roughly half the time.

Often, as I've noted before, such cases come down to judgment calls about whether an officer has demonstrated that he or she does not possess, or has lost, the exceptional level of self-control and sound judgment we need from police - and which most officers heroically display. Presumably, we appoint police chiefs and elect city officials to make such judgment calls.

But what we have instead is a "broken and flawed" system of second-guessing, in the words of a 2017 lawsuit in which the city of Richfield, backed by the League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Police Chiefs Association and others, pleaded with the courts that the arbitration system should not be applied to "police officers, who by the very nature of their positions, hold the trust and safety of the public in their hands ... [C]ities and their police chiefs must be allowed to fulfill their affirmative duty to protect public safety by [enforcing] rigorous accountability and transparency standards when [officers] use force on the public," the city and police leaders wrote.

A three-judge panel of the state Court of Appeals agreed with the city and its allies in the case at issue, writing that even public employment law "expressly subordinates the [right to] arbitration ... to the rights of Minnesota citizens."

But last year the state Supreme Court rejected that reasoning and reaffirmed, as I wrote at the time, "its decades-old doctrine that un-elected, unaccountable arbitrators' rulings are essentially all-powerful in Minnesota - immune from any check or balance based on mere 'general considerations of supposed public interests.' "

Like, for instance, the public interest in not employing cops who think it's OK to abuse handcuffed arrestees?

"Under [Officer Brazeau's] interpretation of the Department's policy," wrote the arbitrator who ruled in his favor last fall, "if an individual uses an act of aggression toward an officer, the officer need not control or

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measure his response. There is no limit as to how much force, or how long the officer may use force, on that individual"

Chief Arradondo's "interpretation" was that anybody who thinks that way should not be on the Minneapolis police force.

The arbitrator disagreed - and in Minnesota today, that's the final word.

And it will be, until state policymakers finally decide to do more than talk about accountability.

Just this week, Rep. Pat Garofalo, R-Farmington, announced legislation that would eliminate binding arbitration not just for police but for all public employees. That sweeping confrontation with all public sector unions at once could be a political bridge too far.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Keith Ellison and Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington led a working group last year on police use of force. Their recommendations, which may also come before the Legislature in a special session, don't address arbitration directly (although they did receive strong testimony decrying the problem). But the recommendations do call for policymakers to "discuss strategies to increase the role" of the state's licensing board for cops - the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.

The idea seems to be to circumvent arbitration by allowing police chiefs unable to remove problem officers to ask the POST Board to revoke such an officer's license.

Something like that might help. But forgive me for saying that a clarion call to "discuss strategies" doesn't quite seem to match the passions of the moment.

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Lake Street may get rebuilt, but the south side corridor will never be 'what it was'

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With the riots quieting in Minneapolis, business owners are left assessing the damage to their properties and deciding whether or not they will rebuild.

While it's likely that many of the national retailers will come back, longtime Lake Street businesswoman Maya Santamaria said the south side's east-west corridor will never be the same.

"It's going to be gentrified and it's not going to be what it was," she said. "You're never gonna be able to rebuild what it was."

Santamaria knows Lake Street. She founded El Nuevo Rodeo, a restaurant and night club in the International Order of Odd Fellows building at 2701 E. Lake St.

She renovated the historic 1909 building in 2003 and owned it from 2012 until January, when she sold it along with the restaurant. She operated her Spanish radio station La Raza 95.7FM/AM1400 and AM1470

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on the fourth floor of the building until last week, when it burned down in the riots following the death of ***George Floyd*** on Memorial Day while he was in police custody, resulting in a murder charge against the officer, ***Derek Chauvin***. Both Floyd and Chauvin worked security at El Nuevo, though it's not clear if they knew each other.

Roughly 20 privately owned buildings on Lake Street between Nicollet Avenue and 32nd Avenue burned to the ground during the late May riots. They have a combined market value of \$19.2 million, according to Hennepin County property records. That figure barely scratches the surface of the damage done to Lake Street, as countless more businesses were vandalized and looted. The Minneapolis Fire Department and city are still assessing the damage.

On Wednesday afternoon, the city officials released a preliminary estimate of \$55 million in damage to 220 buildings citywide, a number they expect to rise.

Riots also inflicted substantial damage to businesses along University Avenue in St. Paul, West Broadway Avenue in North Minneapolis, and to businesses in other places in both cities. The Insurance Federation of Minnesota told [*Finance & Commerce*](#) that it estimates that the overall damage in the metro area would exceed \$100 million.

Santamaria predicted that many of the torched buildings on Lake Street will be replaced by mixed-use buildings with apartments above commercial space. While the area needs more housing, she said, Lake Street will lose much of its character.

"The buildings will look nice and cool and modern, but they're not going to look historic," she said. "Something about the character's going to change."

The largest landowner in the area around the Police Department's burned Third Precinct is Wellington Management of St. Paul. It owns the Hi-Lake shopping center on the west side of Hiawatha, the Minnehaha Crossing shopping center on the east side and two apartment complexes nearby, Blue Line Flats and Lake Street Station.

Minnehaha Crossing was severely damaged, including a new Aldi store. Executive Vice President David Wellington said Aldi is working to restore that building and reopen the grocery in a month or two. A 189-unit apartment building, called Midtown Corner, was under construction on the site and about a year from completion when it burned the night of May 27. It would have had 38 units of affordable housing. The stick-frame building was a week from getting sprinklers installed, which explains why it burned so easily.

Wellington said the project is likely a complete loss, but the company plans to rebuild.

The Aldi located next to Hi-Lake was less damaged and should reopen by June 11, Wellington said. However, the rest of the Hi-Lake shopping center is likely a complete loss due to fire, except for the CitiTrends clothing store. Lost stores at the 150,000-square-foot center include Dollar General and HD Laundry.

"The insurance folks are just getting engaged, and we're working with a bunch of the tenants," Wellington said. "So it's going to be a little while for us to really formulate a plan [for Hi-Lake]."

But Wellington is committed to the area.

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"The business district of Lake Street is this little gem in the heart of our city. We want to fight for that," he said. "What do we do? How do we help? How do we fight for what's important for us as a community? I think people are really up for that."

Businesses along Lake Street, like everywhere in the country, were already struggling due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Some people might get their insurance checks and walk away because they're tired and they're older and they did this for a long time and they've been there forever," Santamaria said. "It just might be their retirement check."

Santamaria on Tuesday was furiously trying to get her radio station back on the air with the help of volunteers. The Latino community around Lake Street and beyond gets Spanish news from her station.

La Raza has started a GoFundMe campaign to [raise money for Lake Street businesses](#) and another for [the station itself](#), which has nine employees.

Another organization [raising funds](#) to repair damages is the Neighborhood Development Center, which owns the Midtown Global Market.

Thanks to a group of volunteers who guarded the historic Midtown Exchange building on Lake Street during nighttime riots, the Global Market was spared from serious damage. Earlsworth "Baba" Letang, director of Midtown Global Market said some windows were broken and point-of-sale systems for a couple vendors were damaged.

The windows will remain boarded up for at least a week, Letang said, but he hopes the market can help some of the businesses that lost their buildings. The main floor is about 90 percent occupied, though there are two vacant sit-down restaurant spaces available.

"The businesses that have lost their buildings, we want to see how the Midtown Global Market could help them. If we could temporarily even give somebody office space in the interim, we want to do that."

The Lake Street Council [had raised](#) over \$4 million as of Wednesday morning to help rebuild Lake Street. The nonprofit business association is still working on plans on how to distribute the funds.

"We are exploring our options right now for how we can make this support available to those in need in a timely and equitable manner," the organization said in an email. "We know time is of the essence. We're working to develop an equitable and well-managed application and distribution process as quickly as possible. As we work to allocate and distribute these funds, we will focus on helping the hardest-hit and most vulnerable businesses in our community, which disproportionately includes immigrant and people of color-owned businesses. We'll be sharing those details as soon as possible. We will work with a broad range of diverse community partners to make these decisions."

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After Minneapolis, George Floyd funeral rites will continue in North Carolina, Houston

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Body

The memorial services to honor *George Floyd* are extraordinary: three cities over six days, with a chance for mourners to pay their respects in the communities where he was born, grew up, and died.

But so are the circumstances surrounding them: Since his May 25 death in Minneapolis, Floyd's name has been chanted by hundreds of thousands of people and empowered a movement. Violent encounters between police, protesters, and observers have inflamed a country already reeling from the coronavirus pandemic.

The organizers of the memorials want to acknowledge the meaning Floyd had in life to his large family and the broader meaning he has assumed in death, which happened after a white officer pressed a knee into the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air.

"It would be inadequate if you did not regard the life and love and celebration the family wants," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, the civil rights leader who will eulogize Floyd in two cities. "But it would also be inadequate ... if you acted as though we're at a funeral that happened under natural circumstances."

"The family is not independent of the community," he said. "The family wants to see something happen."

The first service will be Thursday afternoon at North Central University in downtown Minneapolis. Sharpton, founder of the National Action Network, and Floyd family attorney Ben Crump will speak.

The 1 p.m. service will be private for family, friends and guests. But it will be livestreamed by local media. Links will be available at the school's website, www.northcentral.edu.

Floyd's body will then go to Raeford, N.C., where he was born 46 years ago, for a two-hour public viewing and private service for the family on Saturday.

After Minneapolis, George Floyd funeral rites will continue in North Carolina, Houston

Finally, a public viewing will be held Monday in Houston, where he was raised and lived most of his life. A 500-person service on Tuesday will take place at The Fountain of Praise church and will include addresses from Sharpton, Crump, and the Rev. Remus E. Wright, the family pastor. Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, may attend, and other political figures and celebrities are expected as well. A private burial will follow.

Both the memorials in Minneapolis and Houston will include personal tributes and eulogies about social justice, Sharpton said.

Due to the coronavirus, Fountain of Praise will be limited to 20 percent of its capacity and visitors will be required to wear masks.

Floyd's final journey was designed with intention, Sharpton said. Having left Houston for Minneapolis in 2014 in search of a job and a new life, Floyd will retrace that path.

"They collectively said we need to make the first memorial statement from the city he chose to go to make a living, that ended his life," he said.

Clayborne Carson, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University, said that "for a person who was pretty much unknown to the world until just last week, this is unprecedented."

"This has touched a nerve," Carson said. "It's been building up for all of American history. I think that people who are aware of the history of this country understand that there's a lot to atone for and a lot to celebrate in terms of people who stood up for justice."

The size of Floyd's memorial reflects his impact and the need to recognize the widespread grief his death has caused, said Tashel Bordere, an expert on grief and assistant professor at the University of Missouri. It also reflects a tradition particularly in African American communities that large funerals can provide the recognition that a lost loved one struggled to receive in life.

But, she added, "grief goes far beyond the funeral; healing goes far beyond the funeral. Justice is experienced when people feel safe in their communities and in their lives."

Carson said the impact of Floyd's death would ultimately be measured by changes in how police treat African Americans and the disparate rates at which black men are incarcerated.

"Otherwise, it'll just be the next ***George Floyd*** and the one after that," he said.

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Autopsy report: George Floyd had COVID-19. He tested positive in April but had no symptoms.

ARTICLE CCXCIV. [**AUTOPSY REPORT: GEORGE FLOYD HAD COVID-19. HE TESTED POSITIVE IN APRIL BUT HAD NO SYMPTOMS.**](#)

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Highlight: *George Floyd* had an asymptomatic COVID-19 infection when he died in the custody of Minneapolis police, according to an autopsy report released Wednesday. Floyd tested positive for the coronavirus on April 3, according to the report by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. Presumably, he would have known he was infected. It's unclear if he [...]

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George Floyd had an asymptomatic COVID-19 infection when he died in the custody of Minneapolis police, according to an autopsy report released Wednesday.

Floyd tested positive for the coronavirus on April 3, according to the report by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office.

Presumably, he would have known he was infected. It's unclear if he was ever sick, though.

The report suggests the virus played no role in his death, since his lungs showed no signs of damage or pneumonia. With the exception of his heart, which showed evidence of heart disease, his other organs appeared healthy, according to the 20-page report.

Still, on May 26, a day after his death, a PCR test - a common test to detect the virus - administered on his body came back positive, the report said.

"Since PCR positivity for 2019-nCoV RNA can persist for weeks after the onset and resolution of clinical disease, the autopsy result most likely reflects asymptomatic but persistent PCR positivity from previous infection," the report concluded.

The report released by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office came with the family's permission and after the coroner's office released [*summary findings Monday*](#) that Floyd died of cardiopulmonary arrest while being restrained by officers, and classified his Memorial Day death as a homicide.

The report also listed fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use under "other significant conditions" but not under "cause of death." The full report's footnotes noted that signs of fentanyl toxicity can include "severe respiratory depression" and seizures.

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The death of the handcuffed black man was recorded in a widely seen video that has sparked sometimes violent protests in the Twin Cities and across the nation.

One officer was shown with his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes as the 46-year-old gasped for air.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison on Wednesday upgraded charges against that officer to second-degree murder, and also charged three other officers on the scene with aiding and abetting.

This report includes information from the Associated Press.

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Black business leaders respond to a week of grief and fire

ARTICLE CCXCV. **[BLACK BUSINESS LEADERS RESPOND TO A WEEK OF GRIEF AND FIRE](#)**

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The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal reached out over the past week to black business leaders in the Twin Cities to get their thoughts on the killing of **George Floyd** and the resulting protests and riots. Here are some of their responses:

"The lack of human decency shown to **George Floyd** and to all black people in Minneapolis by police is sickening. The fact that these officers knew they were being recorded and still did not have the presence of mind (or empathy) to alter their illegal behavior is even more appalling. As we all know, this is not an isolated incident; it is a systemic problem which reaches to the highest levels of the police department and its leadership.

"Institutional and systemic change is needed, and it can no longer simply be black folks demanding that change. **George Floyd** and his family deserve justice. The black community of Minneapolis and this entire

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nation deserve justice. Racist atrocities like this have been happening to black [people] for centuries simply because the police and white America do not value black lives the same way they value their own."

"It's been a really sad and anger-inducing week. From the state-sanctioned murder of black people continuing to the militarization of the police department to the deployment of the National Guard which has turned our state into a war zone, it makes me angry."

On transforming The Coven's Minneapolis location into a center to collect and distribute food and other donated supplies: "We're trying to listen to the community, which I think most leaders in our government aren't doing."

"All of those businesses that were up and running in supporting families and putting the wealth back into the community - it's like we just got put back 30 years because it's either on fire, broken or looted. For some of these small businesses along the street, that's a death blow. And if you add Covid on top of that - they didn't have deep pockets anyway, because most of us are burning cash. It's a death blow.

"I know that people are going to look at this and say, 'Why would people do these things? Why would they do it to their own community? Doesn't this just hurt your own community?' And the answer is yes, it does. People are angry, people are depressed, people are sad. They're emotional. And there's no place for it to go, because all of the traditional channels don't get anything changed. I don't condone looting, but I understand it."

"The murder of *George Floyd* and so many others is part of the long-standing virus of racism and discrimination that we must battle while also battling the health and economic impact of the coronavirus that has also disproportionately impacted the black community, my community. While no one person, sector or organization can solve these problems alone, our individual and collective actions are required to help us heal and make progress toward the beloved community of equity and justice that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of."

"There are some beautiful things that are happening right now. When folks have to say, 'We can't take any more food donations today,' that's a beautiful thing.

"I've gotten some white people who have reached out in ways that seem like they are attempting to receive validation or consoling in this time, which has been fascinating. It can sometimes be hard to tell who's sincere and who's not.

"You need to listen and you need to stand with and fight with, not for, not in place of, [black people]."

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Minnesota National Guard to deploy for 'credible threats' of violence at Fargo demonstration

ARTICLE CCXCVI. **MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD TO DEPLOY FOR 'CREDIBLE THREATS' OF VIOLENCE AT FARGO DEMONSTRATION**

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FARGO - Area officials and organizers of what is being called a community celebration planned for Friday stressed that precautions are being put in place in case people with violent motives show up for what is intended to be a peaceful event.

Those precautionary steps include plans to surround Fargo city buildings with police officers and National Guard troops, placing concrete barriers in front of Fargo City Hall and boarding up windows at the Fargo Police Department and elsewhere.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard to provide safety and protection for the western edge of the state across the border from the Fargo area.

"Local law enforcement authorities are aware of credible threats of violent activities during demonstrations planned in North Dakota that could impact nearby Minnesota communities, and have requested assistance from the Minnesota National Guard to help provide security and preserve public safety," a release from the governor's office reads. "The National Guard Adjutant General will work with local government agencies to provide personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to respond as necessary."

To underscore the unifying aim of Friday's event, it is being called "OneFargo." It is planned to run from 1-3 p.m. in Island Park.

Organizers initially planned a march and sit-in protest at Fargo City Hall, but after talks with city officials, they agreed to confine the event to Island Park and forego protesting in an effort to avoid a repeat of Saturday, May 30, when a day of peaceful protest turned into a night of rioting.

Saturday's demonstrations and riot in Fargo mirrored similar situations in cities across the United States following the death of ***George Floyd*** on May 25 while in the custody of Minneapolis police.

Minnesota National Guard to deploy for 'credible threats' of violence at Fargo demonstration

Local officials said Thursday they were aware of threats targeting Friday's event.

Speaking at a news conference Thursday, Moorhead Mayor Johnathan Judd said he spoke with Walz on Wednesday. Judd said the National Guard will not adopt a high-profile presence Friday, but it will be available if needed. He did not share specifics about the threats officials have become aware of in regards to Friday's planned event.

If people with violent intentions do show up for Friday's event, they will stick out like sore thumbs and be made to feel unwelcome, said Wess Philome, who spoke at Thursday's news conference along with other black leaders and city officials, including Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney and Fargo Police Chief Dave Todd.

Philome said because of successful meetings with city officials, planners of Friday's event will not take to the streets. He said he hopes the cooperation taking place in the Fargo-Moorhead area will become an example to the rest of the world.

Fellow organizer Angelina Zokego agreed.

"They heard us," Zokego said, adding: "That's what you call a community that wants unity, that wants peace."

Mahoney and other leaders underscored the progress made this week and vowed such conversations would continue in the future.

"We want our community to be a community people want to live in," Mahoney said.

Todd agreed, stating the talks were a first step "in what needs to happen here."

Fargo City Hall, the downtown Fargo Public Library and Fargo Municipal Court will be fully closed on Friday in response to received threats.

The Fargo City Commission called a special meeting Thursday night to extend the emergency declaration issued by Mahoney on May 30 to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, June 15.

If the extension is approved, city commissioners could terminate the declaration sooner than Monday night or extend it further, depending on circumstances.

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Pentagon-Trump clash breaks open over military and protests

ARTICLE CCXCVII. [PENTAGON-TRUMP CLASH BREAKS OPEN OVER MILITARY AND PROTESTS](#)

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Body

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump's Pentagon chief shot down his idea of using active-duty troops to quell protests across the United States, and former military leaders are going after him, too, in an extraordinary clash between the U.S. military and its commander in chief.

Both Trump and Defense Secretary Mark Esper are both drawing stinging, rare public criticism from Trump's first defense secretary, Jim Mattis, in the most public pushback of Trump's presidency from the men he put at the helm of the world's most powerful military.

Mattis' rebuke on Wednesday followed Trump's threats to use the military to "dominate" the streets where Americans are demonstrating following the death of *George Floyd*, a black man who died when a white police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes. The president had urged governors to call out the National Guard to contain protests that turned violent and warned that he could send in active-duty military forces if they did not.

Esper angered Trump when he said he opposed using military troops for law enforcement, seemingly taking the teeth out of the president's threat to use the Insurrection Act. Esper said the 1807 law should be invoked in the United States "only in the most urgent and dire of situations." He added, "We are not in one of those situations now."

After his subsequent visit to the White House, the Pentagon abruptly overturned an earlier decision to send a couple hundred active-duty soldiers home from the Washington, D.C., region, a public sign of the growing tensions with the White House. Then on Thursday, a defense official said the soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division were heading back to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, after all.

Former Secretary Mattis, a retired Marine general, lambasted both Trump and Esper in an essay in *The Atlantic* for their consideration of using the active-duty military in law enforcement - and for the use of the National Guard in clearing out a largely peaceful protest near the White House on Monday evening.

Pentagon-Trump clash breaks open over military and protests

"We must reject any thinking of our cities as a 'battlespace' that our uniformed military is called upon to 'dominate,'" Mattis wrote, referencing quotes by Esper and Trump respectively. "Militarizing our response, as we witnessed in Washington, D.C., sets up a conflict - a false conflict - between the military and civilian society. "

Trump responded on Twitter by calling Mattis "the world's most overrated General," adding: "I didn't like his 'leadership' style or much else about him, and many others agree, Glad he is gone!"

Yet another former military leader, retired Marine Corps four-star general John Allen, said that events on Monday, the day Trump walked to the church, "may well signal the beginning of the end of the American experiment."

Allen, president of the liberal-leaning Brookings Institution, contrasted the routing of the protesters in Lafayette Park with remarks by Floyd's brother, Terrence Floyd, who denounced looting that he said tarnishes his brother's memory.

Writing in Foreign Policy, Allen urged people to make their votes in November for the future of America's democracy. "It will have to come from the bottom up. For at the White House, there is no one home," he wrote.

Days ago, Esper had ordered about 1,300 Army personnel to military bases just outside the nation's capital as Trump weighed whether to invoke the Insurrection Act and send active-duty troops into the city, the scene of large protests that devolved into violence and looting over the weekend. But after a night of calm enforced by a large deployment of National Guard troops and heavily armed federal law enforcement agents, defense officials said the troops would begin returning to their home base.

Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy told The Associated Press that the decision was reversed after Esper's visit to the White House. The White House didn't respond to request for comment on whether Trump ordered the change.

The shift added to confusion over the president's threat to invoke the Insurrection Act for protests following Floyd's death in Minneapolis. White House officials had indicated even before Esper's comments that Trump was backing away from invoking the act, though officials said Trump was upset that Esper's statement conveyed "weakness."

Press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said the president was still willing to deploy federal troops despite Esper's comments.

Meanwhile, the president was taking credit for the deployment of federal and other law enforcement officers to the nation's capital, saying it offered a model to states on how to stop violence accompanying some protests nationwide.

On Wednesday evening, troops and others were out in force in Washington. A Defense official said at least 2,200 National Guard members would be on the streets.

Helmeted forces formed a ring around Lafayette Park across from the White House. Military vehicles were parked at intersections, also blocking access.

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Trump argued that the massive show of force was responsible for protests in Washington and other cities turning more calm in recent days and repeated his criticism of governors who have not deployed their National Guard to the fullest.

"You have to have a dominant force," Trump told Fox News Radio on Wednesday. "We need law and order."

Pentagon chief Esper himself has come under fire from critics, including retired senior military officers, for having walked from the White House on Monday evening with Trump and others for a presidential photo opportunity in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, which had previously sustained damage from protesters.

"I was not aware a photo op was happening," he said, adding that he also did not know that police had forcibly moved peaceful protesters from the park to clear the way for Trump and his entourage.

Mattis, in his essay, called the scene an "abuse of executive authority." The retired general quit the Trump administration in December 2018 after months of conflict with the president as Trump announced he was unilaterally withdrawing American troops from Syria.

Though the crackdown on the Washington demonstrations was praised by some Trump supporters Tuesday, a handful of Republicans expressed concern that law enforcement officers risked violating the protesters' First Amendment rights.

The clampdown followed a weekend of demonstrations outside the White House. Trump had been furious about images juxtaposing fires set in the park outside the executive mansion with a darkened White House in the background, according to current and former campaign and administration officials. He was also angry about the news coverage revealing he had gone to the secure White House bunker during Friday's protests.

Trump on Wednesday acknowledged he visited the bunker Friday but claimed he was only conducting an inspection as protests raged outside the White House gates.

Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division remain on standby at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland and Fort Belvoir in Virginia outside Washington.

AP writers Michael Balsamo and Lolita C. Baldor in Washington and Sarah Blake Morgan in West Jefferson, North Carolina, contributed. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#). ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#). [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#). ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#). [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Viral photo of St. Paul high school graduate spreads message of positivity

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VIRAL PHOTO OF ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SPREADS MESSAGE OF POSITIVITY

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Highlight: In front of it all stood graduating St. Paul senior Deveonte Joseph, hands crossed, lips pressed into a line, proudly wearing his navy blue cap and gown.

Body

Gray smoke from fires in the area filled the bluish night sky and law enforcement officials crowded around a vehicle in the background with a couple more police officers nearby. Some debris laid scattered on the ground.

In front of it all stood graduating St. Paul senior Deveonte Joseph, hands crossed, lips pressed into a line, proudly wearing his navy blue cap and gown. Como Park resident Nathan Aguirre was struck by the image and snapped a powerful photo on his iPhone that has made the rounds on social media this week, showing Joseph as a symbol of hope for the future in a present full of sorrow.

"It was just a really chaotic scene and I just remember I looked to my right and I saw Deveonte," Aguirre said. "I didn't know who he was at that time. I just looked to my right and I had seen a gentleman walking down the street dressed up in his graduation outfit, and I thought, 'Oh God, I've got to get a picture of that.'"

Joseph, who graduated from Community of Peace Academy on Wednesday, had been out with a couple of friends taking photos in his graduation attire when they saw smoke and fire last Thursday night. Amid peaceful protests over **George Floyd**'s death in police custody in Minneapolis earlier in the week, arson and looting had been taking place in the Midway area on Thursday.

Joseph originally didn't have plans to attend the protest - he was just out to take pictures. But in going, he wanted to be a force for positivity.

"I always think at protests, there's going to be some type of negativity, so I went there to spread some positivity," Joseph said. "When I noticed the protest was going on, I was like, 'Let's bring some positivity to these people.'"

That positivity was immediately evident to Aguirre in their brief interaction on University Avenue.

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"He showed up and held his head high. That's a game changer. The way he presented himself that night, it was different than anybody else out there. I didn't see (anybody) as proud as he was and as peaceful as he was," Aguirre said. "He stood out. It was really beautiful."

After Aguirre took the photo, the two went their separate ways. When Aguirre went home, he was showing photos from the night to his nephew, who recognized Joseph as someone he had gone to school with.

With his nephew's help, Aguirre got in contact with Joseph and received his permission to share the photo, which has been reshared across social media platforms for the past week.

"I feel like the people that see me in my cap and gown, what they were saying on Facebook, basically is what I agree with - they were saying, 'Oh, look at the world we made for Deveonte Joseph and the rest of the graduates in the class of 2020,' and I just felt like the world can be such a better place."

That starts, Joseph, said, with his generation. Joseph, who raps about his life and what he sees around him, wants to spread his message of positivity through his music.

[Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) He dreams of going to art school at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design so he can get a degree in animation to use to animate his own music videos. Eric Anderson, the stepfather of Joseph's girlfriend, helped create a GoFundMe campaign to help him achieve that goal. In just a few days, the page had raised nearly \$12,000 of its \$20,000 goal as of Thursday afternoon to help fund tuition.

All thanks in part to a photo that helped Joseph spread his message of positivity.

"No matter (your) circumstances ... no matter what you're going through, nothing can get in the way of your goals. That's how I felt," Joseph said. "I felt like I made the world proud when I put on that gown."

Graphic

Community of Peace Academy graduate Deveonte Joseph stands near the intersection of University Avenue and Griggs Street in St. Paul on May 28, 2020. (Courtesy of Nathan Aguirre)

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A list of St. Paul businesses damaged during the rioting

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Highlight: The damage caused by looters and rioters this past week has left a charred scar on St. Paul's Midway neighborhood. Dozens of businesses were devastated along the popular strip and many more were damaged elsewhere in the east metro. According to the reports from local chambers of commerce and others, here is a list of [...]

Body

The damage caused by looters and rioters this past week has left a charred scar on St. Paul's Midway neighborhood. Dozens of businesses were devastated along the popular strip and many more were damaged elsewhere in the east metro.

According to the reports from local chambers of commerce and others, here is a list of burned out, looted and damaged St. Paul businesses that we know of. There are likely more that have gone unreported.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Go Get It Tobacco, 2484 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

McDonald's, 2213 W. University Ave.; property damage

Ax-man Surplus, 1639 W. University Ave.; looting

UPS Store, 1360 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses, 1360 W. University Ave.; property damage

Turf Club, 1601 W. University Ave.; fire and property damage

Trend Bar, 1537 W. University Ave.; looting

MaX It Pawn, 1519 W. University Ave.; looting, fire and property damage

Boost Mobile, 605 W. University Ave.; property damage

DTLR, 1515 W. University Ave.; looting

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Big Top Wines and Spirits, 1544 W. University Ave.; fire and property damage

Culver's, 1491 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

Midway Tobacco and Vapor, 1475 W. University Ave.; property damage

Black Hart of St. Paul, 1415 W. University Ave.; property damage

Furniture Barn, 1389 W. University Ave.; looting, fire and property damage

BP, 1347 W. University Ave.; property damage

Leann Chin, 1360 W. University Ave.; property damage

Sprint Store, 1360 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

Great Health Nutrition, 1360 W. University Ave.; looting

Discount Tires, 1350 W. University Ave.; property damage

Verizon, 474 N. Hamline Ave.; property damage

Noodles and Company, 470 N. Hamline Ave.; property damage

The Vitamin Shoppe, 472 N. Hamline Ave.; property damage

Great Clips, 1474 W. University Ave.; fire damage

GameStop, 1484 W. University Ave.; looting and fire damage

Foot Locker, 1484 W. University Ave.; fire damage

T.J. Maxx, 1410 W. University Ave.; fire and property damage

Midway Tobacco Outlet Plus, 1418 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

[Target](#), 1300 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

CVS Pharmacy, 1300 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

[Bolé Ethiopian Cuisine](#), 490 N. Syndicate St.; fire damage

NAPA Auto Parts, 1271 W. University Ave.; fire damage

Goodwill, 1239 W. University Ave.; property and fire damage

Gordon Parks High School, 1212 W. University Ave.; property damage

[Ananya Dance Studio](#), 1197 W. University Ave.; property damage

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 1161 W. University Ave.; fire damage

ALDI, 1134 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

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TCF Bank, 459 N. Lexington Pkwy.; property damage

O'Reilly Auto Parts, 448 N. Lexington Pkwy.; fire and property damage

Speedway, 970 W. University Ave.; fire and property damage

Fire N' Ice Chicken, 600 W. University Ave.; property damage

Sun Foods, 544 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

Springboard for the Arts, 262 W. University Ave.; fire and property damage

White Castle, 505 Rice St.; looting and property damage

BG Food Market, 955 W. University Ave.; property damage

Boba & Deli, 955 W. University Ave.; property damage

Century Plaza, 955 W. University Ave.; property damage

Little Asia Cafe, 955 W. University Ave.; property damage

Magic Noodle, 1337 W. University Ave.; property damage

May's Market, 375 W. University Ave.; property damage

Peking Garden, 1488 W. University Ave.; property damage

7-Mile Sportswear, 590 W. University Ave.; looting, fire, and property damage

America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, 1360 W. University Ave.; property damage

Family Dollar, 1536 W. University Ave.; looting and property damage

Sports Dome, 1505 W. University Ave.; fire damage

To New York, 1486 W. University Ave.; property damage

M Health Fairview Clinic, 1390 W. University Ave; property damage

Speedway, 950 N. Lexington Pkwy.; fire damage

McDonald's, 1100 W. University Ave.; property damage

High School for Recording Arts, 1166 W. University Ave.; property damage

T-Mobile, 1460 W. University Ave.; property damage

Boost Mobile, 1499 W. University Ave.; fire damage

Metro by T-Mobile, 1539 W. University Ave.; property damage

Speedway, 399 N. Lexington Pkwy.; fire and property damage

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Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties, 450 N. Syndicate St.; fire and property damage

Midas, 520 W. University Ave.; property damage

Cwhp, 565 W. University Ave.; property damage

CSL Plasma, 572 W. University Ave.; property damage

TJ Nails, 598 W. University Ave.; property damage

Subway, 599 W. University Ave.; property damage

Wendy's, 612 W. University Ave.; property damage

St. Paul Fire Dept. Station 18, 681 W. University Ave.; property damage

SNELLING AVENUE

Speedway, 56 N. Snelling Ave.; looting and property damage

[Lloyd's Pharmacy](#), 720 N. Snelling Ave.; fire damage

Vig Guitars, 595 N. Snelling Ave.; looting

Taco Bell, 565 N. Snelling Ave.; looting

Dey Distributing, 525 N. Snelling Ave.; property damage

Snelling Avenue Fine Wines, 500 N. Snelling Ave.; looting, fire and property damage

Birthright, 299 N. Snelling Ave.; property damage

Holiday Station, 281 N. Snelling Ave.; looting and property damage

A-1 Lock Service by Kee Wee, 191 N. Snelling Ave.; property damage

Speedway, 756 N. Snelling Ave.; fire and property damage

GRAND AVENUE

Speedway, 2051 Grand Ave.; fire damage

BankCherokee, 985 Grand Ave.; property damage

First Grand Avenue Liquor Store, 918 Grand Ave.; looting and property damage

Lululemon, 870 Grand Ave.; looting and property damage

Gold'n Treasures, 805 Grand Ave.; looting and property damage

Walgreens, 734 Grand Ave.; property damage

Frattalone's Ace Hardware, 650 Grand Ave.; property damage

A list of St. Paul businesses damaged during the rioting

Grand Ole Creamery, 750 Grand Ave.; property damage

EAST SIDE

Mounds Liquor, 1047 Hudson Road; looting and property damage

Payne Avenue Wine & Spirits, 980 E. Payne Ave.; property damage

W & T Market, 604 N. Western Ave.; property damage

Cub Foods, 2197 Old Hudson Road; looting

Sun Ray Shopping Center, 2089-2215 Old Hudson Road; looting and property damage

MetroPCS, 1200 N. Forest St.; property damage

Holiday, 1444 E. Minnehaha Ave.; property damage

AutoZone Auto Parts, 846 Arcade St.; property damage

T-Mobile, 878 Arcade St.; property damage

Boost Mobile, 889 Arcade St.; property damage

Sun World Supermarket, 892 Arcade St.; property damage

HIGHLAND

R.F. Moeller Jeweler, 2065 Ford Pkwy.; looting and property damage

Speedway, 1580 Ford Pkwy.; property damage

The Fixery, 760 S. Cleveland Ave.; looting and property damage

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Trader Joe's, 484 S. Lexington Pkwy.; looting and property damage

Walgreens, 1585 Randolph Ave.; fire and property damage

Dermatology Consultants, 280 N. Snelling Ave.; property damage

[*Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform*](#) [*'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress*](#) [*Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books*](#) [*'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd*](#) [*Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest*](#)

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Midway Chamber offers expert help for 200 St. Paul businesses damaged in George Floyd demonstrations

ARTICLE CCC. [**MIDWAY CHAMBER OFFERS EXPERT HELP FOR 200 ST. PAUL BUSINESSES DAMAGED IN GEORGE FLOYD DEMONSTRATIONS**](#)

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Byline: Frederick Melo

Highlight: The Midway Chamber of Commerce estimates more than 200 St. Paul buildings were damaged or destroyed in the past week during protests over ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis police custody. The chamber will host an hour-long virtual panel discussion at 8 a.m. Thursday to offer guidance to business owners and operators. Titled "Your Business Was [...]"

Body

The Midway Chamber of Commerce estimates more than 200 St. Paul buildings were damaged or destroyed in the past week during protests over ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis police custody.

The chamber will host an hour-long virtual panel discussion at 8 a.m. Thursday to offer guidance to business owners and operators.

Titled "Your Business Was Damaged ... What Do You Do Now?" the forum is free but advance registration is required.

Moderated by commercial law attorney Brian Alton, the forum features experts in insurance, legal property rights and restoration: Caleb Brunz, president of Paul Davis Restoration; Brian Hayes, an assistant vice president with Western Insurance; Matt Vatter, assistant commissioner of enforcement for the Minnesota Department of Commerce; and TJ Patton, audit director with the Department of Commerce's Insurance Enforcement Team.

More information can be found at MidwayChamber.com under the "Events" listing. [*Dozens of homeless people evicted from Minneapolis hotel*](#) [*1,000 face layoffs as owner idles paper mills in Duluth, Wisconsin*](#) [*'Like the first day of school': Fitness centers across Minnesota prepare to reopen*](#) [*Fever checks at the door, no facials or blow drying: Hair salons 'reinventing' under coronavirus*](#) [*St. Paul police officer one of six area leaders to land 2020 Bush Foundation fellowships*](#)

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ARTICLE CCCI. [COMMUNITY AID, DISTILLED](#)

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 710 words**Byline:** NICOLE NORFLEET; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Du Nord, other small firms trying to help fellow business owners suffering after riots.**Body**

Du Nord Craft Spirits, which had already switched to making hand sanitizer after COVID-19 orders shut down tasting rooms, is now adding food and supplies donation center to its menu.

One of the few black-owned distilleries in the country, the Longfellow business, like many others in the neighborhood, was damaged early last Friday during riots after the death of [George Floyd](#).

Several fires were set inside the Minneapolis distillery's warehouse.

"The spot of the fire has now been converted into a community asset," said owner Chris Montana. "There's so much life in that space right now."

Across the Twin Cities metro area, many small businesses - including those that have been damaged in recent riots after the killing of [George Floyd](#) - have started to collect and distribute food and other essential items to communities where stores may have been shut down due to vandalism or boarded up out of precaution.

Du Nord, which is located just a few blocks south of the police's Third Precinct that was the epicenter of the riots last week, had at first helped store overflow donations from a drive organized by eatery Pimento Jamaican Kitchen. But after Montana noticed some residents had begun to start a donation campaign in a nearby parking lot, he decided the cleaned-out warehouse could become the site of its own donation drive.

"Why not?" he said. "We are in a position that we could do it. We can't do anything else."

Now the entire distillery, including the undamaged cocktail room, which is being used as a volunteer lounge, has been transformed with pallets of supplies and the constant buzz of activity since the drop-off and pickup drive began this week.

"It looks like a beehive in there," Montana said.

Molly Hoskin, founder of Samadhi Yoga Mpls, rode her bike down Lake Street on Saturday to take stock of how riots had left numerous businesses along the corridor destroyed.

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"With COVID going on, it already was a tough situation with food," she said. "Everything was closed or destroyed, and I was just thinking, 'What are folks going to do?'"

The Longfellow part of south Minneapolis and about eight other neighborhoods have nearly become a food desert in the wake of large grocery chains and small markets being damaged. As of Wednesday, more than 360 businesses across the Twin Cities had been vandalized, looted or had doors and windows smashed, according to a Star Tribune database.

Samadhi's studio is on S. 27th Avenue in the Ivy Arts Building, which suffered damage to its front entrance and second floor. Hoskin created a Facebook event Saturday night to collect supplies for residents on the front lawn of the building. The community response the next day was overwhelming, she said.

Deliveries were nonstop, with an estimated 500 bags of groceries donated and mountains of other supplies, she said.

"It took up the whole lawn. ... We ended up having to reallocate some stuff to other donation sites," Hoskin said.

Many businesses in the Twin Cities have already had to make significant changes to their services or products as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, and the recent riots have made trying to stabilize even more complicated.

"It's been hard," said Hoskin, who started her studio last year to try to provide clients with an inclusive space to practice yoga.

At Du Nord, the fires and resulting water damage from the sprinklers caused about \$100,000 worth of damage to the distillery's inventory and equipment. The repair costs could end up being a lot more due to delayed future production, Montana said.

While figuring out the future of his own business, Montana is keeping his eye on helping the community. In addition to the collection of food and hygiene products, Du Nord has also started a fund to help other businesses that may not have insurance to rebuild. The fund has already raised close to \$250,000. Though not exclusive, the fund is targeted to help minority-owned businesses.

"I ask myself, would this be worth it?" said Montana, referring to the damage and rebuilding that will need to happen for Du Nord and other businesses in the community. "If it meant that we can plant a flag in the moment, and tell our kids that this is when there was change, yes, it would."

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Democrats prepare police reform bills after Floyd's death

ARTICLE CCCII. **DEMOCRATS PREPARE POLICE REFORM BILLS AFTER FLOYD'S DEATH**

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional Democrats, powered by the Congressional Black Caucus, are preparing a sweeping package of police reforms as pressure builds on the federal government to respond to the death of **George Floyd** and others in law enforcement interactions.

Body

By LISA MASCARO

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional Democrats, powered by the Congressional Black Caucus, are preparing a sweeping package of police reforms as pressure builds on the federal government to respond to the death of **George Floyd** and others in law enforcement interactions.

With the urgency of mass protests outside their doors, lawmakers on Capitol Hill are working furiously to draft what could become one of the most ambitious efforts in years to oversee the way law enforcement works. Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kamala Harris of California, both former presidential candidates, are expected to announce a package in coming days, with a House bill coming soon and a House Judiciary Committee hearing next week.

Both the House and Senate efforts are expected to include changes to police accountability laws, such as revising immunity provisions and creating a database of police use-of-force incidents. Revamped training requirements are planned, too, among them a ban on the use of choke holds. Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, has endorsed such a ban.

"We have a moral moment in our country," Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif., the chairwoman of the CBC, said on a conference call Wednesday.

The political stakes of any police reform effort are high, amplified in an election year by President Donald Trump's "law and order" stance, including his threats to call in the U.S. military to clamp down on protesters. With mass unrest now entering a second week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sought to shift the national tone Wednesday by walking and talking with protesters outside the Capitol.

Democrats prepare police reform bills after Floyd's death

The House is expected to vote by month's end. With Democrats in the majority, the bills will almost certainly pass the House. But the outcome in the Senate is less certain. Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said the chamber would take a look at the issues, but he has not endorsed any particular legislation.

On Thursday, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer pointedly called on McConnell to commit to considering the bills this summer.

"Will our Republican colleagues ever join us in this effort?" Schumer asked from the Senate floor, after Democrats held a 8-minute, 46-second moment of silence for Floyd and others at the Capitol's Emancipation Hall.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, tweeted earlier that his panel will conduct a hearing "to shine a bright light on the problems associated with Mr. Floyd's death, with the goal of finding a better way forward for our nation."

But much like efforts to stem gun violence after mass shootings, the political momentum for changes to policing procedures could ebb as the protests and images of those who have died fade from public view. For example, a long-sought federal anti-lynching bill has languished in Congress.

"Words of kindness and grace are essential to America, but they're not enough right now," Booker said during a Senate floor speech this week. "It's on us in this body to do something to change the law."

Lawmakers are looking at proposing other measures. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, is considering an upcoming defense bill provision that would ban the transfer of military equipment, including armor and tanks, to police and sheriff's departments.

Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., is proposing a national commission on the status of young black men and boys, and Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., has legislation to establish a national truth and reconciliation commission on black Americans. Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., will convene next week's hearing to review options.

"This is just one thing we can do," said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who is introducing a bill in the Senate similar to one in the House that seeks to make choke-hold suffocation a federal crime. "This is a moment that demands leadership, it demands a reckoning."

It's not clear whether law enforcement will back the changes. Many of the efforts will likely be supported by other minority lawmakers.

Rep. Judy Chu, D-Calif., the chairwoman of the Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus, convened the call Wednesday with the leaders of the Black, Hispanic and Native American caucuses. "We stand together," she said.

Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Mich., is among several members of the black caucus who will be attending memorial or funeral services for Floyd on Thursday in Minnesota and Texas. She acknowledged the opposition the bills will likely face, but called on fellow lawmakers to consider the option of doing nothing.

"It's very hard to watch that video and go back in your corner," Lawrence said.

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Lara Weber: Protesters who try to ban cameras miss the point of the First Amendment

ARTICLE CCCIII. [LARA WEBER: PROTESTERS WHO TRY TO BAN CAMERAS MISS THE POINT OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT](#)

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Highlight: "No recording allowed! Stop recording now!" It took a moment to register that the bullhorn admonishment was directed at me. I'd just parked my car and walked up to the edge of Oz Park near Lincoln Park High School in Chicago, where a couple hundred young people were gathered on a hill for the start [...]

Body

"No recording allowed! Stop recording now!"

It took a moment to register that the bullhorn admonishment was directed at me. I'd just parked my car and walked up to the edge of Oz Park near Lincoln Park High School in Chicago, where a couple hundred young people were gathered on a hill for the start of a march downtown to protest the killing of [George Floyd](#).

As I often do, especially when I'm working as a journalist as I was Monday, I was snapping some shots of the scene. I lowered my phone and glanced around to be sure we were all on public property. We were. I lifted up my media badge and said, "No, I can take photos here."

But the rebukes continued. "You can't record without my consent!" yelled a young woman to my side. And "People here could literally get arrested if their faces are shown!" came another from up on the hill.

I didn't lift my phone camera again until two young women ran up to within a few feet of me, to wave their signs in my face and block my view of the gathering. At that point, I sighed, lifted my phone and snapped a couple of shots of them. Then the group's leaders called for everyone to start marching and they all headed off.

It was a peculiar encounter that left me wondering about how the latest coming-of-age generation understands the First Amendment - and whether they could see the double standard they were practicing.

The group I encountered were mostly teens, organized by the group FourtuneHouse to march in two groups - one from the North Side, one from the South Side - toward downtown. They were peaceful and passionate with their message, and it was inspiring to see so many young people taking action and lifting their voices during such a volatile time.

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This is also a generation raised on social media and constant video surveillance - a generation that knows intuitively the awesome power that shared images and video carry. So I get their resistance to having their every move documented and pushed out to the world.

That's the messy part about freedom of speech, though. When we're out in the public arena exercising our right to free expression, we don't get to tell others they can't exercise that same right.

Legally, I was allowed to stand on that public sidewalk taking as many photos or videos as I wanted of the group gathered in a public park. The group's members certainly could ask me to stop and implore me to understand the reasons for their request, but I didn't have to comply.

What concerned me more, though, was that these outspoken, determined teens seemed to miss the irony of their demand.

They were gathered to protest because a black man in Minneapolis had died under the crushing pressure of the knee of a white police officer - a horrific killing that has sparked outrage around the world.

But how did the world know what happened to George Floyd? We know because a 17-year-old concerned citizen standing nearby hit record on her cellphone camera and captured the torturous eight minutes leading up to Floyd's unnecessary death.

Do we want our police to be allowed to say, "No recording allowed!?" Would we have wanted the father and son who chased down and killed Ahmaud Arbery to have been able to command, "No recording allowed!?" Would we prefer that the dashcam video of Laquan McDonald being shot 16 times by a Chicago police officer remain hidden?

No, of course not.

Without video, would we know what really happened to Walter Scott, Philando Castile, Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Terence Crutcher and so many more?

The power of video - to document racism, police brutality and other atrocities - has brought remarkable change over the past decade in our society's understanding of what too many people of color endure. It has led to convictions in cases that, before the video era, would've been washed away.

The young people out protesting peacefully this week are showing tremendous courage. By practicing their constitutional right to assemble and protest, they are risking physical harm, arrest and, in some cases, repercussions from parents, teachers and employers.

But they must also learn the law if they plan to publicly demonstrate. And they must recognize that with protest comes responsibility - and consequences. If they believe strongly enough in their message, it will be worth it.

If they push back against the cameras, though, they risk undermining not only their own cause but the First Amendment rights that allow us to see all the images that are bringing about change.

It takes great courage to be named, to be in the spotlight, to step in front of that camera in the fight for justice.

Without those cameras, though, how would we know?

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Southern Minnesota teen allegedly smothered brother, 5, while trying to stop temper tantrum

ARTICLE CCCIV. **[SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TEEN ALLEGEDLY SMOTHERED BROTHER, 5, WHILE TRYING TO STOP TEMPER TANTRUM](#)**

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Highlight: ROCHESTER, Minn. - Kaleb Wolfe Smith wanted his 5-year-old brother to stop throwing a fit, so he pinched the boy's nose shut and placed his hand over his mouth until the boy stopped shrieking. Smith, 17, told an Olmsted County sheriff's detective that he held his hand on the boy's mouth for "one to two [...]"

Body

ROCHESTER, Minn. - Kaleb Wolfe Smith wanted his 5-year-old brother to stop throwing a fit, so he pinched the boy's nose shut and placed his hand over his mouth until the boy stopped shrieking.

Smith, 17, told an Olmsted County sheriff's detective that he held his hand on the boy's mouth for "one to two minutes." It was enough to kill him.

Deputies and medics in the southern Minnesota community of Eyota were called about 4:35 p.m. Monday to the 300 block of Second Street Southwest for a report of a 5-year-old boy who was not breathing.

When deputies arrived, they found Alex James Smith in an upstairs bedroom, said Olmsted County Sheriff's Capt. Scott Behrns. First responders attempted lifesaving measures, and the boy was taken to a Rochester hospital, where he was pronounced dead at about 6 p.m.

An initial investigation determined the death was caused by asphyxiation, Behrns said Tuesday morning.

The brother, Kaleb Wolfe Smith, is charged in Olmsted County District Court with second-degree murder and domestic assault by strangulation.

Smith described the events leading up to the incident to an Olmsted County sheriff's detective. According to court documents, Smith said he and his siblings had been attempting to nurse an injured bird, and that Alex had killed the bird. Smith told his mother, and Alex was sent upstairs to bed.

Smith went up to the boy's room a few minutes later because the boy was crying and throwing a fit. Smith said he pinned the boy's hands to his body to get him to stop flopping and then draped a blanket over the boy's body and head before leaving the room. The boy continued shrieking, and Smith went back into the room and pinched the 5-year-old's nose shut and covered his mouth.

Southern Minnesota teen allegedly smothered brother, 5, while trying to stop temper tantrum

Preliminary results of an autopsy conducted by the Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Office indicated that the boy's brain exhibited swelling consistent with hypoxia, or oxygen deprivation, by smothering.

Most juvenile criminal records in Minnesota are not public information, but there are exceptions. If an offender is at least 14 years old and commits a felony-level crime, the juvenile may be certified to stand trial as an adult in criminal court, and would render all of the records relating to that crime as public.

Additionally, if a juvenile is 16 years old or older and is accused of a felony-level offense, all proceedings conducted by the juvenile court relating to that offense, as well as the records relating to it, are open to the public.

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St. Paul schools' cops contract reassessed

ARTICLE CCCV. [ST. PAUL SCHOOLS' COPS CONTRACT REASSESSED](#)

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The St. Paul school board will meet next week to discuss the future of its contract with the city's Police Department, following the recent death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody.

"After [George Floyd](#)'s murder, many are questioning the role of the police in our city. We hear the voices of our students, families, staff and community members. We want to take those voices into consideration and make decisions that are in the very best interest of those we serve," said Jeanelle Foster, the board's vice chair.

The announcement follows a Tuesday vote by the Minneapolis school board to end its relationship with Minneapolis police because of Floyd's death.

Any potential action on the contract would happen at the St. Paul school board's June 23 meeting, according to the district. The district's contract with the department for seven school resource officers is worth up to \$775,000 and expires June 30.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul districts have long faced criticism over the use of school resource officers, with both seeking to transform the role from enforcer to mentor. In 2018-19, a Minneapolis Public Schools survey gave mostly positive marks to the officers, but the data also showed that school cops had more interactions with black students than their peers.

In December, the St. Paul school board unanimously approved a new contract for the seven school resource officers to work in high schools.

St. Paul Public Schools has taken steps to soften the role of resource officers by having them find ways to avoid arresting students. Past surveys of St. Paul students have found an overwhelming majority in support of police officers in their schools.

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1.9 million seek jobless aid even as reopenings slow layoffs

ARTICLE CCCVI. [1.9 MILLION SEEK JOBLESS AID EVEN AS REOPENINGS SLOW LAYOFFS](#)

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly 1.9 million people applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week, evidence that many employers are still cutting jobs even as the gradual reopening of businesses has slowed the pace of layoffs.

Body

WASHINGTON - Nearly 1.9 million people applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week, evidence that many employers are still cutting jobs even as the gradual reopening of businesses has slowed the pace of layoffs.

The total number of people who are receiving jobless aid rose slightly to 21.5 million, down from a peak of nearly 25 million two weeks ago but still at a historically high level. It shows that scattered rehiring is offsetting only some of the ongoing layoffs with the economy mired in a recession. Thursday's latest weekly number from the Labor Department is still more than double the record high that prevailed before the viral outbreak.

Still, the number of people who applied for benefits last week marked the ninth straight decline since applications spiked in mid-March. The job market meltdown that was triggered by the coronavirus may have bottomed out as more companies call at least some of their former employees back to work.

Economists said they were disappointed, though, that the number of first-time applications for jobless aid and the total number of people receiving benefits remain so high.

"While the drop in new claims is welcome news and more evidence that the worst of the job losses are behind us, the recovery in the labor market is expected to be painfully slow," said Gregory Daco, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics. "We look for a two-phase recovery, with an initial burst in rehiring followed by a much slower retracement of job losses.

Fewer people sought jobless aid last week in 47 states and in Washington, D.C., while the number rose in just California, Florida and Mississippi. The total number of people receiving aid fell in 37 states and in D.C. and increased in 13 states.

1.9 million seek jobless aid even as reopenings slow layoffs

Applications for jobless benefits are falling in states that had reopened their businesses early, such as Georgia and Texas, and are also declining in those that are still early in the reopening process, such as New York and Massachusetts.

Some businesses that have reopened have seen only a limited number of customers so far.

In Chattanooga, Tennessee, Nneka Ijeoma lost her job as a bartender at a whiskey bar when it closed in March. Though the bar has reopened, it has rehired only two of its 17 employees. Meanwhile, Ijeoma is receiving \$275 in state unemployment benefits each week, plus \$600 a week in federal benefits

"We were honestly so blessed by that," she said of the federal aid, which will expire at the end of July. "I wouldn't have been able to get by on \$275."

Still, she is eager to return to work and to go back to school in the fall to finish her college degree. Yet she always regarded bartending as a long-term opportunity.

"I always thought I could work in hospitality forever," she said. "I thought it was recession-proof."

In addition to the laid-off employees who applied for benefits last week, 623,000 others sought jobless aid under a new program for self-employed and gig workers, who now qualify for unemployment benefits for the first time. These figures aren't adjusted for seasonal variations, so the government doesn't include them in the overall data. And 15 states still aren't reporting the number of applicants under this program, meaning that the data is incomplete.

The figures come one day before the government's jobs report for May is expected to show that employers slashed 8 million jobs last month and that the unemployment rate jumped from 14.7% to 19.8%. If those forecasts prove accurate, it would mean that nearly 30 million people have lost jobs since the viral outbreak intensified in March and that joblessness has reached its highest point since the Great Depression.

Since mid-March, 42.7 million people have applied for unemployment benefits. Not all of them are still unemployed, though. Some have since been rehired. And some laid-off people likely filed duplicate applications for benefits as they struggled with unresponsive state unemployment systems. Others were unable to file their applications at all until recently.

"The big question is whether millions are still filing for unemployment due to separations that happened awhile ago or because of separations still happening today," said Adam Ozimek, chief economist at Upwork. "The latter is far more problematic" because it would point to ongoing business closures and cutbacks.

Thursday's report wasn't affected by the protests over the killing of George Floyd, which in recent days forced some major retailers and small businesses to close, because it covers claims filed only through May 30. But some economists warn that applications for unemployment aid could rise in next week's report, reflecting business closures amid the protests and scattered vandalism.

"That's going to kick up the claims again," said Jane Oates, a former Labor Department official.

The depth of the job cuts since the virus forced the widespread shutdown of businesses reflects an economy gripped by the worst downturn since the Great Depression. The economy is thought to be shrinking in the April-June quarter at an annual rate approaching 40%. That would be, by far, the worst quarterly contraction on record.

1.9 million seek jobless aid even as reopenings slow layoffs

Still, real-time private data on consumer behavior is showing signs that the economy is gradually reviving. Credit and debit card spending tracked by Chase Bank shows that consumer spending, though roughly flat last week, rebounded from its low point in mid-April, when it was 40% below year-ago levels. Now, it is down 20% from a year ago.

Economists caution that most Americans will need to feel more confident about returning to their former habits of shopping, traveling and eating out before the economy can sustain any meaningful recovery. That will likely require the availability of a vaccine or a significant increase in testing.

"What's really going to move the needle economically is when consumers and businesses feel comfortable re-engaging with the economy the way they did before COVID-19," said Adam Kamins, a senior regional economist at Moody's Analytics.

AP Writer Travis Loller in Nashville contributed to this report. [Coronavirus Wednesday update: 19 more Minnesota deaths and 352 new cases](#) [Crowded St. Croix River beach raises social-distancing concern; Washington County beaches reopen](#) [Ramsey County sheriff's office helps organize food drive for Somali community](#) ['Like the first day of school': Fitness centers across Minnesota prepare to reopen](#) [What you need to know as Minnesota opens more businesses amid coronavirus](#)

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ACLU says cops targeted media during protests

ARTICLE CCCVII. [ACLU SAYS COPS TARGETED MEDIA DURING PROTESTS](#)

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Body

Claiming that "the press is under assault in our city," the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota filed a class-action lawsuit Wednesday in federal court seeking a temporary restraining order to prevent law enforcement misconduct directed at the news media.

The 45-page lawsuit catalogs a long list of alleged encounters between journalists and photojournalists and law enforcement officers during demonstrations to protest the May 25 death of *George Floyd* while in custody of the Minneapolis police.

The suit says officers threatened, assaulted and, in several cases, arrested members of the media, even after they identified themselves as journalists.

Minneapolis City Attorney Erik Nilsson said in a statement, "We will review the allegations and take them seriously. We continue to support the First Amendment rights of everyone in Minneapolis."

The suit was filed on behalf of all journalists by plaintiff Jared Goyette of Minneapolis, a freelance journalist who in recent days has written articles for several newspapers, including the Washington Post and the Guardian.

The lawsuit said that Goyette was "shot in the face with less-lethal ballistic ammunition" by Minneapolis police on May 27 while documenting demonstrations near the Third Precinct police station.

The suit cites several instances in which Star Tribune reporters also were the target of misconduct by law enforcement, although none are plaintiffs.

Teresa Nelson, legal director of the ACLU of Minnesota, said the organization has filed a motion seeking a temporary injunction to prohibit law enforcement agencies from attacking journalists and interfering in news coverage. The ACLU said it would seek a permanent injunction later.

Among those named as defendants in the lawsuit are the city of Minneapolis, Chief of Police Medaria Arradondo, state Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, Col. Matthew Langer who leads the

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Minnesota State Patrol, and "John Does" described as identified officers of the Minneapolis police and State Patrol.

Also named in the suit was Lt. Robert Kroll, president of the Minneapolis Police Officers Federation, who is cited as having made statements that inflamed the situation by attacking the "liberal media."

Kroll did not respond for comment. Bruce Gordon, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety, issued this statement in response to the suit: "The Minnesota State Patrol recognizes the importance of the media in covering the civil unrest that is occurring in our communities. When conducting law enforcement operations to restore order and keep people safe, it can be difficult for officers to distinguish journalists from those who are violating a curfew order or not complying with commands to leave an area.

"During the past week, the State Patrol has worked hard to ensure journalists who have been arrested have been released promptly upon identification. While not all of the incidents involve the Minnesota State Patrol, we are reviewing the incidents involving our troopers in an effort to prevent similar incidents in the future."

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Body

With at least \$55 million in estimated damage and far more to come, Minneapolis will need state and federal aid as it attempts to rebuild hundreds of structures after the riots following *George Floyd's* death, Mayor Jacob Frey said.

City officials are still putting together a complete tally of the destruction and cautioned that estimates are likely to rise significantly. Gov. Tim Walz and members of Minnesota's congressional delegation are trying to get government assistance to offset that cost. But in the past, neither the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nor Congress has consistently sent federal funding to cities ravaged by riots.

Minneapolis City Council members on Tuesday received an update from the city's Community Planning & Economic Development department that estimated at least 220 buildings had been damaged, resulting in a minimum of \$55 million in costs, though the city was "not yet ready to produce a credible estimate" of the losses.

Frey said in an interview that he expects the full cost of the damage to be "tens, if not hundreds of millions" of dollars, across both Twin Cities.

"We will do everything we can as we shift to recovery mode," Frey said. "We're recovering from crises sandwiched on top of each other, from COVID-19 to the police killing and then the looting which took place afterward."

Walz said Tuesday that he is pushing for funding to rebuild damaged communities. His administration has been talking to U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, as well as U.S. Reps. Ilhan Omar and Betty McCollum, who represent the Twin Cities. Walz said they have had conversations about seeking federal assistance to rebuild communities and "we have expressed some of our desires to explore what we can do there."

After the 2015 riots in Baltimore following the death of Freddie Gray in police custody, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan repeatedly sought about \$19 million in aid from FEMA for public agencies that responded to

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the unrest. At the time, Hogan pointed to federal assistance provided to Los Angeles following the 1992 unrest over the beating of Rodney King. FEMA denied Hogan's request.

McCollum expressed doubt about Minneapolis and St. Paul's chances of getting federal disaster funding, a decision that is up to President Donald Trump. Alternatively, the state could seek funding through Congress' annual appropriations, but that would require the Democratic-led House, Republican-led Senate and Trump to sign on.

"To be realistic, the odds of that happening are, at best, very difficult," McCollum said in an e-mail.

Trump was harshly critical in a conference call with governors earlier in the week, calling them "weak" for not tamping down violent protests soon enough. Trump praised Minnesota's use of the National Guard after several nights of escalating violence and looting.

McCollum urged Walz to seek a disaster declaration, particularly given law enforcement investigations into organized arson and looting.

"If it is demonstrated outside provocateurs committed acts of destruction then there is a clear rationale for an emergency declaration by President Trump," she said.

Omar also said in a statement Wednesday that Minnesota cannot rely on Trump to dedicate FEMA resources.

"So Congress must step in," she said. "I am working with my colleagues to create an Emergency Relief Fund specifically for communities trying to rebuild after social and civil rights crises."

Walz also said he wants support for damaged areas along Lake Street in the state's bonding bill to fund infrastructure. Minnesota legislators are scheduled to return to the State Capitol for a special session June 12. The session has been expected to focus on the bonding bill, as well as tax relief and COVID-19 spending.

"Whether you live in Mankato or whether you live in Roseau or you're down in Winona, it's in our best interest as a state that shares things together to make sure that community is rebuilt," Walz said.

Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, and the Legislature's People of Color and Indigenous Caucus made similar calls for state aid.

The bonding bill can't be used to repair private businesses, but it could assist with fixing and rebuilding public buildings, such as libraries and police stations. Sen. David Senjem, chair of the committee that focuses on bonding in the Republican-led Senate, said he is open to acting quickly to include some of those needs in a borrowing bill.

The decisions about whether to provide aid could have a major impact on the city's finances, which had already been strained by the coronavirus pandemic.

On Memorial Day, before Floyd died, city officials were discussing ways to cut \$165 million from the budget as they tried to account for plummeting revenue and the increased costs of responding to the public health crisis. Frey and the City Council are expected to work together in the coming weeks to amend the 2020 budget.

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"This will be a budget crunch. To say otherwise would be dishonest, but we are committed to the city," Frey said. "We have a committed team, and I know between our city enterprise and the strength of our communities, we're going to get through this."

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Analysis: Trump emulates strongman tactics, tests his limits

ARTICLE CCCIX. [**ANALYSIS: TRUMP EMULATES STRONGMAN TACTICS, TESTS HIS LIMITS**](#)

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In words and in actions, President Donald Trump is increasingly emulating the strongman leaders he has long admired as he seeks to tamp down protests over police brutality that are roiling the United States. In doing so, he is stretching the powers of the American presidency in ways rarely seen, and testing the willingness of the Pentagon to follow along.

His actions have forced a public reckoning among both current and former military leaders, as well as a handful of Republican politicians. Some of their concerns center not only on the actions Trump has already taken, but also on how far he may be willing to go in an election year, particularly if the political winds appear to be moving against him.

"Perhaps we're getting to the point where we can be more honest with the concerns that we might hold internally and have the courage of our own convictions to speak up," said Sen. Lisa Murkowski, a moderate Republican from Alaska. She added that she was unsure whether she could continue to support the president in November.

The president's face-off against Democrat Joe Biden will be the ultimate inflection point, a moment when the nation decides whether to shift course or press forward with Trump at the helm for four more years.

The choice between the two men has become increasingly stark as the nation confronts a confluence of public health, economic and civil rights crises, with Trump aggressively embracing the mantle of a "law and order" president in an attempt to project strength in uncertain times. Biden, for his part, has called the election a moral test and a "battle for the soul" of the nation.

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Trump made a similar appeal to voters in 2016 and drew support from disaffected, largely white Americans. As commander in chief, he has the extraordinary power of the federal government and military at his disposal to back up tough talk with action.

His willingness to do so has become apparent during the protests that followed the death of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis. The demonstrations across the country have been largely peaceful but marred by outbursts of violence.

On Monday night, the president warned in a Rose Garden address that he would deploy active-duty soldiers to the states if local law enforcement and National Guard members couldn't get control of the protests. As he spoke, officers outside the White House aggressively dispersed a crowd using smoke canisters and pepper balls so the president could walk to a nearby church and pose with a Bible. He was flanked by Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley, who was dressed in combat fatigues.

The stunning scene played out on live television and drew comparisons to crackdowns in authoritarian countries. Trump has long praised the broad powers of leaders in those countries, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines.

Former Pentagon official Kori Schake said Trump's threats to use the military to crack down on American protesters was unsurprising given his past rhetoric and actions.

"The military is just the latest American governmental institution to have the president try and erode the democratic norms and crush the institutional independence of the organization," said Schake, now at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

Still, Trump's words and actions Monday night became a breaking point for some.

"Never did I dream that troops ... would be ordered under any circumstance to violate the Constitutional rights of their fellow citizens - much less to provide a bizarre photo op for the elected commander-in-chief, with military leadership standing alongside," Gen. Jim Mattis, Trump's first defense secretary, wrote in a statement published by *The Atlantic*. Mattis' comments were all the more extraordinary given that he has resisted criticizing the president since announcing his resignation in 2018.

It's unclear whether the warnings this week from Mattis, Murkowski and others carry any sway with voters or signal any broader shift within the Republican Party. Trump faced a similar insurrection among members of the so-called establishment before the 2016 election and ultimately prevailed with a comfortable Electoral College victory. His grip on the GOP has tightened during his more than three years in office given the loyalty of his core backers.

Some of those supporters have publicly closed ranks around the president during the protests, applauding his administration's heavy-handed response and urging him to take more aggressive actions to quell demonstrations that get out of hand.

"These conditions can shift rapidly in any city across the country and the president needs to have the tools and the equipment and the information needed to move quickly to protect our citizens if that's what's necessary," said Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark.

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Yet it's clear that the crises battering the nation have shifted the ground beneath Trump. His response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been uneven, and the resulting financial slowdown has upended his plans to run for reelection on the back of a strong economy.

His embrace of a strongman strategy may well be a way to rally his most ardent supporters, appeal to a sense of uncertainty many Americans are feeling and lock down a narrow path to victory in November. Yet it has also left his critics anxious about the steps he may be willing to take between now and then.

"It's hard to envision any line that Donald Trump won't cross or anything he won't do," said Peter Wehner, a veteran of three Republican administrations and an ardent critic of the president. "The question is whether the system of government, and the people who make up government and the court would be able to check him."

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Carei Thomas, Jazz pianist and composer

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Highlight: A Buddhist, jazz musician taught that 'everything is connected'

Body

If you had to name the one thing that fueled Carei Thomas' passion for music through a six-decade career as jazz pianist, composer, educator and community arts organizer, his wife believes the answer would be: everyone else who worked with him.

"When he got out there with other musicians and artists, you could just see him light up," Joyce Thomas said. "He fed off the energy of other people like no one else."

As the Minneapolis neighborhood he and Joyce called home for three decades was engulfed by racial tensions that he long worked to alleviate, Thomas died last Thursday at 81. After a fall, complications arose at HCMC that led to heart failure, his wife said.

Despite the consuming chaos surrounding [**George Floyd**](#)'s tragic death just blocks from the Thomases' home, many friends, fans and fellow musicians from around Minnesota sent online tributes to Thomas over the weekend.

Internationally known jazz singer José James - who performed with and learned from Thomas' many Twin Cities ensembles - called him "a brilliant pianist, composer and mentor to a generation of artists."

"He opened my mind and heart to a deeper understanding of music and black culture and showed me that everything is connected - jazz, blues, R&B, doo-wop and so-called classical music," James said.

Another singer half his age, Mankwe Ndosi said Thomas - who also preached Buddhism to many of his protégés - taught her "theory, joy, humility, persistence, resilience, transformation."

Known for crafting adventurous and genre-bending musical pieces under his own name and with such groups and collectives as Zeitgeist, the Elders and the Neighborhood Ensemble, Thomas also pioneered such musical concepts as controlled improvisation and tonal fabrics.

Carei Thomas, Jazz pianist and composer

He invented new ways of playing the piano after being diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome in 1993. The nerve disorder required years of physical therapy, limited his finger movements and left him using braces to walk.

"I'm not into the 'poor thing' thing," Thomas said in a 2004 Star Tribune interview. "I think of that illness as something that threw me down another road in life."

Born in Pittsburgh in 1938, Thomas spent his teens and early 20s in Chicago, where he crossed paths with one of his heroes, Sun Ra; formed a doo-wop group, and collaborated with the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians.

After serving abroad in the U.S. Army for two years, Thomas moved to Minneapolis in 1972 to study music education and therapy at the University of Minnesota.

He was involved with many Twin Cities organizations, serving as music director for Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts and on the boards of West Bank School of Music and St. Paul's High School for Recording Arts; and receiving grants and fellowships from the McKnight and Bush foundations, the Minnesota State Arts Board and more.

In 2011, he published "Compositions and Concepts," with sheet music and stories behind his pieces dating to 1959. Asked in 2004 about his varied and brave output, Thomas said with a laugh, "I'm too old to be called arrogant. So I can more often get away with doing whatever the [expletive] I want."

In a 2010 episode of TPT's "MN Original," he offered up a comment that spoke to his Buddhist faith of 40 years as well as the tumult that hit his beloved Minneapolis last week.

"We're all connected as human beings," he said. "And it's not some way-out mystical thing. We really can all support and affect each other in positive ways."

Along with his wife, Thomas is survived by his three children Joi, Jaahred and Aairam, and 10 grandchildren. The family hopes to organize a public tribute to him.

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Ex-defense chief Mattis rips Trump for dividing Americans

ARTICLE CCCXI. [EX-DEFENSE CHIEF MATTIS RIPS TRUMP FOR DIVIDING AMERICANS](#)

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By KEVIN FREKING

WASHINGTON (AP) - In an extraordinary rebuke, former defense secretary Jim Mattis on Wednesday denounced President Donald Trump's heavy-handed use of military force to quell protests near the White House and said his former boss was setting up a "false conflict" between the military and civilian society.

"I have watched this week's unfolding events, angry and appalled," Mattis wrote.

The criticism was all the more remarkable because Mattis has generally kept a low profile since retiring as defense secretary in December 2018 to protest Trump's Syria policy. He had declined to speak out against Trump, saying he owed the nation public silence while his former boss remained in office.

But he's speaking out after this past week's protests in response to the death of [George Floyd](#) in police custody.

Trump responded on Twitter Wednesday evening by calling Mattis "the world's most overrated General."

"I didn't like his 'leadership' style or much else about him, and many others agree," Trump tweeted. "Glad he is gone!"

Mattis had a scathing description of Trump's walk to a historic nearby church Monday to pose with a Bible after law enforcement forcibly cleared Lafayette Square of mostly peaceful protesters.

He said he never dreamed troops "would be ordered under any circumstance to violate the Constitutional rights of their fellow citizens - much less to provide a bizarre photo op for the elected commander-in-chief, with military leadership standing alongside."

Ex-defense chief Mattis rips Trump for dividing Americans

"Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people -does not even pretend to try. Instead he tries to divide us," Mattis wrote in a statement published by The Atlantic. "We are witnessing the consequences of three years of this deliberate effort. We are witnessing the consequences of three years without mature leadership."

Mattis called on Americans to unite without Trump. "This will not be easy, as the past few days have shown, but we owe it to our fellow citizens; to past generations that bled to defend our promise; and to our children," he wrote.

Mattis said of the protesters that Americans should not be distracted by a small number of lawbreakers. He said they are rightly demanding that the country follow the words of "Equal Justice Under Law" that are on display at the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The protests are defined by tens of thousands of people of conscience who are insisting that we live up to our values - our values as people and our values as a nation," Mattis said.

Mattis took particular issue with the use of force to move back protesters so Trump could visit St. John's Church the day after it was damaged by fire during protests. Several different groups, including the National Guard and the U.S. Park Police, were involved.

"We know that we are better than the abuse of executive authority that we witnessed in Lafayette Square. We must reject and hold accountable those in office who would make a mockery of our Constitution," Mattis said.

One day after Trump announced he was pulling all U.S. troops out of Syria, where they were partnering with local Syrians to fight the Islamic State, Mattis tried but failed to change Trump's mind. So, he resigned. Trump soon turned on Mattis, calling him a failure. He said falsely that he had fired Mattis.

"What's he done for me?" Trump said January 2. "How had he done in Afghanistan? Not too good. I'm not happy with what he's done in Afghanistan, and I shouldn't be happy."

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Following Mattis: More in the GOP frown on Trump's tone

ARTICLE CCCXII. [**FOLLOWING MATTIS: MORE IN THE GOP FROWN ON TRUMP'S TONE**](#)

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WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump's inability to unify the nation at a time of grave unrest is testing his uneasy alliance with mainstream Republicans, some emboldened by Gen. James Mattis' plea for a leader who lives up to the U.S. ideals of a more perfect union.

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski on Thursday called the rebuke by Trump's first Pentagon chief "necessary and overdue."

"Perhaps we're getting to the point where we can be more honest with the concerns that we might hold internally, and have the courage of our own convictions to speak up," Murkowski said.

Murkowski's remarks reflected the choice Republicans are forced to make about whether, and for how long, to support Trump when his words and actions so often conflict with their values and goals. Trump has responded to violence accompanying some protests following *George Floyd's* killing in Minneapolis by calling for more "law and order" to "dominate" even peaceful demonstrations. He has been slower and less forceful in addressing racial injustice and questions of police brutality that lie at the heart of the unrest.

Asked whether she can still support Trump, Murkowski replied: "I am struggling with it. I have struggled with it for a long time."

The nation is on edge, and Election Day looms, with the presidency and control of the House and Senate at stake. Trump has made clear that consequences for what he considers disloyalty can be steep.

Indeed, he promised Thursday to campaign against Murkowski when she is up for reelection in 2022. "Get any candidate ready, good or bad, I don't care, I'm endorsing," Trump tweeted.

Most in the GOP aren't breaking with him. Sen. Mike Braun of Indiana said Mattis' missive was not discussed Thursday at the GOP's lunch.

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Asked for this thoughts on Mattis and Murkowski, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell offered no response.

Democratic senators, meanwhile, gathered at the Capitol's Emancipation Hall to bow - some kneeling - in a 8-minute, 46-second moment of silence for Floyd. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sent Trump a letter seeking an accounting of the "increased militarization" toward protesters "that may increase chaos."

For Republicans, the challenge peaked this week when federal forces abruptly cleared peaceful protesters from Lafayette Park near the White House so Trump could stage a photo op in front of St. John's, the "church of presidents," holding up a Bible.

Mattis, Trump's defense secretary until December 2018, watched the developments "angry and appalled" and let rip his disapproval Wednesday night in a denunciation that rippled through Republican ranks.

"Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people - does not even pretend to try. Instead, he tries to divide us," Mattis wrote in *The Atlantic*, adding that the upheaval is the result of "three years without mature leadership."

"We can unite without him," Mattis wrote.

In some respects, the statement read like a suggestion to Republicans as much as to the nation as a whole.

Right up until Mattis released it, saying little or nothing against the loyalty-loving president remained a popular choice for Republican members of Congress.

Earlier in the week, for example, Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio was one of a procession of Republicans who muttered or dodged when asked if Trump's use of the military to suppress protesters was the right thing to do.

"I'm late for lunch," Portman replied Tuesday.

But after Mattis' rebuke, Portman was more willing to discuss Trump's handling of the protests.

He pointed out that Trump in prepared remarks did condemn Floyd's killing and applauded peaceful demonstrations. But "his tone and words kind of in between those more formal presentations have not unified people," Portman said. "It's more about tone. I think he's probably getting that message from a lot of people."

Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming, a member of the GOP leadership, did not denounce Mattis, saying Thursday he'd prefer to speak of issues that unify people.

Murkowski, who has her own complicated relationship with Trump, suggested those in the president's mostly white party are looking for the right words and tone. Statements by former President George W. Bush and now Mattis, she said, help point the way.

"I think right now ... questions about who I'm going to vote for, who I'm not going to vote for, I think, are distracting to the moment," said Murkowski, who said she'd continue to try to work with the Trump administration. "I know people might think that's a dodge," she added, "but I think there are important conversations that we need to have as an American people amongst ourselves about where we are right now."

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For his part, Trump dismissed Mattis, who served nearly a half-century in the military, as "the world's most overrated General."

Murkowski and Portman retracted their endorsements of Trump during the 2016 election when he could be heard on the "Access Hollywood" tape bragging about assaulting women. They also voted to acquit him of House abuse and obstruction charges earlier this year after Trump's impeachment trial.

Other Republicans this week needed no help finding the words.

Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., a frequent Trump critic who is up for reelection, said, "I'm against clearing out a peaceful protest for a photo op that treats the word of God as a political prop."

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, one of the most vulnerable Senate Republicans seeking reelection, said it was "painful to watch peaceful protesters to be subjected to tear gas in order for the president to go across the street to a church that I believe he's attended only once."

"President Trump's walk to St. John's was confrontational, at the wrong time of day, and it distracted from his important message in the Rose Garden about our national grief, racism, peaceful protests, and lawful assembly," added Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., who is not on the ballot this year. "The President's important message was drowned out by an awkward photo op."

The president noticed, and name-checked the trio.

"You got it wrong! If the protesters were so peaceful, why did they light the Church on fire the night before? People liked my walk to this historic place of worship!" he tweeted Wednesday, suggesting that "Sen. Susan Collins, Sen. James Lankford, Sen. Ben Sasse" read a specific article.

He took no such aim at Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., the only black Republican in the Senate.

"If your question is, should you use tear gas to clear a path so the president can go have a photo op, the answer is no," Scott told Politico.

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Fund triggers cash bail debate

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A Minnesota nonprofit that raised \$30 million in a week's time to help pay bail for people protesting police violence in the Twin Cities has come under criticism from President Donald Trump and the Republican National Committee.

The Trump campaign and the RNC are calling attention to a media report that 13 staffers on former Vice President Joe Biden's presidential campaign donated to the Minnesota Freedom Fund.

Following the demonstrations and riots in the wake of *George Floyd's* May 25 death at the hands of Minneapolis police officers, the small nonprofit group found itself promoted by celebrities on social media as a way to financially support protesters.

"Joe Biden's campaign staff joined Hollywood celebrities to donate money to the Minnesota Freedom Fund - a donation pool dedicated to posting bail for the very people arrested and responsible for the destruction of the city," RNC spokeswoman Preya Samsundar wrote in a news release Tuesday.

Reuters reported on Saturday that 13 Biden staffers advertised donations to the Minnesota Freedom Fund on Twitter on Friday and Saturday. A Biden spokesman told Reuters that the former vice president and Democratic nominee opposes cash bail.

The Freedom Fund is dedicated to eliminating the system of cash bail, which critics say disadvantages the poor and minorities in the criminal justice system.

Biden spokesman Andrew Bates called cash bail "a modern day debtor's prison." The Biden campaign did not immediately respond to a request for additional comment.

"Getting this group out of pretrial incarceration is part of our process," Steve Boland, the group's treasurer, said of demonstrators who face charges. "But so is working on helping people understand that the racist cash bail system is part of what got us into this problem in the first place."

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Boland said since charges are just starting to surface from the demonstrations and riots of recent days, the group has not yet had to cover many bails. None so far have been for individuals charged with arson, looting, vandalism or other violent acts, he said. But he added that his group would not refrain

from covering those bail costs if needed.

"Let's say the police have decided to charge you with something because they don't like you, and it keeps you in jail because your family can't afford bail," Boland said. "People should not have less justice because they have less money, and we're happy to have that conversation with any political force that wants to talk it out."

Representatives of the RNC and the Trump campaign did not immediately respond to requests for comment on whether Trump and his party support the current cash bail system, or if they support bail costs being covered for nonviolent demonstrators.

As demonstrations intensified following Floyd's death and the story spread on social media, a number of public figures started to tweet that they were donating to the Minnesota Freedom Fund and encouraged others to do likewise. Some pledged matching donations. Boland said since the group is the only one of its kind in Minnesota, he thinks the early wave of new donors probably found the fund via Google searches.

"Justin Timberlake I think was one of the larger ones. Janelle Monae, Don Cheadle, Steve Carell. There were a lot. I'm a fan of Patton Oswalt and I'm reading my Twitter feed and there is Patton Oswalt saying he is matching donations to us," Boland said. "It was like, 'Oh my.' "

A typical one-year donation haul was previously about \$150,000, Boland said. The Minnesota Freedom Fund has now posted a message on its website saying it doesn't need more donations and urging donations to other groups raising money to rebuild businesses in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

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Lake St. vibe may be altered forever

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Uncle Hugo's and Uncle Edgar's are really one business, specialty bookstores serving science-fiction and mystery fans. They are - or were - on Chicago Avenue South just off Lake Street in Minneapolis.

There was not much left on Monday afternoon. There was no visible smoke, yet the unmistakable smell lingered in the air from the recent fire.

"I don't know yet," said Don Blyly, the owner who founded Uncle Hugo's in 1974, when asked about rebuilding.

He doesn't know what kind of settlement he will get out of his insurer. He doesn't know if the city will even allow new construction of a small, one-story building like the one he had.

It will take weeks to sort all that out. Then, he said, it would take at least a year to design, build and furnish a new store.

And, at 69, Blyly doesn't know yet if he wants to start over.

The "Uncles" resided in a building built, according to Hennepin County records, in 1922. Blyly thought it was more like 1915. While still early, he said the ballpark estimate is that a new store would have twice the cost of the previous space.

Simply put, his 105-year-old, inexpensive building was not really replaceable - and that's just one aspect of the big challenge that awaits the business community spread along Lake Street south of downtown Minneapolis.

Even with donations and GoFundMe fundraising, it could take years for this commercial corridor in the state's largest city to fully come back. Even when it does, it might not look like the Lake Street of early May.

Lake St. vibe may be altered forever

In the days following the killing of *George Floyd* while in the custody of Minneapolis police, at least 360 businesses, most in Minneapolis, have been damaged, and not just along Lake Street. More than 60 shared the same fate as the Uncles bookstores - consumed by fire.

Lake Street isn't in just one neighborhood, by the way. It's a long commercial corridor that has existed in Minneapolis for generations, particularly for immigrants. At one

end is Uptown, a vibrant mix of housing and commercial space along with a landmark cinema, and about 5 miles away it ends at a bridge into St. Paul.

In between, there is a broad mix of independently owned shops, restaurants and service businesses along with brands such as Target, Taco Bell, Arby's and Aldi. It has storefront places to get checks cashed and send money abroad as well as branches of U.S. Bank. It has African hair-braiding services, a bicycle cooperative and a Spanish AM and FM radio station.

It's one place to go for farm-to-table American meals and also to find great - and usually low-cost - food from Mexico, Ecuador, Somalia, China, Greece, Scandinavia and elsewhere.

A lot of the businesses maybe set up shop to serve lower-income customers, but there's also an aspect of the vitality of Lake Street that comes from a chance to operate in an inexpensive place to do business. Many blocks were the kind of place where bootstrapping entrepreneurs had their best shot at getting open.

Much like the concept of naturally occurring affordable housing, meaning older apartments that charge far lower rents than new buildings, there are older and more affordable buildings in commercial areas.

For owners of a building that had been destroyed, recovery depends a lot on insurance.

The best outcome for insured owners would result from a policy that funds the replacement cost of the building, rebuilding pretty much what was there and with comparable materials.

One policy variant offers what is called functional replacement. That would let a business rebuild but not necessarily with comparable materials or the same design.

A cash value policy is worse. An older building with lots of wear is not worth as much as the cost of new construction. So a business owner may conclude it would be better if what's left was cleared away and a for-sale sign went up.

Eventually a new building would rise, though it wouldn't be as cheap to occupy. Another business would have to come along that produces enough cash to cover the cost of the new building. That's just one scenario that could change the character of business along the street.

Business owners who operate on a lease also have a problem with physical damage or fire, and business owners needed insurance, too.

The owner of the El Sabor Chuchi restaurant on Lake Street told a colleague that insurance cost too much so he went without it. He arrived at his restaurant one morning last week to confirm that it had burned, later saying "17 years of work is gone," including the 10 years it took to save the money to open.

Commercial leases commonly require tenants to have liability insurance, although that's about protecting landlords from what happens inside the tenant's space. Business owners also can buy a more complete

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package, often rolled together in what's called BOP insurance, that protects against other risks. That can include coverage for lost income of being shut down.

Since March, restaurants, stores and other businesses have had to contend with a dramatic decline in traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Maybe some businesses couldn't pay their May insurance bill.

Even if business owners had paid for business interruption coverage to make up for the loss of income for a time, tough decisions are ahead if it takes longer than that to get the space ready to reopen, or if the landlord chooses not to rebuild. That could mean trying to start over somewhere else.

Is there reason for optimism? Oh yes, based just upon the activity and life evident along the street this week. Recovery is underway.

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North Side protecting its own markets

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Body

When the Rev. Jerry McAfee saw the fires were getting closer, he knew So Low Grocery Outlet had to be protected.

And so he organized nightly patrols to keep an eye on one of the few discount food stores in north Minneapolis that hadn't closed out of fear of the COVID-19 pandemic or looting.

The idea came about when he got a worried call from So Low's owner, after several area businesses were torched under mysterious circumstances, says McAfee, the pastor at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. He started working the phones, and eventually

rounded up a group of ministers and gang members - "Bloods, GDs, Vice Lords," he says - to man the patrols.

"Those they wanted to call menaces to society are now holding the community down," he said. Their charge: protecting a market that needy residents depend on daily for food and other necessities, McAfee said.

"That's not even a black-owned business, but that's the only one that black folks can get to," he said of the market. "This one, our sole purpose was to make sure our people can eat.

"If it goes up, then our people will have to go a long ways to get groceries," he said of the market, at 3111 N. Emerson Av.

The police killing of [George Floyd](#) last week galvanized street protests nationwide and prompted officials in several states to mobilize National Guard troops and impose curfews; in Minnesota alone, hundreds of buildings were looted and torched.

While residents and shopkeepers along Lake Street in the south Minneapolis police precinct where Floyd was killed bore the brunt of the rioting, at least 17 North Side businesses were also damaged, according to a Star Tribune database. Most of the vandalized or burned businesses there were along W. Broadway, the area's main commercial artery, but McAfee still worried.

North Side protecting its own markets

With widespread reports of roving potential bad actors, similar civilian patrols have popped up all over the city, with residents blocking off streets with makeshift barricades and erecting floodlights to protect their neighborhoods from would-be rioters. In some areas, neighbors have started private WhatsApp groups to share minute-by-minute information and photos of suspected troublemakers in the area and, hopefully, correct misinformation that often spreads in times of crisis.

K.B. Brown has also organized street patrols in the area, bringing together an unlikely ensemble of rival gang members, bikers and "white people from the community that are literally out with hockey sticks." The group of 50 or so has taken to going from block to block, on the lookout for suspicious people and vehicles.

He says he some of the young men agreed to set aside their differences and work together for the community's benefit.

"It's been a beautiful thing because I've like had the Highs and the Lows riding around in the same car," said Brown, who grew up in the city and owns a local T-shirt printing business. "And they haven't been fighting and doing all that. ... They've been riding around protecting the neighborhood."

Some community groups are arming themselves, which has led to more than a few frantic 911 calls, like the caller late Tuesday who reported seeing several men with "machine guns" getting out of a Jeep. They turned out to be private security guards.

Last week, McAfee sent several of his volunteers down to help out another security detail run by the NAACP on W. Broadway, after he says some shady-looking people kept circling the block, arousing suspicion, and his men heard gunfire ring out, he said.

For years, parts of north Minneapolis were seen as so-called "food deserts."

Big chains like Kowalski's and Supervalu have come and gone in recent years. Today, residents' options consist of a handful of convenience stores, Aldi and Cub Foods and North Market, a community wellness center and grocery store run by nonprofit Pillsbury United Communities that opened two years ago.

McAfee said that he was as upset by Floyd's death as anyone else, but at the same time he was frustrated with how "flippant" some protesters were about looting at the Cub Foods on E. Lake Street.

"I'm never against protest, but I absolutely cannot stand for you to be so enraged that you don't think about your actions," he said. "And so with one strike of one match, without one thought about it, you decimate the oppressed that you claim be trying to defend."

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Obama steps out as nation confronts confluence of crises

ARTICLE CCCXVI. **OBAMA STEPS OUT AS NATION CONFRONTS CONFLUENCE OF
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Body

By JULIE PACE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former President Barack Obama is taking on an increasingly public role as the nation confronts a confluence of historic crises that has exposed deep racial and socioeconomic inequalities in America and reshaped the November election.

In doing so, Obama is signaling a willingness to sharply critique his successor, President Donald Trump, and fill what many Democrats see as a national leadership void. On Wednesday, he held a virtual town hall event with young people to discuss policing and the civil unrest that has followed the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis.

Obama rejected a debate he said he'd seen come up in "a little bit of chatter on the internet" about "voting versus protests, politics and participation versus civil disobedience and direct action."

"This is not an either-or. This is a both and to bring about real change," he said during the town hall hosted by his foundation's My Brother's Keeper Alliance, which supports young men of color. "We both have to highlight a problem and make people in power uncomfortable, but we also have to translate that into practical solutions and laws that could be implemented and monitored and make sure we're following up on."

Obama called for turning the protests over Floyd's death into policy change to ensure safer policing and increased trust between communities and law enforcement. He urged "every mayor in the country to review your use of force policies" with their communities and "commit to report on planned reforms" before prioritizing their implementation.

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"We're in a political season, but our country is also at an inflection point," said Valerie Jarrett, a longtime friend and adviser to Obama. "President Obama is not going to shy away from that dialogue simply because he's not in office anymore."

During the roundtable, Obama drew parallels between the unrest sweeping America currently and protest movements of the 1960s. But he said polls show a majority of Americans supporting today's protesters and forming a "broad coalition" in a way much of the country didn't back then - despite some of the recent protests "having been marred by the actions of a tiny minority that engaged in violence."

Still, he warned, "at some point, attention moves away" and "protests dwindle in size" so "it's important to take that moment that's been created as a society, as a country, and say let's use this to finally have an impact."

Obama was already beginning to emerge from political hibernation to endorse Joe Biden's Democratic presidential bid when the coronavirus pandemic swept across the U.S., killing more than 100,000 people, and the economy began to crater. The crises scrambled the Biden campaign's plans for how to begin deploying Obama as their chief surrogate ahead of the November election, but also gave the former president a clear opening to start publicly arguing what he has signaled to friends and associates privately for the past three years: that he does not believe Trump is up for the job.

Addressing graduates of historically black colleges and universities last month, Obama said the pandemic had "fully, finally torn back the curtain on the idea that so many of the folks in charge know what they're doing." And in a nationally televised broadcast celebrating graduating high school seniors, Obama said many "so-called grown-ups, including some with fancy titles and important jobs," do only what's convenient and feels good.

Floyd's death, however, has drawn a more visceral and personal reaction from the nation's first black president. Floyd, a black man, died after a white police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

In a lengthy written statement last week, Obama said that while he understood that millions of Americans were eager to "just get back to normal" when the pandemic abates, it shouldn't be forgotten that normal life for people of color in the U.S. involves being treated differently on account of their race.

"This shouldn't be 'normal' in 2020 America. It can't be 'normal,'" Obama wrote.

Tensions across the country have escalated further in the days since the former president's statement. His town hall on Wednesday will mark his first in-person comments since law enforcement officers aggressively cleared peaceful protesters from a park outside the White House so Trump could walk across for a photo opportunity at a nearby church.

Trump has cheered harsh crackdowns on the protests, some of which have turned violent, and threatened to deploy active-duty military to the states if local officials could not get the demonstrations under control. He appeared to be backing down from that position this week, and Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Wednesday that he did not believe such action was warranted.

Biden's campaign welcomed Obama stepping forward during this moment.

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"President Obama's voice is a reminder that we used to have a president who sought to bridge our divides, and we can have one again if we elect Joe Biden," said TJ Ducklo, a campaign spokesman.

Obama grappled with police brutality against minorities as president, including in Ferguson, Missouri, where clashes broke out after the death of Michael Brown, a black 18-year-old. After Brown's death, Obama's Justice Department moved to enact broad policing reforms, though most were halted under the Trump administration.

Biden, who served as Obama's vice president, called this week for restoring some of the previous administration's actions in the wake of Floyd's death and the killing of other black Americans. Biden also called for Congress to take immediate steps, including outlawing chokeholds.

Associated Press writers Will Weissert in Washington and Bill Barrow in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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Pitino: 'This is a worldwide problem'

ARTICLE CCCXVII. [**PITINO: 'THIS IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM'**](#)

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Body

The Gophers men's basketball team gathered Monday for a Zoom call.

The topic was race. And coach Richard Pitino told his black players that, as a white man, he doesn't know what they are going through.

Then he just listened.

"We acknowledge there are problems," Pitino said Wednesday. "And how can we all fix it together."

A week after ***George Floyd***'s death in south Minneapolis, a black man's death where a white police officer faces murder charges, Pitino said his players expressed anger, fear and frustration. With their emotions still simmering, the dialogue began about being part of changes together, creating a sense of unity.

Peaceful protests. Speaking out for justice and equality. Pitino is allowing his players to do that. He asked them how they have experienced racism, and what they can do to make things better.

"This isn't just a Minneapolis or Minnesota problem. This is a worldwide problem," Pitino said. "How am I as a white male and coach going to support black athletes who come into my program and who I recruit? Let them have a voice, explain and teach us, and help us learn how to make change. Making sure I'm empowering them moving forward is so important."

Many leaders around the country have made statements to support Floyd's family and are calling for change. Few statements have been specific on what that actually means.

Pitino said he would tell recruits that he doesn't know the exact answers yet. But they are working toward change.

"You have to be upfront and honest with them," he said. "You have to tell them how disgusted [I am] with what happened in Minneapolis, but also explain to them I've lived here for eight years. And one of the things I love about Minnesota is how safe and welcoming it feels. How diverse it is."

Pitino: 'This is a worldwide problem'

Gophers athletic director Mark Coyle and his 23 head coaches participated in a virtual call Wednesday. They are all white. While lacking people of color at the top, Pitino said part of the discussion was adding more diversity throughout the department.

"[Gophers coaches talked] about some of the things they want to do moving forward to make sure we're doing more," Pitino said. "I know that's always on Mark's mind and the athletic department's mind: To make sure we hire a staff who is really good but also making sure that it is very diverse as well."

Pitino conducted a FaceTime call on Tuesday while forward Isaiah Ihnen was on Lake Street helping with a cleanup and donation effort. Ihnen's teammates also have been involved in the community. The Gophers are planning a supplies drive next week as well.

Watching the video of Floyd's death was "heartbreaking and sickening as you can ever see," Pitino said. His players and staff members have been part of peaceful protests since the incident. There was concern for their safety and health with the ongoing threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"And in one of the protests on the 35W bridge, you see a tanker going toward the crowd," Pitino said. "There were members of our team there. We just had to check in with everybody to make sure they were safe and they were OK."

More than anything, Pitino understands by talking to his players since Floyd's death that they want to do something of substance and something of value to enact change.

"There are little things we can do for our community right now," Pitino said. "There are resources needed and money needed. Obviously, the larger problem is going to be a huge fight, and we need to be a part of it."

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Rod Rosenstein says he wouldn't approve Russia warrant now

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[ROD ROSENSTEIN SAYS HE WOULDN'T APPROVE RUSSIA WARRANT NOW](#)

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Body

By ERIC TUCKER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein told lawmakers Wednesday that he would not have approved an FBI surveillance application for a former Trump campaign aide during the Russia investigation had he known at the time about the problems that have since been revealed.

Rosenstein's comments amounted to a striking concession that law enforcement officials made mistakes as they scrutinized ties between Russia and Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. But even as he acknowledged the legitimacy of anger from Trump and his allies, he defended his appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller to lead the probe and affirmed his support for the conclusion that Russia interfered in the election but did not criminally conspire with associates of the Trump campaign.

"I do not consider the investigation to be corrupt, Senator, but I certainly understand the president's frustration given the outcome, which was in fact that there was no evidence of conspiracy between Trump campaign advisers and Russians," Rosenstein said at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

His appearance before the committee was the first in a series of hearings scrutinizing the FBI's Russia investigation and the law enforcement officials involved. With subpoena authority expected to be approved this week, the hearing marked the opening salvo of the GOP's election-year congressional investigation into what they say are damaging findings about the Russia probe from a Justice Department inspector general review.

The president's allies have taken fresh aim at the Russia investigation over the last year, pointing to newly declassified information to allege that Trump and his associates were unfairly pursued. They have claimed vindication from the Justice Department's decision to dismiss the case against ex-national security adviser Michael Flynn while at times advancing unsupported theories against Obama administration officials.

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"We're going to look backward so we can move forward," committee chairman Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said in explaining the hearings' purpose. "If you don't like Trump, fine, but this is not about liking Trump or not liking Trump. This is about us as a nation."

Graham also questioned whether Mueller should have been appointed at all. Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller in May 2017, said he believed there had been a sufficient basis for the investigation and for the naming of a special counsel. But when Graham asked if he would agree with the general statement that by August 2017, there was "no there there" when it came to a criminal conspiracy between Russia and Trump, Rosenstein said yes.

Democrats lamented the hearing's politically charged and retrospective nature, saying Republicans were attempting to refocus attention away from more urgent problems, including unrest in cities set off by the death of George Floyd and the coronavirus pandemic.

"This hearing wastes this committee's time in a blatant effort to support the president's conspiracy theories and to help the president's reelection," said Democratic Sen. Mazie Hirono of Hawaii.

The hearing delved into detail in two areas that Trump allies have recently seized on to challenge the conduct of law enforcement.

Rosenstein was pressed repeatedly about his decision to sign off on the fourth and final application for a warrant to eavesdrop on Trump campaign adviser Carter Page on suspicion that he was a Russian agent.

Page has denied wrongdoing and was never charged with a crime, and a Justice Department inspector general report identified significant errors and omissions in each of the applications submitted to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

The watchdog said the FBI relied in part for its applications on a dossier of information compiled by a former British spy whose research was funded by Democrats and the Hillary Clinton campaign. The FBI used the dossier even though agents were aware of the possibility that it could have been colored by Russian disinformation, and an FBI lawyer is suspected of altering an email related to the application process, according to the inspector general.

Asked by Graham if he would have signed the warrant application if he knew then what he knows now, Rosenstein replied, "No, I would not."

Rosenstein said he was unaware of the problems when he approved the final application in June 2017, echoing an inspector general finding that senior FBI officials were given incomplete information. He said he actually considered the application he approved fairly persuasive but conceded he had not read every page, noting that the warrant had already been approved multiple times before it reached him.

Although Rosenstein was a Trump appointee, he has often been regarded with suspicion by many supporters of the president, and Trump himself, for his role in the investigation. Rosenstein's fate was most dramatically in limbo in September 2018 after it was reported that he had floated the idea of wearing a wire inside the White House to record conversations with Trump.

Rosenstein denied Wednesday having ever suggested secretly recording Trump.

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Rosenstein was also pressed about his oversight of Flynn's guilty plea with the Mueller team. Flynn admitted lying to the FBI about his conversations with the Russian ambassador during the presidential transition period regarding U.S. sanctions.

The Justice Department moved to dismiss the case last month, saying that Flynn's contacts with the diplomat were appropriate and that the FBI had insufficient basis to interview him, especially since agents had been prepared weeks earlier to close their investigation into Flynn after finding no evidence he had broken the law.

Rosenstein said he had no recollection being told the FBI had planned to close the Flynn inquiry before the interview, but said that fact would have mattered to him.

The Judiciary Committee plans to vote Thursday on whether to authorize subpoenas for dozens of current and former officials involved in investigating Russian election interference, including former FBI Director James Comey and ex-CIA Director John Brennan.

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Associated Press writer Mary Clare Jalonick in Washington contributed to this report.

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Thursday coronavirus update: 29 more deaths, 404 additional infections

ARTICLE CCCXIX. **[THURSDAY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: 29 MORE DEATHS, 404
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Body

The death toll in Minnesota from COVID-19 reached 1,115 on Thursday, with an additional 29 deaths.

Of the state's total deaths, 896 were long-term care of assisted living center residents, according to Minnesota Department of Public Health data updated Thursday morning.

The state data reports another 404 confirmed infections, increasing Minnesota's total number of cases to 26,273. Thursday's numbers reflect the results of an all-time high day of testing, with state and private labs processing 9,904 results.

The actual number of cases is likely much higher as the data only represents those who have been tested for the virus, state officials say. According to Forum News Service, health officials believe that 5 percent of the state population has been infected with the coronavirus, which means the projected true statewide case number is about 280,000 people.

This week marks the beginning of restaurants opening for outdoor dining, as well as the reopening of salons and barber shops.

Protests have continued over the past week over the death of ***George Floyd***, who died in Minneapolis police custody last week. Due to the large crowds, state health officials expect there may be a spike in coronavirus cases later this month. State officials are urging everyone who attended the protests to get tested for the virus.

HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING? There were 21,490 patients Thursday that no longer need to be isolated as they have recovered enough. This is an increase from 21,169 yesterday. There were 512 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, a decrease from 537 the day before. Of those patients in hospitals, 244 are in intensive care, a decrease from 254 on Wednesday. **WHO IS GETTING SICK?** Number of health

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care workers with COVID-19: 2,851. The age group with the most infections remains 30- to 39-year-olds with 5,273 cases. The age group with the most deaths remains 80- to 89-year-olds with 384 deaths.

Forum News Service contributed to this report.

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U trial finds anti-malaria drug does little to prevent COVID-19

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An anti-malaria drug that has been trumpeted as a therapy for COVID-19 was unable in a University of Minnesota clinical trial to prevent the onset of the infectious disease.

The results of the nation's first randomized trial with the drug, hydroxychloroquine, against COVID-19 will disappoint doctors who had hoped for new therapies amid the pandemic. Many prescribers had given it off-label to COVID-19 patients - in the absence of other options - and President Donald Trump had been an early champion of the drug and said in mid-May that he was taking it for the preventive benefit, a benefit that the U study could not verify.

"While we are disappointed that this did not prevent COVID-19, we are pleased that we were able to provide a conclusive answer," said Dr. David Boulware, leader of the U trial. "Our objective was to find an answer."

Results published online Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine showed little difference in the onset of COVID-19 in 414 people who took hydroxychloroquine and a comparison group of 407 that took only folic acid vitamins. All participants had at least moderate risk for COVID-19 after being exposed to others in their homes or workplaces who had the illness.

There was a small difference, as 11.8% of people taking the drug developed COVID-19, compared with 14.3% of those taking vitamins, the study showed. However, that difference was considered statistically insignificant.

Even if valid, the small difference means that 42 people would have to take the drug prophylactically to prevent one COVID-19 case. That would be costly and expose people to drug side effects. The study showed that 40% experienced mild side effects such as nausea, but it allayed fears that widespread use of the drug could result in cardiac and other complications.

The study provides evidence only of whether the drug is effective in preventing COVID-19 onset following exposure to someone with the infection.

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A separate U trial is examining whether it benefits patients after early onset of symptoms, but results haven't been published.

Enthusiasm for the drug has already cooled after open-label trials and case reports that found little benefit, but the U results are a significant advance.

Minnesota as of Wednesday reported 25,870 lab-confirmed cases and 1,086 deaths from COVID-19, which is caused by a novel coronavirus for which there is no vaccine.

While COVID-19 case numbers have ebbed, state health officials suspect another wave after protests over the death of George Floyd brought thousands of people together.

Chanting and shouting could hasten the spread of the virus, said Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner, along with police use of tear gas to break up protests that could cause infected people to breathe heavily.

"COVID-19 can spread easily and quickly in large groups of people who are close together for long periods of time," she said.

The state is advising protesters, first responders and community volunteers to seek diagnostic testing for COVID-19, ideally from their own doctors, five to seven days after participation in mass events.

Anxiety about COVID-19 was reflected last week in a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association, which showed a twentyfold surge in prescriptions of hydroxychloroquine and a similar drug, chloroquine, in late March after the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 pandemic and the president tweeted March 19 in favor of the drug.

Surges based on hype threaten the supply of the drug for approved treatments of rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, said Dr. Frank Rhame, a virologist at Allina Health, which is why the U study results are so important.

"It's a great illustration of the importance of getting a well-designed study to get at the medical reality of the situation," Rhame said. "You have to be open to all possibilities until you have the data."

The U trial was the first in the world to assess whether hydroxychloroquine could prevent the onset of COVID-19 in people exposed to the novel coronavirus that causes it, and the first placebo-controlled double-blind study of the drug's effect on COVID-19. Blinding means that patients didn't know whether they took vitamins or drugs, and researchers didn't know either.

While not a primary goal, the study also found no increased protection for participants who also took zinc or vitamin C. A separate study suggested that zinc could boost the effectiveness of chloroquine, but even if that's true, the U authors noted that most Americans consume enough zinc already so supplements shouldn't be needed.

Jen Reiner of Edina figures she took the real hydroxychloroquine during the study, based on the continuous nausea she felt. She didn't get COVID-19 despite being in close contact with her infected husband, but then neither did her children and they weren't in the study.

"A bit bummed the drug didn't seem to work," Reiner said, "but it had to be one way or the other."

Boulware said the results were validated and held up to extensive peer review but may face challenges and criticisms from skeptics hoping for better results. The researchers acknowledged limitations of the study,

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which recruited participants in North America online and mailed medication to them. A global shortage of diagnostic testing supplies at the time meant that researchers had to count some cases of COVID-19 in the study group based on symptoms alone.

"I'm sure people will come after it," Boulware said, "but the data are what the data are."

Critics on one side felt hydroxychloroquine was a wonder drug and that all study participants should receive it, while critics on the other side felt it was too dangerous to study, Boulware said. "In reality, it's neither of them."

The U also participated in a national trial of remdesivir, which has helped COVID-19 patients and received emergency use authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Supplies of the drug have been distributed by the federal government, which to date has sent 5,840 vials to Minnesota - enough to treat 500 to 1,000 people.

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

25,870 -- Total cases

372 -- June 3 new cases

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,086 -- Total deaths

14 -- June 3

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U.S. cases, new daily

1,841,442 -- Total cases

20,784 -- June 2

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U.S. deaths, new daily

106,195 -- Total deaths

1,076 -- June 2

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U trial finds anti-malaria drug does little to prevent COVID-19

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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REBUILDING

It is heartening to read that local leaders are pursuing funding to help rebuild our communities after the civil unrest resulting from the killing of [George Floyd](#).

However, it is essential to remember that simple funding for rebuilding efforts may be inadequate for many small-business owners and that funding is not the only lever that can be pulled. An adequate financial response supports small-business owners themselves through lengthy periods of unemployment during rebuilding. An adequate response offers tax breaks to businesses that are locally owned vs. corporate and chain locations. An adequate response targets a functional rebuild rather than just a cash-value replacement. Vendors, from construction to underwriting, should be community-sourced.

The goal of funding a rebuild should not be to turn damaged neighborhoods into a corporate corridor of chain restaurants and condos, pricing out the hard-hit citizens who have lived there and owned businesses for generations. The goal must be the restoration of the people, not just the buildings.

David Martin, Lakeville

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It's encouraging to see so many Minnesota companies step up and offer support to underserved communities in the wake of [George Floyd](#)'s death. Many have pledged donations of money, food, support services and more. Thank you. But if you are part of a large company where the people at the top make a lifetime income each year and yet not every single person in the company is making a living wage, you may be hurting this cause more than helping. We know what a living wage is in every American city. We know health care costs. If you are scheduling someone just under full time and paying minimum wage with no benefits, that hurts people and communities.

Please think about the "least of these" in your company - the new person, the part-time employee, the maintenance worker. If you are serious about helping underserved communities, pledge to pay everyone a living wage. Your shareholders may complain, but your workers will have more to spend. You'll be able to transparently say that you did the right thing for all of us.

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Scott Barsuhn, Minneapolis

SYSTEMIC RACISM

Who's really to blame for this?

There has been **systemic racism** here for some time, as is asserted by most of our elected politicians in the Twin Cities. One political party has been in control of the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul for years. If politicians are going to point fingers, they should be pointing at themselves along with the governor and others. My guess is that they are going to blame Republicans, who are not well-represented at any level of government in either city.

People should be asking those officials what they have been doing to correct racism in the past, before voting for them in the future.

Bill Filler, South St. Paul

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The initial call regarding **George Floyd** about passing a counterfeit \$20 bill triggered a nearly forgotten memory in my own home.

We were residents of Golden Valley, and one morning, we received a phone call from the Golden Valley police. The officer refused to speak with me and insisted on talking to my husband. After the call, my husband told me he had been accused of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill to someone doing yard work at our home. He told the officer we get all of our cash at our bank ATM. This was the end of the whole episode as we never heard anything else about it.

Being a white suburbanite led to a nonissue shrug and led Floyd to four officers, a gun in his face and the loss of his life.

Christine Olson, Eden Prairie

CHARGING

Junior officers must speak up

I believe the upped charges in the assault on **George Floyd** are appropriately placed against former officers **Tou Thao**, **J Alexander Kueng** and **Thomas Lane** ("Charges for all 4," front page, June 4). I believe the training program of the **Minneapolis Police Department** must be overhauled to emphasize that multi-officer situations must reflect a higher degree of participant coordination.

I understand that in any hierarchical organization there is an inherent tendency for "junior" individuals to yield leadership to the apparent "senior" participant. During the 1960s and '70s, the aviation industry suffered through multiple fatal accidents in which post-accident analysis revealed that the co-pilot or flight engineer was fully aware of a deteriorating situation but was afraid to call out the situation to the pilot in command before conditions became unrecoverable.

I believe the analogy is absolutely appropriate to the Floyd encounter. The supporting officers did not exert enough presence to avert a bad situation from becoming a fatal encounter, leading directly to a massive

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social and cultural explosion. The "captain" is not always right ... and it is the duty of his or her subordinates to assert their judgment to avoid a catastrophe.

Brad Shinkle, Minnetonka

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I strongly disagree with the decision to upgrade the charges against Derek Chauvin to second-degree murder, and to arrest Lane and Kueng for their involvement. Chauvin, although a bad cop who had multiple complaints regarding excessive use of force, did not intend to kill. Third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter with culpable negligence are the appropriate charges.

Lane and Kueng were new cops with hardly any time on the force. To expect them to go up against more experienced officers like Chauvin and Thao, both aggressive, totally deaf to onlookers, and clueless regarding what can happen when using extreme force, is ludicrous.

This seems like a political decision to placate the crowd and the public but has little to do with real justice. Also, it will serve as a provocation to every police officer in the country and alienate them from wanting to make the serious systemic, cultural and structural problems in our justice system.

I totally agree that using excessive force on routine traffic stops and petty crimes that result in a death is murder and should be prosecuted as such. But anybody who thinks we can get by without a police force that has to deal with violent, hardened, ruthless gang members, sex traffickers and drug lords is truly ignorant of the ugliest that is out there.

Gwen Vilen, Rochester, Minn.

DIVERSITY IN SPORTS

Gee, some commitment

In Thursday's article, Gophers men's basketball coach Richard Pitino says the University of Minnesota's athletic department is committed "to make sure we hire a staff who is really good but also making sure that it is very diverse as well" ("Pitino: 'This is a worldwide problem' " June 4). That's a nice thought, because right now all 23 head coaches are white. Should we believe him? Well, here's an online Star Tribune headline from July 24, 2017: "University of Minnesota, where sports leaders and coaches all are white, looks to revive diversity after 'tense year.' "

That was three years ago. They're still all white.

So, two questions: Is there any reason why we should keep reading the U's disingenuous claims about fairness and equality in the athletic department? Is there any reason why the Star Tribune should keep publishing them?

Daniel Kelliher, Minneapolis

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PERSONNEL FILES SHOW COMPLAINTS, SERVICE

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Derek Chauvin, the now-fired Minneapolis Police officer charged with second-degree murder in the death of *George Floyd*, worked in military police in the U.S. Army during his two years of active service, including a stint in Germany.

Chauvin's military background is among the details in a cache of personnel records released by the *Minneapolis Police Department* late Wednesday.

The heavily redacted files shed light on the four fired officers' varied work lives. The records were released just hours after Attorney General Keith Ellison's office upgraded Chauvin's charge to second-degree murder and formally charged the other three officers who failed to intervene with aiding and abetting murder. All four men remain jailed.

Chauvin, 44, who was caught on camera with his knee on Floyd's neck, grew up in the St. Paul area. He attended Park High School in Cottage Grove but did not graduate. After getting his GED he attended Dakota County Technical College, Inver Hills Community College and Metropolitan State University. Previous jobs include working security, and food service including at a McDonald's.

Chauvin's work record includes two periods of active service in the U.S. Army. From September 1996 to February 1997 he was stationed in Rochester with a job in military police. He served again from September 1999 to May 2000 in military police, at Hohenfels, Germany. He described his job duties as including criminal investigations, traffic enforcement and proactive patrol.

Chauvin's 19-year career with the *Minneapolis Police Department*, where he was involved with several police shootings, includes both commendations and more than 15 conduct complaints. Almost all the complaints were closed without discipline, records show, suggesting the allegations weren't sustained. The nature of the complaints wasn't made public. The file includes a 2008 letter of reprimand Chauvin received for the two violations involving "discretion" and a squad car camera. "This case will remain a B violation and can be used as progressive discipline for three years," the letter notes.

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The letter doesn't give any details of the incident. However, there is a complaint in the file from August 2007 from a woman who accused Chauvin and another officer of pulling her from her car, frisking her and putting her in the squad car for going 10 mph over the speed limit. "Further investigation showed (redacted) did not have the audio on and the squad MVR tape had been turned off during course of stop."

The file also includes two letters from women commending him on his handling of domestic violence calls in 2008 and 2013.

Chauvin received a Medal of Commendation in 2008 for disarming a man outside the El Nuevo Rodeo club on E. Lake Street while working security off-duty in his uniform.

He was also recommended for a Medal of Valor in 2006. That recognition was related to the shooting death of Wayne Reyes, a stabbing suspect who fled in his truck with officers in pursuit. When Reyes stopped and climbed out of the truck, police said he swung his sawed-off shotgun toward the six officers. All fired.

Tou Thao, 34, was videotaped watching as Chauvin pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes.

The 11-year veteran and native Hmong speaker from Coon Rapids first applied to the department as a community service officer following stints in food service and as a security guard.

He was among those laid off three days before Christmas in 2009 as the police department faced a \$13 million budget shortfall. In a termination letter, a supervisor assured him the action was not related to his job performance, records show. Officials called him back to work almost exactly two years later.

Thao's work history includes six unspecified police conduct complaints. Five were closed without discipline, but one was open at the time of his firing. Thao's police training records were not included in the personnel records released.

Thao and another officer were the subjects of a 2017 police brutality lawsuit. Lamar Ferguson alleged that in 2014 the two officers told him they were serving a warrant for his arrest, then beat him, breaking his teeth, while he was handcuffed. The city of Minneapolis paid \$25,000 to settle the civil rights case.

The two rookie officers were first on the scene outside Cup Foods to arrest Floyd on Memorial Day. Neither has been the subject of any police conduct complaints, according to public records. **Thomas Lane**, 37, of St. Paul, is detailed in charges as pointing a gun at Floyd before handcuffing him. Later, charges said he questioned Chauvin's restraint tactics twice during the encounter.

Despite his concerns, he did not act to forcibly remove Chauvin from Floyd's neck.

According to his work file, Lane is a University of Minnesota graduate who worked with at-risk youth as a juvenile detention guard and probation officer in the Twin Cities before applying as a police recruit at age 35.

Application forms also list a litany of volunteer work mentoring Somali youth and school kids.

The youngest of the four officers is **J Alexander Kueng**, a 26-year-old who, like Lane, received his law enforcement license last August. Kueng is of mixed race and identifies as African-American, according to someone close to him who asked not to be named.

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Kueng was captain of the varsity soccer team at Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis, where he graduated in 2012. He also played for the Cruz Azul Minnesota soccer club, according to a soccer recruiting website.

His file shows he attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Community & Technical College and Monroe College, and is conversational in Russian.

Kueng's work history includes a job as security monitor at the University of Minnesota and working in loss prevention at Macy's. He also worked at Target, and he coached youth baseball and soccer at the Brooklyn Center Community Center.

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'You changed the world'

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Body

George Floyd's body lay in a carefully polished gold casket reflecting a struggle and a beauty bigger than any one man.

In the surrounding sanctuary, hundreds of politicians, civic leaders and celebrities gathered Thursday to support a grieving family and pay respects to the 46-year-old black security guard who gasped for air in the final minutes of his life beneath the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer. It was a scene that sparked global anger like few police brutality cases before it, challenging a nation to confront its racial disparities and injustices at the hands of law enforcement.

"When I looked this time and saw marches where, in some cases, young whites outnumbered the blacks marching, I know that it's a different time and a different season," said national civil rights leader the Rev. Al Sharpton, referencing a Bible verse in a eulogy that roused several standing ovations. "Go on home, George. Get your rest, George. You changed the world, George."

The private service at North Central University, about 3 miles from the site of Floyd's Memorial Day arrest, followed more than a week of escalating tensions in cities across the nation, his death spurring widespread arson, looting and destruction as well as massive but peaceful protests. It came amid economic hardship and national unrest spurred by a COVID-19 pandemic that's claimed more than 100,000 lives.

A few of Floyd's family members spoke with reverence for the man they said they looked up to growing up in Houston.

As he stood behind his brother's casket, amid displays with Floyd's image and sprays of white and purple flowers, Philonise Floyd said the family was poor and didn't have much.

They washed their socks in a sink and dried them on a water heater because they didn't have machines, he said - but he and "Perry," as they called George, were happy playing video games and football and cooking and dancing with their mother.

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"Everywhere you'd go and see people how they cling to him," the brother said. "They wanted to be around him. ... George, he was like a general. Every day, he walks outside, there'd be a line of people ... wanted to greet him and wanted to have fun with him. Guys that was doing drugs, smokers and homeless people, you couldn't tell, because when you spoke to George, they felt like they was the president. Because that's how he made you feel."

"It's crazy, man," he said. "All these people came to see my brother. That's amazing to me that he touched so many people's hearts. You know, because he been touching our hearts."

Cousin Shareeduh Tate said they were raised in a family that welcomed everyone.

"George was somebody who was always welcoming, always making people feel like that they were special. Nobody felt left out," she said, adding that she will miss his hugs the most.

"He was this great big giant, and when he would wrap his arms around you, you would just feel like ... everything would just go away. Any problems you had, any concerns you had would go away."

All four fired officers charged

As of Wednesday, all four officers involved in the case had been arrested: Officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who was seen kneeling on Floyd's neck in a bystander video that went viral, was charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

The other three officers on the scene face charges of aiding and abetting second-degree murder while committing a felony and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter with culpable negligence.

Floyd family attorney Ben Crump said a team of lawyers is working together for the family because it will take "a united effort in the courtroom and outside the courtroom to get ***justice for George Floyd***."

'Pandemic of racism'

Floyd wasn't killed by the coronavirus, Crump told the mask-wearing crowd inside the sanctuary, but by the "other pandemic that we're far too familiar with in America - that pandemic of racism and discrimination."

Sharpton's speech drew both quiet reflection and loud applause from the crowd in the sanctuary, including Gov. Tim Walz, U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, who fired the four officers involved in Floyd's arrest.

Also sitting among them were civil rights leaders Martin Luther King III and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Celebrities attending the two-hour service included actor Kevin Hart and rappers Master P and Ludacris, along with several members of the Minnesota Vikings and retired NBA standout Stephen Jackson, one of Floyd's closest friends.

Before the ceremony, Frey appeared to sob as he knelt before Floyd's casket.

Thursday's service was the first of three this week to memorialize Floyd. Another memorial is scheduled for Saturday in Raeford, N.C., where Floyd was born. On Tuesday, a funeral will be held in Houston, where he lived much of his life until moving to the Twin Cities about five years ago.

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Knee of racism

In his eulogy Thursday, Sharpton drew parallels between the police officer's knee on Floyd's neck and a knee of racism on the necks of people of color.

"George Floyd's story has been the story of black folks," he said. "The reason we could never be who we wanted and dreamed of being, is you kept your knee on our neck.

"We were smarter than the underfunded schools you put us in, but you had your knee on our neck. We could run corporations and not hustle in the street, but you had your knee on our neck. We had creative skills. We could do whatever anybody else could do, but we couldn't get your knee off our neck.

"What happened to Floyd happens every day in this country in education and health services and in every area of American life. It's time for us to stand up in George's name and say, 'Get your knee off our necks.'

"We don't want no favors," Sharpton continued. "Just get up off of us."

Sharpton referenced President Donald Trump, who held a Bible this week in front of a house of worship in the nation's capital.

"First of all, we cannot use Bibles as a prop," he said. "For those that have agendas that are not about justice, this family will not let you use George as a prop."

Solidarity outside

Outside the worship hall near Elliot Park, as the service broadcast on loudspeakers, a reverent crowd of hundreds did not chant or shout, but listened with solidarity.

A local chef had secured donations to grill free food. Other groups set up tables offering free groceries and dry goods.

Many spoke of the need to focus on a problem on which the nation cannot turn its back.

"This memorial service is a way to say goodbye and honor a life, but it also stands as a public marking point to say 'never again,' " said Matt Allen, 29, of St. Paul, a volunteer offering first aid and hand sanitizer. "It was important to me to be here and engage in that collective voice."

Maudeline St.-Jean and her sons Luke, 13, and Zachary, 15, came from Burnsville to show support for Floyd's family and the struggle.

Things can change. There's hope that change can come," said St.-Jean, who is black. Though she wonders, "Will it be slow or fast?"

Though the boys were wary of attending because of the violence surrounding many of the protests, St.-Jean reassured them. "You don't have to be scared or worried. This is about showing support," she said.

Still, some in the crowd wondered if, in the coming weeks and months, the attention would fade, as it has with so many cases before.

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"White people coming here, feeling sad - what happens when all those white people go back to their jobs in the suburbs?" said Jennifer Schnarr of Burnsville, who is white and was outside the memorial venue. "People need to get out there every day."

Minutes of silence

Near the end of the ceremony inside, the sanctuary grew quiet as Sharpton urged the crowd to stand for 8 minutes and 46 seconds - the amount of time ***Chauvin knelt*** on a handcuffed Floyd's neck as Floyd repeated "***I can't breathe***" before falling motionless.

As soft keyboard music filled the sanctuary, tears streamed down the mourners' faces. A man blurted out, "***I can't breathe***." Another man fell to his knees in grief. Family members hugged each other gently.

"That's a long time. There's no excuse," Sharpton said as the time expired, referencing the officers who helped restrain Floyd or stood nearby.

"They had enough time. They had enough time. Now what will we do with the time we have?"

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Plan would extend AG's powers to police cases

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Body

Minnesota's county prosecutors on Thursday voted to recommend giving the Attorney General's Office authority to take on all cases of police-involved killings in a move that would need signoff from state lawmakers during this month's special session.

The Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA) will also call on the Legislature for extra funding for the Attorney General's Office and the creation of an independent unit at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to investigate police killings of civilians.

"Our entire association extends our heartfelt sympathy to George Floyd's family and to the collective community that mourns his loss and advocates for honest dialogue and real and immediate change in his name," said Aaron Jordan, Stevens County Attorney and MCAA president.

The group of county attorneys reached its conclusion after an emergency meeting organized Thursday that included Attorney General Keith Ellison, who is now leading the state's case against

the four former Minneapolis police officers involved in George Floyd's May 25 death. Lawmakers would need to pass legislation during this month's special session to give the Attorney General's Office the ongoing authority.

"If this is the path the Legislature and governor choose to take, my office will accept the responsibility," Ellison said. "But it must come with resources sufficient to do the job thoroughly and to do justice in the way Minnesotans have a right to expect."

Ellison is one of 18 Democratic attorneys general who on Thursday signed a letter asking Congress to grant their offices "clear statutory authority under federal law to investigate and resolve patterns or practices ... of unconstitutional policing by local police departments" in their respective states.

Ellison became the first state attorney general to prosecute Minnesota law enforcement officers who have allegedly killed civilians. Gov. Tim Walz asked Ellison to take over the case Sunday from Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, who first charged fired officer Derek Chauvin with third-degree murder and

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second-degree manslaughter after a video showed him kneeling on Floyd's neck for more than 8 minutes as he begged for air and eventually became unresponsive.

Two days after Ellison formally took over the case, Chauvin's charges were increased to second-degree unintentional murder, and the three other officers at the scene - *Tou Thao*, *J Alexander Kueng* and *Thomas Lane* - were arrested and charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

For Ellison to take the case, state law required that Walz ask him to do so and that Freeman consent. Under the proposed legislation, Ellison's office would have sole authority to prosecute alleged police killings. The office also could request help from a county attorney's office that is not located where the death occurred.

That change - plus the additional independent BCA unit - are among a sweeping package of police reform proposals that DFL lawmakers unveiled this week ahead of a special session expected this month. Many of the requests mirror recommendations put forward by a task force assembled by Ellison and Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington aimed at curbing deadly police encounters.

This week, Walz and DFL leaders said they envisioned the topic to be a "centerpiece" of the special session, and some lawmakers have threatened to hold up the passing of a bonding bill if the proposals go unheard.

Freeman and Ramsey County Attorney John Choi - who prosecuted former St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez in the death of Philando Castile during a 2016 traffic stop before Yanez was acquitted - are both in favor of letting the attorney general take the lead on prosecuting police-involved killings.

"I think it reflects something that is really important, which is that recognition that we have to listen and act upon the call for change," Choi said.

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Blame cast on Chauvin in court

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Attorneys for two former rookie Minneapolis police officers on Thursday rejected accusations that their clients aided and abetted the killing of [George Floyd](#), casting blame instead on a senior officer who allegedly ignored his younger counterparts.

Early signs of a legal defense strategy began to emerge when former officers [J Alexander Kueng](#), Thomas K. Lane and [Tou Thao](#) made their first court appearances in the Memorial Day killing of Floyd, a 46-year-old black man who died in police custody.

Each officer is charged with one count of aiding and abetting second-degree murder and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter. The charges allege that they did not intervene when their former colleague and 19-year police veteran [Derek Chauvin knelt](#) on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, all while Floyd pleaded with them and told them him he couldn't breathe. All four were fired after Floyd's death.

Chauvin, 44, of Oakdale, was charged last week and is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail. He faces second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter charges and is scheduled to make his first appearance Monday.

On Thursday, Hennepin County District Judge Paul Scoggin set bail for each of the other three at \$1 million without conditions, or \$750,000 with conditions. But their initial appearance, normally routine, turned contentious.

"What is my client supposed to do but follow what the [senior] officer says?" Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, argued in court. "The strength of this case, your honor, in my opinion is extremely weak."

Assistant Attorney General Matthew Frank, who is prosecuting the case with assistance from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, argued for high bail amounts, noting that the charges were "very serious" and had drawn such intense public interest that the former officers were a flight risk. Each defense attorney rejected the claim, and asked for between \$50,000 and \$250,000 in bail.

Blame cast on Chauvin in court

Defense attorneys said Kueng, 26, of Plymouth was working his third shift ever as a full-time officer and Lane, 37, of St. Paul was working his fourth day as a full-time officer on the day they encountered Floyd.

Video of his arrest showed bystanders pleading with the officers to stop as Lane restrained Floyd's legs and Kueng held onto his back while Floyd, cuffed, lay stomach-down in the street.

A bystander's video also recorded Thao, 34, of Coon Rapids standing watch nearby and brushing aside witnesses' concerns.

"What was [Lane] supposed to do ... go up to Mr. Chauvin and grab him and throw him off?" said Gray, arguing that there was no evidence to charge his client.

Kueng's attorney, Thomas Plunkett, also attempted to distance his client from Chauvin's actions.

"At all times Mr. Kueng and Mr. Lane turned their attention to that 19-year veteran," Plunkett said. "[Kueng] was trying - they were trying to communicate that this situation needs to change direction."

Charging documents show that Lane asked twice if they should roll Floyd onto his side and was rebuffed by Chauvin. Kueng took Floyd's pulse and told his colleagues, "I couldn't find one," according to the criminal complaint.

Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck for about two minutes after Kueng's remarks, the charges state.

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, declined to comment on the statements of the other officers' attorneys.

Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, did not shift blame onto his client's partner. Thao arrived at the scene with Chauvin.

Paule told the court Thao had given a statement to investigators from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) on Tuesday and that he is not a flight risk because he has deep roots in the community.

Thao is a lifelong resident of the metro area, is married and has children, Paule said in arguing for a lower bail.

Several of the attorneys sought to humanize the officers, with Plunkett beginning his remarks by offering condolences to Floyd's family,

Kueng is a black man who grew up in north Minneapolis with a single mom who adopted four at-risk children from the community, Plunkett said.

"He turned to law enforcement because he wanted to make that community a better place," he said.

Kueng has always lived within 10 miles of his childhood home, was captain of the soccer team at Patrick Henry High School, where he graduated, coached youth soccer and baseball, and volunteered to build a school in Haiti, Plunkett said.

Lane previously worked as a juvenile counselor at a few "juvenile places" in the Twin Cities and once received a community service award from Mayor Jacob Frey and Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo for volunteering with children, Gray told the court.

Blame cast on Chauvin in court

Lane also provided a statement about Floyd's killing to two sergeants, gave a "lengthy" statement to investigators from the BCA and jumped into the ambulance that arrived at the scene and performed CPR on Floyd, Gray added.

Floyd was pronounced dead at 9:25 p.m. at HCMC after first responders and ER staff worked on him for about an hour.

Frank was unmoved by Gray's arguments.

"We recognize the statements that this defendant made, but beyond that [he] did nothing but hold the victim down [and] started CPR too late," Frank said.

Lane and Kueng had responded about 8:08 p.m. to a call that a man used a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Cup Foods on the corner of Chicago Avenue and E. 38th Street. They found Floyd sitting in a car nearby, handcuffed him and attempted to put him in their squad car. Chauvin and Thao arrived to assist.

While charging documents said Chauvin pulled Floyd out of the squad, Gray said Thursday that Floyd resisted arrest, "asserted himself" and later "flew out" of the squad through his own actions.

Gray said he would file a motion to argue that there's not enough evidence to prosecute his client. Oral arguments will likely be presented at a hearing on June 29, the next time Lane, Kueng and Thao are scheduled to appear in court.

"I'm not claiming [Lane] was following orders," Gray said after Thursday's hearings. "I'm claiming he thought what he was doing was right because he asked the training officer [Chauvin], 'Should we roll [Floyd] over?' Twice."

Asked whether Lane had a responsibility to get Chauvin off Floyd's neck, Gray said, "I guess the jury will decide that. In my opinion, no. It would be unreasonable for my client to go up and drag Chauvin off the deceased. ... You've got a 20-year [sic] cop in the front and my guy's back there with four days and he says, 'Should we roll him over?' and [Chauvin] says, 'No, we'll wait for the ambulance' twice. ... I don't know what you're supposed to do as a cop."

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8:46: A number becomes a potent symbol of police brutality

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8:46: A NUMBER BECOMES A POTENT SYMBOL OF POLICE BRUTALITY

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Body

All protest movements have slogans. *George Floyd's* has a number: 8:46

Eight minutes, 46 seconds is the length of time prosecutors say Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was pinned to the ground under a white Minneapolis police officer's knee before he died last week.

In the days since, outraged protesters, politicians and mourners have seized on the detail as a quiet way to honor Floyd at a time of angry and sometimes violent clashes with police. Even as prosecutors have said little about how they arrived at the precise number, it has fast grown into a potent symbol of the suffering Floyd - and many other black men - have experienced at the hands of police.

In Boston and Tacoma, Washington, demonstrators this week lay down on streets staging "die-ins" for precisely 8 minutes, 46 seconds. Companies, including ViacomCBS and Google, used the time span in their shows of solidarity.

In Washington, Democratic senators on Thursday gathered in the U.S. Capitol's Emancipation Hall, some standing, some kneeling on the marbled floor for the nearly nine minutes of silence.

Mourners at a memorial service for Floyd in Minneapolis on Thursday stood in silence for 8 minutes, 46 seconds, asked by the Rev. Al Sharpton to "think about what George was going through, laying there for those eight minutes, begging for his life."

"We can't let this go," he said. "We can't keep living like this."

Pausing for a full 8 minutes, 46 seconds helps turn the abstract into a reality, said Monica Cannon-Grant, the founder of Violence in Boston Inc., which organized a Tuesday protest that included the minutes of silence.

"You find that that's an extremely long time to have someone have their knee in the side of your neck," Cannon-Grant said.

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As she observed the silence, she said found herself thinking about the safety of her family.

"All kinds of things were going through my head," she said. "Mainly that I was the mom of four black sons and I'm married to a black man."

Some of the power in the number comes from its striking specificity. In a criminal complaint charging Officer Derek Chauvin in Floyd's murder, prosecutors say they know precisely how long Floyd was pinned to the ground.

"The defendant had his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds in total. Two minutes and 53 seconds of this was after Mr. Floyd was non-responsive," the complaint concludes. "Police are trained that this type of restraint with a subject in a prone position is inherently dangerous."

But the timestamps cited in the document's description of the incident, much of which is caught on video, indicate a different tally. Using those, Chauvin had his knee on Floyd for 7 minutes, 46 seconds, including 1 minute, 53 seconds after Floyd appeared to stop breathing.

Prosecutors involved in the case have not responded to questions about the discrepancy.

On Thursday, John Stiles, a spokesman for the attorney general's office - which is leading the prosecution in the case - said the office has reviewed additional video footage "since the original complaint was filed."

"There is more evidence to review and the attorney general's office is continuing to review it," he said.

Prosecutors repeated their timeline and the 8 minutes, 46 seconds detail in charges filed Wednesday against other officers involved.

In this case, one minute is unlikely to have a major legal significance.

"Seven minutes is a long time to have a knee on someone's neck regardless," said Jared Fishman, a former federal civil rights prosecutor. That said, Fishman said it's a detail defense lawyers will scrutinize in court.

For those who hold up the number as part of a peaceful call for change, the precise length of time is beside the point: "It should never have happened to begin with," Cannon-Grant said.

It would not be the first time that a detail takes on a life of its own.

After the 2014 death of Michael Brown, word spread in the community that the black 18-year-old had his hands up in surrender when he was shot by a white police officer. The chant "Hands up. Don't shoot!" quickly became a rallying cry for protesters both in the St. Louis suburb and across the country.

But it never was clear whether Brown actually raised his hands. There were no videos or photos of the shooting. Some witnesses swore to a grand jury that his hands were raised while others swore they were not. Officer Darren Wilson testified to grand jurors that Brown was charging at him, with one hand clenched at his side and the other under his shirt, when Wilson fired the fatal shots.

Several protesters said it didn't matter if Brown's hands literally were raised, because his death remained symbolic of wider racial injustices at the hands of police.

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'What happened to George changed people's hearts,' Floyd's aunt says

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'WHAT HAPPENED TO GEORGE CHANGED PEOPLE'S HEARTS,' FLOYD'S AUNT SAYS

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Body

EAGAN, Minn. - Growing up in a shack surrounded by piney woods and tobacco fields in eastern North Carolina, ***George Floyd***'s aunt Angela Harrelson was taught by her sharecropper parents how to get along in a slowly desegregating America: Sit at the back of the bus, do what white folks tell you, "stay strong and hold on."

That's what she did when she boarded the local school bus in the 1970s and white students blocked the seats with their feet, making her stand in the aisle. The bus driver, also white, would swerve and threaten to slap black students if they fell. Some days, he wouldn't pick her up at all.

"But we held on," Harrelson said as she sat at her kitchen table in Eagan this week.

The abuse only stopped, she said, when a white girl boarded the bus one day and declared, "My Mama said this is wrong. Stop picking on them."

"She was brave because she stood up against her own," recalled Harrelson, 58. "It takes one person to make a change, speaking up."

That's what she sees happening now across the nation and the world as protests spread in the wake of her nephew's death at the hands of police. The tragedy stirred memories for Harrelson of the legacy of segregation, slights and stinging prejudice her family has endured.

She hopes the four police officers charged in the case, including former officer ***Derek Chauvin***, 44, who is accused of murder, will face justice from a government that has allowed white people to discriminate against African-Americans for generations.

Floyd - who the family called by his middle name, Perry - moved to Minneapolis three years ago to be closer to Harrelson and to build a new life. An unmarried father of three, Floyd, 46, wanted to escape the

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low-income Houston neighborhood where he grew up. Harrelson promised his mother that she would look after him.

"They lived in a tough environment, so he said he was coming to make a fresh start and she was happy," Harrelson recalled. He took a job as a bouncer and a retail clerk; he got engaged and, although he was 6 feet, 7 inches tall, he still had maturing to do.

A year after he arrived, Floyd's mother died, and Harrelson felt even more responsible for him. They met a couple of times and Facetimed often. As her parents had done with her, she warned her nephew about dealing with the white establishment, specifically police. She drew her advice from experience.

Her great-grandfather, Hillary Thomas Stewart, was a slave. He got his freedom at age 8, and settled near Goldsboro, N.C. By age 21, Stewart had accumulated 500 acres of land and married a woman named Larcenia, who would bear him 22 children.

In black-and-white family photos, Stewart poses with his wife in front of a china cabinet full of crockery, wearing a dress shirt and suspenders.

"He did the best he could to build a legacy for us," Harrelson said.

But the couple couldn't read or write. White farmers settled their land; they were powerless to fight back.

"It was stolen from them," Harrelson said.

Her grandmother Sophell Suggs cleaned white families' homes during segregation. She told Harrelson stories about how she had to enter through the back door; how the women wouldn't give her gloves even to wash their soiled menstrual rags. One of Harrelson's earliest memories is passing a water fountain labeled "Whites Only." Her mother, Laura Stewart Jones, worked the tobacco fields for \$2.50 a day. Sometimes the white farmers refused to pay. Her father, who served in the U.S. Army in Korea and worked at a barbecue on the side, would get upset at being cheated, and they would have to move to another shack without indoor plumbing. Jones had become pregnant with the first of 14 children at age 13, but taught herself to read, write and play piano. Harrelson was the youngest of her 10 daughters, all of whom graduated from high school.

But Harrelson had grander plans. She worked the tobacco fields during high school, became head cheerleader and won a local beauty pageant. After graduation, she left to attend community college in Iowa where she hoped to become a lawyer. She enlisted in the Army reserves, then the Navy reserves to pay for school.

One day, a professor called her into his office. She couldn't become a lawyer, he said, she couldn't even take law classes. He wouldn't teach her because she was black. Harrelson decided to study psychology instead, then become a registered nurse and Air Force Reserve officer. Officials told her she couldn't. She ignored them.

By 1998, she had received her commission as a captain in the reserves, married a flight attendant and was looking for jobs when a potential employer urged her to move to Minneapolis. There was plenty of work for nurses, and as tall and pretty as she was, she modeled in her spare time.

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Soon after settling in Eagan, an inner suburb, where racism was often hidden in "Minnesota nice," Harrelson went to get her hair done at the J.C. Penney salon in a local mall. She saw they had products to wash and condition black hair, but their sole black stylist was off, and the white stylist refused.

Harrelson sat down in the salon chair.

"I was like Rosa Parks," she said, laughing. "I said, 'I'm not getting out of this chair. I'm not trying to make a statement, I just don't want to drive to North Minneapolis.' "

The white stylist phoned her black co-worker who explained the procedures. Afterward, the white woman said she had been nervous because she'd never styled black hair.

"You weren't comfortable because I'm black," Harrelson said. "Let's call it what it is."

The woman agreed.

Harrelson has learned to avoid getting into the elevator at her apartment complex late at night if a white woman is already on, because she'll inevitably jump or clench her purse in fear. If she's stopped by police, she responds to their commands in ultra-slow motion, narrating her every move.

After the police stopped her nephew last week, she watched the bystander's video of police restraining him and wished she had been there to rush in and turn him on his side to clear his airway so he would never have had to utter what were among his last words: "*I can't breathe.*"

"He could only fight with his words. He was fighting for his life with his words, and nobody would listen," she said.

She chafed at prosecutors' delays, at the release of an autopsy that initially failed to label his death a homicide - until after the family's lawyer released results of their independent autopsy this week.

"If we didn't have an attorney, if we didn't have a second autopsy, what do you think would have happened?" she said.

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Harrelson has considered leaving Minneapolis, but she plans to stay until the cases against the officers charged with killing him are resolved. "I want to see this through," she said.

Before her nephew's death, she felt people didn't want to talk about racism even in progressive cities like Minneapolis. Now, she's encouraged that there's a conversation about it across the country.

"What happened to George changed people's hearts," she said; got them talking about the history of not just police brutality, but also the very inequities in education, employment and housing her family has faced.

"That's a huge start, because you can't do something if you don't acknowledge it," Harrelson said. "They just say you're playing the race card; that happened 400 years ago. But it's systematic racism."

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Graphic

Angela Harrelson of Eagan, Minn., aunt of ***George Floyd***, holds a photo of Floyd as a baby being held by his late mother and Harrelson's sister, Larcenia Jones Floyd, on June 3, 2020. (Jason Armond/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

Undated courtesy photo of ***George Floyd***, 46, who died in custody of the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** on May 25, 2020. (Courtesy of Facebook)

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City Council to vote on first changes to police

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CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON FIRST CHANGES TO POLICE

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Body

Minneapolis City Council members plan to vote Friday on some of the first changes to be made to the Police Department in response to the death of ***George Floyd***.

Representatives for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and city elected officials were working Thursday to negotiate a stipulated temporary restraining order that will mandate some immediate changes and also set a timeline for the state's investigation into whether the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** engaged in racial discrimination over the past 10 years.

City Council President Lisa Bender said the city was still working Thursday evening on details of the document, which the council planned to vote on during a public meeting Friday afternoon.

If the council gives its blessing, as is expected, the order will also require approval from a judge at a hearing that is likely to be scheduled next week, according to a presentation given to the city's Commission on Civil Rights earlier this week.

"The timeline for the impact of the [temporary restraining order] is for this weekend," Bender said. "It's for immediate accountability measures for the Police Department. It's not meant to be anywhere near starting this bigger conversation."

State Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero said, without providing specifics of the negotiated agreement: "We are really committed to working very quickly to making sure we can implement some changes immediately. We continue to have that commitment and continue to move forward with that."

The state Department of Human Rights on Tuesday filed a civil rights charge against the police department, citing Floyd's death. It was the first time the human rights department has launched a systemic investigation into the largest police department in the state.

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In the days since Floyd died, several elected officials have publicly floated various reform proposals, ranging from defunding the department immediately to taking a slower approach and sending social workers or mental health professionals to some calls that are now handled by police.

Mayor Jacob Frey has committed to "working with the community towards deep, structural reforms that address systemic racism in our laws and in policing." Spokesman Mychal Vlatkovich said the mayor "does not support abolishing the police department."

Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, one of the most vocal critics of the city's response to the protests and riots that followed Floyd's death, tweeted Thursday: "We are going to dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department."

Bender, a few hours later, issued her own tweet repeating that message and adding that they will "replace it with a transformative new model of public safety."

In an interview, she said she could imagine a scenario where the state's investigation results in Minneapolis police eventually entering a receivership that restructures the department.

Speaking only for herself and not for the council as whole, Bender said she would support shifting from a traditional police department to a wider public safety department oriented toward violence prevention and community-based services.

In that kind of scenario, it's possible that social workers or medics could respond to some calls now being handled by police.

Major reforms of that kind would not happen immediately, she said, but are more likely to be discussed later this year or next. And, she said, they would involve opportunities for community input.

"To do this kind of big work, we need a deeper, broader conversation than we've ever had before," Bender said. "We need white people like me and my neighbors to show up in a different way."

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Experts: George Floyd's medical issues don't affect homicide ruling

ARTICLE CCCXXIX. [**EXPERTS: GEORGE FLOYD'S MEDICAL ISSUES DON'T AFFECT
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Highlight: *George Floyd* had drugs in his system and severe heart disease when a Minneapolis police officer put a knee to his neck, but independent experts said the medical problems revealed in the full autopsy report don't change the conclusion that the handcuffed man's death was a homicide. "He has some underlying conditions" that made it [...]

Body

George Floyd had drugs in his system and severe heart disease when a Minneapolis police officer put a knee to his neck, but independent experts said the medical problems revealed in the full autopsy report [don't change the conclusion](#) that the handcuffed man's death was a homicide.

"He has some underlying conditions" that made it more likely he would not fare well under stress, said Dr. Gregory Davis, medical examiner for Jefferson County, Ala., and a pathology professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. But the circumstances of Floyd's May 25 death are not ignored in Wednesday's report, which said "restraint and neck compression are part of why he died," Davis said.

Dr. Stephen Nelson, chairman of Florida's medical examiners commission, agreed. Even if someone with severe heart disease died of a heart attack during a purse-snatching, "we'd still call it a homicide," he said.

"Is this stress associated with his interaction with law enforcement enough to put him over the edge? Yes, it is," Nelson said.

Floyd's death has sparked international protests about mistreatment of black people by police. Bystander video showed officer *Derek Chauvin* pressing his knee on Floyd's neck, ignoring Floyd's "[I can't breathe](#)" cries and staying on him even after he stopped moving.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison on Wednesday upgraded charges against Chauvin to second-degree murder, and also charged the three other officers on the scene with aiding and abetting. All four have since been fired.

A lawyer for Floyd's family earlier decried the official autopsy - as described in the original complaint against Chauvin - for ruling out asphyxia. An autopsy commissioned by the Floyd family concluded that he died of asphyxiation due to neck and back compression.

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The experts who spoke with the Associated Press read the full government autopsy report but had no involvement with Floyd's case.

Here are some of the key findings.

The report by Hennepin County Chief Medical Examiner Andrew Baker says Floyd, 46, died of "cardiopulmonary arrest, complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression."

A previous statement by the examiner's office says Floyd had "a cardiopulmonary arrest while being restrained" by police.

Cardiopulmonary arrest simply means his heart and breathing stopped, which happens when anyone dies.

"It's really a meaningless term," Nelson said. In Florida, directions printed on death certificates tell doctors not to use it and to be more precise and descriptive.

"I would use the word 'traumatic asphyxia' due to neck compression and restraint due to law enforcement subdual," Nelson said. "I don't think you can discount the video."

"No life-threatening injuries identified," the report says, although trauma to the face, elbows and hands, consistent with being handcuffed, are noted.

Finding no major bruising or damage to the muscles, cartilage or bones in the neck "doesn't in any way mean that asphyxia didn't occur," just that there are no signs of that on the body, Davis said.

Several of Floyd's key heart arteries were severely narrowed - evidence of serious heart disease. Several were 75 percent blocked and one was 90 percent blocked, and that was made worse by where the clogs occurred in terms of crimping the supply of blood to his heart, Nelson said. Blockages of 70 percent or more usually cause chest pain, he added.

"That degree of narrowing is sufficient to cause death," Davis said.

Floyd also had an enlarged heart - "48 percent bigger than it ought to be" - likely from his high blood pressure and heart disease, Nelson said.

"A heart that's enlarged like this is more likely to develop an abnormal heart rhythm," Davis added.

The autopsy also found signs of tobacco use. Smoking is a big risk factor for heart disease and many other health problems.

The autopsy notes signs of fentanyl, methamphetamine and THC - the ingredient that produces marijuana's high - in Floyd's body.

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid with heroin-like effects, said Bruce Goldberger, forensic medicine chief at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

"People who use it regularly or chronically develop tolerance to it," and the amount reported in the autopsy could kill someone who has not used the drug in the past, Goldberger said.

However, "we don't know what Mr. Floyd's use of fentanyl was," he stressed.

Methamphetamine, a stimulant often called "speed," was found at a low level, Goldberger said.

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"I believe that the presence of these substances is not relevant," Goldberger said. "We know his death is not due to toxicological means" because of the video of the circumstances, he said.

"I don't believe that these drugs played a significant role in causing Mr. Floyd to become unresponsive while being restrained by law enforcement officers."

The autopsy says [Floyd tested positive for the new coronavirus](#) on April 3 and that a nose swab during the autopsy found signs of the virus. Tests like these look for bits of genetic material and do not mean someone still has whole or viable virus.

It's a concern for anyone who handled Floyd's body, Nelson said.

"Potentially that body's infectious," although the autopsy found no signs of disease in Floyd's lungs.

"He certainly doesn't have pneumonia or any of the other typical signs that go along with COVID-19," Nelson said. "The coronavirus had nothing to do with his death, that's the important thing," [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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George Floyd mourned and celebrated, his death a call to action

ARTICLE CCCXX. [GEORGE FLOYD MOURNED AND CELEBRATED, HIS DEATH A CALL TO ACTION](#)

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Body

A mural honoring *George Floyd* was projected above his golden coffin, where mourners knelt and cried, paused and prayed Thursday at his memorial service. Its simple message: "I can breathe now."

But for far too many black Americans, dreams have been dashed and goals not achieved because they still cannot breathe, said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who eulogized Floyd in Minneapolis on Thursday.

"The reason we could never be who we wanted and dreamed to be is you kept your knee on our neck," Sharpton said in reference to Floyd's May 25 arrest, during which a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air.

"What happened to Floyd happens every day in this country," Sharpton said. "It's time for us to stand up in George's name and say, 'Get your knee off our neck!'"

Floyd's memorial service was a send-off that his family felt he deserved - they paid heartfelt tribute to a man they affectionately called "Perry." With many of Minnesota's top elected leaders in the room, along with members of Congress, the service included strong calls for meaningful changes in policing and the criminal justice system.

During eulogy remarks, Sharpton revealed plans to hold a commemorative march on Washington in August as part of a push for federal policing reforms.

"When we fight for the George Floyds of the world - and more importantly, the unknown George Floyds of the world - we are helping America be America for all Americans," said Floyd family attorney Ben Crump, who listed off the names of other African American men and women killed by police.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, who represents Floyd's native Houston and attended the service, said she and other lawmakers on Thursday introduced police accountability legislation named after Floyd. The measure calls

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for improved training for police departments and standards for how the use of deadly force and misconduct are investigated, among other aims.

"We have put a stop sign in front of America - there will be no more" unchecked killing by police, Jackson Lee told The Associated Press. "I will never forget the words 'I can't breathe.' America cannot allow people to die in the 21st century."

She was among dozens of other politicians, celebrities, civil rights activists and family members of Floyd who sang "Amazing Grace," prayed and joined together in a rousing memorial that was a celebration for a man whose death at the hands of police has sparked protests nationwide and calls for an end to racial injustice.

Inside the service, held in the Frank J. Lindquist sanctuary at North Central University, mourners wore masks, some with the words "I can't breathe" on them. Organizers issued several reminders for attendees to keep some social distance. Many attendees bumped elbows rather than hug or shake hands at the memorial taking place in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

It was not the coronavirus that killed Floyd, Crump said in his service remarks, but the "pandemic of racism and discrimination."

Floyd's brother and other family members told personal stories about dancing, playing football, cooking and enjoying life together. They said he was also known by other endearing nicknames such as "Georgie Porgie."

"George, he was like a general," brother Philonise Floyd said. "Every day he would walk outside, there would be a line of people wanting to greet him. ... He was powerful, man. He had a way with words. ... Everybody loved George."

Projected above the pulpit inside the sanctuary was the blue and orange mural that was painted at the site of a makeshift memorial in the neighborhood where Floyd pleaded for air. A small band and choir sang "Goin' Up Yonder" and other classic gospel songs as mourners gathered. Grammy Award-winning gospel singer Bishop Hezekiah Walker closed the service with the song "Every Praise."

Others in attendance included Martin Luther King III; Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar; Reps. Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Pressley and Joyce Beatty; rapper T.I. and his wife Tameka "Tiny" Harris; rapper Ludacris; singer Tyrese Gibson; comedians Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish; and actress Marsai Martin.

Floyd's body will go from the first service to Raeford, North Carolina, the state where he was born 46 years ago, for a two-hour public viewing and private service for the family on Saturday.

Finally, a public viewing will be held Monday in Houston, where he was raised and lived most of his life. A 500-person service on Tuesday will take place at The Fountain of Praise church and will include addresses from Sharpton, Crump, and the Rev. Remus E. Wright, the family pastor. Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, may attend, and other political figures and celebrities are expected as well. A private burial will follow.

Floyd's final journey was designed with intention, Sharpton said ahead of Thursday's service. Having left Houston for Minneapolis in 2014 in search of a job and a new life, Floyd will retrace that path in death.

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Many mourners have noted that among the wrenching cries that Floyd made in his final moments, one was for his mother, Larcenia Floyd, who had died two years earlier.

Sharpton said ***George Floyd*** was calling for his mother because, as he neared death, she had her hands outstretched to him calling him back home.

"Come on, George," Sharpton said. "I'll welcome you where the wicked will cease from troubling you, where the weary will get rest. It's a place where police don't put knees on you, George."

Associated Press writers Amy Forliti in Minneapolis, Scott Bauer in Madison, Wisconsin; and Nomaan Merchant in Houston contributed to this report. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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Blackduck MN mayor resigns after Facebook post about George Floyd protesters

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Body

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The council had originally planned an emergency meeting for 6 p.m. Monday, June 1, to address a meme that Patch posted on his Facebook page over the weekend. That meeting was to be held at City Hall with a limit of 10 attendees because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Later it was rescheduled for Blackduck Wayside Park so that more people could attend.

But the meeting was canceled late in the afternoon when Patch submitted his letter of resignation.

Patch shared a meme on his Facebook page over the weekend that showed a blood-covered vehicle with the caption: "I don't know what you mean by protesters on the freeway. I came through no problem."

For the past week, the Twin Cities had seen nightly protests after the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died while in the custody of Minneapolis police May 25. The protests spread to regional cities as well as major metropolitan cities across the nation.

The post was later taken down, but captured screen shots of it were shared on other pages.

In his letter, Patch wrote that he regretfully resigned and hoped that the City Council would put in place "some good racism training policies."

Here is the text of Patch's letter:

"I have been a city official for the past 8 years and try to look out for the best interest of the city. I have made a mistake by sharing a post without the correct context behind it. The post was in reference to a conversation I had the night before. I ran across this post the next day and wanted to share it with that

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person. I did not like the post. I did not see humor in the post. It was meant for the individual to recognize how bad it could be to drive through protesters. And also, if you are going to protest, to do so safely because this could happen."

Patch also explained that he is a first responder himself, "I try to save lives, not take them. . . Protests can, and do, send a strong message. I would like for everyone to work together as a team. I believe ***ALL lives matter***. I would like to get training available to myself and anyone that has interest in learning more about racism, to make things better for our community and world." [1,000 face layoffs as owner idles paper mills in Duluth, Wisconsin](#) [Tropical downpours in the Twin Cities? Thanks, Cristobal](#) [What you need to know as Minnesota opens more businesses amid coronavirus](#) [St. Paul police officer one of six area leaders to land 2020 Bush Foundation fellowships](#) [Four MN nursing homes have more than 100 coronavirus cases as state looks to control outbreak](#)

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**AT SITE OF KILLING, A 'COMING TOGETHER' WITH GRIEF,
VOWS TO ACT AT FLOYD'S DEATH SITE**

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Body

Amid the heat of a June afternoon, church came to the street where ***George Floyd*** died.

His memorial service, broadcast live from the sanctuary at North Central University in downtown Minneapolis, was private. But 3 miles away, at the site on Chicago Avenue where Floyd slipped from consciousness, hundreds listened, prayed and sang along. They bowed their heads, clapped along to a gospel song, shouted, "Amen!" and raised their fists as they called out Floyd's name.

As smoke from a barbecue wafted, they paid their respects to a man most didn't know but who has become a symbol of repression and the crying need for change. Just as important, they came to be part of a movement.

"The opportunities we have were born from activism like this," said Desmond Brown, who traveled from Rochester with his wife, four children and mother-in-law. It's a moment his children needed to witness, he said.

"They will have a personal responsibility to be part of the struggle to further the goals of justice," he said as he held his 14-month-old son.

As a black man, he said he has benefited from the sacrifices of those who came before him. Now, he said, a new generation will continue to push for change that will bring justice and equality, Brown said.

"I teach my children to strive for an education, but it may not matter, because their lives simply don't have the same value," he said. "So, yeah, I'm hoping for change."

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the Brown family, with face masks on, stood amid a crowd that wrapped around the corner where memorials to ***George Floyd*** continue to grow.

Nearby, Glen Ross was paying his second visit to the memorial.

"I wanted to show my respect to the family," he said. "I want to show my support for change."

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It's unfortunate that yet another black man has died at the hand of police, Ross said. But he said Floyd's death may well be the catalyst for justice and reform.

"Look around," he said. "There are more people involved - more white people. This may be the moment."

Standing in the crowd during the service was Tyler Wagner, a white guy from Lakeville who used a black marker to write "***Black Lives Matter***" on his white T-shirt. Like millions of people who have protested across the country and around the globe, he said he was compelled to take a stand "for what's going wrong in the criminal justice system."

A voice boomed over the speakers: "Say his name!"

"***George Floyd!***" the crowd responded.

Many listened intently, respectfully, to the memorial service being broadcast. A mother wrapped her arms around her daughter.

A couple stood hand in hand. Others wandered around the memorials, adding more bouquets, more poster-sized messages.

And then for eight minutes and 46 seconds - the amount of time a Minneapolis officer ignored Floyd's pleas that he couldn't breathe - the crowd stood still, mostly silent, some raising their hands in the air.

The time ticked down, and down the street, Shannel Ashford of Minneapolis looked around the crowd.

"This is humanity," she said. "It's an uplifting experience because it's encouraging to see some kind of hope and that unity is possible."

Yes, she said, she wants the four officers responsible for Floyd's death held accountable. "But this just isn't a Minneapolis problem," she said. This is about seeking accountability and justice across the country, she added.

As the memorial service broadcast ended, a street celebration began. As performers took to the stage, the crowd was reminded to be respectful.

The Rev. John C.L. Howard arrived in a three-piece suit to join the throng. "I just came from the services," he said. "It was so moving, inspiring and healing. I've come here to continue to heal."

But even more so, he said, he wanted to help mark the beginning of a new movement.

"All people are coming together," he said. "This is about humanity."

It was a moment many cherished being part of, especially after the violence of last week, when protests spun off into fires and looting that ravaged the city before the National Guard was sent out to quiet the streets and allow peaceful protesters to dominate.

Darnay Benner of Minneapolis, his wife and three children said they needed the solace of Thursday's street celebration.

"It was important for us to bring our kids here to combat the images of people being destructive," he said.

Looking down the street, he saw something totally different.

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"This," he said, "is the power of love."

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Minnesota county attorneys want state to handle all police-involved deaths

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[MINNESOTA COUNTY ATTORNEYS WANT STATE TO HANDLE ALL POLICE-INVOLVED DEATHS](#)

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Highlight: Minnesota's county attorneys want to give the state attorney general the authority to handle all cases of police-involved deaths, as is the case against the four former Minneapolis police officers involved [George Floyd](#)'s death. The Minnesota County Attorneys Association voted in transferring that power during an emergency meeting Thursday that included Attorney General Keith Ellison. [...]

Body

Minnesota's county attorneys want to give the state attorney general the authority to handle all cases of police-involved deaths, as is the case against the four former Minneapolis police officers involved [George Floyd](#)'s death.

The Minnesota County Attorneys Association voted in transferring that power during an emergency meeting Thursday that included Attorney General Keith Ellison. The attorney general is now leading the state's case against the officers instead of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

State lawmakers would need to pass legislation during this month's special session to give the attorney general the ongoing authority.

The county attorneys are also calling on the Legislature to provide additional funding to the state Attorney General's Office and create a unit within Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to investigate police killings of civilians.

"If this is the path the Legislature and governor choose to take, my office will accept the responsibility," Ellison said. "But it must come with resources sufficient to do the job thoroughly and to do justice in the way Minnesotans have a right to expect."

Ellison is one of 18 Democratic attorneys general who are asking Congress to grant their offices "clear statutory authority under federal law to investigate and resolve patterns or practices ... of unconstitutional policing by local police departments" in their respective states, the Star Tribune reported.

Two days after Ellison formally took over the case, charges against [Derek Chauvin](#), the white officer who held his knee to Floyd's neck as he cried out for air May 25 until becoming motionless, were increased to

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second-degree murder, and the three other officers at the scene were arrested and charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder.

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From Sheraton to shelter

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FROM SHERATON TO SHELTER

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While Lake Street burned last Friday, its stores gutted and streets filled with fear and confusion, one building stood tall as a beacon of hope for Minneapolis.

It was the former Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown Hotel, tucked just north of Lake and Chicago Avenue, a mile from where ***George Floyd*** took his final breaths. Evacuated of its conventional guests, the hotel has become a refuge for more than 200 homeless residents seeking shelter from the destruction that shook the city in the following days.

For the volunteers working around the clock to keep it running, the hotel-turned-shelter is one of a kind, an example of what can happen when people put their minds and bodies together to provide housing for those who need it most.

"People in the community have come together and created this amazing space of peace and sanctuary for these unhoused people, and brought together all

these resources to be able to feed them, keep them safe, give them a place to exist," said Maggie Mills, 31, one of the volunteers.

There is no hierarchy among the collective of volunteers, who span the fields of medicine, mental health, social work, housing and public health. Most of the decisions are made on the spot. Donated goods have come in by the hundreds - so have the people looking for a way to help keep the hotel running.

Several volunteers were already looking for hotel rooms in recent months to house homeless people staying in encampments during the coronavirus pandemic.

When chaos ensued last week, those volunteers approached the owner of the former Sheraton, a functioning hotel with 136 rooms, and arranged to house homeless residents. They then began shepherding people sleeping in tents by the Midtown Greenway to the hotel.

From Sheraton to shelter

The hotel owner, Jay Patel, bought it earlier this year and was in the process of rebranding it, according to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. While volunteers are looking to keep the shelter running permanently, Patel told the Business Journal this week he does not plan to keep it as a shelter for long.

Abu Bakr, 29, was living in his car last week as the protests against Floyd's death and the Minneapolis Police Department took over the streets. His car was set on fire while he was out demonstrating by the ruins of the Third Precinct, and he needed a place to stay before the curfew went into effect.

On Saturday, he walked inside and got a room inside the hotel.

"I've stayed in shelters plenty of times," Bakr said outside the hotel Wednesday. "It's a bit of an upgrade. A shelter facility ... you feel like you're being controlled. It doesn't feel homely and welcoming. But this place makes you feel welcome, and it feels like a place where you actually want to go home, if you have to live in a shelter."

On Wednesday, the lobby of the hotel was a mix of hotel guests and volunteers, some with face masks on, others not. Some caught a nap on the couches and seats, sleeping under hotel sheets.

Instead of a hotel clerk, volunteers stood behind the main desk. Instead of a bartender, two volunteers stood behind the bar handing out non-alcoholic drinks and snacks. On the patio, volunteers and guests prepared to cook trays of chicken fajitas. Signs encouraging social distancing and sanitation - and honoring Floyd - were posted along the walls.

The rooms are regular hotel rooms, Bakr said. There is a bed, television and shower, and guests get fresh sheets each day, he said. Until Tuesday, there was no hot water because the gas line to the building was turned off.

A room next to the main lobby was turned into a first-aid station. There, volunteers have stockpiled needle containers and naloxone, the overdose-reversing drug, donated by local organizations such as Southside Harm Reduction Services and Hope Network. There is also an herbal medicine station, and volunteers are building room dividers and receiving cots to better treat guests.

Sarah Stackley, who has worked with the homeless population for the last nine years, began volunteering at the shelter Sunday. She described it as a "revolutionary model," one not governed by restrictive rules that come with grants.

"This is something I have never seen before," she said. "It's a space that we've needed for decades. It's to have a space where there really is no restrictions and you can have people come in and stay until they're ready to leave."

She continued: "We have a very long waitlist already; we could use another hotel."

The collective has also organized volunteers to provide security. Mills, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, and her partner have served overnight shifts outside the hotel, with police confronting them and even shooting rubber bullets in their direction, she said.

"The police have been very unclear about how they're going to interact with us when we are there peacefully just trying to keep these residents safe," she said. "That's of the utmost concern to everyone volunteering."

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Sheila Delaney, 49, who helped assist residents displaced in the Drake Hotel fire late last year, was brought in to act as a liaison between volunteers, the building owner and other partners.

"This is operationally as smooth, and in terms of cultural competence, it far surpasses anything the Red Cross could've done with the Drake," she said. "The people who are serving the people here are reflective."

She said the collective will need funding from the state and philanthropy partners to make it sustainable, and that at some point the city of Minneapolis will need to get involved for safety inspections.

The Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness, a cabinet-level body led by Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, has taken notice and is looking to help. The state was separately working to relocate people living in encampments across the Twin Cities - including a large one in south Minneapolis near the Third Precinct - to hotels during the pandemic and unrest last week.

The council's executive director, Cathy ten Broeke, said the challenge now is figuring out how the state can support a hotel shelter that has so far operated entirely with volunteers.

"I've been working on homelessness for 27 years and I've never seen anything like that before," she said. "Finally, homelessness is being seen as the emergency and the public health issue that it is and that it has always been."

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How WCCO sports director Mike Max became a go-to source for Minnesota protest coverage

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[HOW WCCO SPORTS DIRECTOR MIKE MAX BECAME A GO-TO SOURCE FOR MINNESOTA PROTEST COVERAGE](#)

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Highlight: Mike Max looked on as what appeared to be smoke came his way, unfamiliar with what he was about to endure. Until someone shouted. "Get down! It's tear gas!" the WCCO-TV Channel 4 sports director heard late last Friday night. "Well, it was too late. We bit it, and we bit it big, myself and [...]"

Body

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Until someone shouted.

"Get down! It's tear gas!" the WCCO-TV Channel 4 sports director heard late last Friday night. "Well, it was too late. We bit it, and we bit it big, myself and the crew. That knocked us out."

But only for a brief period. Soon after, Max and his crew were back in action, repositioning themselves back in the street to get a better view of the White Castle and Wells Fargo buildings burning near the *Minneapolis Police Department's* 5th Precinct.

A day earlier, Max was a sports reporter. Now, he was a go-to source for information on one of the biggest events in recent state history.

Max left the office after completing the 10 p.m. newscast Thursday and went home. There, he viewed the rest of WCCO's coverage that night, watching from afar as the MPD's 3rd Precinct went up in flames.

He had offered his services to WCCO-TV news director Kari Patey earlier in the week, but hadn't yet been asked to hit the streets.

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Max had kept close tabs on the case of *George Floyd's* death - which has been classified a homicide by Hennepin County's medical examiner - and the aftermath of it in the city. He provided ample coverage of both on his nightly radio show on WCCO radio, talking to the FBI and local athletes involved in the protests, such as former NBA player Royce White.

How WCCO sports director Mike Max became a go-to source for Minnesota protest coverage

Max is a lifelong Minnesotan, a Hamline grad who hails from Gaylord, in the southern part of the state. He has covered many of the state's biggest sporting moments over the past two decades, and was anchoring WCCO radio when the I-35W bridge collapsed in 2007.

The day after the 3rd Precinct burned, Max covered an athletes-driven rally and protest in downtown Minneapolis during the day. That night, he went back downtown with his crew to do a live shot for the newscast to set up his story. While there, the newsroom learned 35W had just been shut down, and WCCO needed someone on the scene.

Max asked Patey to go, she obliged, and away he went.

"And, of course, that's kind of when everything changed," Max said.

Max was on site when law enforcement dissolved the protest and everyone came running.

"What's going on?" he asked.

"We're going to the 5th Precinct," protesters told him.

"And you go, 'Uh-oh,' " Max said. "Logically, what do you do? You go where they're going."

By the time Max and his crew arrived at the 5th Precinct, he still hadn't seen any law enforcement. All of a sudden, that changed.

"I can't believe I couldn't hear them," Max said. "But I turned around ... and I saw this group of law enforcement walking in step right towards the precinct."

They arrived in waves, armed and sporting gas masks and bulletproof vests. There were Humvees, and another wave of law enforcement behind those.

"It was like the cavalry just showed up. It was chilling. And you looked at that and you just said, 'They are not giving this up,' " Max said.

Max takes some offense when people write him off as a "sports guy," as if that's all he or other sports reporters are capable of covering.

"You don't need a PhD to do news," he said. "We cover what we cover."

And, ideally, you go about it the same way. Max's approach was simple: "Show them what we can see." That is what he did. Max simply tried to lay out what was in front of him.

"Nobody has any answers on this. You can't be wrong, as long as you're just describing what you see," Max said. "Here are these people, here is the fire, here is the truck."

Max's reporting, whether in sports or news, has always centered on the people involved and their stories, from the youth level to the pros. He loves having a front-row seat to human behavior, calling it "a wonderful gift" to cover such a thing.

"I always find it fascinating how people think and what motivates them and why are they there," Max said. "That's why I've always been in sports, because I think sports is like life on steroids."

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So while it might not have looked like much to you when Max was set up at a gas station when a crowd of protesters who had been arrested and were simply waiting for transport, Max was fascinated. He noted the interactions between the protesters and law enforcement officials, seeing that "in a lot of respects, there's not that much difference between the people protesting and the people arresting the protesters. Some ideology, but there's not nearly as profound a difference as I would've thought going in."

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He interviewed protesters who had their hands tied behind their backs and asked them about their cause, their feelings in that moment and if they had any regrets about being arrested. Their responses provided some of the most important commentary of the night.

"I've learned that every person deserves love from other people," one protester said. "It's really opened my eyes. I don't have no hate towards these police officers, I really don't. I just want everyone to come together and treat each other equally."

If Max was criticized for one piece of his protest reporting, it was that he rarely wore a mask during his time on the streets - a no-no to most during the coronavirus pandemic.

There was a reason for that. Amid the mayhem, he wanted sports fans, or even people he covered when they were in high school, to spot him and potentially start a conversation, which could lead to on-air interviews with the people at the heart of the issues. That's how he found a woman who came under fire from law enforcement as she worked in a medical tent, plus a man shot by a tear gas bullet.

Max witnessed so many things during his week on the ground level, from showings of humanity to the law enforcement's tactical precision to the willingness of local business owners to personally defend their own American dreams.

"I didn't realize the resolve they had until I spent time with them," he said. "When push came to shove, they were not going to let them burn their city down anymore."

With each passing night, the appreciation for Max's reporting seemed to grow. At one point, he was the No. 1 trending local topic on Twitter.

But Max has never once looked at Twitter, and has no idea how to log onto the platform. The only feedback he received was from friends and acquaintances who would send an occasional text, including one from Vikings coach Mike Zimmer, who was watching the protests from his offseason home in Kentucky.

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THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

ARTICLE CCCXXXVI. [THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD](#)

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Lest there be any doubt, we view [George Floyd](#)'s death as the most hideous example of police brutality we've ever seen. Former officer [Derek Chauvin](#) and the other three former officers involved must be held to strict account.

Yet if discussions and subsequent actions regarding the most explosive American crisis in generations are to be productive, we can't continue focusing near-exclusively on claims of institutional and systemic discrimination.

Do such unacceptable handicaps persist at various levels? As an African-American and a Jewish-American, we know, of course they do. But it's essential that we also focus on cultural and behavioral issues in the African-American community itself - as difficult as they may be to talk about, much less seriously address.

It simply is not true that we have not made determined and prodigiously expensive efforts to "reform" racial attitudes in every sector of American society for more than a half-century. Yet despite such efforts, not only has overall progress been limited, but hardly anyone is happy with the results.

In large measure this has been the case because political and social remedies have emphasized countering constraints imposed by the larger society, be they real or simply assumed, while de-emphasizing what the black community - or any community - must do to improve its own fate.

Achievement gaps, for instance, generally are not the result of racist teachers, or insensitive curricula, or biased disciplinary practices, but that is exactly the default charge leveled in many academic, media and political circles. A much larger cause, as many educators acknowledge (albeit quietly and privately) is that too many black young people are watching too much television, playing too many video games, and not taking school seriously enough.

Regarding jobs, despite claims to the contrary, implicit or explicit hiring barriers are not the major cause of employment problems in the black community.

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When it comes to matters of criminal justice, an allegedly racist system is not the reason so many blacks are caught up in it. The fact that African-Americans commit far too many crimes is the reason.

We must ask, will police relations with the black community ever be "normalized" so long as hugely disproportionate amounts of crime are regularly committed in those communities? Will lawbreaking in those neighborhoods really decrease if police "back off" as many activists and others urge? Common sense as well as academic research strongly suggest otherwise.

Harvard economist Roland Fryer, for example, reports that when major investigations of police departments are preceded by the kind of "viral event" that has surrounded *George Floyd's* death, homicides and total crimes in those cities have gone up "considerably" as police effectively pull back. Homicides have increased the most in cities where police-civilian contact, and thereby enforcement, has decreased the most.

This dynamic has been known as the "Ferguson Effect," which a journalist speculated earlier this week may come to be known as the "Minneapolis Effect."

Will economic development in black communities ever take off if entrepreneurs don't believe they and their property, their livelihoods, will remain safe? Without in any way suggesting that only African-Americans burned businesses to the ground on Lake Street and beyond in last week's riots, how much harder will it be for job creators to invest with adequate confidence in those places?

Most critically of all, will any of these and other social disparities get sufficiently better - sufficiently equitable - so long as so many African-American children come into this world outside of marriage and grow up with only one parent to provide consistent guidance?

Likewise, how can "household" incomes - the most frequent metric used when measuring inequality in Minnesota - ever become more equal so long as fewer working-age adults, on average, reside in African-American households than in other households?

We need to focus more on issues like these, rather than forcing virtually every question through prisms of race, as critical as racial justice and fairness are. Debates over climate change, school district configurations, Park Board land management - whatever the controversy may be - all center these days on questions of race to the point where attention is diverted and divisions deepen.

Gruesomely obvious over the last week is how too many people feel they have too little stake in this state and country. We must do a better job of rebuilding essential bonds of civil society - or in many instances, building such bonds for the first time. But in doing so we must be honest and open in expecting the black community to do the hard things only it can do.

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Tackling racism's history

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TACKLING RACISM'S HISTORY

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History repeating.

When Rashod Bateman heard of ***George Floyd***'s killing on a south Minneapolis street last week, another black person's death in police custody, the Gophers receiver's first thought: "Here we go again." For tight end Brevyn Spann-Ford: "Not really shocking."

Seeing a white officer kneel on Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes brought back what receiver Seth Green understood at 19 years old, cuffed and held at gunpoint outside the Dinkytown McDonald's for fitting a description from a recent burglary: "It wasn't a matter of if. It was a matter of when."

Gophers radio broadcaster and former star running back Darrell Thompson had the same tearful conversation with his sons, including Gophers receiver True Thompson, as his father had with him: "When I was a kid, I asked my dad, 'Why do people hate me because I'm black?' He said, 'I don't know.' And I had to say the same thing to my kids."

History repeating.

Many former and current Gophers football players have grown up accepting racism as commonplace. But in the wake of Floyd's death, they've decided now is the time to say: enough.

"There's a lot of times in my life where I kind of ignored racism and didn't stand up for it because it was normal for me," Bateman said, referencing how

he used to alter the way he dressed, cover up his tattoos, not take his white high school girlfriend out in public because of her disapproving family. "... When I first said that I wanted to be proactive and spread awareness, I just sat down, I came in my room by myself, and I just started taking notes on what I can do."

A day after Floyd's killing, Bateman posted a tweet about how "no matter the color, we are all one." He's since encouraged people to purchase a sweatshirt that will benefit Floyd's family. He attended a small protest

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on campus, admittedly scared to join the larger marches in the city because as a black man, he's nervous how the police would react.

Spann-Ford and Green marched through downtown Minneapolis on Sunday, kneeling for nine minutes on the Hennepin Avenue bridge, with Green's knee throbbing on the concrete as he reflected on how long Floyd suffered. Green, who also participated in last Friday's protest, has been to 38th and Chicago where Floyd died four times. He's donated food and household supplies, helped clean up south Minneapolis after riots and looting destroyed parts of the neighborhood.

The Gophers took several days off from football activities, instead having team conversations about what had happened. Coach P.J. Fleck, after first talking with his players, posted a statement on social media and spoke to ESPN and local radio, calling Floyd's death "indefensible" and calling for "accountability."

Bateman said of all the tragedy that has ensued in the past weeks, one of the positives was how this brought his team even closer together. Spann-Ford said everyone from the training staff to athletic director Mark Coyle has checked in and shown support. Green said his nonblack teammates and friends have been willing to "sit and listen."

"That way, they can have a better understanding of not only the system that is oppressing the black community," Green said, "but also the personal experiences that black people that you may be close to go through every single day, that you don't have to think about because of the white privilege that you have."

Spann-Ford found a moment of beauty in the darkness as well, when he was one of thousands, including other former and current Gophers athletes, at a standstill on the 35W bridge this past Sunday.

"It was really powerful to me, seeing a highway that I'm just used to coming to school on, seeing it filled with people," Spann-Ford said. "... That we could all gather in a peaceful protest and show our voices to everyone."

Thompson, Spann-Ford and Green are all Minnesota natives, and Floyd's death felt personal because it happened in their home state. Bateman is from Georgia but has found in Minnesota a place he feels welcome, a place he feels "free."

"It feels so good," Bateman said. "But now my job is to help others who want the same thing for their life."

The Gophers players are already discussing what more they can do with their platforms as Division I athletes. They don't want the dialogue to stop after a social media post, with empty promises never fulfilled.

"No matter what we do, no matter how many white people support blacks, no matter how many blacks stand up for what's going to happen, there's still no guarantees that anything is going to change," Bateman said. "... But actions will always speak louder than words, in my opinion. And I guess we will see what's going to happen moving forward."

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Midtown Global Market evicts Holy Land over employee's past social media posts

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[MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET EVICTS HOLY LAND OVER EMPLOYEE'S PAST SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS](#)

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Highlight: The Holy Land grocery, butcher shop and deli has been kicked out of the Midtown Global Market in Minneapolis after past racist social media posts by the CEO's daughter, an employee, surfaced. The Lake Street market posted on Facebook Thursday afternoon that it was "deeply offended and saddened" by the posts that denigrated black people made [...]

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The Lake Street market [posted on Facebook](#) Thursday afternoon that it was "deeply offended and saddened" by the posts that denigrated black people made "a number of years ago" by a family member of the owners of Holy Land.

"These words in no way reflect the beliefs and ideas of the staff, management, and business owners of Midtown Global Market," the post said. "We are home to 45 businesses representing 16 cultures, ethnicities, and countries of origin. We do not tolerate discrimination of any kind."

Two hours later, the market, which is housed in the former Sears building at Chicago Avenue, [posted](#) that it was "exercising its rights as landlord" by immediately closing the deli and terminating its lease.

Holy Land had commented about the social media posts Thursday morning on its [Facebook page](#), saying they had found out a "team member" had "posted racial slurs" onto social media before beginning work with the company, which is based on Central Avenue in Northeast Minneapolis.

"As a business that was formed by immigrants, we do not tolerate this type of behavior because it is completely against our beliefs and faith," Holy Land CEO Majdi Wadi wrote in the Facebook post.

Wadi went on to say that the "team member" was his daughter, who made the slurs when she was a teenager.

Wadi's daughter was "terminated effective immediately" to demonstrate how seriously Holy Land takes the matter. Employees will also receive additional training and education to make sure they understand "what is and is not insensitive, offensive, and appropriate for all races, cultures, and religions."

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The daughter posted her own apology on Instagram saying she was "deeply mortified" and "disgusted" by her previous comments, saying she was shocked that she had posted something that offensive.

She said she is working to educate herself and promises to be an advocate and ally of "every minority and person of color."

"I am so deeply embarrassed and hope that you know that this is not who I am as a person," she wrote.

*I would like to thank the individuals who have brought a previous post from my past to my attention. I am deeply mortified and disgusted by my prior statements. I would like to start by saying it is unacceptable and I deeply and sincerely apologize. This social media posts were brought to my attention and I deleted it right away. First, I was so shocked that I even posted something so offensive. Second, I recognize the gravity of my words and how hurtful they can be and how hurtful they were. I wasn't thinking. I was a teenager at the time (although my youth is not an excuse) and wasn't educated on how the words I chose would affect and offend others, including myself. Over the years, I have grown and I have took it upon myself to learn and understand how my words and actions can affect other people. I have challenged myself to unlearn the behavior that society led me to believe was okay. To demonstrate my growth. I now advocate for others to do the same because I understand how one can be so blinded with what they think is acceptable. I am so deeply embarrassed and hope you know that this is not who I am as a person. Every day, I continue to better myself by educating myself, my friends, family, peers, and community. I strongly believe in and wholeheartedly support the **Black Lives Matter** movement. I have recognized my privilege and use my privilege to better my community and those around me, specifically, on the social and racial injustices our black community members face on a daily basis. I promise to continue to advocate, and commit my time to listening, learning, and being an ally of every minority and person of color. I kindly invite anyone to reach out to me if you would like to further discuss what I can do to help better myself and my community. I take complete responsibility for my actions.*

A post shared by @ [liiaannee1](#) on Jun 4, 2020 at 1:05am PDT

Wadi said it was "duty and responsibility" as both a father and CEO to make sure employees have a positive impact on the community, noting that the posts by his daughter don't "accurately reflect who my daughter is as a person now."

He also apologized for the posts, saying, "To all our brothers and sisters who have been affected, we deeply and sincerely apologize for the senseless slurs that were posted to social media. We hope that you can find it in your hearts to forgive us."

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US unemployment drops unexpectedly to 13.3% amid outbreak

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**[US UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS UNEXPECTEDLY TO 13.3%
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WASHINGTON - U.S. unemployment dropped unexpectedly in May to 13.3% as reopened businesses began recalling millions of workers faster than economists had predicted, triggering a big rally Friday on Wall Street and giving President Donald Trump something to boast about in his reelection bid.

The jobless rate is still on par with what the nation witnessed during the Great Depression. And for the second straight month, the Labor Department acknowledged making errors in counting the unemployed during the coronavirus outbreak, saying the real figure is worse than the numbers indicate.

Still, after weeks of dire predictions by economists that unemployment in May could hit 20% or more, the news that the economy added a surprising 2.5 million jobs last month is evidence that the employment collapse most likely bottomed out in April, when the rate reached 14.7%.

Most economists had expected rehiring to kick in this summer as lockdowns were increasingly lifted and people gradually resumed shopping and eating out.

"The surprising thing here is the timing and that it happened as quickly as it did," said Adam Kamins, senior regional economist at Moody's Analytics.

At the same time, economists warn that after an initial burst of hiring as businesses reopen, the recovery could slow in the fall or early next year unless most Americans are confident they can shop, travel, eat out and fully return to their other spending habits without fear of contracting the virus.

"We are witnessing the easiest phase of growth as people come off temporary layoffs and come back to their employers," said Jason Furman, a Harvard economist and former top adviser in the Obama White House. "And once employers are done recalling people, the much harder, longer work of recovery will have to proceed."

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On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average gained nearly 830 points, or more than 3%, and the broader S&P 500 closed 2.6% higher on the news. The S&P is now just 5.7% below its pre-pandemic peak, after plummeting 34%.

An exultant Trump seized on the report as evidence that the economy is going to come back from the coronavirus crisis like a "rocket ship."

"This shows that what we've been doing is right," said the president, who has pushed governors aggressively to reopen their economies amid warnings from public health officials that the country is risking a second wave of infections on top of the one that has killed over 100,000 Americans.

Kamins and other economists credited the government's small-business lending effort, the Paycheck Protection Program, with encouraging employers to rehire. Overall, Washington has provided about \$3 trillion in emergency relief funds during the crisis.

Nearly all industries added jobs last month, a sharp reversal from April, when almost all cut them. Hotels and restaurants added 1.2 million jobs in May, after shedding 7.5 million. Retailers gained 368,000, after losing nearly 2.3 million in the previous month. Construction companies added 464,000 after cutting 995,000.

The crisis has also exposed wide disparities that may have contributed to the unrest set off in many U.S. cities by the death last week of ***George Floyd***: While the unemployment rate for white Americans was 12.4% in May, it was 17.6% for Hispanics and 16.8% for African-Americans.

Solid employment gains will probably continue through the end of the year, economists said, but the job market is in such a deep hole that it could take years to dig out. The U.S. economy still has 20 million fewer jobs than it did in February. Oxford Economics, a consulting firm, forecasts that 60% of jobs could be regained by the end of this year, leaving unemployment in the 8%-to-10% range.

So far, some reopened companies are seeing only a limited number of customers.

Jacob Liou, 26, is back at work as a kitchen manager and sous chef at a Chattanooga, Tennessee, restaurant. It is allowed to seat up to 50% of its former capacity but rarely reaches that.

"Our store normally pulls around \$35,000 a week," he said. "Now we're lucky to hit \$10,000."

Scott Grondin and Jorge Sanchez, owners of a gym in Miami, are preparing to reopen Monday after closing down three months ago. Making money in the coming months could be tough.

About 25% of members have canceled their memberships. Classes will be smaller to accommodate social distancing. The gym has dropped prices. And not everyone is ready to return.

"Some will say, 'I want to wait one week,' some will want to wait a month," Grondin said. "They want to make sure we have the proper plans."

Gwyneth Duesbery, 22, returned this week to her job as a restaurant hostess in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as Bowdie's ***Chop*** House prepares to reopen with tables 6 feet apart and seating capacity reduced to about one-quarter.

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"I am concerned that it will expose me to potential diseases, and expose others, no matter the precautions that we take," she said. "It's kind of uncharted waters."

There are other signs the economy is steadily recovering, even in hard-hit industries. American Airlines said it will fly 55% of its U.S. routes in July, up from 20% in May. And the Cheesecake Factory said one-quarter of its nearly 300 restaurants have reopened, though with limited capacity.

Some economists say, however, that the longer the economy struggles, the more permanent damage may occur. Movie theater chain AMC, for example, said Wednesday it may not survive.

The United States has suffered far worse job losses than other countries. European and some Asian nations have set up programs to subsidize employees' wages and keep them employed.

A study released this week found that while the U.S. shed about 15% of its jobs from January to April, the loss in countries such as Germany, South Korea, Australia and Israel was roughly 4% or lower.

Friday's report showed that the government continues to struggle with how it classifies millions of out-of-work Americans. The Labor Department admitted that government household survey-takers mistakenly counted about 4.9 million temporarily laid-off people as employed.

The government doesn't correct its survey results for fear that will look like political manipulation.

Had the mistake been corrected, the unemployment rate would have risen to 16.1% in May, while the corrected April figure would have been 19.5%, rather than 14.7%. Taken together, the two corrected numbers show that the overall trend still holds: Unemployment is going down.

AP Writers Travis Loller in Nashville and Kelli Kennedy in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Economics Writer Josh Boak in Baltimore contributed to this report.

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Feds, police seek help locating 'persons of interest' in arsons during local protests

ARTICLE CCCXL. **[FEDS, POLICE SEEK HELP LOCATING 'PERSONS OF INTEREST' IN ARSONS DURING LOCAL PROTESTS](#)**

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Highlight: Federal and local investigators are asking for help identifying "persons of interest" who might help solve arson fires set at St. Paul businesses amid **George Floyd** protests last week. "The individuals we are seeking to identify may have important information that could significantly aid in solving some of these arson cases," said Assistant Special Agent [...]

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"The individuals we are seeking to identify may have important information that could significantly aid in solving some of these arson cases," said Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jon Ortiz of the St. Paul division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

"Members of our communities have been a critical part of this investigation through their information sharing, and we appreciate their continued support in helping us locate these individuals," Ortiz said.

In addition to identifying persons of interest, authorities are also asking people to share photos or videos that might show people starting or stoking fires in St. Paul or Minneapolis.

The ATF, the FBI, the St. Paul Fire Department, the St. Paul Police Department and the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division are cooperating in the investigations.

Tips are requested at 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), via email at ATFTips@atf.gov, or online via or the Report It mobile app for [Apple iOS](#) or . When using Report It, select "ATF - St Paul Field Division" as the reporting agency.

Tipsters also can call 1-800-CALLFBI (800-225-5342) or share photos or videos via [fbi.gov/violence](#) [ReportIt.com](#) [Google Android](#).

Because the ATF is working closely with the FBI, if the information has already been given to the FBI, it's not necessary to submit to the ATF.

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The FBI is asking people for help in gathering information about those who violated federal law last week, not only in setting fires, but those who "may have incited or promoted violence of any kind."

Several dozen photos of the persons of interest can be viewed via the PDF document below.

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Nightly curfews in Minneapolis, St. Paul to end

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Gov. Tim Walz and state officials made the announcement after a week of nightly curfews imposed to stem the violence that erupted in the days after the death of ***George Floyd*** while being arrested by Minneapolis police. Hundreds of businesses were looted and damaged and dozens more were set on fire in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Curfews were started last Friday, lasting from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., as the National Guard joined law enforcement to quell the violence.

On Monday as nights grew calmer, the curfews were shortened to 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. and extended through Thursday night. Under the curfew, only those going and returning from work, emergency workers, those fleeing a dangerous situation, the homeless and the media were allowed to be out in public. Others were subject to arrest.

While the nightly curfews have ended, Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said at a Friday afternoon press briefing that residents are still encouraged to be safe and stay at home if they are able to.

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NYPD boss wants calm after stabbing, other attacks on cops

ARTICLE CCCXLII. [**NYPD BOSS WANTS CALM AFTER STABBING, OTHER ATTACKS ON COPS**](#)

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Highlight: NEW YORK (AP) - New York City police are trying to determine if Wednesday's ambush stabbing of an officer in Brooklyn was inspired by anti-police sentiments expressed during days of protests and unrest over the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis, Commissioner Dermot Shea said Thursday.

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NEW YORK - New York City police are trying to determine if Wednesday's ambush stabbing of an officer in Brooklyn was inspired by anti-police sentiments expressed during days of protests and unrest over the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis, Commissioner Dermot Shea said Thursday.

Officer Yasyonfrant Jean Pierre was stabbed in the neck while on an anti-looting patrol, spurring a struggle that saw the suspect shot and two other officers sustaining gunshot injuries to their hands. Jean Pierre and the other officers, Randy Ramnarine and Dexter Chiu, were expected to recover, police said.

The suspect, 20-year-old Dzenan Camovic, was hospitalized in critical condition with multiple gunshot wounds, Shea said. He has yet to be charged and the case could end up in the hands of federal prosecutors, with the FBI saying it would use "every federal statute available to hold the perpetrator accountable." Information on Camovic's lawyer was not immediately available.

The bloodshed happened just before midnight Wednesday, in the hours after an 8 p.m. curfew that was intended to quell days of at-times violent protests in the wake of Floyd's death. Along with peaceful demonstrations, there have been smash-and-grab sprees and a string of assaults on police officers.

Shea called for calm Thursday at a news conference that opened with a broadside against elected officials and others whom he blamed for stirring up animosity by speaking against police and sharing videos on social media that, presented without context, are seen as evidence of officer misconduct.

"How do we move forward?" Shea said. "I do not know how we will get there. I wish I had all the answers, but I know this much. We cannot reach that place until we end the hateful speech and the law breaking and the unprovoked attacks against police officers and the rhetoric that fuels."

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Shea said it was too early in the investigation to say what motivated Wednesday night's attack, but police union head Patrick Lynch said he saw a connection to the protests.

"Did we doubt? Because of the rhetoric we're hearing, the anti-police rhetoric that's storming our streets, are we surprised?" said Lynch, president of the Police Benevolent Association. "I'm not. We said it's going to happen."

Wednesday's stabbing happened a block from a spot where demonstrators and police engaged days earlier in an hourslong standoff, during which a police car was burned and protesters were beaten with batons.

Shea said the attacker casually approached two officers stationed in the area to prevent pilfering around 11:45 p.m. and stabbed one - Jean Pierre, according to Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Officers a short distance away heard gunshots, rushed to the scene and saw the man with a gun in his hand, believed to have been taken from one of the officers, Shea said. The responding officers then opened fire.

"It appears to be a completely, cowardly, despicable, unprovoked attack," Shea said.

The commissioner said 22 shell casings were recovered. He didn't say whether the officers' hand wounds came from fellow officers' guns.

Jean Pierre is a Haitian immigrant, and Ramnarine and Chiu are children of immigrants, de Blasio said.

They represent "all that is great about New York City," de Blasio said. "They represented the fact that people come from all over this country, all over this world, to find a better life ... and then some choose to serve all of us."

The stabbing was one of multiple assaults on police officers in recent days, including a driver plowing into a sergeant in the Bronx, a lieutenant struck in the helmet by a brick during a brawl in Manhattan, a Molotov cocktail thrown into a van full of officers in Brooklyn, and gunshots fired at an occupied police cruiser in Queens.

Hours after the Brooklyn ambush, police in Queens shot a man they said followed two officers into a store, menaced them with a knife and refused commands to drop the weapon. He is hospitalized in stable condition, police said.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo called the attacks on police officers "unconscionable."

"People attack police officers? They run up to police officers, they stab a police officer? They've treated police officers with such disrespect in New York City that I am stunned," Cuomo, a Democrat, said at a news briefing in Albany.

At the same time, police have been criticized for harsh tactics to corral protesters and enforce the curfew. More than 350 current and former members of de Blasio's administration published an open letter Thursday denouncing brutality, such as officers swatting protesters with batons, a police vehicle driven into a crowd and an officer seen throwing a woman to the ground.

Shea apologized for "our part in the damage to stability" and said some of those officers would face discipline.

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This story has been corrected to show that the stabbing happened at 11:45 p.m., not 11:45 a.m.

Associated Press writers Jennifer Peltz in New York and Marina Villeneuve in Albany contributed. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of **George Floyd** tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for **George Floyd**](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in **George Floyd** unrest](#)

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St. Paul mayor joins campaign to reduce police violence, plans use-of-force changes

ARTICLE CCCXLIII. [**ST. PAUL MAYOR JOINS CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE POLICE VIOLENCE, PLANS USE-OF-FORCE CHANGES**](#)

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Highlight: St. Paul will revise its use-of-force guidelines as part of a nationwide push to reform policing after [**George Floyd**](#) was killed in Minneapolis police custody. Mayor Melvin Carter announced Friday he has signed on to the "8 Can't Wait" campaign, which has eight recommendations for reducing police violence. The campaign says St. Paul already follows [...]

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Mayor Melvin Carter announced Friday he has signed on to the "8 Can't Wait" campaign, which has eight recommendations for reducing police violence.

The campaign says St. Paul already follows six of those recommendations but has yet to explicitly ban chokeholds or state that deadly force can be used only as a last resort.

By Carter's reading of city policies, St. Paul already achieves all eight goals in practice. Soon after he took office in 2018, the city made changes that emphasize de-escalation and the sanctity of human life.

"Functionally, I'm confident that the policy we rolled out two years ago does address all of those priorities," he said in an interview Friday.

"Our policy goes beyond what is 'justifiable' to apply the minimal amount of force that 'is both reasonable and necessary,' which I think is an important addition. That's something I think our chief has been a strong leader on."

But Carter said he and Police Chief Todd Axtell "agree there's no time for ambiguity."

Axtell now has a group working on additional revisions to the police department's policy, spokesman Steve Linders said Friday.

"We're going to change language in our policy to make it absolutely clear to the people that we serve what they can expect from their officers," Linders said.

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The city's current guidelines say officers can use deadly force only when "objectively reasonable under a totality of the circumstances," according to the 8 Can't Wait campaign.

The department says it already trains officers to exhaust alternatives, when reasonable, before using deadly force.

Linders said St. Paul officers haven't been allowed to use chokeholds in decades, but they intend to change the policy's wording so it's "completely understandable to anyone who reads it."

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St. Paul revised its use-of-force standards in March 2018 following two months of public engagement that drew dozens of suggestions from residents.

At the time, more than a dozen organizations wrote a letter to Carter calling the changes a promising start but insufficient to address their concerns about police oversight and misconduct.

In recent days, advocates have called on St. Paul and other police departments to abandon the use of tear gas to clear crowds.

As mayor, Carter also has limited but not completely abandoned the use of the department's canine unit, and he's resisted calls to expand the department's ranks by dozens of officers. In April 2019, he joined a National League of Cities effort to review how the city's fines and fees impact low-income residents.

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President Barack Obama this week called on mayors across the nation [to commit to revising police use of force policies](#), a pledge Carter signed on Thursday.

Minneapolis on Friday reached a deal with the governor's office to ban the police use of chokeholds, among other changes, after an officer knelt on Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes on May 25, killing him and setting off widespread protests.

While the most fervent calls to reform or even dismantle the police have focused on Minneapolis, St. Paul hasn't been immune to controversy.

In November, a federal jury found officer Brett Palkowitsch used excessive force in 2016 when he kicked and broke the ribs of [Frank Baker](#), an unarmed black man, while Baker was being attacked by a police dog.

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Brainerd teacher accused of racist comments over George Floyd protests resigns

ARTICLE CCCXLIV. **BRAINERD TEACHER ACCUSED OF RACIST COMMENTS OVER
GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS RESIGNS**

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Highlight: BRAINERD, Minn. - Forestview Middle School teacher Kara Hall resigned Wednesday after widespread concern over social media statements many deemed racist. The comments came on a Facebook post shared by a former lakes area resident detailing her experience among protesters in Minneapolis, following the death of **George Floyd** in police custody May 25. Comments included: [...]

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BRAINERD, Minn. - Forestview Middle School teacher Kara Hall resigned Wednesday after widespread concern over social media statements many deemed racist.

The comments came on a Facebook post shared by a former lakes area resident detailing her experience among protesters in Minneapolis, following the death of **George Floyd** in police custody May 25.

Comments included: "I know all I see are scary awful blacks people robbing businesses that don't deserve this."

Another comment from Hall criticizing Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and calling for law and order to be restored included: "The creepy, destructive, violent blacks we are all across America watching raid and ruin businesses across America need to be put in jail!"

An online petition garnering thousands of signatures sought her firing, and an open letter signed by 14 Brainerd High School graduates implored the district to take action as well.

On Thursday, Hall issued the following statement addressed to the Brainerd community and Brainerd School District:

"I am sincerely apologetic for the outrage and pain I have caused this great community by my inappropriate comments to Kali Erin Wolhart on Facebook. I have respectfully resigned from my position after teaching middle school visual arts for the past 18 years. We tell our students to think before they speak, that words matter, and what we say will have consequences. I did not practice what I preached. Ms. Wolhart is a former student with whom I have maintained a positive relationship over the years, and I am deeply saddened by the impact of this situation on that relationship.

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"Like most people in America, I was horrified by the murder of ***George Floyd***. I included that statement in her post; an important piece she neglected to share. I believe in justice and equality, and recognize this terrible act is reflective of how far we have to go to achieve that goal. The posts that were widely shared regarding the aftermath of this unjust act did not reflect my care and concern for those most impacted. My words were terribly wrong. They were typed in a heated moment that I regret. Not because I lost a career I valued, but because it hurt community members and students for whom I have great respect and truly care about. I hope they will forgive me and give me a chance to move forward in a positive way. I want all of my students to know they mattered, and will always matter."

While Hall's comments originated on a post made by Wolhart, the Facebook post sparking the outcry and calls for Hall's firing was made by someone else, who witnessed the exchange on Wolhart's post.

"The views she expressed on social media earlier this week are contrary to our District's mission to 'ensure all students achieve their individual potential by providing the highest-quality programs and resources to prepare learners for an ever-changing global society,'" Brainerd Public Schools Superintendent Laine Larson said in a statement.

A group of community members who planned a rally Thursday evening to advocate for Hall's firing still rallied, but instead it was a rally of support for the school district.

Families gathered at Sixth and Washington streets to thank the district for its swift action on the issue. Freedom and Shannon Porter were among them.

"We had people ready to show up to terminate the teacher, but we also wanted the spotlight the positive from the district - they took action and they listened to the parents," Freedom Porter said. "People are quick to show the negative stuff. We just wanted to say we appreciate it, publicly, not just on Facebook. I'm sure they don't hear it a lot."

"It was a tough position (for the district)," Shannon Porter said. "They investigated, they took swift action, and because of that all the parties involved made the right decision. So we just want to say thank you to the district and the community, everybody who spoke out, wrote letters, sent Facebook messages."

Both Porters said they weren't aware of other instances of discrimination in the district - instead, they said the district proactively honored their Ojibwe heritage - but they noted their perspective is limited and they can only speak for what they've learned from Baxter Elementary School.

Kaari Weyaus, a Brainerd mother of seven, said her children could vouch for multiple occasions of outright discrimination in their schools. Two of them joined her on Washington Street, while another two stayed home for fear they might draw attention to themselves from teachers.

"Hopefully we can get that on the agenda with friends and neighbors who have seen racism or experienced that racism themselves, so we can compile that data on the local level," Weyaus said. "I applaud their swift action. We thought about canceling today, but I think if we're going to be against the district, we need to applaud them when they did what they needed to do."

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some surprising perspectives, Freedom Porter said, who pointed to interactions with a fellow parent who said they couldn't support Hall's resignation - not because they agreed with her statements, he said, but because Hall enjoyed a special and nurturing relationship with their autistic child. It highlighted just how sad the incident was all around, he said.

"I'm sure this teacher, like all teachers, has touched hundreds of lives, but it's just an unfortunate situation," Freedom Porter said. "After serving for 20 years in education, I can't help but feel bad it ended this way, despite what she said. Racism is tough. People just don't think about it. To have an educator, somebody who influences kids' minds, that's something we can't have."

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Did George Floyd memorial service violate Minnesota's coronavirus order?

ARTICLE CCCXLV. [**DID GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SERVICE VIOLATE MINNESOTA'S CORONAVIRUS ORDER?**](#)

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There were too many people seated too closely to comply with the order; and the order has "strong" recommendations to not have congregational singing, which Thursday's service did. The order also calls for no more than 250 people to attend such an event; some 500 were in attendance Thursday, the Associated Press reported.

The memorial and celebration of life to Floyd, an unarmed black man who died at the hands of Minneapolis police officers, was a key moment for a community and nation reeling from its second week of mass protests. Nonetheless, state and federal health officials - and Walz himself, who attended Thursday's event - have consistently and steadfastly pointed to precisely such services as risky events that could endanger public health in a pandemic.

In response to a Pioneer Press request for comment Thursday, a Walz spokesman said: "*George Floyd*'s family personally invited the governor and First Lady (Gwen Walz) to his funeral, and they were humbled to accept."

On Friday, however, after this story was first published, Walz was asked about it at a news conference and added some additional thoughts.

He acknowledged the violations of the order, but sought to cast the event as having its own benefits.

"Denying that to happen as a healing on a broader, societal well-being, I don't think would have been a good decision, but we probably could have done a little better as far as social distancing," he said.

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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey also attended the service at North Central University, located in Minneapolis. Frey is ultimately charged with enforcing the order. His office had not responded to a Thursday request for comment as of Friday evening.

SOME PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

To be clear, a number of precautions were taken, and organizers worked with the city and state to attempt to minimize risks.

Social distancing was maintained in many areas; all in attendance were required to wear masks or face coverings; and everyone who entered the building was subject to a health screening that included having their temperature checked and being questioned about symptoms.

One insidious aspect of the virus is that people with no symptoms can be infected and spread it unknowingly. In fact, [*Floyd himself was an asymptomatic carrier of the coronavirus*](#), according to an autopsy report released Wednesday.

Under Walz's order and state guidelines, indoor services are supposed to follow a number of protocols to reduce chances of spreading the virus.

WHAT RULES MAY HAVE BEEN BROKEN?

Crowd size: "In indoor settings, occupancy must not exceed 25% of total capacity, with a maximum of 250 people in a single self-contained space." The space had a capacity of 1,000 and some 500 attended. Walz himself has said he felt 250 was too large a number. "To be candid, that 250 number terrifies me," Walz said May 27, when he announced the current restrictions. At the time, the guidelines were loosening from a strict limit of 10 people for any religious gathering, indoors or out, under pressure from President Donald Trump.

Social distancing: "Occupancy must be reduced to accommodate for the required social distancing of at least six feet between people who do not live in the same household." While organizers urged those attending to sit "in every other seat," that's not six feet, and several rows featured people seated in every seat.

Singing: "Congregations should refrain from singing. Congregations are strongly encouraged to offer pre-recorded music or only one cantor singing at a distance of at least 12 feet from anyone else during the service, while wearing a face mask." Thursday's memorial featured congregational singing led by a handful of maskless singers standing next to each other. Singing has been [*singled out by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*](#) as a possible way for infected droplets to be expelled far away from the singer's mouth.

On Friday, Walz [*loosened a host of coronavirus rules*](#), but the absolute limit of 250 people in any one space, indoors or out, did not change. Nor did any guidance on social distancing or singing.

On Thursday evening, the governor's nightly public safety communication - a regular notice since Floyd's death prompted widespread protests, some of which have featured rioting - included the following statement: "The Department of Health continues to recommend that any Minnesotan who has attended a protest, vigil, or community clean-up get tested for COVID-19."

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A separate request for comment from the Minnesota Department of Health was not answered Thursday evening.

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Testimony: Shooter used racist slur as Arbery lay dying

ARTICLE CCCXLVI. [**TESTIMONY: SHOOTER USED RACIST SLUR AS ARBERY LAY DYING**](#)

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BRUNSWICK, Ga. - A state investigator testified Thursday that a white man was heard saying a racist slur as he stood over Ahmaud Arbery's body, moments after fatally shooting the black man with a pump-action shotgun.

The inflammatory revelation came amid a week of angry nationwide protests over law enforcement biases against black victims that erupted after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

In a hearing to determine whether there was enough evidence to proceed with a murder trial, the lead Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent in the case testified that Travis and Greg McMichael and a third man in another pickup, William "Roddie" Bryan, used their trucks to chase down and box in Arbery, who repeatedly reversed directions and ran into a ditch while trying to escape.

Travis McMichael then got out of his truck and confronted Arbery, later telling police he shot him in self-defense after Arbery refused his order to get on the ground, GBI agent Richard Dial said. He said a close examination of the video of the shooting shows the first shot was to Arbery's chest, the second was to his hand, and the third hit his chest again before he collapsed in the road in a subdivision in the port town of Brunswick.

"Mr. Bryan said that after the shooting took place before police arrival, while Mr. Arbery was on the ground, that he heard Travis McMichael make the statement, 'f - - - ing n - - - er,'" Dial said.

Bryan gave investigators the information roughly a week after the McMichaels' arrest, but there's no indication he told Glynn County investigators before that, Dial added.

Lee Merritt, an attorney for Arbery's family, told reporters outside the courthouse that prosecutors had warned the family before the hearing of the coming testimony about the slur.

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"It was still very difficult to hear in the context of a prolonged chase, that after he murdered Ahmaud Arbery and stood over his body, he used that racial epithet," Merritt said. The lawyer said Thursday's testimony revealed that "racism was at the heart" of Arbery's slaying.

Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones called the release of new details in court "very, very heartbreaking."

"He was afraid," Cooper-Jones said of her slain son. "Life had placed him in a position where I couldn't protect him, and he wasn't able to protect himself."

At the conclusion of the probable cause hearing Thursday, Magistrate Court Judge Wallace Harrell found that there was enough evidence for the cases against all three defendants to proceed.

"Ahmaud Arbery was chased, hunted down and ultimately executed at the hands of these men," prosecutor Jesse Evans told the judge. "He was on a run on a public road in a public subdivision. He was defenseless and unarmed."

Under questioning by Jason Sheffield, an attorney for Travis McMichael, Dial said Travis told police he raised his shotgun at Arbery from roughly 90 feet (27 meters) away and told him to stop and get on the ground.

That's when Arbery ran around the passenger side of Travis' truck, and the two men met in front of it.

Dial said Travis told police Arbery "squared up" like he was going to attack.

"There's a statement that he might have had his hand on his shirt," Dial said. "Travis McMichael said his adrenaline was pumping and it all happened very quickly."

He said Travis then fired the first shot into Arbery's chest.

Sheffield argued that the pursuit began with a legitimate concern about past crimes in the neighborhood that escalated right before the shooting.

"Travis McMichael used self-defense when he was attacked by Mr. Arbery," Sheffield said.

"I don't think it was self-defense by Mr. McMichael," Dial said. "I believe it was self-defense by Mr. Arbery."

The testimony presented Thursday raises questions about the idea that the McMichaels and Bryan were legitimately carrying out a citizens' arrest of a suspected burglar. It also could factor into a federal investigation into whether hate crime charges are warranted.

Dial testified that Greg McMichael told police that "he didn't know if Mr. Arbery had stolen anything or not, but he had a gut feeling" that Arbery had committed prior break-ins in the neighborhood.

The investigator testified that police body camera footage showed a Confederate flag sticker on a toolbox in Travis' truck and that investigators discovered at least two more racial slurs in messages on his phone.

In response to questioning from Bryan's attorney Kevin Gough, Dial testified that he believes Bryan joined the chase because he saw a black man running down the street with a truck following and drew conclusions based on racial bias. There's evidence of Bryan's "racist attitudes in his communications," Dial said, referring to comments found on his cellphone.

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The investigator added that several residents of the subdivision where Arbery was killed told investigators they had seen him running in the neighborhood previously.

Dial said the three defendants are the only known witnesses to the shooting and investigators have found no other video of Arbery's final moments other than what Bryan recorded.

Arbery was killed Feb. 23 after Travis McMichael, 34, and his father, Greg McMichael, 64, gave chase when they spotted the 25-year-old black man running in their neighborhood. Bryan said he saw them driving by and joined the chase, Dial said. It wasn't until May 7 - two days after Bryan's cellphone video leaked online and stirred a national outcry - that the defendants were charged.

The McMichaels both wore masks as they sat side-by-side watching the hearing onscreen at the Glynn County jail. The judge rejected defense motions to have them brought to the courtroom, citing emergency precautions because of the coronavirus pandemic. Bryan waived his presence at the hearing. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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The show will go on for Minnesota Fringe Festival, which is digital this year but will take place when it was originally scheduled, July 30-Aug. 9. There will be two ways for audiences to participate. Each night will feature one or two live performances online, hosted by artists on their streaming platforms of choice. Those performances are free. The Fringe also is raising \$100,000 for the 2021 festival and has set up a digital hub that will require the \$5 purchase of a Fringe Button, plus ticket charges as determined by artists. Digital hub patrons can access an unlimited number of shows, both live and recorded. Through June 15, the festival also is accepting applications from shows and performers. For those who can't wait, the Fringe is connecting audiences to online programming from the sort of artists they might expect to see at the festival. "Which Middle Name of Philip Seymour Hoffman Are You," an award winner at last year's event, will be presented free, June 5 and 12. You can register for that live, Zoomed performance by Jake Mierva and Danylo Loutchko at allegedtheatre.com. Performances by Sheep Theater, Sam Landman and other artists are currently available at their sites, as well.

CHRIS HEWITT

A song for our moment

One of the Twin Cities' most buzzed-about young hip-hop artists, Dua Saleh, has issued one of the first singles in reaction to the George Floyd tragedy. Titled "body cast," the haunting new track addresses police brutality. Downloads of the song via Bandcamp and streaming revenue will benefit the Minneapolis-based justice organization Black Visions Collective. Recorded with omnipresent Minnesota producer Psymun, the track was posted Monday along with a lyric video featuring the names of unarmed African-Americans killed by police. In a statement, Saleh said the song was recorded last year and is now being released to "demand justice for the family of George Floyd and countless others who have had their lives stolen by the police. [I] intended to save it for a project in the future, but I can't wait that long with what is happening in my city." Several national media outlets have picked up on the song, including Rolling Stone, which interviewed Saleh last week among other black musicians in Minnesota. "The last few days have been full

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of emotional anguish, triggers, and mobilization efforts," Saleh told Rolling Stone. "The community is grieving." Saleh is readying a new EP, "Rosetta," for release in the coming weeks.

CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER

Floyd's own hip-hop history

Floyd was a familiar face on the Twin Cities' hip-hop and Latinx music scene as a security staffer at Conga Latin Bistro. "He was family. His co-workers and friends loved him," said the restaurant/dance club's owner, Jovanni Thunstrom. "Thanks for treating us like royalty," said rapper Maria Isa, calling him "a gentle precious funny giant." Less well known was his history as an early member of legendary Houston hip-hop innovator DJ Screw's crew. A recording of him freestyling over a typically sludgy Screw groove - under the MC name Big Floyd - has circulated on social media, titled "Sittin' on Top of the World." DJ Screw, who died in 2000, pioneered the so-called chopped-and-screwed technique and is widely considered one of the most influential producers and mixmasters in hip-hop.C.R.

Nick Cannon at 38th and Chicago

Some big names have come to Minneapolis in the aftermath of Floyd's death. You might have seen Jamie Foxx, Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton or ex-NBA player Stephen Jackson at rallies. But Nick Cannon, best known as the host of Fox's "The Masked Singer," showed up in Minneapolis last Friday not to speak but to educate himself, he said in a first-person account for the trade publication Variety.com. "I needed to be right there on 38th Street and Chicago where *George Floyd*'s life was tragically stolen from him. I needed to see the people in that community - how much love they had for their community and their people and how much pain this has caused."

JON BREAM

Carlile's birthday celebration

Twin Cities fans have seen Brandi Carlile perform four times in the past eight months, but they got another chance last week when she celebrated her 39th birthday with a livestreamed concert, playing her Grammy-winning album "By the Way, I Forgive" in its entirety. This promises to be the first in a series of full-album concerts, done in reverse chronological order. Next up: 2015's "The Firewatcher's Daughter," June 14 at 8 p.m. Twin Cities time, at brandicarlile.veeps.com. It's a ticketed event - \$10 minimum - with all proceeds going to the singer's band and crew. "We're continuing to pay salaries and to pay everybody," said Carlile, "so I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support."J.B.

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Minnesota athletes and coaches combine to help the community, and perhaps spark change

ARTICLE CCCXLVIII. [MINNESOTA ATHLETES AND COACHES COMBINE TO HELP THE COMMUNITY, AND PERHAPS SPARK CHANGE](#)

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Highlight: Kyle Rudolph was looking for something, anything, to do to help the community that has embraced him during his nine-year career with the Vikings. The tight end wanted to clean up buildings, pick up pieces, spread positivity, whatever possible to provide support where needed. "We weren't fast enough," he said. "Everything was already done, (already) [...]"

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"We weren't fast enough," he said. "Everything was already done, (already) in the process of being put back together."

So he had to come up with something on his own. That's how Friday's athlete-driven charity event was born. Athletes from across the city - from the Vikings to the Timberwolves to the Gophers - flocked to south Minneapolis to distribute supplies at the #United4ChangeMN event in a Cub Foods parking lot.

"A lot of us are out here in the middle of the day, having fun and putting a smile on people's faces," Timberwolves guard Malik Beasley said. "That's just important, that's what it takes to make a change."

The location was purposeful. The Cub Foods, along with the adjacent Target, were looted and destroyed last week in the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death at the hands of Minneapolis Police officers. Both businesses are currently closed. That takes away two primary resources for food and essentials for members of the community.

"Obviously they can't go in there and get what they need," Rudolph said.

So the grassroots effort, headed by Rudolph, Justin Hall and others, brought the supplies to the people. Donations for the drive poured in during the week. Cub was mentioned as a donor, as well. Timberwolves guard Josh Okogie had his chef grill out to supply lunch for volunteers and anyone picking up supplies. There were toys on hand for kids to take home.

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"We came out here today to support the community," Vikings defensive end Danielle Hunter said. "It's a hard time right now, because of everything they need in this neighborhood ... so we came together, donated some things and gave it to the people that needed it the most."

Hall said it took about 48 hours to aggregate supplies, but the rest of the event was put together in a day. No one needed to be asked twice to contribute. Okogie had been looking for ways to help to the community when Rudolph reached out.

"And I was like, 'Man, I'm 10 toes down, thanks for incorporating me,' " Okogie said. "We were able to pull this off."

Throughout the day, Rudolph said there was a steady line of 50 to 100 people in line to get supplies, and he still estimated there would be supplies left over. Athletes were running around to tend to different needs, or handing out goods to those in attendance. Gophers football coach P.J. Fleck never stopped for more than a few seconds at a time as he ran bags to and from people's cars. A number of volunteers were sporting shirts that stated "Change starts with me."

"This is a fair representation of what Minnesota is like - people helping out those in need," Okogie said.

The entire event provided a ray of hope, as people were getting what they needed, and also enjoying themselves. Kids were dancing to the music playing through speakers and enjoying themselves. An area that was a source of devastation a week ago was now providing positivity. Hall was more than happy to have the event turn into a block party of sorts.

"This is like a great thing," Okogie said. "If you look around it, it's destruction. But if you start here, and we begin to grow out, hopefully everywhere outside (starts to) look like the love that's going on right here."

Hall made a point to note this would not be a one-and-done event. He has bigger outreach efforts in the works. Timberwolves coach Ryan Saunders noted change in society not only needs to start but be sustained. Hunter said athletes need to play a big part in that, inspiring change through actions off the field or court, just as they do on them.

"The events that happened in the past week, it's very unfortunate, and it's unacceptable, but we have to start making a change one neighborhood at a time," Okogie said. "We have to celebrate the life of George Floyd; we can't let him die in vain. Stuff like this has to continue."

Rudolph was one of many Vikings players to attend George Floyd's Memorial on Thursday. He recalled something Rev. Al Sharpton said during the service - that Sharpton thinks this moment in history may be different.

"I think this event is a perfect example of how times are different," Rudolph said. "You see people out here from all walks of life that want things to change."

Rudolph stopped to look around at the kids dancing and playing.

"I hope these kids will live in a world where we're not dealing with this," he said, "and that starts with us changing things now."

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Graphic

Gophers football senior receiver Seth Green hands out diapers to a community member in need during a #United4ChangeMN distribution event in the Cub Foods parking lot in Minneapolis on Friday, June 5, 2020. (Jace Frederick / Pioneer Press)

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ARTICLE CCCXLIX. [ZONE COVERAGE](#)

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When WCCO's Mike Max crawled into bed at 3 a.m. the other night, after hours of covering the [George Floyd](#) protests, his wife tried to lighten the mood.

"I hope you don't have tear gas in your hair," she said. "I don't want to wake up coughing."

Not that the station's sports anchor is getting much sleep these days.

"Your adrenaline just spikes," Max said Tuesday while heading to report on a silent protest in St. Paul. "It takes a long time to come down from that."

Dozens of local and national journalists can relate. But Max has found himself getting more attention than his peers, proving that a guy known almost exclusively for covering athletes can handle a major league crisis as well as any hard-news reporter. Maybe even better.

At one point last weekend, he was the No. 1 topic on local Twitter feeds. Almost every post sang his praises.

"We've now elevated @WCCO's Mike Max to Legendary War Correspondent in our household," wrote one fan. "He needs a scooter and a 'CCO cape."

Even competitors have been impressed.

"Mike Max needs to win an Emmy for his protest reporting!" tweeted Cathy Wurzer, who hosts MPR's "Morning Edition" and TPT's "Almanac."

One colleague who isn't surprised by the seamless transition is Frank Vascellaro.

"He knows how to deal with people under a lot of emotional stress," said the WCCO news anchor, who hosts a high school sports show with Max most Fridays. "It's not easy to talk to people who have just lost

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the biggest game of their lives and do it with grace, charm and humor. He can talk to anybody about anything. That's a great personality to have out on the streets."

Vascellaro also believes his friend's experience working on deadline has benefited him in covering a story that's constantly in motion.

"The timeline pressure of turning sports stories is much greater than when you're turning a news story," he said. "You're often interviewing a guy when the game ends at 9:50 and have to get the story on the air at 10:05."

Max is quick to dispel notions that there is a

big gap between covering a playoff game and unrest in the streets.

"In an emergency, what's the difference between me or any other reporter?" said Max, struggling to figure out the volume control on the new phone he purchased during a rare hour off. "None of us know what's happening. We're all in the same boat. It's not that much different from sports. You think you know the story in the first quarter. It changes in the second quarter, and then in the third. The way you process is similar."

Almost immediately after *George Floyd's* death on May 25, Max started discussing law enforcement and race relations as part of his WCCO radio show, "Sports to the Max," but strictly through the lens of athletes participating in rallies.

Last Friday, word got to the WCCO-TV newsroom that protesters were starting to shut down the Hennepin Avenue Bridge. Max stood up and volunteered his services.

News director Kari Patey quickly accepted the offer.

"We sent him out because good reporters are good reporters," said Patey, who also notes that sports reporter Norman Seawright has been a valuable asset this past week. "This was an all-hands-on-deck situation, and Mike has an innate ability to tell stories through people's experiences."

That's especially true when it comes to covering Minnesotans.

Max, who was born in Gaylord, Minn., played baseball and basketball while attending Hamline University. He has spent his entire professional career working in the Twin Cities.

His knowledge of the area has come in handy, whether he's explaining how protesters were getting surrounded by police near Bobby & Steve's Auto World or offering detailed commentary while driving down Lake Street as locals protected storefronts.

He learned from Star Tribune sports columnist Sid Hartman how to build a vast network of contacts that he could trust and would trust him in return. From former WCCO anchor Don Shelby, he learned the importance of taking people aside and developing a rapport that would put them at ease before going on camera. Both of those lessons have come in handy.

"I can't begin to tell you how many people I've run into in the midst of all this that I have some background with, like covering them when they were in high school," said Max, who was promoted to sports director early last year following Mark Rosen's retirement. "I've taken some criticism for not wearing a mask, but

Zone coverage

that's strategic. If they recognize me, it's almost like comfort food. Everyone wants to talk sports. It's easy to strike up a conversation."

Max's folksy approach is just one reason WCCO has been the breaking-news leader in local ratings this past week.

"Mike's got incredible heart and sees people for who they are, just like all of my news reporters," Patey said. "It's no surprise he was able to capture humanity on some of our darkest nights."

Max's secret weapon? A constant consumption of coffee, preferably half-caff. His only complaint this past week is that with so many businesses closed at night, it's been hard to fill his cup.

"He should be a spokesperson for Caribou Coffee," Vascellaro said. "This dude has more energy than the Energizer Bunny. I've never, ever seen him fatigued."

As much as Max has enjoyed working on the news side, he's not thinking about a career change.

"I want to go back to sports," he said. "But I love the fact that the newsroom now knows that if they need me for anything else, they can call on me."

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38th and Chicago remains closed for Floyd memorial

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Highlight: Some south Minneapolis buses will be on detour.

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The intersection of E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis remains closed to allow mourners to continue to gather at the memorial for ***George Floyd***, the black man who died while being restrained by white police officers on May 25.

The Pan African Rally for ***George Floyd*** will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the intersection. Drivers should know that related memorial events may temporarily take over streets in other parts of the city and across the metro area.

Transit service is back and continues to operate on reduced schedules because of COVID-19 precautions. A number of Metro Transit routes operating in south Minneapolis are being detoured as the cleanup from last weekend's riots continues.

Here is a roundup of this weekend's larger road construction projects:

Minneapolis

1. Interstate 35W: Ramps from northbound I-35W to 5th Avenue S., and from 4th Avenue S. to southbound I-35W, closed until July 31.
2. Hennepin Avenue: Lane reductions and full closure on some blocks between 12th Street and Washington Avenue.
3. 10th Avenue Bridge: Closed through midsummer 2021 between 10th Avenue on the east side of the Mississippi River and 19th Avenue S. on the west side.
4. 3rd Avenue Bridge: Reduced to one traffic lane in each direction over the Mississippi River.

East metro

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5. Interstates 694/494, Woodbury: Ramps from eastbound Interstate 94 to northbound I-694 and northbound I-494 to westbound I-94 closed until July 24.

6. Hwy. 95, Denmark Township: Closed between 70th Street and Hwys. 61 and 10 until Aug. 28.

North metro

7. I-694 at Rice Street, Shoreview: Both directions reduced to one lane, 9 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Saturday.

8. County Road 81/Bottineau Boulevard, Brooklyn Park: Closed between 79th Avenue and W. Broadway.

South metro

9. Hwy. 5, Bloomington and St. Paul: Eastbound lanes closed between I-494 and Davern Street; ramps from both directions of Hwys. 62 and 55 to eastbound Hwy. 5 closed through mid-July.

10. I-494, Bloomington: Both directions will have overnight lane closures between Cedar Avenue and Hwy. 100 through Aug. 31.

11. I-35W, Richfield: Reduced to two lanes between 76th and 86th streets until Aug. 31; ramp from southbound I-35W to westbound I-494 closed until Sept. 1.

12. I-35W, Bloomington and Burnsville: Lane closures between 106th Street and Cliff Road from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. For southbound drivers, the right lane provides access to Cliff Road, while the left lanes are reserved for drivers continuing through the construction zone into Burnsville.

13. Hwy. 13, Prior Lake: Intersection of Hwy. 13 and County Road 21 closed through July 22.

West metro

14. Hwy. 169, Jackson Township: Reduced to one lane between 133rd Street and Old Brick Yard Road through mid-August.

15. Hwy. 41, Chaska and Chanhassen: Closed between Peavey Road and W. 82nd Street until July 13.

16. Hwy. 101, Chanhassen: Closed between Flying Cloud Drive and Lakota Lane.

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Maplewood police: Theft suspect dies after telling officers he took drugs

ARTICLE CCCLI. [**MAPLEWOOD POLICE: THEFT SUSPECT DIES AFTER TELLING OFFICERS HE TOOK DRUGS**](#)

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Highlight: The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the death of a man arrested on suspicion of theft who began having medical problems while in in the back of a Maplewood squad car and later died. A press release on Twitter said that no "physical struggle" ensued between the suspect and the police and that [...]

Body

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the death of a man arrested on suspicion of theft who began having medical problems while in in the back of a Maplewood squad car and later died.

A [press release on Twitter](#) said that no "physical struggle" ensued between the suspect and the police and that body cameras were on during the incident.

According to the release, about 5:35 a.m. Maplewood police officers stopped and arrested a man near White Bear Avenue and Lydia Avenue on suspicion of stealing propane tanks from a gas station.

They handcuffed him and put him in the back of a squad car. He began having "medical issues" and told officers he had "ingested some drugs."

Paramedics arrived and began treating the man but his condition worsened. He was taken to St. John's Hospital in Maplewood where he was pronounced dead a short while later, according to the BCA release.

The BCA is investigating the death because it occurred while the man was in police custody.

No further information about the man was available Friday night.

The Ramsey County medical examiner's office will release more information about the man's identity and cause of death. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#) [19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest](#) [Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots](#) [23-year-old arrested in fatal shooting of man, 65, in Shakopee](#)

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New March on Washington announced as George Floyd is eulogized in Mpls.

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Body

A new March on Washington was announced Thursday from the Minneapolis sanctuary where **George Floyd** was eulogized.

The Rev. Al Sharpton said the date for the mass gathering will be Aug. 28, the 57th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech" that further energized the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Sharpton made the announcement before King's eldest son, Martin Luther King III, and others assembled at the downtown campus of North Central University for the first of three services memorializing Floyd, the black man who was pinned under the knee of a white police officer on May 25 and died that night.

"We're going back to Washington, Martin," Sharpton said during his eulogy for Floyd. "That's where your father stood in the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial and said 'I have a dream.'"

The civil rights leader from New York said it's time "to restore and recommit that dream to stand up, because just like at one era we had to fight slavery, another era we had to fight Jim Crow, another era we dealt with voting rights. This is the era to deal with policing and criminal justice.

"We need to go back to Washington and stand up - black, white, Latino, Arab - in the shadows of Lincoln and tell them this is the time to stop this."

PAUL WALSH

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Roundtable on race, policing envisions roadmap for reform

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It wasn't long after [George Floyd](#) was honored in a stirring service beamed around the country that work resumed for both politicians and community members geared toward a goal of racial justice.

Reforms were the topic at a closed roundtable on police brutality just a few blocks west of 38th and Chicago late Thursday afternoon. Gov. Tim Walz, U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, Mayor Jacob Frey and others listened to citizen concerns.

Walz said the meeting, which was closed to the press, was full of "raw emotion" and an overwhelming desire to seize the moment for changes to policing methods and oversight.

Minnesota lawmakers are set to convene a previously scheduled special session at the end of next week.

"To think that all this momentum is going to stop in a legislative session, that is absolutely ludicrous," Walz said.

Walz cited bail reform as one area where he sees the potential for bipartisan collaboration.

Omar also joined in the roundtable at Sabathani Community Center. The Minneapolis Democrat, joined by fellow U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, enumerated federal legislation they will push: an independent agency to investigate police-involved killings and excessive use of force, and emergency funds to help rebuild neighborhoods where properties were set ablaze or looted.

Frey said a road map for reform is taking shape but that the Minneapolis police union's contract is likely to be the stumbling block. City Council Member Jeremiah Ellison said the city needs to "dramatically reimagine" how it keeps residents safe and consider "if policing is needed at all."

While Minneapolis streets have largely been calm in recent nights, protests around the country in response to Floyd's death have continued to roil some cities. That includes in Fargo, N.D., where there has been violence amid protesting that prompted a National Guard deployment in that state.

Roundtable on race, policing envisions roadmap for reform

Walz ordered Minnesota National Guard troops to Moorhead and surrounding communities late Wednesday out of concern for potential unrest in the Fargo-Moorhead area. There is a demonstration planned for Friday afternoon in Fargo's Island Park, which organizers have pledged will be nonviolent.

Neighbors grilled food, vendors handed out canned goods and fruit, and a mood of calm prevailed at the south Minneapolis memorial for *George Floyd* into Thursday evening.

Many in the crowd were pleased that all four officers involved in Floyd's May 25 death outside the Cup Foods at East 38th Street and Chicago Avenue are now all arrested and charged. After harrowing days of demonstrations and outbreaks of violence, there was pride in a community that banded together.

"All I can do at this moment is hope and pray and have faith that all this is going to work out," said Latoya Showers, who'd set up a stand nearby to hand out hygiene products.

"This is so beautiful," Showers said of the scene unfolding at the memorial for Floyd, which saw a visit by some of his family members and prominent mourners including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, following his afternoon memorial service in downtown Minneapolis.

Showers she said she would be holding her breath as the prosecution of the officers gets underway.

Janice Douglas said for her, true justice would go far beyond the potential conviction of the officers. She wants to see deep reforms to American policing and immediate policy changes, she said.

"I've been angry. I've been hurt," said Douglas, 59. "But I feel like we're going forward with making things better."

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'We couldn't breathe'

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In an emotional and historically significant memorial service in Minneapolis on Thursday, ***George Floyd*** was remembered as a loving person who took care of others and generously dispensed caring hugs.

Civil rights icons, elected officials, pro athletes and other celebrities were among those who joined family members to celebrate Floyd's life and grieve for him. The private memorial was held on the campus of North Central University, located about 3 miles from the intersection where the unarmed, handcuffed Floyd died in police custody on Memorial Day.

The soft background music belied the intensity of the feelings expressed. Mourners closed the service by standing in silence and prayer for eight minutes and 46 seconds - the same amount of time that Floyd, 46, was pinned to the ground by police. The death of the African-American man ignited demonstrations around the nation and the world.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, longtime civil rights activist and MSNBC host, delivered a powerful eulogy that used what happened to Floyd as a metaphor for conditions faced by African-Americans: "What happened to Floyd happened every day. ... We were like George, we couldn't breathe." Sharpton said that neither he nor the Floyd family condone looting or violence. But he added that there is a difference between those "calling for peace and those calling for quiet. You just want us to shut up and suffer in silence."

"We have to stand up in George's name and say, 'Get your knee off our necks,' " Sharpton said. "This is the time for dealing with accountability in the criminal justice system."

Floyd family attorney Benjamin Crump said the "pandemic of racism and discrimination killed ***George Floyd***" and that his death is the moment that gives the "best opportunity in a long time" to reach the ideals on which America was founded.

In that spirit, early in the service North Central President Scott Hagan announced that the Christian school would start a scholarship in Floyd's name dedicated to inspiring young black leaders. He challenged other colleges to do the same.

Thursday's memorial can serve as a healing moment for Minnesota and the rest of a shocked and angry nation, but only if justice and systemic change come next. There's no more time to waste.

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critics' picks

The Steeles

Now: On Thursday last week, Jearlyn Steele called Dakota proprietor Lowell Pickett, saying the Steeles needed to sing. So in response to what was happening in the Twin Cities in the wake of [George Floyd](#)'s death, the Steeles gave an impromptu, livestreamed two-hour concert for healing on Saturday in Jevetta Steele's front yard. Captured by three cameras with good-quality audio, the Steele siblings purged pain, soothed souls and raised spirits with soul classics, pop prayers, Steele originals, solace-seeking sermons and a liberating, exhilarating "Wang Dang Doodle." Included were guest appearances by Patty Peterson, Sara Groves, Amondo Dickerson and others as well as a first-rate band. The unrehearsed, overwhelmingly emotional performance is exactly what Minnesota needs right now. It is archived on the Dakota's Facebook page.

JON BREAM

ComedySportz Twin Cities vs. ComedySportz Seattle

Saturday: Minnesota has shown dramatic signs of opening up recently, but for the entertainment world, including music, theater and comedy, things are still very much happening virtually only. ComedySportz Twin Cities brings its competitive brand of laughs, with opposing teams wearing red and blue, to the comfort of your living room as they face off against ComedySportz Seattle. Audience members can join the chat to offer suggestions in this streaming, pay-what-you-can show for all ages. (7:30 p.m. Sat., sliding scale, csztwincities.com.)

SHEILA REGAN

Blues Fest Live

Mondays: Since their big, groovy get-together in July was canceled, organizers of the Lowertown Blues & Funk Fest are livestreaming virtual performances via Crowdcast each week with some of the acts that were

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due to play. This week features Joyann Parker and her guitarist Mark Lamoine, who showed off their classic, soulful and semi-twangy blues power last week at the Crooners drive-in concert series and have been playing their own requests gig at home every Wednesday. This month's other players in the Lowertown series are Hamilton Loomis on June 15, Mark Cameron on June 22 and Big George Jackson on June 29. (7 p.m. Mon., crowdcast.io/lowertownfest; and 7 p.m. Wed., Facebook and Instagram.)

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Her community reeling, a young Minneapolis entrepreneur presses on

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With her neighborhood still reeling from the police killing of *George Floyd* and the unrest that followed, one young, black South Minneapolis entrepreneur continues to work toward her goal of opening a brick-and-mortar shop for her cold-pressed juice business.

Catiesha Pierson, 30, is attempting to raise \$70,000 to open The Dripping Root, a business that got its start as a delivery service run out of her home about two-and-a-half years ago and gained a following through social media. Pierson signed a lease in March for a storefront on the 4000 block of Minnehaha Avenue, a space that's about three blocks south of her home and about a mile-and-a-half south of the Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue intersection that became a focal point for protests in the days following Floyd's death.

"It just makes me want to build it even more. It's tragic what happened," said Pierson, who as of midday Thursday had raised over \$10,000 toward her goal through an online Go Fund Me campaign. "... My business, as a black woman, needs to be there."

Her community reeling, a young Minneapolis entrepreneur presses on

She aims to open the store in July on a block that's already home to Dumpling, a 4-year-old pan-Asian restaurant now temporarily closed by the pandemic. In addition to cold-pressed juices and ginger shots, Pierson will serve smoothie bowls and plans to expand the menu with tea and tap kombucha and other items in the future.

Pierson said she intended to open the store without even taking out a loan, relying instead on financial support from family members. When that plan fell through, she decided to ask for help.

However, it's not an easy time to put out that call, Pierson acknowledged. Established businesses were already seeking support to keep the lights on during the Covid-19 pandemic. Then the furious response to Floyd's killing damaged or destroyed dozens of independent businesses on and near Lake Street.

"For my business to be in that same community, blocks away, for it to still be standing, I'm so blessed, so thankful," Pierson said.

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Indoor dining returns next week for Minnesota's bars and restaurants. Not everyone is ready.

ARTICLE CCCLVII. **INDOOR DINING RETURNS NEXT WEEK FOR MINNESOTA'S BARS
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Minnesota's bars and restaurants can reopen their dining rooms next Wednesday for the first time since a pandemic shutdown took hold March 17.

Gov. Tim Walz announced today that dining rooms will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity, up to 250 people. The state will also allow patios to open for up to 250 people, when they'd previously been limited to 50.

Restaurants have to maintain 6 feet between parties, per social distancing guidelines, and employees must wear masks. Anyone heading out to eat must still have a reservation.

It's the latest loosening of the restrictions imposed almost 12 weeks ago to slow the spread of Covid-19, following the limited reopening of patios on June 1.

Indoor dining returns next week for Minnesota's bars and restaurants. Not everyone is ready.

After the turbulence of the past few months, some operators plan to take a wait-and-see approach, sticking for now with the takeout programs they've honed this spring. Others are poised to welcome back guests, even though their businesses will be hampered by the revenue-limiting capacity restrictions.

"I would get catatonic if we got a 2% drop in sales. Now we're going to get 50%," said Phil Roberts, CEO of Edina-based Parasole Restaurant Holdings, Inc., who added that the company nevertheless plans to open its restaurants for both patio and indoor dining Wednesday. The pandemic struck at an especially inopportune time for Parasole, cancelling the company's sale to a private equity partnership just two weeks after the deal was announced.

While a welcome change, it's not great news, either, for the team that runs Lord Fletcher's in Spring Park on Lake Minnetonka, which does the majority of its business for the year in just June, July and August. Lord Fletcher's lakeside patio is among the Twin Cities' largest and would be far from full even at the 250-guest maximum.

"It's pretty much roughly 25% capacity for us," said Tom Emer, one of three partners in the restaurant. "It's better than what we have. Right now, I have 46 people out there and reservations are full all day. I've got 50 people coming in every hour-and-a-half."

Brent Frederick of Minneapolis-based Jester Concepts said his team spent the pandemic shutdown crafting a business plan to operate the company at just 50% revenue. With dining rooms open at half capacity and even fewer restrictions on patio dining, Frederick said he potentially could beat that figure.

"I think it's enough to get back open, get the majority of our staff hired back and get break-even while we maneuver to get our sales to 100," he said of the governor's announcement on the new guidelines.

Frederick is opening three of his restaurants for patio service today and said he thinks all four will be open for indoor dining within two weeks. Timing will depend largely on staffing, and not all of his employees are comfortable returning to work, he said.

"I have employees on the sidelines now, saying, 'We don't feel safe,'" he said. And not without good reason; as Frederick pointed out, several restaurants, including Revival and the trio of Broders restaurants in Minneapolis are among those temporarily closed after one or more staffers tested positive Covid-19

When Jester Concepts employees do return to work, they'll need to undergo training on the company's updated health and safety plan - another factor that could slow the reopening of dining rooms.

Frederick said it's essential now for restaurateurs to rebuild trust with both employees and guests. To that end, Jester Concepts plans to publish its new 22-page Covid-19 plan on its restaurants' websites.

For some restaurants, though, the governor's announcement doesn't change anything - or at least not right away.

"We aren't prepared to open," said Tracy Singleton, owner of Minneapolis' Birchwood Café. Instead, the restaurant will continue to operate the curbside carryout and delivery program it started after the pandemic shuttered dining rooms.

"We have what works for us in the capacity that we're operating right now, which is not letting any customers in," she said.

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On top of the operational and financial turmoil of the last few months - Singleton and her crew are still figuring out what the latest adjustments to the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program mean for their restaurant - she said the Birchwood team is still coming to grips with police killing of ***George Floyd*** and the community uprising that followed.

"There are bigger things happening in our country. We don't want to go back to business as usual, because there's no such thing right now," Singleton said.

The Birchwood is just over a mile from the Third Precinct building that burned May 28 and five blocks north of Lake Street, where there was widespread looting and damage to businesses over several days. Staffers have been trading off two-hour overnight watch shifts ever since someone threw a brick through the glass front door and ransacked the restaurant, making off with two empty cash drawers.

"They just threw stuff around. They just made a mess. They broke some coffee cups," she said.

Given the predictions that the protest gatherings could lead to a wave of Covid-19 infections, Singleton said she's not even sure her neighbors would be ready to enter the dining room next week.

"We're taking stock of how we are going to be in the world. Some of that's at an individual level, and some of that is at an organizational level. And we're part of a larger community," she said.

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Marchers who attacked trucker on I-35W won't be charged

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Highlight: Investigation of driver and his actions continues.

Body

State authorities are declining to charge any of the many protesters on the Interstate 35W Bridge in Minneapolis who attacked and injured a truck driver who barreled through marchers demonstrating in reaction to ***George Floyd***'s death.

The decision comes as authorities press ahead with their criminal investigation of the driver, 35-year-old Bogdan Vechirko, and also try to figure out why his route to the bridge hadn't been impeded miles earlier.

In explaining why the enraged people on the bridge will not be prosecuted, state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) spokeswoman Jill Oliveira said Wednesday that "the scope of the BCA investigation was to determine the intent of the truck driver."

And when investigators questioned Vechirko, they learned the trucker from Otsego was not interested in helping authorities build cases against those who went after him.

"The truck driver indicated to the BCA that he does not wish for charges to be filed against anyone for his injuries or damage sustained during the incident," Oliveira said.

Vechirko suffered cuts to his face, and his wife said this week that his cellphone, wallet and other items in the truck's cab were stolen. The assault stopped only after others on the bridge and police intervened.

In the meantime, investigators continue to look into the potentially deadly actions of Vechirko, who was released from jail Tuesday as the probe continues amid anger from people on the bridge and others that he has not been charged with what authorities initially alleged was assault.

"Even once he got into the crowd, instead of going down the middle, where the crowd had already cleared out, he veered left, stopped, then kept pushing through the crowd despite the people in front of him," said Rachael Wright, who, along with all the others, avoided being hit. "So maybe the first plow through wasn't enough to show intent, but the second was."

Marchers who attacked trucker on I-35W won't be charged

State Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington at first seemed to exonerate Vechirko on Monday and said he "panicked" and wasn't aiming for the protesters. But he reversed course a day later, saying, "we are certainly getting to the right charge that holds him accountable."

State officials also are trying to piece together why barricades meant to protect the thousands of marchers weren't in place in time to prevent the speeding truck and several other vehicles from coming upon the crowd massed on the bridge over the Mississippi River.

Harrington said the BCA directed the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to seal off the necessary interstate ramps by 5 p.m. to protect the marchers as they made their way from U.S. Bank Stadium to the bridge.

Vechirko was returning from a fuel delivery to a south Minneapolis gas station when he got on Interstate 94 via the Hennepin/Lyndale ramp at 5:44 p.m., that MnDOT spokesman Jeremy Loesch said was not barricaded in time to protect protesters a few miles away congregating Sunday on the I-35W Bridge. The truck would end up nearly hitting many of the marchers.

Harrington said his agency should not bear any blame for what could have been tragic circumstances.

"I don't see us as being culpable," he said. "When you suddenly have a group of people run out into traffic, how fast can you ... get the traffic stopped becomes problematic.

"We had a very quick response. Under different circumstances, I would have preferred to have had that highway shut down hours before. Then there would have been little to no chance that [truck being on the bridge] would have happened."

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Moore says roots of injustice show in policing

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Highlight: The Lynx star also said minorities know a different America than Drew Brees does.

Body

Maya Moore has put her WNBA career with the Lynx on hold for two seasons. Her mission, in large part, was working to overturn the conviction of Jonathan Irons, whom she and others feel was wrongly convicted - and given a 50-year sentence - for burglary and assault decades ago.

In an interview with ESPN on Thursday, Moore spoke out about events around the nation since the Memorial Day death of *George Floyd* while in the custody of the Minneapolis police. She also was asked about the recent comments by New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, who said he disagreed with NFL players kneeling in protest during the national anthem before later apologizing for his remarks.

"It's been overwhelming, just like any human being, watching what's going on," Moore said.

But having battled for Irons for so long - a fight that helped lead to his conviction being overturned in March - Moore has some insight into the history going back to slavery that connects to recent protests.

"These roots, and that culture, is still in our modern day," Moore said, adding it "shows itself through policing, through prosecutorial misconduct, through numerous things that are systematically in place. Right now we're having our eyes opened to the bad news of what's going on. But also I think now people are able to have their eyes on the good news of where we can go, who we can become, now that we've actually started to acknowledge where we are."

Back in 2016, Moore - along with teammates Rebekkah Brunson, Seimone Augustus and Lindsay Whalen - had the Lynx wear T-shirts in warm-ups for a game that urged change in the wake of Philando Castile being shot during a traffic stop in Falcon Heights and, earlier, Alton Sterling having been shot by police outside a store in Baton Rouge, La., not far from where Augustus grew up.

On ESPN, Moore was asked about Brees, who in an interview Wednesday with Yahoo Finance reiterated his stance that he would never agree with anybody disrespecting the American flag.

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"The other half of what Drew, I think, was starting to see - and other people can see - is that this symbol of freedom and bravery in America means that for a portion of the population," Moore said. "There are so many - namely black and brown bodies - who have experienced a different America than what the mainstream American flag symbolizes."

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Resolve for change dominates memorial

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They came bearing flowers to consecrate the ground where *George Floyd* died last week under the knee of a police officer. But the crowd gathered around Cup Foods in south Minneapolis on Thursday wasn't looking back.

Their gaze was on an uncertain future that holds no guarantee of change.

For Jayce Morgan-Pettiford of Minneapolis, what happened to Floyd could happen to anyone. She works in mental health services and thought of her clients, who are also at risk because of a lack of understanding between law enforcement and marginalized people.

She said what's needed "is getting the government or the police department to realize that we're not going to back down. More community outreach, us being open with one another, is what is getting us and the world to see that we're not going to be silent anymore."

Morgan-Pettiford and others talked about wanting better-educated, better-trained Minneapolis police.

"Once they get more information, we'll have less deaths in our community," she said. "Ask questions first before you just draw a gun. Ask questions before you just decide you want to put your knee on someone's neck even though that's not what you're supposed to do. Know what's going on around you before you decide you're just going to end a life without any remorse."

Rashaad Dinkins attended most of the protests over the past week. He said that after the four officers in custody are prosecuted, there should be reforms inside the department. "I would personally like to see the police just start over. Get new people and new training and new ideas of diversity and inclusion and what that means, and understanding your own biases," he said. "That's really important, for the people who are supposed to protect us to understand the difference between your mind and what's actually happening."

Many people committed themselves to doing whatever they could to help with the memorial, and for the days ahead. With wholesaler support, Lexington Floral in Shoreview donated \$10,000 worth of flowers to the memorial outside of Cup Foods.

Resolve for change dominates memorial

"There's nowhere around here that's open to buy flowers. It's such an important part of grief," said owner Allie Tempelis.

St. Paul Central High School baseball coach Kevin Pitman has mostly been helping folks in the Midway community by contributing food, cleaning and passing out masks. On Thursday, he came to Floyd's memorial.

"I felt the need to come down here and see the beautiful things that are occurring, because I see them all over the place," Pitman said.

Artist Annabel Huspeni was on the scene in the hope of creating something for the Floyd family.

"I got the idea from a friend to come out here and paint live. I thought it was a good idea for healing, supporting and trying to add some positivity for the community," Huspeni said. She hoped to give the portrait of Floyd that she was working on to his family, or to Cup Foods to display.

There were tents with water and food to feed thirsty protesters and those unable to get fresh food as a result of the week's store closures. They were organized by Ira Weatherspoon and his St. Paul martial arts studio Capoeira Minnesota.

"When it comes down to it, it was necessary," Weatherspoon said. "People are in need, supply lines have been pretty cut off, so it's hard to get things over to people, especially those who are older ... or have been out of work because of the pandemic. It's our duty as a community to take care of each other. It's what we should do, always."

Eli Davis was compelled to drive from Milwaukee. When he heard about what was happening in Minneapolis, he said it just seemed unreal. Seeing the memorial in person, he was touched.

"I hope that people start to become aware of the little pieces of racism that grow into seeds from which people grow trees and hang bodies from," Davis said.

Zoey Sazama had jumped into her car too, feeling useless in Duluth. She hopes that momentum for reform will continue and grow.

"The amount of love and community in this area is amazing, and it's brought me to tears a couple of times today. I hope that this continues and spreads throughout the city and the state and the country," Sazama said.

In the coming weeks, Weatherspoon wants people to continue to look out for one another, to make sure neighbors are fed, to check on their mental health. But he also wants accountability.

"[I want] complete accountability for those who are sworn to protect and serve us. And when they fail to do their job, they should be held accountable and if necessary punished to the fullest extent of the law," Weatherspoon said. "We can't tolerate any more injustice."

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Respond strongly to China on Hong Kong

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Highlight: Beijing's regional and domestic aggression is best met through ideals, revitalized alliances.

Body

"Hide our strength, bide our time," said Deng Xiaoping, China's former leader. Xi Jinping, China's current president, seems to believe the opposite.

Shaking off his failures that let an outbreak in Wuhan become a global coronavirus pandemic, Xi is quickening the crackdown on Hong Kong by championing a new national-security law that would allow China to severely limit the freedoms of speech, press and assembly, as well as judicial independence, that were guaranteed when the United Kingdom handed Hong Kong over in 1997. The rules were part of the Basic Law, which was supposed to allow Hong Kong to retain rights under a promised "one country, two systems" rubric. But like so much under the repressive regime, that was a lie.

On May 27, the U.S. State Department informed Congress that it no longer believed that Hong Kong had significant autonomy, a designation that was reflected in President Donald Trump's decision to "begin the process" of ending portions of Hong Kong's favorable economic status with the United States.

There is justifiable bipartisan anger over China's increasingly aggressive and repressive regime. Chinese citizens aren't just threatened in Hong Kong. More than 1 million Muslims have been imprisoned in gulags - or worse - in Western China. Abroad, China's territorial claims have led to maritime provocations; it is currently skirmishing with India over a long-festering border dispute; and it continues to menace Taiwan. Meanwhile, China maintains its predatory business and trade practices.

The bellicosity abroad reflects domestic weakness, including an export economy that's ailing in the pandemic. Here in the U.S., China has become an increasingly important issue in the 2020 campaign, with both Trump and de facto Democratic nominee Joe Biden exchanging accusations about the other being "soft" on China.

The current climate is reminiscent of the run-up of the Cold War. But it would be unfortunate for the world to devolve back to that kind of conflict, especially when international cooperation is needed to tackle transnational challenges like climate change and, yes, the coronavirus.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on May 24, "It's time for the United States to give up its wishful thinking on changing China."

Respond strongly to China on Hong Kong

No, it's not. The U.S. and its allies never gave up wishful thinking on the Soviet Union. But it's important to remember what carried the West in the Cold War: ideals, international institutions and allies. All three have been eroded under Trump, including his announcement on Friday that the U.S. was withdrawing from the World Health Organization, ostensibly because of China's influence on it, which would only solidify with this decision. And through a nationalist newspaper, China called out the U.S. for its "double standards" on Hong Kong and the growing protests over George Floyd's killing. "Hong Kong's rioters and police should carefully watch how the 'democratic U.S.' deals with the chaos in Minnesota," the Global Times wrote.

Trump should continue America's historic support for human rights and democracy abroad and better reflect them at home. And more than ever, the U.S. needs allies; alienating them through moves like the WHO defunding only strengthens China's hand. Such hard issues, and not who is "soft" on China, should be the real debate this election season.

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STORES BEGIN REOPENING FOLLOWING RIOTS

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 478 words**Byline:** NICOLE NORFLEET; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Groceries and other retailers were back in business this week, though their hours vary.**Body**

Retail outlets throughout the Twin Cities have begun to slowly reopen this week after many temporarily shut their doors in the wake of violence that followed the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody.

Many stores in Minneapolis and St. Paul were damaged as rioters looted, smashed windows or painted graffiti on buildings. Others closed as a precaution.

Over recent days, customers have had to guess which stores have reopened, with many retailers choosing to limit their hours or close completely out of an abundance of caution after hundreds of businesses in Minneapolis and St. Paul were vandalized, looted or had doors and windows smashed in the chaos following Floyd's death.

Minneapolis-based Target, which has had a handful of its local stores damaged or looted in recent days, has reopened most of its stores in the Twin Cities area, including the St. Paul Midway store, and it anticipates most other stores will open in the next couple of days, a company spokesman said Thursday.

The retailer announced earlier that it had altered hours or temporarily closed more than 200 of its Target stores across the country because of the unrest. Target CEO Brian Cornell has said the retailer hopes to reopen its Lake Street store - one of

the first to be looted and damaged - before the end of the year.

Most Cub Foods also are open, although hours have been altered to meet curfews. The stores on S. 26th Avenue and W. Broadway will be closed for the foreseeable future because of heavy damage from the riots, the supermarket said.

On Thursday afternoon, many other major retail stores, grocers and pharmacies the Star Tribune called or visited in the metro area also were open - some still with windows and doors boarded up. Hours of operation varied widely and often were incorrect on company websites or Google searches.

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The Walmart in West St. Paul was busy with shoppers buying garden supplies, groceries and essentials though some of the windows were still boarded up.

At the reopened Maplewood Mall, customers waited patiently to get their eyebrows shaped in one shop, but several clothing stores and eateries remained closed.

On St. Paul's East Side, a CVS Pharmacy parking lot bustled with cars, while across Arcade Street a sign on the front door of the Walgreens said "We are CLOSED."

About 400 CVS locations across the country have been damaged over the past several days. Most have since reopened.

In the Twin Cities area, six stores remained closed as of Thursday morning, but plans were to reopen them as quickly as possible, a company spokeswoman said.

The Mall of America, which postponed its Monday opening, has yet to announce its reopening date.

Several stores in the suburbs were returning to normal hours as curfews outside Minneapolis and St. Paul were lifted. Rosedale Center reopened Tuesday.

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Strong quarter for mower sales takes edge off Toro's numbers slide

ARTICLE CCCLXIII. **[STRONG QUARTER FOR MOWER SALES TAKES EDGE OFF TORO'S NUMBERS SLIDE](#)**

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Byline: PATRICK KENNEDY; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Overall sales dipped 3.4%, driven by a decline in the professional segment.

Body

Forced to stay at home because of the coronavirus pandemic, many people turned their attention to home-and-garden projects.

That helped Toro make up some of the lost revenue in the second quarter from its larger professional segment, down nearly 9% because of COVID-19.

Overall sales for the quarter were \$929.4 million, down 3.4%, the Bloomington-based company said on Thursday. Earnings for the second quarter were \$98.4 million, or 92 cents a share, down 14.8% from the same period a year ago. Both missed analysts' estimates.

Residential sales in the second quarter increased 12.9% to \$262 million with strengths in zero-turn riding and walk-power mowers. The segment also benefited from an expanded retail network, including the recent addition of Tractor Supply Stores. The unit made \$37.1 million in the quarter, up 68.5%.

The professional segment, which produces 78% of overall sales, saw quarterly sales drop 8.6% to \$723.5 million. The segment's earnings declined nearly 30% to \$106.3 million.

Like many companies, Toro pulled its guidance for the remainder of the year, citing the uncertainties of the economy.

The company did say it expects the most pronounced declines in the third quarter and negative year-over-year comparisons in the fourth.

"In May, the residential segment momentum continued - driven by the same factors, while the professional segment saw a significant step down in some markets as customers reduced capital budgets and deferred new purchases," said Toro's chairman and chief executive, Rick Olson, in a news release.

The net-sales decrease in the second quarter was partly offset by the recent acquisitions of Charles Machine Works in 2019 and the addition of Ventrac earlier this year.

Strong quarter for mower sales takes edge off Toro's numbers slide

Toro bought the Oklahoma-based Charles Machine Works a little over a year ago in its largest-ever acquisition. Olson told analysts on the company's earnings call that Toro was on track to meet or exceed its integration and synergy goals.

Olson opened the earnings call by acknowledging the death of *George Floyd* and the larger social and system issues surrounding his death.

Shares of Toro closed down 2% at \$69.90. Toro's shares year-to-date are down 14%.

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Target commits \$10 million to support social justice, rebuilding

ARTICLE CCCLXIV. **TARGET COMMITS \$10 MILLION TO SUPPORT SOCIAL JUSTICE,
REBUILDING**

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Target Corp. said Friday the company is committing \$10 million to support a group of long-standing partners, including the National Urban League and the African American Leadership Forum.

Target (NYSE: TGT) and the Target Foundation is planning on adding additional partners in the Twin Cities and beyond to invest in minority owned businesses and entrepreneurs, along with efforts to promote equity in the areas of housing, asset-building and workforce development.

By mid-June, grant applications will open to help small businesses rebuild.

"Target stands with Black families, communities and team members. As we face an inflection point in Minneapolis and across the country, we're listening to our team, guests and communities, committed to using our size, scale and resources to help heal and create lasting change," said CEO Brian Cornell.

Target commits \$10 million to support social justice, rebuilding

The Minneapolis-based retailer is providing 10,000 hours of pro-bono consulting services for minority owned small businesses in the Twin Cities that are working to rebuild, following widespread rioting sparked by the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis Police custody.

Target Circle, the company's loyalty program, will offer guests the option to direct Target funds to local nonprofits and include organizations supporting social justice.

"In the weeks and months ahead, our teams are committed to listening and learning from our communities and nonprofit partners to better understand how Target can support their longer-term needs," the announcement states.

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THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

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"Go home. Get your rest, George. You changed the world, George."

The Rev. Al Sharpton

"Everywhere you go and see people, how they cling to him. ... They wanted to be around him."

Floyd's brother Philonise

"We didn't have much, but we had a house full of love."

Floyd's brother Rodney

"There was a shared sense of community in [the sanctuary] and in the street about using this moment to finally commit to taking action to address these systemic injustices."

U.S. Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minnesota

This memorial service "stands as a public marking point to say 'never again.' "

Matt Allen of St. Paul

"There's a lot that I hope comes out of this - a lot. But what I want are equal opportunities."

Tyrone Burton of Wyoming, Minn.

"It's sacred. It feels like we're all one."

Rachel Rohling of Prior Lake, at 38th and Chicago Avenue

"Things can change. There's hope that change can come."

Maudeline St.-Jean of Burnsville

"I felt like it was important. ... This is our community. This is our home."

THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

Kyle Rudolph, Vikings tight end

"It's time for us to stand up in George's name and say get your knee off our necks."

The Rev. Al Sharpton

"My hope is for equality and justice for all mankind."

Lester Royal of Minneapolis

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Twin Cities nonprofits raise \$1.3M for minority-owned businesses damaged in protests

ARTICLE CCCLXVI. [**TWIN CITIES NONPROFITS RAISE \\$1.3M FOR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES DAMAGED IN PROTESTS**](#)

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Highlight: Three big nonprofits are teaming up to spend \$1.3 million to help businesses damaged by arson and looting. The Greater Twin Cities United Way announced Friday it was collaborating with the Minneapolis Foundation and the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation to create the Twin Cities Rebuild for the Future Fund. Hundreds of businesses were damaged [...]

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Hundreds of businesses were damaged in the metro area when the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody sparked protests around the world.

The fund is intended to support small businesses owned by people of color. It will pay for repairs, equipment, technology, building materials and relocation expenses.

The \$1.3 million was raised separately, and is not part of the United Way's budget for 2020. [*Dozens of homeless people evicted from Minneapolis hotel*](#) [*1,000 face layoffs as owner idles paper mills in Duluth, Wisconsin*](#) [*'Like the first day of school': Fitness centers across Minnesota prepare to reopen*](#) [*Fever checks at the door, no facials or blow drying: Hair salons 'reinventing' under coronavirus*](#) [*St. Paul police officer one of six area leaders to land 2020 Bush Foundation fellowships*](#)

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Watch: Walz announces opening of indoor dining, gyms, movie theaters, bowling alleys

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**[WATCH: WALZ ANNOUNCES OPENING OF INDOOR DINING,
GYMS, MOVIE THEATERS, BOWLING ALLEYS](#)**

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Highlight: Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz announced Friday that restaurants and bars can return to limited indoor service and that health clubs, movie theaters and other entertainment venues can reopen with limited operations as well. Also: swimming pools can open, more sports are allowed, and religious and social gatherings can be bigger. It will all start Wednesday. [...]

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It will all start Wednesday.

Here's some of what Walz announced:

Restaurants and bars: Indoor service allowed at 50 percent capacity; reservations only; no more than 250 people. [Restaurant owners say they're ready and eager](#). Gyms and health clubs: Can open at 25 percent capacity; classes allowed only with social distancing; outdoor classes can have up to 25 people. Movie theaters, arcades and bowling alleys: Can reopen at 25 percent capacity, no more than 250 people. Pools: Can reopen at 50 percent capacity. Gatherings and events: For people not of the same household, gatherings of up to 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors will be allowed. Sports: "Low-risk" sports like tennis can resume competitions, while "high-risk" activities like basketball cannot.

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More guidance is available on the state's reopening website at mn.gov/deed/covid.

PARADOXES

As every change of rules has, the latest changes immediately raised questions.

For example, what about baseball? (It's considered high-risk; practice only.)

Watch: Walz announces opening of indoor dining, gyms, movie theaters, bowling alleys

And what about graduation ceremonies? (If you can follow all the rules of the venue, total size and social distancing, then yes, Walz said.)

The outdoor limit of 250, of course, has been smashed day after day by mass demonstrations and protests following the killing of ***George Floyd***. While expressing some reservations about disease spread, Walz, by and large, has encouraged peaceful protests when social distancing has been observed, even though they're still in direct violation of his orders.

Walz has justified this by speaking of Floyd's death as a "singular moment in history," arguing that the catharsis of communal grieving and outcry can be a salve to a wounded society. However, he conceded that Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm has expressed "deep concern" over the sights of throngs gathering in marches and demonstrations in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

WHY OPEN MORE UP?

Malcolm said coronavirus cases appeared to have reached a plateau - for the time being at least.

Walz noted that under White House guidance, the state would remain more closed, but a new normal needs to be established.

"COVID is still with us, but we gotta live with it," he said.

These "turns of the dial" toward less restrictions signify that, he said.

WHAT'S NOT CHANGED?

Social distance, social distance, social distance, state leaders repeated Friday.

The strongest tools against the respiratory virus remain the following, they said, and everyone should continue to practice them:

Stay six feet apart from others not in your household. Wear a mask when that might be difficult.

Additionally:

Stay home if you have any symptoms or think you've been exposed, call your doctor and get tested. Practice good hygiene, including washing your hands and cleaning high-use surfaces. TELECOMMUTERS KEEP TELECOMMUTING

If you've been working from home, nothing changes, said Steve Grove, commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

"If you can work from home, you must work from home," he said.

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Zeus Jones hosting free legal clinic for impacted people and businesses

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***ZEUS JONES HOSTING FREE LEGAL CLINIC FOR IMPACTED
PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES***

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Zeus Jones is hosting a pro bono professional services clinic at its South Minneapolis office.

The consulting firm is bringing in law firms to offer guidance and advice for those impacted by the death of ***George Floyd***, the recent protests and riots, and issues related to Covid-19. The firm was trying to line up some clinics since so many nearby businesses were harmed by the coronavirus, but the recent turbulence in the Twin Cities sprung the firm into action, according to Zeus Jones' Partner Jen Shadowens. Zeus' office space has been vacant for weeks, so it was easy to use the building.

"There are so many struggling around us," Shadowens said. "We had been thinking during Covid-19, before the unrest, that the building has been sitting empty" so we should use it for free events.

English- and Spanish-speaking attorneys will be available to answer questions and guidance on issues like bankruptcy, immigration and criminal defense for those arrested from protest-related events. The event will be walk-in on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Zeus Jones hosting free legal clinic for impacted people and businesses

Shadowens said the next two Saturdays are already scheduled for additional pro bono events and other potential future dates could move to other locations in the metro area.

The law firms offering pro bono legal services at the event include:

- Abuelhassan Law
- Bullock Law
- El Abogado Mexicano/Square 1 Legal
- Iris Ramos Law
- Schorbahn Family Law

Aside from Zeus Jones, Community Legal Collective and the Whittier Alliance are partners in the clinic.

Details:

- Pro bono clinic at Zeus Jones this Saturday (June 6, plus June 12 and June 19)
- Address: 2429 Nicollet Ave
- Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Walk-in only, first-come, first-served

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Ban set on chokeholds

ARTICLE CCCLXIX. **BAN SET ON CHOKEHOLDS**

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The *Minneapolis Police Department* will ban officers from using chokeholds and neck restraints and strengthen the requirements for officers to intervene if a colleague is using excessive force under a new deal negotiated between the city and the state.

The tentative agreement - which still requires a judge's approval - also seeks to give the public more access to officers' disciplinary decisions and to limit the number of supervisors who can authorize the use of tear gas, rubber projectiles and other similar tactics to disperse demonstrators.

The deal came 11 days after 46-year-old *George Floyd* died after being pinned on the pavement by Minneapolis police, an act captured in a video that went viral and prompted protests against racism and police brutality around the world.

The council's decision follows the Minnesota Department of Human Rights announcement Tuesday that it was filing a civil rights charge against Minneapolis police and investigating whether it had engaged in racial discrimination over the past 10 years.

"This is just a start," state Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero said during a public meeting Friday. "There is a lot more work to do here, and that work must and will be done with deep community engagement."

City leaders around the nation have come under intense pressure to make radical changes to policing following Floyd's death. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said he would slash a planned budget increase for his department. In Minneapolis, a "Defund MPD" rally is planned for Saturday, and some council members are vowing to "dismantle" the department.

The new agreement instructs the department to update its policies and procedures "to prohibit the use of all neck restraints or chokeholds for any reason."

Ban set on chokeholds

A policy posted on the city's website shows that officers are allowed to use neck restraints that keep people conscious if the person is "actively resisting." They are authorized to use a neck restraint that renders someone unconscious if they are "exhibiting active aggression," "for life saving purposes," or if the person is "exhibiting active resistance" and "lesser attempts at control have been or would likely be ineffective."

A Star Tribune review of Minneapolis police data found that the use of neck restraints has declined, compared with other types of force that officers use. Still, police used neck restraints about 430 times since 2012, with people losing consciousness in 68 of those cases.

More than half of the people involved in neck restraint incidents were black. According to the latest census data, about 19% of people living in Minneapolis are black.

Gov. Tim Walz, in a news conference Friday afternoon, described the decision to ban chokeholds as "a pretty damn low bar, in terms of things we hadn't had."

"Those who think now is not the right time, and those who think that we need to think about this a little longer have certainly not been paying attention," Walz said. "If you needed the wake-up call, it happened last Monday and continues to right now."

In addition, the negotiated agreement also seeks to strengthen the requirement for officers to intervene if their colleagues are using too much force. It requires them to "immediately report the incident while still on scene by phone or radio to their Commander or their Commander's superiors."

It also notes that "regardless of tenure or rank," officers must "attempt to safely intervene by verbal and physical means," and notes that if they don't, they "shall be subject to discipline to the same severity as if they themselves engaged in the prohibited use of force."

The most recent publicly posted policy indicates that officers are required "to protect the public and other employees."

It states: "It shall be the duty of every sworn employee present at any scene where physical force is being applied to either stop or attempt to stop another sworn employee when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required."

Four Minneapolis police officers were fired and later charged in Floyd's death. According to the latest court documents, former officer ***Derek Chauvin*** held his knee on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Prosecutors have said officer ***J Alexander Kueng*** held Floyd's back and ***Thomas Lane*** held his legs. A fourth officer, ***Tou Thao***, was seen on video watching nearby.

The city's agreement with the state also requires the chief or a deputy chief designated by the chief to sign off on the use of nonlethal projectiles, tear gas and other similar tactics to break up crowds. Police projectiles have caused serious injuries among demonstrators in the Twin Cities and nationwide.

The agreement also instructs the city to work through a backlog of disciplinary cases, respond to them faster in the future and post decisions publicly, when allowed by state law. It also allows the Office of Police Conduct Review to "proactively and strategically audit body-worn camera ... footage ... and file or amend complaints on behalf of the Minneapolis Civil Rights Department."

Many of those changes will go into effect within days of a judge's approval. The deal also gives the city until July 30 to compile a list of state laws that impede public transparency or officer discipline.

Ban set on chokeholds

A copy of the negotiated agreement was filed in court Friday, officials said, and a judge will set a date for a hearing, which could occur as early as next week.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said in a statement Friday afternoon that he "will continue to work on efforts to improve public trust, public safety and transformational culture change of the MPD."

"I will be bringing forth substantive policy changes," he said.

As the state's unprecedented investigation moves forward, many will be watching to see if it can accomplish what prior investigations have been unable to.

The police department entered into a federal mediation agreement with the U.S. Justice Department in 2003 aimed at addressing a host of police issues such as use of force, diversity and race relations. A Department of Justice review released in 2015 determined that some aspects of the department's internal discipline process fell short, and it recommended changes.

To arrive at the details of the latest agreement, Lucero spoke privately with Minneapolis City Council members. They approved it unanimously during a public meeting Friday, and Mayor Jacob Frey signed off on it moments later.

"I think there were times where the commissioner pushed us, and there were times where I felt like we were saying, 'No, bring the hammer a little harder down on us,' " Council Member Jeremiah Ellison said during Friday's public council meeting.

Minneapolis Director of Civil Rights Velma Korbel cautioned council members that while the initial stages of the state's investigation have gone smoothly, other parts could be uncomfortable.

"It will be intense, and intentional, and it will feel and be invasive," she said, "and it should be, if we are serious about making the changes this time."

Council Member Cam Gordon said he hopes the state Department of Human Rights "will be a strong and independent voice, and they won't defer to the council or the mayor or anyone else."

Gordon, like some other council members, lamented that they hadn't pushed harder for more drastic reforms in the past.

"We have failed in this capacity," he said. "If there was an opportunity to plead guilty, I think we should plead guilty, and I think that is what we are doing with this."

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Prosecutors seek right mix of charges in George Floyd case

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Body

CHICAGO - As damning as video evidence in the *George Floyd* case appears to be, prosecutors know they must bring the right charges underpinned by sound legal logic if they hope to convict a Minneapolis officer in Floyd's May 25 death.

Exhibit No. 1 at trial is likely to be bystander video showing officer *Derek Chauvin* pressing his knee into the back of Floyd's neck as the handcuffed Floyd says he can't breathe. Chauvin held his knee there even after the 46-year-old black man stopped moving.

But strong video evidence doesn't mean a conviction will be easy. When it comes to police officers charged with crimes in the line of duty, it never is.

"This is not a shoo-in," said Mike Brandt, a Twin Cities defense attorney. "There are lots of lines prosecutors have to connect. If you raise questions about even one, you could raise reasonable doubts."

Here's a look at some questions and answers about the charges against Chauvin and three other officers, who were all fired:

Q: WHAT ARE THE CHARGES?

A: Prosecutors this week added a new charge against the 44-year-old Chauvin: unintentional second-degree murder. Initial charges of third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter remain.

Thomas Lane*, *J. Alexander Kueng* and *Tou Thao are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

A conviction of second-degree murder carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison; third-degree murder carries up to 25 years; and manslaughter up to 10.

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Potential sentences for the other officers depend on a conviction of Chauvin. If he's convicted of second-degree murder, they could face the same 40-year maximum.

Q: WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER?

A: Under Minnesota law, unintentional second-degree murder involves causing "the death of a human being, without intent ... while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense."

The second part of that clause is crucial. Prosecutors say Chauvin killed Floyd while committing felony assault on Floyd.

For third-degree murder, prosecutors must demonstrate Chauvin caused Floyd's death by actions "eminently dangerous to others and evincing a depraved mind, without regard for human life."

The complex and some argue poorly defined concept of "evincing a depraved mind" has been the subject of courtroom debate, so it's potentially harder to prove.

"The second-degree murder charge is far more appropriate," Brandt said. "It's spot-on."

Q: COULD FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CHARGES BE ADDED?

A: It's possible, and it's something Floyd's family wants. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who is leading the prosecution team, said he's leaving open the possibility of new charges.

But first-degree murder would require a whole new level of evidence. Prosecutors would have to prove premeditation and intent. It would also require a motive.

Brandt said it would be a stretch, adding, "I think it is out of the question."

Q: ARE THERE RISKS OF OVERCHARGING?

A: Yes, especially in cases in which prosecutors face intense public pressure. Jurors may be more likely to acquit or become hopelessly deadlocked in cases where prosecutors bring charges they can't prove.

Q: SO WHAT'S THE CHARGING STRATEGY?

A: Bringing multiple charges against the officers is a way to give jurors a choice. It boosts the chances of a conviction on at least one charge.

Prosecutors know jurors are often torn. They often want to satisfy relatives' desire for justice with a conviction, while also showing some leniency to defendants.

If jurors struggle for a consensus, multiple charges allow for a compromise verdict, with convictions on some charges and acquittals on others.

Q: DID FLOYD POSE A THREAT?

A: A central issue in cases alleging excessive force by police is whether a suspect posed a threat.

The Supreme Court offered guidance in a 1989 ruling, saying an officer's fear is relevant to guilt and that officers "are often forced to make split-second judgments." The reasonableness of an officer's use of force,

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it said, should be judged "from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight."

It will be hard for Chauvin's lawyers to argue their client felt threatened or was forced to make a split-second decision with Floyd handcuffed behind his back, his face pressed into the pavement. In the video, Chauvin appears almost nonchalant, calmly slipping his hand in his pocket at times.

Q: WHAT MIGHT DEFENSE LAWYERS ARGUE?

A: Chauvin's attorneys could try to zero in on the cause of Floyd's death, blaming existing health problems, said Brandt.

They may point to the Hennepin County autopsy, which said Floyd died of "cardiopulmonary arrest, complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression." It also noted fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use, as well as signs of heart disease and hypertension, without listing any of those factors as a cause of death.

A separate autopsy commissioned by Floyd's family concluded he died of asphyxiation due to neck and back compression.

Either way, prosecutors will argue the ultimate cause was Chauvin's actions.

Lawyers for Chauvin and the other officers also are likely to argue that nationwide outrage and protests triggered a rush to judgment.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER OFFICERS?

A: Proving charges against them could pose the greater challenge, especially with Thao.

Lane and Kueng allegedly held Floyd's legs as Chauvin pushed on his neck. That could convince jurors they actively contributed to Floyd's death.

Thao, though, was standing several feet away, sometimes with his back turned to his colleagues.

"The mere presence at the scene does not constitute aiding and abetting," said Brandt.

Attorneys for Kueng and Lane have highlighted their clients' status as far junior to Chauvin.

Defense attorney Earl Gray said Lane asked Chauvin, a training officer, if they should turn Floyd over. According to the criminal complaints, Chauvin said no.

Gray said at an initial hearing Wednesday: "What is my client supposed to do other than follow what the training officer said?"

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ARTICLE CCCLXXI. [TWIN PROTESTS PRESS MESSAGES](#)

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More than 1,000 protesters crowded downtown St. Paul on Friday afternoon below the offices of Attorney General Keith Ellison to hear speakers call for a review of recent police shootings and community control of police, in the wake of the police-involved death of [George Floyd](#).

"Change is coming!" shouted Marques Armstrong of the Racial Justice Network. "I feel it in my spirit. I feel it in my bones."

The crowd heard from several people who had lost loved ones in police shootings, including the grandfather of Brian Quinones-Rosario, who was killed in September by officers from the Richfield and Edina police departments. Authorities said he had threatened the officers with a knife, but relatives said police didn't need to kill him to arrest him.

Don Williams, Quinones-Rosario's grandfather, told the crowd that "it is not the time to get complacent."

Ellison on Wednesday upgraded charges against former Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#), who knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes while arresting him. Ellison also charged three other officers at the scene with aiding and abetting murder.

Those moves followed more than a week of protests, sometimes violent, calling for tougher action against the former police officers.

D'Andre Tolson of St. Paul said he joined the protest because he "wanted to help out and do what I can and share my voice in the protest and be another body in the crowd."

Rachel Carpentier, also of St. Paul, said she came to listen. "For me, being a white person, I know that the black community cannot do it alone," she said. "We need the white people out here to stand up with them."

Maurice Perkins, a U.S. Army veteran and Iraqi war veteran, went to the rally at U.S. Bank Stadium Friday afternoon because "it's about [George Floyd](#), but it's also about the fight to end systematic injustice in the country."

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Perkins said he grew up in the same Houston neighborhood as Floyd and graduated from the same high school, and moved to Minnesota last year. "To see all of these people united together for the same cause, for me, I take it personally. I feel like they're speaking up for me," he said.

The U.S. Bank Stadium rally drew hundreds of peaceful protesters who expressed outrage over Floyd's death.

Hip-hop music blared over portable loud speakers as the crowd milled, with organizers handing out water and snacks and leading the now-familiar call-and-response, "Say his name! ***George Floyd!***"

College students Teshawn Kelly and Chris Similhomme were part of the crowd of mostly teens and young adults outside the stadium. Kelly said staying home this week was not an option. Both men expressed frustration at "opportunists" who used protest as a cover to loot and burn.

"I don't want to see the change, I want to be part of the change happening," said Kelly, 22, who attends Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Similhomme, also 22 and a student at MSU Mankato, said he was heartbroken by Floyd's killing. The criminal charges filed against the four officers involved was "step one, honestly. The whole system needs to change," he said.

Margaret Engel, 18, of Minneapolis, was attending her seventh protest. She and two friends have been attending events all over the Twin Cities, and said that the speakers have made them excited about the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement. "We have a voice that we need to use, especially with our ***white privilege***," she said.

Nicole Strom said the video of Floyd's death provided strong motivation to protest. "It was absolutely disgusting. No human being should be treated that way, especially based on their skin color," said Strom, 18, of Minneapolis.

Anika Bowie, vice president of the Twin Cities chapter of the NAACP, addressed the crowd and demanded the resignation of Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union whom many accuse of setting a belligerent tone for the rank and file.

Tamara McLemore, 22, of Eagan, came to the Minneapolis protest with a group of friends to "fight for justice." She said the widespread protests have forced public officials to act. "Protesting made them charge the officers," she said.

McLemore added that Floyd's death was shocking. "I cried and I was disgusted," she said. "Why do they keep killing black people? It's so easy for them."

Eventually protesters began marching from downtown Minneapolis to Cup Foods, the site of Floyd's death. As they chanted and waved signs, neighbors waved and cheered in support.

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Minneapolis bans police chokeholds in wake of Floyd's death

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[MINNEAPOLIS BANS POLICE CHOKEHOLDS IN WAKE OF FLOYD'S DEATH](#)

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Minneapolis agreed Friday to ban chokeholds and neck restraints by police and to require officers to try to stop any other officers they see using improper force, in the first concrete steps to remake the city's police force since [George Floyd](#)'s death.

Body

Minneapolis agreed Friday to ban chokeholds and neck restraints by police and to require officers to try to stop any other officers they see using improper force, in the first concrete steps to remake the city's police force since [George Floyd](#)'s death.

The changes are part of a stipulation between the city and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, which launched a civil rights investigation this week in response to the death of Floyd. The City Council approved the agreement 12-0.

Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero said the changes are necessary to stop ongoing harm to people of color "who have suffered generational pain and trauma as a result of systemic and institutional racism."

"This is just a start," Lucero said. "There is a lot more work to do here, and that work must and will be done with speed and community engagement."

Floyd's death is prompting reexamination of police techniques elsewhere. California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday ordered the state's police training program to stop teaching officers how to use a neck hold that blocks the flow of blood to the brain.

The decision on whether to use the hold is up to each law enforcement agency, and Newsom said he will support legislation to outlaw the method. The San Diego Police Department and San Diego County Sheriff's Department are among the agencies that announced this week that they would stop using the hold, known as a carotid hold or sleeper hold.

"We train techniques on strangleholds that put people's lives at risk," Newsom said. "That has no place any longer in 21st-century practices and policing."

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The Minneapolis agreement requires court approval and would become enforceable in court, unlike the department's current policies, which already cite the duty of sworn employees to stop or try to stop inappropriate force or force no longer needed. The agreement would also require officers to immediately report to their superiors when they see use of any neck restraint or chokehold.

Floyd died after Officer *Derek Chauvin* pressed his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck, ignoring his "*I can't breathe*" cries and bystander shouts even after Floyd stopped moving. His death has set off protests around the world.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder. Three other officers are charged with aiding and abetting. All have been fired.

Lucero said the changes go further than the department's current policies. Any officer who doesn't try to stop the improper use of force would face the same discipline as if they had used improper force.

The agreement also would require authorization from the police chief or a deputy chief to use crowd control weapons such as tear gas, rubber bullets and flash-bang grenades. Such tactics have been used in Minneapolis and other cities in the past week to disperse protesters.

The stipulation also sets a process for the city and state to negotiate longer-term changes, such as changing state laws that make it difficult to fire problem officers.

Minneapolis police Chief Medaria Arradondo said in a statement that he "will continue to work on efforts to improve public trust, public safety and transformational culture change" of the police force.

"I will be bringing forth substantive policy changes," said Arradondo, whose statement did not provide details.

Meanwhile, a man who was with Floyd on the night he died told The New York Times that his longtime friend didn't resist arrest and instead tried to defuse the situation before he ended up handcuffed on the ground.

Maurice Lester Hall was a passenger in Floyd's car when police approached him May 25 as they responded to a call about someone using a forged bill at a shop. Hall told the newspaper that Floyd was trying to show he was not resisting.

"I could hear him pleading, 'Please, officer, what's all this for?'" Hall told the Times.

Authorities say Hall, whose name is spelled Morris Lester Hall in court records, is a key witness in the state's investigation into the four officers who apprehended Floyd. Hall's identity wasn't made public until the Times' report. Bruce Gordon, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said Hall initially gave a false name to officers at the scene.

Hall told ABC's "Good Morning America" that the situation escalated quickly and police grabbed Floyd, put him in a squad car, dragged him back out and then "jumped on the back of the neck." He said Floyd was put in an ambulance and that he didn't know his friend had died until the next day, when he saw bystander video on Facebook.

"I'm going to always remember seeing the fear in Floyd's face because he's such a king," Hall told the Times. "That's what sticks with me, seeing a grown man cry, before seeing a grown man die."

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Hall's attorney, Ashlee McFarlane, told The Associated Press that Hall would not be doing any more interviews. She declined further comment.

Associated Press writer Amy Forliti contributed to this report. [Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises reform](#) ['Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress](#) [Daily Distraction: U of M Press offers open access to collection of antiracist books](#) ['He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd](#) [Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest](#)

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DC paints huge Black Lives Matter mural near White House

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DC PAINTS HUGE BLACK LIVES MATTER MURAL NEAR WHITE HOUSE

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - The city of Washington capped nearly a week of demonstrations against police brutality Friday by painting the words ***Black Lives Matter*** in enormous bright yellow letters on the street leading to the White House, a highly visible display of the local government's embrace of protests that has put it further at odds with President Donald Trump.

Body

By BEN FOX

WASHINGTON (AP) - The city of Washington capped nearly a week of demonstrations against police brutality Friday by painting the words ***Black Lives Matter*** in enormous bright yellow letters on the street leading to the White House, a highly visible display of the local government's embrace of protests that has put it further at odds with President Donald Trump.

Mayor Muriel Bowser said the painting by city workers and local artists that spans two blocks is intended to send a message of support and solidarity to Americans outraged over the killing of ***George Floyd*** by police in Minneapolis.

It comes as the mayor has sparred with Trump over the response to the protests and as D.C. prepared for a demonstration on Saturday that was expected to bring tens of thousands of people into a city still under coronavirus restrictions.

"We know what's going on in our country. There is a lot of anger. There is a lot of distrust of police and the government," the mayor said at a news conference. "There are people who are craving to be heard and to be seen and to have their humanity recognized. We had the opportunity to send that message loud and clear on a very important street in our city."

The letters and an image of the city's flag stretch across the entire width of 16th Street to the north of Lafayette Square. The mural ends near St. John's Episcopal Church, where Trump staged a photo op on Monday after officers in riot gear fired tear gas and charged demonstrators to make way for the president and his entourage.

A sign now identifies that section of 16th Street near the White House as "***Black Lives Matter*** Plaza."

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Bowser has complained about the heavy-handed federal response to the protests and called for the removal of out-of-state National Guard troops.

She says the differences with the Trump administration highlight the need for the District of Columbia to be a state and have more control over its affairs. They may also reflect the fact that Trump is deeply unpopular in the district, where Democrat Hillary Clinton won about 90% of the vote in the 2016 presidential election.

While not addressing the painted mural, Trump continued his attacks on Bowser in tweets Friday.

"The incompetent Mayor of Washington, D.C., @MayorBowser, who's budget is totally out of control and is constantly coming back to us for 'handouts,' is now fighting with the National Guard, who saved her from great embarrassment over the last number of nights," he tweeted. "If she doesn't treat these men and women well, then we'll bring in a different group of men and women!"

She shrugged off his criticism. "You know that thing about the pot and the kettle," the mayor said.

The local chapter of ***Black Lives Matter*** said it did not support painting the street and took a swipe at Bowser, whom they see as insufficiently supportive of their efforts to combat abuses by the police.

"This is performative and a distraction from her active counter organizing to our demands to decrease the police budget and invest in the community," it said on Twitter.

D.C. officials have long-standing grievances against the federal government.

Bowser and the D.C. Council have long resented Congress, which retains the right to alter and even reverse any city law. It was Congress, not Trump, that cost the District of Columbia more than \$700 million in federal funding earlier this year by classifying it as a territory rather than a state in the first big coronavirus relief package.

But with Trump in office, Bowser's relations with the White House seem to have eroded steadily, finally developing into open public antipathy over the handling of the current protests.

Trump criticized Bowser and Washington's Metropolitan Police Department for taking a soft touch with the protesters. He warned after the first night of protests that the Secret Service was ready to unleash "the most vicious dogs and the most ominous weapons I have ever seen" if protesters managed to breach the security fence around the White House.

Bowser called Trump's remarks "gross" and said the reference to attack dogs conjures up the worst memories of the nation's fight against segregation.

The public feud escalated from there, with Trump essentially usurping Bowser's authority by ordering multiple federal agencies and the entire 1,700-member D.C. National Guard contingent into the streets.

On Thursday, as the protests remained peaceful, Bowser ended a curfew imposed after people damaged buildings and broke into businesses over the weekend and Monday.

In recent days, thousands of demonstrators have marched peacefully between the White House, Capitol and Lincoln Memorial. Volunteers make their way through the mostly masked crowds offering spritzes of hand sanitizer, free water and snacks.

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Metropolitan Police Department Chief Peter Newsham said there had been no arrests on Thursday and Friday related to the demonstrations. Bowser said she would decide Saturday morning if they would reinstate the curfew for the weekend demonstrations.

Associated Press writer Ashraf Khalil in Washington contributed to this report.

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Roger Goodell says NFL was wrong for not listening to players

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ROGER GOODELL SAYS NFL WAS WRONG FOR NOT LISTENING TO PLAYERS

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Body

NEW YORK - NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the league was wrong for not listening to players fighting for racial equality and encouraged them to peacefully protest.

One day after 2018 NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes and several of his peers released a video demanding the league condemn racism, Goodell made his strongest statement on the issues many players passionately support.

George Floyd's death has ignited nationwide protests over racial injustice and police brutality, issues former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began speaking out against in 2016 when he started taking a knee during the national anthem.

We, the NFL, condemn racism and the systematic oppression of Black People. We, the NFL, admit we were wrong for not listening to NFL players earlier and encourage all to speak out and peacefully protest. We, the NFL, believe ***Black Lives Matter***. [*#InspireChange*](#)

- NFL (@NFL)

"It has been a difficult time for our country. In particular, black people in our country," Goodell said in a video released Friday. "First, my condolences to the families of **George Floyd**, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and all the families who have endured police brutality. We, the National Football League, condemn racism and the systematic oppression of black people. We, the National Football League, admit we were wrong for not listening to NFL players earlier and encourage all to speak out and peacefully protest. We, the National Football League, believe ***Black Lives Matter***. I personally protest with you and want to be part of the much needed change in this country.

"Without black players, there would be no National Football League. And the protests around the country are emblematic of the centuries of silence, inequality and oppression of black players, coaches, fans and

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staff. We are listening. I am listening, and I will be reaching out to players who have raised their voices and others on how we can improve and go forward for a better and more united NFL family."

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Second City CEO steps down amid claims of racism at theater

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[SECOND CITY CEO STEPS DOWN AMID CLAIMS OF RACISM AT THEATER](#)

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Highlight: LOS ANGELES (AP) - Andrew Alexander, the CEO and co-owner of famed The Second City improv theater, said he is stepping down after a former performer leveled accusations of racism against the comedy institution.

Body

LOS ANGELES - Andrew Alexander, the CEO and co-owner of famed The Second City improv theater, said he is stepping down after a former performer leveled accusations of racism against the comedy institution.

In a lengthy letter posted on the company's website, Alexander said he "failed to create an anti-racist environment wherein artists of color might thrive. I am so deeply and inexpressibly sorry,"

He vowed Friday that he will be replaced by a person of color.

The originally Chicago- and Toronto-based Second City was an early training ground for "Saturday Night Live" players including John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner and Chris Redd, among other comedy stars such as Keegan Michael-Key and the company produced "SCTV" TV series in the 1970s and '80s.

Alexander's announcement Friday followed online criticism from Second City alumnus Dewayne Perkins, an actor, comedian and writer ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine"). Perkins said the company had refused to hold a benefit show for ***Black Lives Matter*** unless half of the proceeds also went to the Chicago Police Department, and it also created obstacles for performers of color.

His tweets were in reply to a Second City tweet posted last week in support of ***Black Lives Matter*** amid protests around the country over the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died at the hands of police in Minneapolis.

In a tweet noting Alexander's resignation, Perkins had a one-word comment: "Oop."

The London-born Alexander said he is "fully removing myself from overseeing The Second City's operations and policies and will divest myself from the company as it stands."

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A Second City statement Friday laid out steps the company planned to take regarding the hiring and training of artists of color, along with diversifying its theater audiences and making donations to fight oppression and support black-owned businesses and schools. [Coronavirus: 8 things we got wrong - at first - about the deadly pandemic](#) ['Cops,' on air for 33 seasons, dropped by Paramount Network](#) [Trump pushes conspiracy theory about Buffalo protester](#) [Tropical downpours in the Twin Cities? Thanks, Cristobal](#) [When protesters cry 'defund the police,' what does it mean?](#)

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Agency faces big test as it takes over probe

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[AGENCY FACES BIG TEST AS IT TAKES OVER PROBE](#)

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Body

Leading a massive investigation into the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** is a small state agency with a contentious history: threatened budget cuts, backlogs of complaints and a growing portfolio that has left investigators stretched thin.

Now, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights is embarking on its biggest task yet, digging into a decade's worth of the city's police procedures, policies and practices to determine if the department has engaged in systemic practices that discriminate against communities of color.

With fewer than 50 employees and a budget of \$5 million a year, the agency will be a focal point of the state's response to ***George Floyd***'s death in police custody on Memorial Day, which sparked protests across the country and abroad.

"We have a small and mighty team," said Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero, who Gov. Tim Walz appointed to the job last year. "This is a big deal. Not only is it the first time the state is launching a civil rights investigation into the largest police department in the state, but also this feels like a real moment in time where there's political will and alignment from community to leadership at every level."

Investigating complaints is part of the core function of the agency, created 53 years ago to enforce civil rights laws. But the scale of the task ahead is unusual for a state-level agency to take on, especially one with limited resources. In the aftermath of Michael Brown's shooting by Ferguson, Mo., police in 2014, the U.S. Justice Department launched civil rights investigations into the department that resulted in years of mandated changes under court supervision.

"I have never, never heard of a state agency taking on a local municipality for human rights or civil rights violations. It's practically unheard of," said DeWitt Lacy, an attorney in the Los Angeles John Burris Law Offices, which won Rodney King v. LAPD in 1993. "It's really a herculean endeavor. The state knows they can't fumble this, they know this is serious and the eyes of the world are upon them."

The state has changed dramatically in the five decades since the department was created.

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In 1980, 1% of Minnesota's total population was black or African-American, compared to 7% in 2018. And over the years, lawmakers have expanded the responsibilities of the department.

The Minnesota Legislature passed the state's human rights act in 1973, making it illegal to discriminate against people on the grounds of race, religion and sex. They tasked the Human Rights Department to enforce it. Since then the number of protected classes has grown to include things such as sexual orientation and familial status. The state now has 13 protected classes in all.

The department also now enforces minority hiring standards for any contract with the state, as well as a 2013 law that prevents private employers from asking about criminal history in job applications and interviews, known as "ban the box."

The growing mandates have sometimes left investigators struggling to keep up with demands. A February report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor found the agency received an average of 675 complaints in each of the last three years and closed an average of 575 cases. At the end of the 2019 fiscal year, some 800 cases were awaiting determination, according to the report. That was the largest number since 2013.

Investigators in the department, which totaled 13 in 2019, reported having roughly 60 cases per person. The auditor's office recommended the department try to triage complaints to act on the most urgent matters as quickly as possible.

"It takes them a long time to conduct their investigations, longer than it should," said Judy Randall, deputy legislative auditor. "They are overwhelmed with the number of complaints, and because they treat each one equally, it's this huge backlog."

Kevin Lindsey, who served as commissioner of the department under Gov. Mark Dayton's administration, said one of his missions when he started was to address the department's history of "docket and dismiss" - only addressing or replying to a small fraction of complaints.

But within months of starting the job in 2011, during a budget deficit, he was sitting in front of state legislators pleading against proposed cuts to the department that ranged from 50 to 65% of its overall budget. Similar cuts were proposed again in 2018, despite a budget surplus. Those cuts ultimately weren't enacted, and the department's budget has increased in recent years, but staffing is still down from a historic high mark of roughly 70 employees.

"There's no way you can look at the current Department of Human Rights, knowing they've added 'ban the box,' knowing that you want them to ensure that contractors are really providing equal employment opportunity, and you want them to investigate complex cases?" Lindsey said. "They're underfunded."

Lucero said the federal government could get involved in the case, but she doesn't believe they are "looking to create long-term change." She adds that the Minnesota Human Rights Act is one of the strongest civil rights laws in the country.

"There are still 26 states where you can be fired for being gay," she said. "Not in Minnesota."

Since coming to the department, Lucero has settled a rape case against Ramsey County and a sexual harassment case against West Lutheran High School in Plymouth, among others. She's sued a plasma collection company for banning donations by transgender persons.

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Even as her department takes on the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** inquiry, she said she does not plan to drop any ongoing cases.

But Lucero is not dismissive of the challenge ahead, which will take two tracks: more immediate changes to the department, and potentially long-term changes backed by a court-imposed consent decree.

On the shorter timeline, Lucero negotiated an agreement that Minneapolis City Council members passed Friday to ban officers from using neck restraints and choke holds. Officers also would be required to intervene when they determine that inappropriate force is used. Any short-term agreement will require approval from a judge.

The larger investigation could take a year or longer, depending on what investigators find and the level of city and police cooperation.

"The community already knows what the solutions are, we just need to put some teeth behind them," Lucero said. But she's optimistic. "This is a unique moment in history, where you've heard the mayor, city leadership and certainly from the community for a very long time that this kind of big change needs to happen. There's such alignment that simply did not exist in Ferguson and Baltimore."

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Gazelka urges caution on police reforms

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GAZELKA URGES CAUTION ON POLICE REFORMS

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The top Republican in the Minnesota Legislature said Friday that lawmakers meeting in a special session next week should not act too quickly on reforms in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s death in police custody.

"I do believe more work can be done. But to actually expect that to be done in the next week is not how the legislative bodies work," said Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake. "We meet in committees and we fully vet issues to make sure we get it right. Because it's not just for now, this is for a generation to come."

Gazelka's comments follow calls by Gov. Tim Walz and DFL leaders pressing for swift action on measures to curb police abuses. Floyd died on Memorial Day after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes during an arrest.

Gazelka's suggestion of a drawn-out legislative response is "completely dismissive of the urgency to protect the black community" and shows why large-scale criminal justice legislation hasn't happened in the past, Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, DFL-Woodbury, said in a statement Friday.

Walz said Wednesday that legislators' commitment to police reforms will be on display next week when they convene in St. Paul for a special session triggered by an extension of Walz's emergency powers to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. "I will guarantee you, there will be bills put on the floor and put to a vote. Yes or no. Put your money where your mouth is and send it forward," Walz said.

Lawmakers also are expected to take up a bonding bill to fund major infrastructure projects around the state. Minneapolis and St. Paul are seeking state money to help rebuild from the destruction of the violent protests that followed Floyd's death.

House Republicans blocked a \$2 billion bonding bill at the end of the regular session last month in an effort to end Walz's emergency powers. Now a group of DFL legislators has threatened to withhold their votes as well unless they gain significant changes to law enforcement practices.

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Earlier this week, members of the Legislature's People of Color and Indigenous Caucus and DFL House Speaker Melissa Hortman suggested about two dozen policy changes, including increasing oversight of officer licensure and training, expanding de-escalation training, creating incentives for officers to live in the communities where they work, and moving prosecution of officer-involved deaths to the Attorney General's Office - as has been done in Floyd's case.

Many of the DFL proposals align with recommendations released in February by a state working group led by state Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington and Attorney General Keith Ellison focused on reducing police-involved deadly force encounters.

The governor said Friday that the police reform measures he wants are already in place elsewhere in the country. He encouraged protesters to keep the pressure on politicians as they return to St. Paul next Friday. "You build Capitols with big front yards not to admire them but to fill them with citizens," he said.

Some city officials and activists have called for dismantling the current *Minneapolis Police Department* and starting over with a newly constituted law enforcement service. Gazelka said abolishing the police would be "a huge mistake."

Gazelka has not outlined any reform proposals of his own but said "Minnesota needs to lead the nation in race reconciliation."

One idea that has gained attention from police critics is a proposal by state Rep. Patrick Garofalo, R-Farmington, that would eliminate the state law that mandates binding arbitration for terminated public employees, including police officers. Garofalo argues that arbitration makes it harder to fire "bad apples," but the measure is likely to be opposed by public employee unions that support DFLers.

Gazelka said he wants to focus on the unfinished business of the regular session that ended last month, including the bonding bill, tax relief and grants to small businesses. DFL leaders are expected to press again for more aid for people struggling from the economic toll of the pandemic.

Those debates will play out against the continuing partisan tensions over Walz's emergency powers, which Republicans say are no longer needed. But it would take votes in both chambers to reject another 30-day extension, and the DFL controls the lower house.

It's up to the Legislature, not the governor, to decide when the special session adjourns. But with police reform proposals and spending debates on the table, Walz said legislators' work will continue for a while.

"I think that potential is there [for this to become a long special session]," Walz said. "In this moment - what we know needs to get done - I can't imagine going before we get work done."

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READERS WRITE WHITE AMERICA HAS WORK TO DO

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SYSTEMIC RACISM

The most insightful concept I've heard to explain ***systemic racism*** is that there can be racism without racists. It is with that in mind that I was surprised to read Peter Bell and Mitch Pearlstein's piece ("Change must be sought from within as well," Opinion Exchange, June 5) about how "cultural and behavioral issues in the African-American community" are to blame for the unequal condition and opportunities for African-Americans in our country (and thus presumably even the death of ***George Floyd***).

Their piece is just another example of problematizing African-American culture, while ignoring the dominant white American culture that we all live in. Emerging research into what is coming to be known as "racially concentrated areas of affluence" reveals the damage to the social fabric, to empathy and to political will to pursue communitywide investments when whites and affluent people segregate themselves.

If Pearlstein and Bell - indeed, any of us - are serious about wanting to rebuild "essential bonds of civil society," the white community also needs to "do the hard things only it can do" to recognize its role in creating the outcomes we see today.

Cara Letofsky, Minneapolis

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While I agree with the vast majority of what Bell and Pearlstein had to say in their article and certainly do not refute their statistics, I found the underlying tenor a bit disconcerting. They do I what I call "blaming dismissal" - pointing your finger at a problem and then walking away from any real solution. There were some statements that had me shaking my head. That young black people watch too much TV or play too many video games seems quite beside the point; kids of all races spend a great deal of time on their gizmos. We do want them to take school seriously, we prefer that children come from two-parent families, but these are not things that can be legislated. Pointing at them and walking away from the problem is no answer.

I much prefer the direction pointed out by Thomas Friedman in a recent New York Times article. Friedman cited the Northside Achievement Zone, an organization that wants the same things as Bell and Pearlstein but is actually taking constructive action. He states that NAZ is working with parents, students and local

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partners to drive a culture shift in predominantly black north Minneapolis to end multigenerational poverty through education and building family stability. NAZ has worked to improve access to early childhood education, focusing on skill-building attributes for success in life. The leaders recognize the problems but do not point them out and walk away.

"Blaming dismissal" is not the helpful narrative. It will not lead to any real improvement.

Cheri Rolnick, Minneapolis

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The commentary by Bell and Pearlstein does nothing but promote the selfish idea that everyone must do a better job of fitting into the authors' comfortable world. No data, no facts, no solutions provided, just a shoulder shrug of "determined and prodigiously expensive efforts" that produced limited overall progress with no one happy. It is like an optometrist giving someone a too weak an eyeglass prescription and then saying, "Sorry, I tried. This is now your problem. Squint more."

I am tired of reading this simplistic, blame-shifting, selfish racism on the Star Tribune's Opinion Exchange page. The work for Minnesotans right now is to acknowledge that our attitudes, institutions and assumptions are not working for our whole state. Get to it.

Stephanie Braman, Edina

OUR COMMUNITY

Don't forget value of volunteer aid

While Minneapolis bean-counts property damage ("Aid sought for Mpls. starts at \$55M," June 4), what should also be considered is the value of community service in response efforts. It is the people who are mobilizing to call for an end to systemic racism and doing the work that elected officials and paid leaders should have been doing all along.

Thousands have taken to the streets for hours every night since May 25 in peaceful protest and to voice narratives that we don't hear enough of. Then there are neighbors who keep watch over streets and businesses. How about people who organized to buy, collect and distribute food and supplies to communities because businesses were closed and mass transit shut down? And the broom brigades out cleaning up alongside those repairing damage and fortifying against further defacement - what about them? Cheers to artists and thank goodness for the beauty and promise they and painted! How many people, for how many hours, gave their time to keep people safe, fed and hopeful?

This is community aid and assistance. The dollar value for volunteering in Minnesota, cited in the analysis by independentsector.org in 2018, was \$28.15 per hour. Do the math and do a better job of reporting the contributions of community service right next to the property damage estimate by the city, for it is the root cause and any damage falls squarely on its shoulders.

Kelley Skumautz, Minneapolis

POLITICS

Set blame aside, and fix this

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Regarding the letter "Who's really to blame for this?" (June 5): Don't worry, there is plenty of political blame to go around. Rather, I would challenge our Republican friends to propose real, workable solutions. Clearly the Democratic leadership here has blown some real opportunities for change. Clearly we, the voters, have not held their feet to the fire enough to force political courage. But where are the Republican voices with solutions that do not involve blaming the black community for their oppression? We need a robust debate that includes many points of view, but the Republican Party has abandoned credibility. Separate yourselves from the toxic leader of your party and propose compassionate solutions. We are waiting and listening.

And about the charges ("Junior officers must speak up," Readers Write, June 5), this was the equivalent of a traffic stop. There was no violence except from the police. It was about \$20, less than a parking ticket.

Alice Johnson, Minneapolis

COVID-19

We're in a pandemic, remember?

Shame on the Star Tribune. Throughout the pandemic the paper has consistently reported on the need for social distancing and mask use. So, you can imagine my frustration and, yes, anger over the paper's June 4 photo of students gathering at the lake to "celebrate the end of the school year." The photo shows kids shoulder-to-shoulder - no social distancing, no masks. The photo was headlined, "Fun in the summery sun," but the fun will soon end if or when several students bring home COVID-19 to their parents or grandparents.

Joe Silbert, Minnetonka

2020 ELECTION

One person can't save us

Tapping Michelle Obama's tremendous proven competency is tempting ("A democracy in crisis needs Michelle Obama," June 3). Yes to grace, kindness, awareness, please - but she's already giving, endlessly!

Do we still want to be saved by a hero to do the hard work of repairing and strengthening our democracy? We just tried that with a no-holds-barred, my-way-or-the-highway CEO.

Apparently capitalism and growth need the understanding of creating common good - for all. COVID-19 and ***George Floyd*** are our lessons in world community. It is up to all of us, from the grassroots, to create a world we all want to live in. We are the very saviors we've been waiting for.

Barbara Vaile, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Superior joins protest over Floyd killing

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SUPERIOR JOINS PROTEST OVER FLOYD KILLING

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SUPERIOR, WIS. - Two of Kim Young's grandchildren sat at her feet as she made an impassioned plea for justice from the middle of a sunlit crowd.

"I refuse to fail them," said the community activist. "I refuse to let them grow up and become objects of scorn and fear."

In a now-familiar scene playing out around the country for more than a week in the wake of ***George Floyd's*** death, some 200 peaceful protesters gathered at the Douglas County Courthouse in Superior on Thursday afternoon to demand police accountability and an end to racial violence.

"No more," Stephan Witherspoon, president of the Duluth chapter of the NAACP, said as the crowd repeated.

Superior, a city of 26,000 that, like Duluth, is 90% white, has a Commission on Communities of Color that is drafting the city's official response to Floyd's death on May 25 while being restrained by police in Minneapolis. That board will meet next week.

"No violence, no tearing down our community - we are going to help build them up," Young said.

Mayor Jim Paine, who led off his remarks with an unequivocal "***Black lives matter***," said the city's police force is "one of the most progressive in Wisconsin" and urged protesters to continue putting pressure on the government by writing to representatives, showing up at meetings and voting.

Energized by calls to challenge white supremacy activities, the crowd later spread out around the courthouse and commanded a chorus of supportive honks at the corner of Belknap and Hammond, one of the city's busiest intersections.

Before the crowd thinned out, Young told those gathered to continue the work that the protests represent.

"We are no longer asking you to dismantle racism," she told the crowd. "You're going to do it."

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John Kass: Will anyone take a knee for retired police Capt. David Dorn?

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[JOHN KASS: WILL ANYONE TAKE A KNEE FOR RETIRED POLICE CAPT. DAVID DORN?](#)

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Highlight: CHICAGO - America is all about taking the knee again, after the death of *George Floyd* at the hands of Minneapolis police. Taking the knee has become a political act in protests that have sometimes turned violent. Whether this is being done out of solidarity with a cause or out of fear, who can say? [...]

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Taking the knee has become a political act in protests that have sometimes turned violent. Whether this is being done out of solidarity with a cause or out of fear, who can say? Protesters who insist they hate oppression publicly compel police and politicians to kneel. I've heard it said that the kneeling is about healing the nation, even as the violent bear the nation away.

We're all collateral damage to our politics now.

But with all the kneeling going on, as we're told all the chaos is still only about what happened to *George Floyd*, a question: Is anyone taking a knee for David Dorn?

Dorn was African American. He was unjustly killed. His life mattered too, didn't it?

But there aren't any protests for Dorn, no public kneeling in his memory.

[David Dorn, 77, was a retired St. Louis police captain.](#) The other night, as violence raged in St. Louis, Dorn was alerted to an alarm at a friend's pawnshop.

He did what law enforcement officers are expected to do. Dorn answered the call. He tried to stop a gang of looters. The details are incomplete, but we do know he was shot to death.

And there is video.

He's stretched out on the sidewalk. The looters rolled in and out, taking what they could grab. Someone recorded a video as he lay there. It was broadcast on Facebook.

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The video is 13 minutes long. It is a horrible thing to see. A younger man speaks encouraging words to the older man as he lay dying.

"Oh cuz, come on, OG ... Come on, OG. Oh my God, cuz," says the younger man. "For a TV? They killed this old man for some TVs? ... c'mon, man, that's somebody's granddaddy."

It's a scene as terrible as the one caught on video showing George Floyd killed by Minneapolis police.

Dorn's eyelids flutter. He has a phone in his hand. The looters keep rolling in and out of the pawnshop, holding their treasures. And then he was gone. News reports said police had no suspects.

Does anyone take a knee for him?

Dave Patrick Underwood, a federal security officer, was killed as protests raged when he was standing guard outside the federal courthouse in Oakland, Calif. An officer with him was also shot but survived. And the FBI said the officers were targeted because they wore uniforms.

Underwood is African American. But nobody takes a knee for him, either. Like Dorn, most Americans don't know his name.

Many cops believe their badges have been shamed by what happened to Floyd in Minneapolis. Others just want to get through their shifts and get home safe, without getting shot, as is happening all too often lately, and some cops have been lucky, barely escaping with their lives.

Those New York officers were lucky in that squad car the other night, when two New York lawyers allegedly handed a Molotov cocktail to another person who threw the firebomb at the cops' window.

It didn't ignite. If it had, there would be a social media orgy of sharing the video, with officers burning inside.

But there is that video of Capt. Dorn dying on the sidewalk.

Please don't make the mistake of thinking that I'm trying to take something away from Floyd's life or his death here. His life mattered. His death matters.

When I saw the horrific video of that white Minneapolis cop, Derek Chauvin, kneeling on Floyd's neck, killing him, I called it murder. A day or so later, the crime was in fact charged as murder by authorities. Charges were upgraded Wednesday. Chauvin now has been charged with second-degree murder. Three other officers have been charged with the crime of aiding and abetting murder.

Most Americans were disgusted with what happened to Floyd. Most of us are united in wanting change. We know about the history of police and minorities. We know about police brutality over the decades, that some cops go out of their way to humiliate black men and make them kneel to the ground.

Culture has changed. We were united by our disgust and we wanted something done. But then the violent hijacked the protests, the looting and rage began, and unity was gone.

Some of you will be angry with me for writing this about David Dorn, about wondering where is the respect due to him. And some will accuse me of the Thought Crime of false equivalence.

But I'm thinking of an iconic protest photo from the front page of the Chicago Sun-Times.

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It was of the Floyd protests in downtown Chicago, before the windows were broken and the looting began.

It was of an angry white female protester screaming at two black Chicago police officers. She put her face up close to theirs. She gave them the finger. She was full of rage.

I'm taking a wild guess, but I just don't think she'd take a knee for David Dorn. He was a cop. [Charles Blow: Allies, don't fail us again](#) [Doyle McManus: Trump finds an unexpected center of resistance: the Pentagon](#) [Dellawar, El-Tayyab: There can be no getting along without reform](#) [Greg Moore: It's clear we live in different worlds](#) [Cass R. Sunstein: 'Union' is crucial word in Mattis' denunciation of Trump](#)

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Damond reliving the pain after Floyd death

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DAMOND RELIVING THE PAIN AFTER FLOYD DEATH

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Don Damond sat under a hulking white maple tree in his backyard, 4 miles from where less than two weeks ago a Minneapolis police officer kept his knee on ***George Floyd***'s neck for nearly nine minutes.

A cardinal trilled cheerfully. Dusk began to fall, and the mosquitoes descended in force.

The days since Floyd's death have been disorienting for Damond. In one way, he feels a sort of spiritual connection to the Floyd family.

It was less than three years ago that Damond's fiancée, Justine Ruszczyk Damond, was shot and killed by a Minneapolis police officer in southwest Minneapolis.

The past couple weeks have made his fiancée's killing fresh again: "I just find myself crying, and I haven't cried in a while."

Damond knows that Floyd's family's pain will not subside in the coming months as the judicial process runs its course.

The situation will only get worse. That's what Valerie Castile - the mother of Philando Castile, shot and killed by a Twin Cities police officer in 2016 - told Damond after his fiancée's death.

Damond plans to reach out to the Floyd family and offer his sympathies as well as his empathy of having experienced a loved one killed by a Minneapolis cop.

It's a club no one should have to be a member of.

He gets how the two deaths are different. Ruszczyk Damond was a white woman; Floyd was a black man. Mohamed Noor, believed to be the only officer in Minnesota history convicted of murder for an on-duty killing, was a black Somali-American.

Derek Chauvin, the fired officer charged with murder in Floyd's death, is white.

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One was a freak occurrence; the other symbolized centuries of American racial history.

Damond's fiancée's death was an in-the-moment reflex by Noor: If only the police officer had taken a breath before firing his gun, Damond thinks.

Floyd's death appeared to be about Chauvin exerting control and domination: He didn't want to let Floyd breathe, Damond thinks.

When Damond watched the video of Floyd's death, he focused on Chauvin's face.

"I just watched him," Damond said. "What's going on in his face? Is it fear? No. There's no fear. It's like a sociopathic killer. There's no remorse, no guilt, no anger. There's nothing.

"It's like he could be sitting there drinking a beer with his buddies. The look on his face was, 'I'm just going to snuff this guy and not even bat an eye.' "

There are two things at the heart of the nationwide protests after Floyd's death.

One is about police departments becoming too militarized, too "us-versus-them." That, and they often have bad hiring policies, shoddy policing and poor training.

"To me we're so united in solidarity around excessive use of force, and the reckless and inappropriate use of force, that left us losing a loved one needlessly and tragically," Damond said.

In that way, ***George Floyd*** and Justine Ruszczuk Damond are intertwined symbols of a police culture that's lost its way, and of police officers who aren't given the emotional tools to deal with a difficult job.

This part of the story is about how police departments must focus more on training, on changing use-of-force guidelines, on officers treating citizens with more humanity.

But the other thing driving nationwide protests - the reality of life as an African-American in 21st-century America - is something Damond understands he will never know.

In another way, though, Damond feels Justine has been invisible during local and national protests after Floyd's death.

Last Sunday morning, six days after Floyd's death, Damond visited the memorial outside Cup Foods. Nobody noticed him.

He was in awe of the sheer number of flowers. He looked at the mural of ***George Floyd*** on the wall, and he was overcome by loneliness.

"SAY OUR NAMES," the mural reads, above a portrait of Floyd. There was Castile's name. There were also the names of Jamar Clark, killed by a Minneapolis police officer in 2015, and Eric Garner, killed by a New York police officer in 2014, and Tamir Rice, killed by a Cleveland police officer in 2014, and more.

His fiancée's name was not on the mural.

"I've suffered the same loss - the same loss, at the hands of the same police department - tragic, reckless use of force," Damond said. "I get it. It is so complicated, and I get it.

Damond reliving the pain after Floyd death

Damond fears what is to come for the Floyd family. He knows the police officers' defense attorneys will "try and tear down the victim" to sow seeds of doubt.

"They've already started," Damond said: Reports that Floyd had COVID-19, that he had recently taken fentanyl and meth, that he had a violent felony conviction 13 years ago.

He thought of what Valerie Castile told him after his fiancée's death: "It's going to be a long haul, honey."

On Friday morning, while Damond was at work, his mother went to the memorial set up at the scene of Floyd's death. She spoke with protesters who were painting on the street the names of people killed by police officers.

The man running the project promised to paint Justine's name on the street, too.

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Prosecutor: 2 Buffalo police charged with assault in shoving

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PROSECUTOR: 2 BUFFALO POLICE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT IN SHOVING

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Body

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Two Buffalo police officers were charged with assault Saturday, prosecutors said, after a video showed them shoving a 75-year-old protester in recent demonstrations over the death of ***George Floyd***.

Robert McCabe and Aaron Torgalski, who surrendered Saturday morning, pleaded not guilty to second-degree assault. They were released without bail.

McCabe, 32, and Torgalski, 39, "crossed a line" when they shoved the man down hard enough for him to fall backward and hit his head on the sidewalk, Erie County District Attorney John Flynn said at a news conference, calling the victim "a harmless 75-year-old man."

The officers had been suspended without pay Friday after a TV crew captured the confrontation the night before. If convicted of the felony assault charge, they face up to seven years in prison.

McCabe's lawyer, Tom Burton, said after the arraignment that prosecutors didn't have any grounds to bring felony charges. He said his client is a decorated military veteran with a clean record as a police officer.

"Nobody started out their day intending to hurt this fellow," Burton said. He added that if the victim had followed commands to back off, "none of this would have happened."

A phone message was left with Torgalski's lawyer.

The footage shows the man, identified as longtime activist Martin Gugino, approaching a line of helmeted officers holding batons as they cleared demonstrators from Niagara Square around the time of an 8 p.m. curfew.

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Two officers push Gugino backward, and he hits his head on the pavement. Blood spills as officers walk past. One officer leans down to check on the injured man before another officer urges the colleague to keep walking.

The police officers "knew this was bad," Flynn said of the video. "Look at their body language."

The video of the encounter sparked outrage online as demonstrators take to cities across the country to protest racial injustice sparked by the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died after a white police officer pressed a knee into his neck for several minutes.

"I think there was criminal liability from what I saw on the video," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said at a briefing Saturday. "I think what the mayor did and the district attorney did was right, and I applaud them for acting as quickly as they did."

"What we saw was horrendous and disgusting, and I believe, illegal," he added.

But dozens of Buffalo police officers who were angered over their fellow officers' suspensions stepped down from the department's crowd control unit Friday. The resigning officers did not leave their jobs altogether.

A crowd of off-duty officers, firefighters and others gathered on Saturday outside the courthouse in a show of support for the accused officers and cheered when they were released.

"It was tremendous, tremendous to see," John Evans, president of the Buffalo Police Benevolent Association, told WIVB-TV. "I just think it's a strong indication of the outrage basically over this travesty."

Flynn said he understood the concerns of officers who don't feel they are being supported and pointed out that he's also prosecuting protesters "who have turned into agitators" and "need to be dealt with as well."

"There will be some who say that I'm choosing sides here," he said. "And I say that's ridiculous. I'm not on anyone's side." [*Correctional officers of color who say they were segregated from Derek Chauvin: Why isn't Ramsey Co. jail superintendent on leave?*](#) [*America disrupted: Troubles cleave a nation, and a city*](#) [*White woman charged after racist Central Park confrontation*](#) [*It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'*](#) [*In troubled times: Independence Day in a land of confusion*](#)

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Fox News: Black deaths, stock market graphic was insensitive

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[FOX NEWS: BLACK DEATHS, STOCK MARKET GRAPHIC WAS INSENSITIVE](#)

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Body

LOS ANGELES - Fox News apologized Saturday for how it displayed a chart correlating the stock market's performance with the aftermath of the deaths of [George Floyd](#), Martin Luther King Jr. and Michael Brown.

The graphic that aired Friday to illustrate market reactions to historic periods of civil unrest "should have never aired on television without full context. We apologize for the insensitivity of the image and take this issue seriously," the cable channel said in a statement.

The chart included on "Special Report with Bret Baier" illustrated gains made by the S&P 500 index after King's assassination in 1968; the Ferguson, Missouri, police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in 2014, and the May 25 death of Floyd while in Minneapolis police custody. It also measured the financial yardstick against the 1991 acquittal of Los Angeles police officers in the beating of Rodney King.

It was shown as part of a segment with Fox News and Fox Business reporter Susan Li focusing on the market rally that followed an unexpectedly lower number of jobless claims.

Other business publications and TV channels in recent days have compared the market's performance to current and historic social upheaval, but with significant background and explanation.

Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Illinois, tweeted that the graphic makes it clear that Fox News "does not care about black lives," while Michael Steele, former Republican National Committee chair and a MSNBC political analyst, posted, "This is how they mourn the loss of black men at #FoxNews - by how much the stock market goes up."

Baier retweeted Fox's apology without further comment.

Later Saturday, on Fox's "America's News HQ" telecast, anchor and senior correspondent Eric Shawn said the graphic should not have been used.

Fox News: Black deaths, stock market graphic was insensitive

"Last night, Fox News Channel aired an infographic attempting to show the stock market on occasion gained ground in the midst of turmoil, civil unrest and even tragedy," Shawn said. "In trying to make that point, the program 'Special Report' failed to explain the context of the times we are living in and should not have used that graphic." [Correctional officers of color who say they were segregated from Derek Chauvin: Why isn't Ramsey Co. jail superintendent on leave?](#) [America disrupted: Troubles cleave a nation, and a city](#) [White woman charged after racist Central Park confrontation](#) [It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'](#) [In troubled times: Independence Day in a land of confusion](#)

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U.S. Bank pledges active role in recovery

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[U.S. BANK PLEDGES ACTIVE ROLE IN RECOVERY](#)

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Body

U.S. Bank will increase new lending to black-owned businesses and rebuild three Minneapolis branches damaged in riots last week, its parent U.S. Bancorp said Friday as it announced other steps to combat racial inequality.

The Minneapolis-based company, which is the nation's fifth-largest bank, said it will boost its support for small and minority-owned businesses that create jobs and build social infrastructure, including \$100 million annually in higher lending to black-owned and -led businesses.

The company's foundation also put aside \$15 million to award grants to groups that are addressing systemic economic and racial inequities.

U.S. Bank also said it was looking at its own record of hiring and promoting people, saying it would change its "talent management strategy to develop and promote people of color to leadership roles."

Three of its branches, two along Lake Street and another in north Minneapolis, were closed after being damaged or looted in the violence that erupted from protests about [George Floyd](#)'s death in Minneapolis police custody on May 25.

"We will not turn our backs or abandon the neighborhoods where so many are hurting right now," Andy Cecere, the company's chief executive, said in a statement.

The company, which has branches in 25 states, experienced damage at a handful of other branches as protests against police violence stretched across the nation in the past week. Those locations were able to quickly reopen.

On the day after Floyd's death and before the protests grew huge, Cecere wrote to U.S. Bank employees that he expected to be held personally accountable for U.S. Bank's "core value of drawing strength from diversity."

"We talk about the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion as a society, but it is hard to say progress

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is being made when these are the headlines dominating the news," Cecere wrote in the note last week. "We have to do better, and I believe we can start right here at the bank."

With Friday's announcement, he tied the new efforts to the injustice of Floyd's death.

"***George Floyd***'s life had meaning and purpose. We need to do what we can to give the heartbreak that has followed meaning and purpose, as well," Cecere said.

Throughout the country, every U.S. Bank staffer will be given a new paid day off to do volunteer work in their communities.

On Wednesday, Greg Cunningham, the company's chief diversity officer, noted in an essay two ways that large companies can confront racism against black people: by doing more to hire and promote black employees and working more closely with black-owned businesses.

"So many organizations hire for diversity but manage to assimilation, and that is a fundamental problem," Cunningham wrote. "We need to be more intentional about creating conditions in which all of our employees can develop leadership, demonstrate creativity and advance professionally."

He also said leaders at all levels of a company "need to be active in denouncing ***systemic racism*** and acknowledging privilege."

Cunningham ended the essay, written as a letter to employees, by noting that he is frequently asked: "What can our company do?"

"To my 70,000 colleagues, you ARE the company," he wrote. "Be the change you want to see."

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Brainerd teacher resigns over social media posts

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[BRAINERD TEACHER RESIGNS OVER SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS](#)

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A Brainerd public school teacher has resigned over what the school superintendent called "troubling" social media posts on events surrounding the death of **George Floyd**.

Kara Hall, an art teacher at Forestview Middle School in Baxter, resigned on Wednesday, according to a letter released by Laine Larson, superintendent of Brainerd Public Schools.

"The views she expressed on social media earlier this week are contrary to our district's mission," Larson wrote, calling the comments "troubling." Larson said she would recommend that the school board accept the resignation at its regular meeting Monday.

Larson's letter didn't discuss the specific comments. But according to a termination petition signed by more than 5,000 people, Hall made Facebook posts disparaging blacks in the wake of violent protests that broke out in Minneapolis and St. Paul after Floyd died during a police encounter on Memorial Day.

Four Minneapolis police officers were fired and charged with crimes in the incident, including a second-degree murder charge against **Derek Chauvin**, the officer who was filmed pressing his knee into Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes.

"Recent events in our community, state and country have us all on a rollercoaster ride, which I suspect no one wanted to take," Larson wrote. "Thank you to community and staff members who reached out to share their concerns about the events of this week.

"It has been heartwarming to see such a deep commitment to making sure every single learner entrusted to us has caring teachers and staff who value them."

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MN top Republican: 'Leadership failed badly'; Sen. Paul Gazelka wants to end Walz emergency powers and 'pandemic fear'

ARTICLE CCCLXXXVI. [MN TOP REPUBLICAN: 'LEADERSHIP FAILED BADLY'; SEN. PAUL GAZELKA WANTS TO END WALZ EMERGENCY POWERS AND 'PANDEMIC FEAR'](#)

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Highlight: Minnesota's most powerful Republican Friday leveled a series of criticisms against Gov. Tim Walz for his handling of recent riots and coronavirus response. "Leadership failed badly," Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said of Walz and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, both Democrats; together, Gazelka said, they failed to act soon enough to restore [...]

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Minnesota's most powerful Republican Friday leveled a series of criticisms against Gov. Tim Walz for his handling of recent riots and coronavirus response.

"Leadership failed badly," Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said of Walz and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, both Democrats; together, Gazelka said, they failed to act soon enough to restore peace once violence erupted.

In his most extensive public comments since the death of *George Floyd*, Gazelka touched on a host of issues, from the need for a reckoning of race relations to Walz's emergency powers to the politics of the upcoming special session of the Legislature, where his Senate majority stands as the state's only check to unfettered Democratic rule across all offices and bodies of state government in Minnesota.

[Walz said Wednesday he wants to see a host of new police reforms](#) and racially relevant bills pushed forward, so Gazelka's posture is critical as the curtain rises on the next act of what has already been an unprecedented spring of pandemic and protest and a fall election approaches where every state lawmaker's seat will be on the ballot.

Hardly a firebrand, Gazelka has generally had a cordial relationship with Walz and other leading Democrats, but their "Minnesota nice" behavior toward each other has seen its limits on numerous issues in the past.

Here were some of Gazelka's points:

'LEADERSHIP FAILED' IN RIOTS

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Recounting a chronology of how protest turned to violence and then to looting, arson and two to three nights of widespread lawlessness last week, Gazelka laid responsibility squarely on Walz, whom he blamed for not calling up the National Guard sooner and in greater numbers.

"Leadership failed badly, and it has tarnished Minnesota's reputation," he said.

He noted that Minneapolis has been under Democratic control for a generation and said Frey must share blame as well for the shortcomings not just of the response to the unrest but of the circumstances that led to it over years as well.

"Can somebody apologize to the people of Minnesota for not protecting the people of Minnesota?" Gazelka said.

A spokesman for Frey did not return a request for comment Friday evening.

Asked about Gazelka's remarks at a news conference, Walz said they were "not helpful."

"The buck stops with me," Walz said of decisions he made. "But it seems a bit premature that a postmortem has been done and we're going to go to that place. ... I think it's easy to coach from the seats."

'END PANDEMIC FEAR'

Walz's ultimate authority over law and order in Minnesota is especially clear now, since he has for months operated with sweeping emergency powers he granted himself under state law when the coronavirus pandemic hit.

It's time to end those powers, Gazelka said, citing both the response to the unrest and Walz's desire to maintain a level of control over society reopening amid the pandemic. He said the Senate would vote to strip Walz of the powers, although he acknowledged the move was unlikely to garner enough, if any, support from Democrats to succeed.

Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, DFL-Woodbury, called the idea "shortsighted."

The [loosening of restrictions Walz announced](#) later in the day would not be enough, said Gazelka, who had already been briefed by the Walz administration when he made his remarks.

"The governor must immediately lift all restrictions," Gazelka said. "He should not decide who gets to go to a funeral and who does not. ... Let individuals decide for themselves how to keep safe."

Stressing that the vast majority of deaths have been in long-term care settings such as nursing homes, Gazelka voiced a sentiment expressed by many Republicans: "The pandemic fear must end."

GEORGE FLOYD AND RACE

Gazelka, an evangelical Christian who has said "[my faith is inseparable from who I am](#)," spoke in spiritual and personal terms about Floyd's death and the outcry afterward.

He said he was haunted by the video of Floyd, a 46-year-old unarmed and handcuffed black man, under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer. In recent days, he said, he's visited with numerous black pastors

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and minority business owners. He attended Floyd's memorial service Thursday, and he said he made a private, early morning visit to the site where Floyd was subdued.

He said he wrote in chalk "Liberty and justice for all."

"And I underlined the 'all,' " he said, "because it must be for all."

Gazelka said he hopes Minnesota "can lead the nation in race reconciliation" and said his recent time has been spent listening to the concerns of those involved.

"I believe we are on a journey, all of us. ... I believe this is a God-breathed dream for all mankind," he said.

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However, Gazelka strongly suggested the long list of reforms long sought by minority lawmakers and community members, as well as other liberal Democrats, will not come to pass this summer.

"I just know how long the process takes," he said of the Legislature's deliberative methods. He pointed to education and law enforcement reforms that Republicans have favored in the past as he sought to defend his party from Walz's characterization the day before of Republicans as obstacles to change.

Those sentiments drew a response from Kent: "His suggestion at a slow and drawn-out legislative response is not only indicative of the reason we have not been able to pass transformative justice legislation in the past, but it is completely dismissive of the urgency to protect the black community."

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Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake

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Editor's note: After George Floyd's death, pain, rage, devastation and pledges to rebuild

ARTICLE CCCLXXXVII. ***EDITOR'S NOTE: AFTER GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH, PAIN, RAGE, DEVASTATION AND PLEDGES TO REBUILD***

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It's been nearly two weeks since ***George Floyd*** died with a Minneapolis police officer's knee on his neck, and the fallout has been devastating locally and across the country.

Once again, a community is saddened and enraged after witnessing, in a brutal nine-minute video, the latest in a long line of black people being killed by police.

And once again, that rage spills over into citywide protests, some evolving into the destruction of large swaths of commercial property and hundreds of small businesses in Minneapolis and St. Paul, especially along Lake Street in Minneapolis and University Avenue in St. Paul. While investigators are still examining how much of that damage was due to extremists taking advantage of legitimate protesting, those businesses and properties are devastated nevertheless.

As the violence eased this week, Minnesotans started cleaning up, assessing the damage - to property, livelihoods and our relationships with one another as a community - and figuring out how to move forward.

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The following stories represent a portion of the Business Journal's initial examination of all of those things, covering how Lake Street is starting to rebuild, perspectives from business leaders of color, a report on the future of damaged bank branches, and more.

We have much more coverage of ***George Floyd***'s death and the aftermath at mspb.com, but that and this [weekly edition](#) of the Business Journal are only the beginning. Recovery and healing will be a long process, and we plan to cover the business side of that in the weeks and months ahead. Please contact me or our reporters with ideas of what we should cover and who we should talk to, and please stay safe and take care of yourself and your community.

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Key philanthropic forces join up to rebuild, reform

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**KEY PHILANTHROPIC FORCES JOIN UP TO REBUILD,
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Body

Three of the largest philanthropic funders in the Twin Cities are dedicating new resources to rebuilding small, minority-owned businesses damaged in last week's riots and reforming the criminal justice system.

The Greater Twin Cities United Way, Minneapolis Foundation and St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation announced Friday they've teamed up, launching a new fund that's reached \$1.3 million so far to help pay for repairs, relocation expenses and other aid to those small businesses starting this month.

The three organizations are also beginning a new initiative to reform the criminal justice system through convening meetings, starting educational efforts and examining policies or testifying at the Legislature. While the initiative, led by community activist Huda Ahmed, was in the works for about a year, it was announced Friday - nearly two weeks after 46-year-old **George Floyd** died after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck.

"We are looking for lasting systematic change," said Acooa Ellis, senior vice president of community impact at United Way. "**George Floyd**'s death was an example of what's happening too often."

The multiyear initiative will be led by people of color affected by racial disparities, helping define the problem and coming up with solutions.

"The community is ahead of us," said Pahoua Yang Hoffman, senior vice president of community impact at the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation.

The three organizations were also responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chanda Smith Baker, the Minneapolis Foundation's senior vice president of impact, said the collaboration will now be able to address immediate and long-term needs, putting the time and leadership where their money is - especially after Floyd's death, which has sparked protests around the world.

"It has activated us to a new level," she said. "That should not be nothing."

Ahmed added: "We're not just going to give grants and expect the community to make things happen."

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To donate to the organizations' "Twin Cities Rebuild for the Future Fund," go to tcrebuild.org or text TCREBUILD to 51555.

Other organizations are also stepping up to help businesses that were burned down and looted in Minneapolis, many of which were owned by people of color.

The Lake Street Council has raised more than \$4.7 million in its fund while the Longfellow Community Council has raised nearly \$30,000 to support food assistance, boost security measures and rebuild businesses.

The Northside Funders Group has also raised more than \$1.4 million to help damaged north Minneapolis businesses. And this week, Minneapolis-based Target pledged \$10 million to social justice organizations such as the National Urban League and community rebuilding efforts.

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Target vows \$10M for agencies, rebuilding

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TARGET VOWS \$10M FOR AGENCIES, REBUILDING

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Body

Minneapolis mega-retailer Target has pledged \$10 million to social justice organizations such as the National Urban League and the African American Leadership Forum, as well as community rebuilding efforts, after the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody.

Across the country, cities including Minneapolis and St. Paul have seen both peaceful protests and looting and violence in response to Floyd's death, as well as calls for reform from around the world.

"Target stands with black families, communities and team members," said Target CEO Brian Cornell in a Friday statement. "As we face an inflection point in Minneapolis and across the country, we're listening to our team, guests and communities, committed to using our size, scale and resources

to help heal and create lasting change."

In addition to the monetary donations, which will come from both the retailer and its foundation, Target has committed to provide 10,000 hours of pro bono consulting services for businesses owned by people of color within the Twin Cities as they rebuild after recent riots left some damaged.

By mid-June, nonprofits that support businesses owned by black and other entrepreneurs of color also will be able to apply for grants from the Target Foundation to help rebuild business storefronts that were damaged in the riots.

The company's loyalty program Target Circle will offer customers the option to direct Target funds to local nonprofits and organizations supporting social justice.

And Target has created an internal task force of senior company leaders to help analyze the company's "path forward."

"At this critical moment in our Twin Cities communities and across the country, we appreciate the solidarity Target has shown to help rebuild as well as be part of the necessary systems changes ahead of us," said Marcus Owens, executive director of the African American Leadership Forum in the Twin Cities.

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Target employees have volunteered hundreds of hours toward cleanup efforts in heavily affected neighborhoods of the Twin Cities, and Target has partnered with local nonprofits such as Second Harvest Heartland to provide truckloads of donated essentials like baby formula, medicine and more in recent weeks.

Target - which has had a handful of its local stores damaged or looted in recent days - has reopened most of its stores in the Twin Cities area, including the St. Paul Midway store.

Its Lake Street store in Minneapolis, which was one of the first to be looted and damaged, is anticipated to reopen before the end of the year.

Before the ***George Floyd*** protests, Target and the Target Foundation announced \$10 million in donations to support organizations helping with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Biden formally clinches Democratic presidential nomination

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Body

WASHINGTON - Joe Biden formally clinched the Democratic presidential nomination Friday, setting him up for a bruising challenge to President Donald Trump that will play out against the unprecedented backdrop of a pandemic, economic collapse and civil unrest.

"It was an honor to compete alongside one of the most talented groups of candidates the Democratic party has ever fielded," Biden said in a statement Friday night, "and I am proud to say that we are going into this general election a united party."

The former vice president has effectively been his party's leader since his last challenger in the Democratic primary, Bernie Sanders, ended his campaign in April. But Biden pulled together the 1,991 delegates needed to become the nominee after seven states and the District of Columbia held presidential primaries Tuesday.

Biden reached the threshold three days after the primaries because several states, overwhelmed by huge increases in mail ballots, took days to tabulate results. A team of analysts at The Associated Press then parsed the votes into individual congressional districts. Democrats award most delegates to the party's national convention based on results in individual congressional districts.

Biden now has 1,995 delegates, with contests still to come in eight states and three U.S. territories.

The moment was met with little of the traditional fanfare as the nation confronts overlapping crises. While Biden has started to venture out more this week, the coronavirus pandemic has largely confined him to his Wilmington, Delaware, home for much of the past three months.

The country faces the worst rate of unemployment since the Great Depression. And civil unrest that harkens back to the 1960s has erupted in dozens of cities following the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died when a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

Biden formally clinches Democratic presidential nomination

It's a confluence of events that no U.S. leader has faced in modern times, made all the more complicated by a president who has at times antagonized the protesters and is eager to take the fight to Biden.

"This is a difficult time in America's history," Biden said Friday night. "And Donald Trump's angry, divisive politics is no answer. The country is crying out for leadership. Leadership that can unite us. Leadership that can bring us together."

Biden spent 36 years in the Senate before becoming Barack Obama's vice president. This is 77-year-old Biden's third bid for the presidency and his success in capturing the Democratic nomination was driven by strong support from black voters.

He finished an embarrassing fourth place in the overwhelmingly white Iowa caucuses that kicked off the nomination process in February. Biden fared little better in the New Hampshire primary, where his standing was so low that he left the state before polls closed on election night to instead rally black voters in South Carolina.

His rebound began in the more diverse caucuses in Nevada but solidified in South Carolina, where Biden stomped Sanders, his nearest rival, by nearly 29 points. He followed that with a dominant showing three days later during the Super Tuesday contests, taking 10 of the 14 states.

Biden's strong showing in states such as North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas reinforced his status as the preferred Democratic candidate of African American voters - but the relationship has not been without its strained moments. After a tense exchange with an influential black radio host, Biden took sharp criticism for suggesting that African American voters still deciding between him and Trump "ain't black."

That comment, and protests that have spread nationwide, have increased pressure on Biden to pick an African American running mate. He has already committed to picking a woman as a vice presidential candidate.

Black voters are unlikely to back Trump over Biden by a wide margin. A recent Fox News poll shows just 14% of African Americans who are registered to vote have a favorable opinion of the president compared with 75% who favorably view Biden.

But Biden must ensure that black voters are motivated to show up to the polls in November, especially in critical swing states that narrowly went for Trump in 2016.

At one point, the Democratic primary included dozens of candidates of different races, genders and generations and an openly gay man. The contest was dominated by debate over unapologetically progressive ideas, including fully government-funded health care under "Medicare for All" and a sweeping proposal to combat climate change known as the "Green New Deal."

Biden prevailed by mostly offering more moderate approaches that he argued would make him more electable against Trump.

He refused to budge on his rejection of universal health care and some of the Green New Deal's most ambitious provisions to combat climate change.

Since clinching the nomination, however, Biden has worked to build his appeal among progressives, forming joint task forces with Sanders' campaign to find common ground on key issues like health care, the economy and the environment. Biden has also embraced a plan to forgive millions of Americans' student

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debt, meaning that he clinches the nomination as easily the most liberal standard bearer the Democratic Party has ever had.

Biden's embrace of his party's left flank could help him consolidate a Democratic base that remained deeply divided after the 2016 primary and ultimately hurt Hillary Clinton in her defeat to Trump. But it could also undermine Biden's attempts to rebuild the Obama coalition, which is often loosely defined as minorities and young people, as well as educated Americans and some working-class voters.

The former vice president has sought, since announcing his candidacy, to cast the election as a battle "for the soul of the nation," and promised to restore order and dignity to the White House while rehabilitating the U.S. image on the world stage. Such an approach, though, necessarily focuses on being more of an alternative to Trump than offering radically new political ideas. And that further underscores Biden's difficult task of trying to unite his party's base while appealing to voters from far beyond it.

"I am going to spend every day between now and November 3rd fighting to earn the votes of Americans all across this great country," Biden promised Friday, "so that, together, we can win the battle for the soul of this nation, and make sure that as we rebuild our economy, everyone comes along." [Trump pushes conspiracy theory about Buffalo protester](#) [US moves forward with plan to end wild bird protections](#) [Following Mattis: More in the GOP frown on Trump's tone](#) [Democrats prepare police reform bills after Floyd's death](#) [Analysis: Trump emulates strongman tactics, tests his limits](#)

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Buffalo officers suspended in shoving of 75-year-old man

ARTICLE CCCXCI. **[BUFFALO OFFICERS SUSPENDED IN SHOIVING OF 75-YEAR-OLD MAN](#)**

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Body

By JOHN WAWROW

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Dozens of Buffalo police officers stepped down from the department's crowd control unit Friday, objecting to the suspensions of two fellow officers in the shoving of a 75-year-old protester who fell and cracked his head.

Prosecutors were investigating the encounter captured by a TV crew Thursday night near the conclusion of protests over the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minnesota. The footage shows a man identified as Martin Gugino approaching a line of helmeted officers holding batons as they clear demonstrators from Niagara Square around the time of an 8 p.m. curfew.

Two officers push Gugino backward, and he hits his head on the pavement. Blood spills as officers walk past. One officer leans down to check on the injured man before another officer urges the colleague to keep walking.

"Why? Why was that necessary? Where was the threat?" asked Gov. Andrew Cuomo at his daily briefing Friday. The governor said he spoke to Gugino, who had been hospitalized in serious condition. "It's just fundamentally offensive and frightening. How did we get to this place?"

The police commissioner suspended two police officers without pay Friday, Mayor Byron Brown said.

In response, 57 members of the Buffalo Police Department's emergency response team quit the unit "in disgust because of the treatment of two of their members, who were simply executing orders," said John Evans, Police Benevolent Association president, according to WGRZ.

The resigning officers did not leave their jobs altogether.

Gugino and the officers all appear to be white, but details of their backgrounds were not released.

Buffalo officers suspended in shoving of 75-year-old man

Late Friday, the New York City Police Department announced the suspension of two other officers, including one seen on video shoving a much smaller, female protester who was hurled back and hit her head on the pavement.

The Buffalo confrontation raised concerns about more possible flare-ups in a city where, earlier this week, two officers enforcing a curfew were injured by an SUV that plowed into a large group of officers who had begun swinging batons and using police dogs to enforce the curfew.

Things looked to have calmed somewhat Friday evening, as a large group of about 300 protesters marched uptown peacefully but after the city's 8 p.m. curfew, accompanied by two police cars and a police helicopter.

Brown said contingency plans are in place "ensure public safety." Additional state troopers will be in the city through the weekend to assist Buffalo police, according to a state police spokesman. And Brown said they are working with other agencies.

"I want people out in our community to know that people peacefully protesting will be protected," Brown said at a news conference Friday.

Protests are expected to continue nationwide over the death of Floyd - a black man who died after a white police officer pressed a knee on his neck for several minutes.

Gugino was hospitalized and was "alert and oriented," according to a Friday morning tweet by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz.

Poloncarz at a briefing later in the day wished Gugino a "speedy recovery" and said the encounter "created a black mark, a stain on the city of Buffalo."

The district attorney's office "continues to investigate the incident," officials said in a news release.

Gugino is a retiree who lives by himself in the area, say friends who describe him as a veteran peace activist driven by his faith and a desire for social justice. He is involved with the Western New York Peace Center and Latin American Solidarity Committee, said Vicki Ross, the center's executive director.

"I can assure you, Martin is a peaceable person," Ross said. "There is no way that he was doing anything to accost or hurt. He made a judgment to stay out after the curfew because he feels that our civil liberties are so in danger, which they most certainly are."

His Twitter timeline includes tweets and retweets supportive of progressive causes and critical of police.

Ross said Gugino has been undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.

"It doesn't surprise me that Martin was standing there looking at these young cops in the eye," Mark Colville of the Amistad Catholic Worker said of his longtime friend.

Buffalo police initially said in a statement that a person "was injured when he tripped & fell," WIVB-TV reported, but Capt. Jeff Rinaldo later told the TV station an internal investigation was opened. Police later apologized and said they were "working with incomplete details during what was a very fast-moving and fluid situation."

The office of state Attorney General Letitia James tweeted that officials there were aware of the video.

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This story has been updated to correct that the source of the video was WBFO, not WFBO. Michael Hill contributed from Albany, N.Y.

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Coronavirus Saturday update: New cases slow, Ramsey County resident youngest to die

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Minnesota health officials on Saturday reported 22 more deaths from COVID-19 and 526 newly confirmed cases of the coronavirus.

The number of new cases has dropped off in the past week even as diagnostic testing has increased. At an average of 473 per day, the past week has seen the fewest new cases in more than a month.

Hospitalizations, at 473, and patients in intensive care, 206, are at their lowest points in over three weeks.

State officials will be watching closely whether those positive trends continue as restrictions ease on businesses, churches and group gatherings and following several days of large protests following the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody.

Starting Wednesday, bars and restaurants can serve customers indoors at half capacity for the first time since March 17. Masks will be required for employees and encouraged for customers, and patrons must make reservations and sit at least six feet from one another. Gyms and outdoor pools can reopen then, too, and churches can operate at half capacity, up from 25 percent.

The virus has played a role in 1,170 deaths so far. It has infected at least 27,501 Minnesotans, although that number figures to be much higher because of limited early testing and because some have no or mild symptoms.

Infections are distributed fairly evenly by age, but the overwhelmingly majority of Minnesotans who have died of COVID-19 have been residents of nursing homes. They've accounted for 936 deaths, or 80 percent of the total, through Friday.

Coronavirus Saturday update: New cases slow, Ramsey County resident youngest to die

The deaths reported Saturday include a Ramsey County resident in their 20s, who is the youngest in the state to die of the disease. A Minnesota Department of Health spokeswoman said they couldn't share information about any underlying health conditions that person may have had.

Meat processing employees and their relatives have accounted for a large number of Minnesota's rural coronavirus cases.

In Mower County, confirmed cases have doubled in just over a week as its largest employers, Hormel Foods and the adjacent Quality Pork Processors, have seen outbreaks in Austin. Neighboring Freeborn County has seen a substantial increase in cases, too.

The state has made significant progress in diagnostic testing. The three highest one-day totals for new tests have come in the past three days, for a total of more than 38,000.

Anyone with symptoms or who recently participated in a large protest is urged to [get tested](#) for the virus.

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Drone flyover during protests still a mystery

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It's still unclear which government agency asked federal agents to circle a Predator surveillance drone 20,000 feet above Minneapolis last week during widespread protests over police brutality and the death of ***George Floyd***.

U.S. Customs & Border Protection, which flew the drone over the Twin Cities in the late morning and early afternoon of May 29, declined to answer questions about the operation, saying in a statement only that the aircraft was sent "at the request of our federal law enforcement partners in Minneapolis."

Exactly who asked for the drone is important because Gov. Tim Walz signed a law in May that prohibits law enforcement agencies from using drones and certain advanced technologies such as facial recognition cameras or other mass data collection tools without a warrant. That state law doesn't apply to federal agencies, said state Rep. John Lesch, DFL-St. Paul, who co-authored the legislation.

One of the loopholes in the law, Lesch said, is that it can be difficult to verify if the request for drone support actually originated with a federal agency or with local law enforcement.

"I really want to know to what extent the feds are cooperating with local agencies," he said. "I want to know who's requesting this surveillance drone, who's getting the benefit of that federal data, who is using that data. I think we're entitled to know that."

FBI spokesman Kevin Smith said the bureau has had no use for a drone during the protests over Floyd's death, and that it is "not the agency in question" that ordered up the drone.

The Minnesota National Guard, which has its own military aircraft, also denies flying drones over the city and did not request any drone support from Customs & Border Protection, a spokesman said.

Walz has said he has been in touch with military authorities in Washington to discuss logistical and intelligence support as authorities worked last weekend to regain control of the streets in Minneapolis and St. Paul. His office didn't return phone calls and e-mails seeking comment.

Drone flyover during protests still a mystery

Knowledge of the drone was only made public after Jason Paladino, an investigative reporter with the Project On Government Oversight, posted images of its flight path online. He and other flight watchers used open-source flight data from ADS-B Exchange to trace the aircraft as it circled in an almost perfect hexagon above the city for more than an hour. The aircraft was identified as CBP104, a Customs & Border Protection Predator B drone based in Grand Forks, N.D.

The drone, an older model that carries no weapons, was originally designed by the military to locate and direct bombs in foreign wars. It is capable of spending up to 20 hours in the air and provides detailed live video on the ground from great distances, according to a Customs & Border Protection fact sheet.

The agency said it bought the drones to help its counterterrorism operations and to spot illegal border crossings, and it has been using Predator drones to help law enforcement agencies since 2005.

Customs "routinely conducts operations with other federal, state and local law enforcement entities to assist law enforcement and humanitarian relief efforts," a spokesman said in a statement.

The drone sent over Minneapolis was "preparing to provide live video" to law enforcement officers on the ground, "giving them situational awareness, maximizing public safety, while minimizing the threat to personnel and assets," the statement read. "After arriving into the Minneapolis airspace, the requesting agency determined that the aircraft was no longer needed for operational awareness and departed back to Grand Forks."

Members of the U.S. House Committee on Oversight Reform announced late Friday that they were starting an investigation into the use of the drone over Minneapolis.

In a letter to the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees Customs & Border Protection, representatives demanded a list of all jurisdictions to which the drone was sent, any communication with local or federal agencies about the drone, whether any video was recorded or pictures taken over Minneapolis, and whether any federal or local agents used facial recognition technology, among other demands.

"The deployment of drones and officers to surveil protests is a gross abuse of authority and is particularly chilling when used against Americans who are protesting law enforcement brutality," read the letter, which was signed by five Democratic members of Congress.

Civil liberty advocates have denounced the use of the drone, citing the agency's lack of privacy protections and the potential impact military technology could have in tracking citizens who have broken no laws.

"The fear is that drones are small, quiet and they're uniquely suited for secret surveillance," said Julia Decker, policy director of the ACLU of Minnesota.

There is often very little transparency from the government in how data collected from advanced technologies such as drones are used, said Alan Rozenshtein, a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School and a former federal prosecutor and lawyer in the Department of Justice's National Security Division.

"And when you can attach cameras to drones that can run through sophisticated facial recognition software and that can track people's locations in a large database, that obviously raises concerns," Rozenshtein said.

The common phrase that technology has outpaced legislation can be misleading, he added.

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"It's not right to say, 'Oh, technology is ungovernable,' " he said. "It's governable. You just need to have a governing framework and we have failed to impose that."

One school of thought holds that law enforcement or federal agencies should be banned from using drones, Rozenshtein said. Realistically, they may simply be too effective and too cheap to eliminate, he said.

"It raises these hard questions of how effective do we want law enforcement to be and what is the cost of that effectiveness," he said. "Every day we are getting closer and closer to a decision point on that."

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Falsities leaked out during riot chaos

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FALSITIES LEAKED OUT DURING RIOT CHAOS

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 1119 words**Byline:** TOREY VAN OOT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Unverified information spread widely, even from trusted sources.**Body**

Soon after a tanker truck drove into a crowd of protesters on the Interstate 35W Bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler sent an alert to his thousands of Twitter followers.

"Protesters I know are saying truck driver drove into a crowd and intentionally ran into them," the Golden Valley Democrat wrote Sunday. "Confederate flags and white supremacist insignia."

The tweet spread quickly, racking up hundreds of shares. But it wasn't true. Confirmation of Confederate flags or symbols never surfaced. State officials now say they believe the driver was already on the road as it was being closed and was not trying to hit anyone. No charges have been filed.

Through the chaos of a riotous string of days following *George Floyd's* death under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, Winkler was hardly the only public official to unwittingly disseminate false or unverified information about the facts on the ground.

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter apologized Saturday for saying "every single person we arrested last night" was from out of state, after data showed most were from Minnesota. The mayor said he received inaccurate figures before the briefing and has "taken further steps to safeguard our ability to provide relevant and accurate information."

Even Gov. Tim Walz, who criticized Winkler's now-deleted tweet as "not helpful," had to walk back some statements he gave as he led the state's response.

On Saturday morning, as the Twin Cities reeled from another night of unrest, the governor blamed outside agitators for the worst damage to Minneapolis and St. Paul. About 80% of protesters, he said, were from out of state. President Donald Trump amplified the claim in a tweet to his 81 million followers.

When pressed later on the source of his figure, the governor cited "reports from what we're getting on the streets" and "human intel." By Monday, Walz had backpedaled, saying he "got out over my skis a little bit"

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by sharing an exact number. While some arrests have involved alleged rioters from out of state, officials have not confirmed publicly who was responsible for the bulk of the damage. Investigations are ongoing.

Rumors and false claims about the aftermath of Floyd's death surged over the past week, fueled largely by social media. Media research company Signal Labs has tracked more than 1.7 million mentions of misinformation related to Floyd's death on May 25 and subsequent protests. Some top state officials have expressed concerns that some disinformation is being deliberately spread.

But public officials are not immune. In Minnesota, unconfirmed reports about drug cartels and white supremacists, a National Guard retreat and plans to block cellphone service during protests flourished after coming up through official channels.

The swirl of rumors during the Twin Cities' nights of arson and looting illustrated how relaying accurate information is crucial for ensuring public trust and safety, especially in times of crisis. The spread of misinformation, even when unintentional, can sow confusion and division.

For those reasons, public officials face "a higher bar" for getting things right, especially on social media, said retired Carleton College political scientist Steven Schier. But meeting that standard can be particularly challenging amid a "fog of conflict," he said.

"They're trying to make real-time assessments," he said. "A lot of that information is going to be fuzzy or false and they have to correct it as they occur."

Charlie Weaver, a former chief of staff to Gov. Tim Pawlenty who served as Minnesota Department of Public Safety commissioner during the 09/11 attacks, said he learned in those roles "to be honest and transparent about what we did know and what we didn't and when we made a mistake to acknowledge that and correct it as soon as possible."

"Mistakes are inevitable in chaotic situations," said Weaver, who now leads the Minnesota Business Partnership. "It's how you respond to them that matters and preserves your credibility."

In most cases, state and local officials did seek to quickly update or correct incomplete or inaccurate statements related to the unrest. A top Walz aide noted that the governor and public safety officials held multiple news conferences over the weekend in an attempt to provide updates as quickly as possible.

Winkler said he, too, was trying to share information of public interest in real time when he sent his tweet about the tanker truck. After the truck incident, he encountered a crowd of panicked protesters running his way. Someone he knew told him they had seen flags and symbols on the truck. The claim seemed "plausible" given top officials' earlier warnings about threats from white supremacists, so he shared the information, noting it came from a protester.

But when the DFL leader watched video footage of the incident later and "didn't see anything like that at all," he deleted his original tweet. In a follow-up post, he said he had shared inaccurate information amid a "chaotic scene and multiple reports."

"The eyewitness account seemed to square with outside facts," Winkler said in an interview. "What I have learned is people who are conditioned to see or believe a certain thing in a panicked moment can see it, even if it's not there."

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Emily Vraga, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota's Hubbard School of Journalism, said the sheer volume of misinformation in breaking news situations means "no one is immune" from inadvertently sharing false claims. But she said it "is incumbent on people who have a prominent platform to be especially careful."

"There is a special emphasis for people who do have that power, whose voice will not just be heard but have a lot of credibility, that they have to get it right to the extent they can from the get-go," she said.

Vraga recommends public-facing figures delete and correct inaccurate posts if possible to try to prevent the bad information from spreading further. But even when they act fast, it can be difficult to rein in a false claim online.

On Friday, as fires and violence ravaged parts of south Minneapolis, Council Member Alondra Cano tweeted that Walz "pulled out the national guard he had promised," leaving a gas station to burn. A Walz spokesman swiftly refuted the claim. But Cano's tweet, which remains online, was shared by hundreds of people online. In a separate post an hour later, she said she had confirmed "guard members are still in Minneapolis," just rerouted to other parts of the city. That clarification was retweeted just 32 times.

In an e-mail, Cano said she was focused on efforts to raise money to rebuild Lake Street and did not have time to discuss her tweets.

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Federal aid sought for riot damage

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Minnesota officials are seeking federal help - including a disaster declaration - as the state begins picking up the pieces after a week of riots over the Minneapolis police killing of ***George Floyd***

On Friday, Joe Kelly, the state's director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, gave an early estimate of at least \$27 million in damages across the Twin Cities metro area. But, citing ongoing local damage assessments, Kelly wrote that he expected that number to go higher.

In Minneapolis, hit hardest, local assessments are coming in at up to \$150 million.

In a letter Friday, Kelly asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help conduct a joint assessment of damages in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington counties that would help determine public assistance. Kelly noted Friday that the low-end figure of \$27 million was three times higher than the state's indicator for public assistance needs.

Steve Grove, the Department of Employment and Economic Development's commissioner, told lawmakers Friday the state is working with Minneapolis and St. Paul officials - as well as the state's congressional delegation - on pursuing a disaster declaration to free up more resources.

As of Friday, at least 67 businesses have been completely destroyed by fire and nearly 500 across the Twin Cities experienced vandalism or looting, according to a Star Tribune database. Businesses along a 5-mile stretch of Lake Street in Minneapolis and a 1-mile stretch of University Avenue in St. Paul's Midway area experienced some of the heaviest damage.

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Gathering peaceful at Fargo's Island Park

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[GATHERING PEACEFUL AT FARGO'S ISLAND PARK](#)

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Body

Rather than fists, thousands of hands lifted flowers at Fargo's Island Park on Friday to wish Breonna Taylor happy birthday and demand justice for her and *George Floyd*.

Taylor was fatally shot in March by Louisville police officers who have not been arrested or charged. Floyd's death last week while in custody of four Minneapolis police officers, who have all been arrested and charged, sparked international protests and affected every state - including North Dakota, where Fargo was not immune to rioting seen across the country.

But organizers of the Island Park sit-in vowed the demonstration would remain peaceful and not repeat the violence of last weekend. In return, organizers asked Fargo police to forgo riot gear and shared with the sprawling crowd a list of demands of local elected leaders and police departments.

"We've had the knee of systemic oppression on our neck for too long," said organizer Joseph Lewis.

Despite pledging to be a peaceful gathering, the Minnesota and North Dakota National Guards remained on standby. Gov. Tim Walz ordered troops to Moorhead after what he said were credible threats that could affect that city, though Walz and Mayor Johnathan Judd didn't elaborate on those safety concerns.

"It is a precautionary measure just in case those outside influences ... show up with the ill intent to break what is going to be a good, positive celebration in this community," Judd said.

Whereas Judd said there wouldn't be "a Guard presence in Moorhead during the celebration," Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney said the Guard would be protecting city buildings.

Tanks surrounded City Hall, where Friday's protest was initially planned, but organizers ultimately agreed to stay in Island Park and not march throughout Fargo-Moorhead.

Some downtown Fargo businesses boarded up windows out of fear of what happened during last Saturday's protest when thousands peacefully marched through the city, but then, as night fell, the protest turned violent.

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Police used tear gas and less-than-lethal munition on protesters, and so far they've arrested 17 people for rioting.

The city announced it would be closing the mall and City Hall "due to uncertainty surrounding events in downtown on Friday," and encouraged business owners to remove items around their property that could be used to cause harm or damage. But there was no sign of unrest in Island Park on Friday afternoon, and those in attendance hoped it would remain peaceful into the night.

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Greg Moore: It's clear we live in different worlds

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[GREG MOORE: IT'S CLEAR WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS](#)

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Highlight: I'm a 65-year-old black man, and I have literally spent most of my life doing everything possible to avoid encounters with police. My mother warned me when I was about 12 to beware of the police because even though I was a good boy, I could be killed with impunity. I'd be just another dead [...]

Body

I'm a 65-year-old black man, and I have literally spent most of my life doing everything possible to avoid encounters with police.

My mother warned me when I was about 12 to beware of the police because even though I was a good boy, I could be killed with impunity. I'd be just another dead black boy supposedly mixed up in guns, drugs or gangs.

I wish I wasn't afraid of the police. I have never had a cop live on my street. I've known only two law enforcement officers socially; one is a former FBI agent who I met a decade ago and is a great guy, and the other is a black cop who I played street basketball with in the 1980s.

The vast majority of police never fire a weapon, but the bad deeds rightly get more attention because of the suffering.

As a journalist I did some of those stories. I wrote about suburban police officers using sap gloves to beat suspects. I wrote about a white cop who shot and killed an unarmed black man, who was on his way home from a party. The police officer had numerous complaints against him and was known in the department as the "Orkin Man," after a commercial for a pest-control company.

I've made it this far by being extremely careful. I've never hung out in bars, don't lose my temper with authority figures, and haven't had a fight since high school, all in an effort to avoid any dealings with the police.

Yet, I know the fear. I have been stopped at least 20 times by the police, fortunately without escalation.

Once I was stopped on an early Sunday morning as my family hurried to church. I was admittedly speeding. But you could feel the air being sucked in by my family as I pulled over and waited for the officer to approach.

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I rolled down the window, careful to put both hands in plain view on the steering wheel. The officer asked me if I knew why he stopped me. I quickly offered that I was late for church and was probably over the speed limit.

He said yes sir, that was correct, took my license and registration and walked to his cruiser. When he came back, he said he was giving me a warning. Shocked, I said thank you. He leaned into my car and replied: "Despite what you think, my job is not to make your day worse."

There have been other encounters like that. But there have been dark moments.

Returning from a concert with four black male college classmates in the 1970s, we were pulled over and ordered out of our car in the snow, some of us without our shoes or coats on, because we allegedly "fit the description" of robbery suspects. After standing in the cold for a half hour, we were let go after we checked out with no warrants.

Then, there was the time in the early 1990s when I was traveling with my family from Boston to Vermont to start vacation. We were driving along a deserted New Hampshire road around midnight when we passed a cop sitting at a closed gas station.

My wife and son were slumped down in the car asleep, but I immediately knew it was trouble when the cop car slowly rolled out behind me. After following me for a mile or so, the blue lights and siren came on. My wife jumped up in her seat and asked what was going on. I told her I didn't know.

I was driving the speed limit, so that couldn't be it. The officer tapped on the window and brusquely asked for my license and registration. I calmly asked him what was the problem, but he silently stalked off as my 8-year-old son came to life in the backseat.

As my blood began to boil, my wife and kid pleaded with me to stay calm. No other cars were on the road. After about 10 minutes, the officer came back and handed me my documents. My hands in plain view, I asked why he had stopped me. "You were driving too close to my vehicle," he snapped.

I sat there for a moment fuming, letting him take off before me. I told my wife that he stopped me simply because he saw a black man and suspected I was a criminal only to be surprised to find a family.

Then, there was the time the cops showed up at my house in Golden, Colo. My wife was in the car with our two daughters, and when she buzzed herself into our gated street she noticed a police car pull in behind her.

She assumed they were heading to a neighbor's house, but they pulled into our driveway and asked for her brother, who was living with us at the time. He is the nicest guy and has never been in trouble.

But apparently he had gotten into a verbal altercation with a white guy after he rolled through a roundabout and cut him off as they both turned into a gas station. The enraged white guy berated him, and my brother-in-law gave it back to him. As they both pumped their gas, the guy threatened to call the cops. My brother-in-law said go ahead, got into his car and headed home.

It's mind boggling that two cops showed up at our house simply based on the word of a white guy over a minor traffic dispute. No witnesses, no physical altercation, no evidence of a crime.

After my wife in a tense exchange demanded the officers get off of our property as she held her brother in the garage, they finally left. Incredibly, he was issued a court summons, which was withdrawn after I called

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the police chief to object. It is the only time I have ever mentioned my position as editor during a personal complaint.

We were outraged and have no doubt that my brother-in-law would have been face down in our driveway or worse had he stepped outside of that garage. And for what?

Watching the life ebb from *George Floyd* on TV brought these memories flooding back. I literally said that could have been me under that officer's knee. And very few of my white friends can honestly say they had that feeling.

That speaks volumes. Over the years, I have had many discussions with white colleagues and friends about the police, and it's clear that we live in different worlds.

They have run from police, driven off from traffic stops, and flung clipboards handed to them across highways without any repercussions. I can't imagine a black person getting away with that.

Maybe that's because for many whites they know cops as fathers, brothers, cousins, friends and neighbors.

We, however, know them as a swaggering, disrespectful, and threatening presence.

The history of the police and black people dates back to the slave catchers and overseers. A lot of police officers in our country come to the job generationally with stereotypes and disdain toward black people that has been handed down from the old days.

Whether they want to admit it or not, it is part of the DNA of the profession, and it really doesn't matter what color the person is who wears the uniform. Those attitudes are ingrained in the culture.

So to fix the problem the culture has to be changed, which is no easy feat. We have had black police chiefs, and that has not made much of a difference. To change the culture you have to send police officers who murder innocent civilians to prison, plain and simple.

Police officers who abuse their power have to be held accountable, just like in any other profession. A clerk miscounts the money, they get fired. A journalist makes big mistakes, they get dismissed. You're sitting in the car when a companion robs a store, you go down, too.

The argument that we ask police to risk their lives and make split decisions is no excuse for them being wrong when making life-and-death decisions. They should have a higher standard to be right when using lethal force, not a lower one.

Reforming policing in America will require changing their culture, reinventing their training and unerring accountability.

I'm exhausted watching black men die at the hands of police. I hate seeing the fear in my daughters' eyes from knowing I could die, begging for air, under the knee of a police officer.

I don't hate cops. I fear them. But I'm about to turn 66 years old, and I'd like to exhale for a change.

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HOW OUR GARDENS GREW

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It wasn't just another stroll in the park.

On a beautiful weekend, visitors flocked to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden while protests continued over the death of George Floyd.

"I wanted to get out into the sun and relax with all the riots and stuff going on," Shawna Daly of Minneapolis said last Saturday as she examined a patch of wild plants. "I just need a calm place to relax."

Visits to the Sculpture Garden and Franconia Sculpture Park near Taylors Falls, Minn., have spiked since museums and galleries in the Twin Cities closed in mid-March - tripling that month compared with the year before. Outdoor sculpture parks offer a way to see art while also social-distancing and providing a mental break from the COVID-19 crisis.

On Saturday morning, Megan Schmit and Papa Diop of Minneapolis took a seat on a pair of white lawn chairs facing Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen's iconic "Spoonbridge and Cherry" at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

"I don't know if we came so much for the art as for the sunshine," said Schmit. "There might be a few pieces we haven't seen before."

Because of the coronavirus closing everything, Diop agreed that "there's not much else to do."

Daly said she originally wanted to stop by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, but that destination - which also offers outdoor art - is seeing a surge in visitors, too, and all of its tickets for the day were gone. "This is one place you can go that doesn't need a reservation," Daly said.

Other visitors ended up at the Sculpture Garden by chance. Jacob Huff, Josh Dillingham and Ryan Wynn of Chicago happened to book a trip to the Twin Cities the previous Monday, just before Floyd's death.

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"We couldn't get our money back from the Airbnb, so it was like 'All right, we're gonna come anyway,' " said Huff, who went to the University of Minnesota and wanted to show his friends around the city.

The three guys were on bikes and ended up at "Spoonbridge."

"We are a fan of the fine arts," said Huff. "They don't

have stuff like this in Chicago - they have the big bean, the Lincoln monument, but not a specific park like Minneapolis."

Destination: nature

Franconia, a free, 43-acre park northeast of the Twin Cities, is good for a day-trip getaway. The park features more than 100 sculptures in a rural setting, many made by artist residents at the park. (Because of coronavirus, Franconia plans to continue the summer residency at half-capacity, phasing in residents and keeping them socially distant.)

Last Saturday, Deyvon Long of North Branch, Minn., and Laura Soulbrack of Burnsville walked down the dirt path that outlines the perimeter of the park. They were on a weekend-long date and decided to catch some art en route to a hike in Stillwater.

"For our first date I took him to a small art gallery, and so everywhere we've gone we try to find art," said Soulbrack.

They stood gazing at "Bodies Left Behind," a giant sculpture by Iranian-born, Minneapolis-based artists Pedram Baldari and Nooshin Hakim Javadi, made of several airplane wings hanging from a dome-like structure that referenced border crossing. The couple felt like being able to come to the sculpture park was a good compromise, since museums weren't open.

"The art here is more interactive, whereas at a museum it's more visual," said Long.

Franconia is taking advantage of its outdoor space to program live events throughout the summer, including a sculpture workshop Saturday afternoon and a film screening after sunset that night ("Kusama: Infinity," about Japanese contemporary artist Yayoi Kusama).

The park also provides space for kids to roam.

Nine-year-old Layla Soto swung from the yellow bars on "Infinite Play," a topsy-turvy ladder with a whimsical, tilted twist by artist Risa Puno. Leyla, her dad, Oscar Soto, and her sister stopped by the sculpture park instead of going hiking. The art reminded her of the jungle gym at school.

Friends Julie Stoltman of Hopkins and Ivy Balcer of Rockford stood in front of artist Bayeté Ross Smith's "Got the Power: Minnesota," one installment in a series of site-specific towers of now-obsolete cassette players and boomboxes that questions who controls imagery in a global society.

Stoltman isn't a huge art person, but the sculpture made her curious.

"You walk up to this and it's nostalgia," said Stoltman. "It turns on a memory."

The friends ended up at Franconia on the way back from a hike. With so much closed due to the coronavirus, everyone is figuring out more creative ways to spend their time.

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"You have to reconnect in different ways," said Balcer. "You have to experience different things now."

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A sampling OF Minnesota sculpture parks

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, 725 Vineland Place, Mpls. 6 a.m.-midnight daily. Free. walkerart.org

Franconia Sculpture Park, 29836 St. Croix Trail, Shafer, Minn. Dawn to dusk daily. Free. 651-257-6668 or franconia.org

Caponi Art Park, a sculpture park that is a sculpture itself. 1220 Diffley Road, Eagan. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Tue.-Sun. Free. 651-454-9412 or caponiartpark.org

Harrison Sculpture Garden at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, a sculpture park inside a natural haven. 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. \$15. Reservations required at 612-301-7600 or arb.umn.edu

Western Sculpture Park, 15 large-scale works in the heart of St. Paul's historic Rondo neighborhood. 387 Marion St., St. Paul. Open 24 hours. Free. 651-266-8989 or publicartstpaul.org

Sculpture Garden at Anderson Center, a collection of outdoor gems from a statue of Moby Dick to a turtle with creation stories on its shell. 163 Tower View Drive, Red Wing. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Free. 651-388-2009 or andersoncenter.org

Teddy Bear Park, a kid-oriented park that includes a 10-foot-tall granite bear. 207 Nelson St. E., Stillwater. 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. daily, April-Oct. Free. 651-430-8800 or ci.stillwater.mn.us/teddy_bear_park

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It takes an athletes' village

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Highlight: Sports figures team to fill void of resources in heavily damaged south Minneapolis neighborhood

Body

The bells of Kyle Rudolph's ice cream cart rang over a Lake Street parking lot, chimes summoning a south Minneapolis community stripped of many grocery stores and pharmacies following the aftermath of **George Floyd**'s death in police custody.

Hundreds were served food and essential goods from diapers to dish soap Friday afternoon next to a heavily damaged Target and Cub Foods, where prominent Twin Cities sports figures volunteered to resupply neighborhoods in need as part of a grassroots campaign.

A Vikings virtual meeting on Monday led to a conversation about how to help, according to defensive end Danielle Hunter, who joined five teammates, Wolves guard Josh Okogie and coach Ryan Saunders and Gophers football coach P.J. Fleck, among others, at the pop-up supply station not far from the epicenter of many protests.

"Everyone needs to do their part," Hunter said. "We were just talking about how this is our community - our backyard. We needed to help."

Music brought dancing in front of loudspeakers. Nearby residents had medical needs evaluated at a tent with licensed pharmacists and medical professionals. Hunter, Fleck and employees from the Vikings, Wolves and Gophers carried full bags to cars and unloaded donations from others. Vikings center Garrett Bradbury and guard Dakota Dozier spent hours preparing food kits in paper bags.

About "50 to 100" volunteers were organized or simply showed up, according to Justin Castillo, who befriended Rudolph through the U's Masonic Children's Hospital. Justin and his sister, Kirsten, organized the event with Rudolph. The supply station became a priority after Rudolph and his teammates drove around south Minneapolis.

They first wanted to help shovel debris and clear sidewalks, but much of that work was underway.

It takes an athletes' village

"So, we were out asking what's the biggest need? How can we help?" Rudolph said. "As we stand here in the Cub parking lot, where this community would come and get its essential goods, it's under construction. They're putting it back together. To have a place where they can come get all this stuff was the bigger need."

Fleck said there was more to be gained for Gophers players and staffers.

"What we need to do right now is listen. Part of this is listening," Fleck said. "You show up here and see these people, see our community come together from devastation and understand the issues going on with social justice. We all need to be a part of the solution."

For Aviante Collins, a fourth-year Vikings offensive lineman, Floyd's death resonated particularly because he, like Floyd, grew up in Houston.

"It hits hard, close to home, because that was his home," Collins said. "A lot of diversity, especially in Houston. That's the good thing about that. A lot of times, things you might face somewhere else, you might not face down there, because you might have a Hispanic cop or a black cop that says, 'You know what, I understand. I grew up in the same neighborhood with him.' "

Between songs and ice cream, calls for sustained action and attention came from players and coaches. Wolves coach Ryan Saunders and his wife, Hayley, said they were particularly moved to restock the community's baby supplies as their son, Lucas, turns 1 year old on Saturday.

"To see some smiling faces today, you feel good," Saunders said. "But you know change needs to start and be sustained."

Friday's giveaway is not a "one-time deal," Justin Castillo said he told volunteers. His friend, Rudolph, said he wants to help organize more efforts. Other philanthropic ideas to rebuild south Minneapolis include a possible grant program for minority-owned small businesses in the area.

"This can't just be a one-time stop by and we'll give you some free food and essential goods and you're on your own," Rudolph said. "If we're going to change the community we live in, it can't be a flash in the pan. It has to be something that's sustainable and something we do for years to come."

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Jazz for Justice sets mellow mood

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A group of children rolled down the hill behind the band Glass Bead Games while they performed as part of the Jazz for Justice concert at Gold Medal Park in Minneapolis on Friday. Twin Cities jazz musicians performed a socially distanced show to honor the memory of ***George Floyd***. The free event welcomed tips to donate to several organizations: Black Table Arts, Northside Business Support and Reclaim the Block.

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Mall of America will open again on Wednesday

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Body

The Mall of America will reopen Wednesday after being closed since March, first because of COVID-19 restrictions and then because of protests and riots after [**George Floyd**](#) died in Minneapolis police custody.

"Welcome back, we've missed you," the mall said on its website Friday afternoon.

The mall has been closed since March 17. It was scheduled to reopen June 1, but due to the unrest following the Memorial Day death of Floyd, mall management decided to postpone the opening.

On Friday, Gov. Tim Walz announced the state would lift more business restrictions designed to slow the spread of COVID-19 and allow limited indoor dining and entertainment and other uses. However, Mall of America spokesman Dan Jasper said mall leaders had already decided on the Wednesday date before the governor's announcement.

When customers go back, they will see floor markings that provide social distancing guidance, the mall said.

There also will be increased cleaning procedures, reduced seating in food courts and common areas and touchless hand sanitizers placed throughout MOA and plexiglass dividers set up between customers and employees.

Mall hours will be reduced at first to 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nickelodeon Universe is unlikely to open under the latest state guidelines, but officials said the mall is trying to confirm if smaller attractions like the Moose Mountain Adventure Golf miniature golf course could reopen.

The mall, like other retail outlets, has struggled during the mandated closures.

Mall of America will open again on Wednesday

In May, mall officials confirmed that mall owners had not been making full mortgage payments and said the mall's revenue has dropped 85% since mid-March when it closed its doors.

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Minneapolis to increase testing for COVID-19

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Minneapolis health officials will be watching in the next three to four weeks to see if the large, peaceful protests or the unrest that followed ***George Floyd***'s death will lead to a spike in COVID-19 cases.

In the meantime, in an effort to minimize any further spread of the coronavirus, city Health Commissioner Gretchen Musicant told City Council members Friday that the city will set up additional testing sites.

Minneapolis has been particularly hard-hit by the coronavirus, accounting for roughly 13% of the state's COVID-19 cases, even though it has only 7.5% of the state's population, according to the latest statistics released by the city.

As of Thursday evening, the city had 3,579 confirmed cases and 569 hospitalizations. The pandemic has killed 142 people in the city. Another 2,854, were considered recovered.

The state had been awaiting the local peak of the coronavirus pandemic before the nights of protests, riots and memorials began.

"We're all looking for a leveling off," Council Member Cam Gordon said during Friday's public meeting.

He asked Musicant if there was evidence of that. She cautioned it was too early to tell. Data available so far largely reflects cases that were contracted before the large gatherings in Minneapolis.

"The state is seeing some positive turning of the peak, and so I'm hopeful that because we are contributing a significant amount to the statewide numbers, that our numbers are also doing that. But, we will have to wait and see," she said. "It does give us some sense of hope, but we'll see if that is well-placed."

Musicant, presenting data available earlier in the week, told the council that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on black and Hispanic residents. A community advisory group is preparing a report on racial disparities in COVID-19 cases and expects to release it in the next couple weeks, she said.

Minneapolis to increase testing for COVID-19

For the first time, the city also released a breakdown of cases by neighborhood. That data showed that 10 neighborhoods recorded more than 100 cases each. Those neighborhoods were East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, Phillips West, Ventura Village, Lind-Bohanon, Willard-Hay, Cedar-Riverside, Whittier, Central and Powderhorn Park. Council members noted that those neighborhoods are some of the most densely populated, and the data only showed raw case counts, as opposed to the rate of infection in those areas.

"This is a reflection of where people live," Musicant said. "They were not necessarily exposed where they live. They could be. Some of the exposures might be connected to their work."

Musicant said, starting next week, city officials hope to have COVID-19 testing set up at Sabathani Community Center, Native American Community Clinic, New Salem Baptist Church and another yet-to-be-determined location near the Third Precinct police headquarters, which was the focal point for many of the recent demonstrations and riots. The state recently updated its guidelines to recommend testing for anyone involved in large gatherings, such as protests or cleanup events.

In addition, city officials are working with the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority and a private landlord to increase testing in the densely populated, predominantly black Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, home to a cluster of infections.

The city noted in a statement that it expects it will be three to four weeks before officials know the full impact of recent unrest and cleanup efforts on the COVID-19 pandemic. City officials said they expect gatherings to continue this weekend, the incubation period for the virus can be up to 14 days, and there can be up to a week delay between testing and reporting the results.

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More businesses can resume June 10

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Body

Indoor restaurants, swimming pools, movie theaters, fitness clubs and other venues can resume limited business Wednesday as Gov. Tim Walz continues to dial back restrictions designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The governor's announcement Friday came amid indicators that the pandemic has at least temporarily "plateaued" in Minnesota, though state officials expect the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 to be a concern for months.

"COVID is still with us," Walz said, "but we gotta live with it."

No venues, indoor or outdoor, can host more than 250 people at once under the new guidance, but the level of reopening beyond that depends on the industry or activity. Churches, hair salons and indoor bars and restaurants can serve up to 50% of their capacities, while fitness centers, bowling alleys and movie theaters can serve 25% of their capacities as they reopen for the first time in more than two months.

With almost all businesses other than large concert and sporting venues allowed to resume, the more pressing statistic than building capacity is how many people they can serve while keeping unrelated groups 6 feet apart, said Steve Grove, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

The risk of transmitting the novel coronavirus increases when people are face to face within 6 feet for 10 or more minutes, so businesses will need to maintain social distancing for workers and customers, Grove said.

"Social distancing ... is the bedrock principle of every single move that is made across this dial," Grove said.

Outdoor gatherings of 25 people and indoor gatherings of 10 people can now take place, as long as social distancing is observed, paving the way for small, belated graduation celebrations.

Some competitive youth and adult recreational sports can resume but only if that spacing can be maintained. Tennis matches might be OK, but basketball games would present problems.

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"You'd be a pretty bad basketball player if you're 6 feet apart from the person you are trying to defend," said Grove, who deferred to the state's COVID-19 web page for guidance on major summer sports such as baseball and soccer.

The announcement came as the Minnesota Department of Health reported 33 deaths and 712 newly confirmed cases of the infectious disease on Friday - an uptick from the daily numbers that had declined earlier in the week.

Case counts are now only doubling every 27 days in Minnesota - far less than the state's warning threshold of seven days.

"Something rather significantly changed from the second half of April, where we were really seeing ... logarithmic growth [in COVID-19 cases], to now this pattern of more of a plateau with small waves within it," said state Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm.

Case counts surged around the Memorial Day weekend, and Twin Cities hospitals reported running out of ICU space. But the number of hospitalizations for COVID-19 as of Friday was the lowest since May 17.

The improving situation fueled criticisms that Walz should remove restrictions entirely and let businesses decide for themselves what safety measures to install.

"We've got to get over the fear of this virus. ... We have to learn to live our lives," said Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake.

The toll of the pandemic in Minnesota now stands at 26,980 known cases and 1,148 deaths, including 922 deaths of mostly elderly residents of long-term care and assisted-living facilities. Gazelka said restrictions should shift to this most vulnerable population only.

Restaurant owners supported Walz's move, although some felt whiplash after quickly creating or expanding outdoor dining areas to be ready by June 1, only to have indoor dining allowed June 10.

"I am as excited as can be," said Phil Weber, owner of the Park Tavern Bowling and Entertainment Center in St. Louis Park, where revenue declined 90% despite providing takeout food. "I get people calling all the time asking, 'Is your bowling open? Is your restaurant?'"

Consumer confidence could be fragile, so Brian Ingram of Hope Breakfast Bar in St. Paul said he hoped restaurants would make serious efforts to protect consumers and workers from infection.

He said he spent \$30,000 getting ready with plexiglass partitions to separate tables and touchless fixtures in bathrooms.

"If one gets a bad reputation, it hurts all of us," he said.

Some businesses were ready to reopen, while others needed time. Life Time had opened some fitness clubs nationally already and plans to open all 23 Minnesota locations on Wednesday.

Wearing of non-medical-grade masks is still encouraged, because of the high number of people with asymptomatic infections who can spread the coronavirus without knowing it. Restaurant servers must wear them, and stylists and their customers must both wear them.

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A wave of COVID-19 cases is likely as people come in closer contact with one another, but whether it will be enough to result in renewed restrictions is unclear.

"We likely will be dealing with ongoing high levels of COVID-19 transmission for the months to come," said Malcolm, noting that a sudden steep decline in cases now could be a bad sign of a second wave that mimics the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918-1919.

Of particular concern is the spread of the virus among the thousands of protesters who turned out to the Minneapolis and St. Paul streets over the last week following the May 25 death of George Floyd while he was in police custody.

Singing, shouting and even labored breathing amid police use of tear gas to disperse protesters could have hastened the spread, Malcolm said. On the other hand, the outdoor air could have diffused the virus and reduced the threat of infection.

Health officials also are concerned that many protesters are black and that black people have suffered a higher rate of severe COVID-19. Black people make up less than 7% of Minnesota's population but more than 20% of its COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Black people suffer higher rates of chronic disease, which exacerbates COVID-19, but also are at higher risk of infection because they are employed in many essential, lower-wage jobs and can't work from home, Minnesota Department of Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero said.

Mobile COVID-19 testing sites are being developed to provide easier access for minorities or low-wage workers with less access to health care, she said.

Floyd tested positive for COVID-19 on April 3, but doctors said his asymptomatic case likely did not play a role in his death while restrained by police via a chokehold - and was more a symbolic reminder of a health inequity for black Minnesotans.

Critical businesses that were never required to close under Walz's prior stay-at-home order, which ended May 18 after 51 days, must now develop social distancing plans to minimize the risk of virus transmission for workers and customers, Grove said. People who can work from home will still be encouraged to do so, he added.

Increased testing is a key part of Minnesota's revised strategy. The state twice this week exceeded 10,000 daily COVID-19 tests - an amount that was unthinkable amid global supply shortages in the early stages of the pandemic.

Health officials emphasized on Friday that any protesters, first responders and volunteers should get tested for COVID-19, regardless of whether they have symptoms, five to seven days after participating in any mass events following Floyd's death.

The primary purpose of the business closures and social distancing restrictions was to slow the spread of the virus and buy time for health care providers to add testing capacity, ventilators and masks and other protective equipment for doctors and nurses.

Hospitals in response added hundreds of intensive care beds and ventilators to the state's emergency supply.

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Hospital officials remain concerned about a surge of cases that could overwhelm their capacities but support the easing of restrictions as long as they can be reinstated if necessary, said Dr. Rahul Koranne, chief executive of the Minnesota Hospital Association.

"Dials that turn up," he said, "should be turned down if metrics get worrisome."

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

26,980 -- Total cases

712 -- June 5 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,148 -- Total deaths

33 -- June 5

U.S. cases, new daily

1,883,033 -- Total cases

21,614 -- June 4

U.S. deaths, new daily

108,194 -- Total deaths

1,010 -- June 4

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Paying it forward, in abundance

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Highlight: Wayne Bugg got help to better his life. Now he's a quiet hero in his community.

Body

Wayne Bugg gazed around the ransacked interior of the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in Minneapolis - floors piled with broken glass, overturned office supplies, scattered jewelry - left by looters during protests and riots over **George Floyd**'s death.

It looks bad now, but it was much worse a week ago, he said. "They just flipped over everything. It was complete chaos. I've never seen anything like this before."

For Bugg, that's saying a lot.

He's seen a lot of destruction. He understands the looters' pain and frustration; as a black man in America he has felt it himself. Struggles in his youth have left him with compassion and empathy for which he is widely admired.

Those qualities are evident as he works to put the thrift store at 2939 S. 12th Ave. back in order. Across the city, store owners are picking up the pieces. Not all have Bugg's patience and resolve.

"His life experience has given him enduring wisdom," said Minneapolis police Lt. Grant Snyder, who leads a homeless outreach unit and met Bugg at the thrift store. "No matter what your trouble is, it's like he's looking into your soul."

At 41, Bugg is the store manager and associate executive director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Twin Cities. His home is not far from the corner where Floyd died. He lives comfortably with his wife and 10-year-old twins. They also have three grown kids.

But there was a time when that kind of future seemed out of reach.

Bugg grew up in Harvey, Ill., a poverty-stricken suburb just south of Chicago. In his teens, his mother and stepfather became addicted to crack - along with many of their neighbors. He would come home from school to find his parents with "their eyes glazed, almost like dementia." Having seen its damage, Bugg says he never used the drug. But it cast a shadow on his life.

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"In the midst of the drug epidemic and gangs and poverty, at some point in school I lost hope."

He dabbled in liquor and marijuana. He wasn't violent but he misbehaved enough to get kicked out of high school.

His folks sent him to live with his aunt and cousins in Gary, Ind., which was just as blighted. Jobs were so scarce that an opening at McDonald's would draw a line of applicants two blocks long.

"So then I began to sell crack, which was sad because I became the very thing I hated, out of necessity," he recalled.

At about 20, he moved with his aunt and cousins to live in Minneapolis. They wound up on the south side. The man next door worked for the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store, three blocks away, and needed help moving donated furniture. Bugg agreed to help and eventually became a cashier. One day Darryl Bach, then president of the St. Vincent de Paul-Twin Cities Volunteer Council Board, changed Bugg's future.

"This old white man came up and told me I needed to do something with my life," Bugg said. "I was shocked, but it got my attention. ... I saw a man who cared enough to say something."

Bugg earned his GED; keep going, Bach said. Bugg earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Metropolitan State University. St. Vincent de Paul covered much his tuition.

Now, after 23 years at the store, he'll be next in line for the top job at the Twin Cities society, Executive Director Ed Koerner said. "I sleep so much easier at night, knowing that if I dropped dead tomorrow the ball's going to be picked up and he'll probably carry it farther than I could."

Koerner recalled the time Bugg told his life story to an audience of about 300 mostly older white people, at a St. Vincent de Paul regional meeting and "at the end there wasn't a dry eye in the room." Bugg had the same effect when he talked to a group of Richfield high school students, Koerner said. "I walked out of the gymnasium and you could hear kids crying."

He treats every store customer with respect, Koerner said. "In a normal day in our world down there it gets pretty crazy. Heroin addicts, homeless people who are intoxicated." Bugg gives them clothes if they need them and has been known to help them put on free shoes and socks. "It's always about the need of the person and the dignity of the person."

At the store on Thursday, Bugg found a man on the sidewalk outside shooting up what appeared to be heroin. Bugg stopped and talked to the man. He told him it wasn't safe to do that in public or to shoot up alone. Another person should be there in case someone overdoses.

"I don't agree with it, but I know the reality of people that are hurting - drugs camouflage that hurt," Bugg said.

So although he was dismayed when he found the store in shambles, he also understood how people would feel after witnessing an act Bugg compared to "somebody being lynched," why they'd be enraged when the officers weren't immediately charged.

After years of feeling their voices weren't being heard, he said, "people were mad and wanted to communicate their frustrations."

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So now he's trying to address immediate needs. With some grocery stores trashed, the thrift store has given out hundreds of boxes of food every day. He is heartened to see the diversity of those gathering to pick it up.

"I see the silver lining in this - people coming together, white, black, Chinese, Hmong," Bugg said. "I wish it was like this all the time."

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Pick Six is a half-dozen cool things in music, from two points of view.

John Austinson of Robbinsdale:

1 John Taylor's "Stone Love Bass Odyssey." After he gives a bass guitar tutorial on a Duran Duran song, the band's bassist does a live chat with a special guest like Dave 1 from Chromeo. Airs at 1 p.m. Wednesdays on @duranduran Instagram, archived on YouTube.

2 Steve Cropper on "The Ronnie Wood Show." On this old AXS TV show, the Stones guitarist talked with the Memphis guitarist about Stax Records and writing "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay" with Otis Redding just before his death. The singer never heard the final version with the electric guitar that we all know and love.

3 Backyard jam on Thursdays. With the live music shutdown, two friends and I came up with an idea for a concert where we rotate lead vocals. We even have an intermission - and an encore. By night's end, we've covered 35-plus songs, ranging from Arcwelder to Frank Zappa and everything in between.

Jon Bream of the Star Tribune:

1 "Black" by Dave. The British rapper's performance at this year's Brit Awards was replayed this week on "The Late Late Show With James Corden." Sitting at a piano, Dave rapped about what it's like to be black. "Black is all I know, there ain't a thing that I would change in it." Powerful, dramatic and real.

2 The Steeles concert for healing. This livestreamed impromptu front-yard concert by these soul-stirring Twin Cities siblings was the musical tonic we needed. Highlights: India. Arie's "Better Way" and the prayerful "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

3 Musicians taking a stand for justice. After George Floyd's death in Minneapolis, musicians from around the world made their feelings known, whether it was donating to helpful organizations, participating in #BlackoutTuesday, speaking out in a full-page ad or sounding off on social media. Props to Jason Isbell for this tweet: " 'You're gonna lose some of your audience!' Maybe so, but I get to keep ALL of my SOUL."

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As Trump blames antifa, protest records show scant evidence

ARTICLE CDVI. [**AS TRUMP BLAMES ANTIFA, PROTEST RECORDS SHOW SCANT EVIDENCE**](#)

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Body

WASHINGTON - Scott Nichols, a balloon artist, was riding home on his scooter from the protests engulfing Minneapolis last weekend when he was struck by a rubber bullet fired from a cluster of police officers in riot gear.

"I just pulled over and put my hands up, because I didn't want to get killed," said Nichols, 40. "Anybody that knows me knows I wasn't out there to cause problems."

Nichols, who before the coronavirus pandemic made his living performing at children's birthday parties under the stage name "Amazing Scott," spent two days in jail before being released, facing criminal charges of riot and curfew violation.

President Donald Trump has characterized those clashing with law enforcement after ***George Floyd***'s death under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer as organized, radical-left thugs engaging in domestic terrorism, an assertion repeated by Attorney General William Barr. Some Democrats, including Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, initially tried to blame out-of-state far-right infiltrators for the unrest before walking back those statements.

There is scant evidence either is true.

The Associated Press analyzed court records, employment histories, social media posts and other sources of information for 217 people arrested last weekend in Minneapolis and the District of Columbia, two cities at the epicenter of the protests across the United States.

Rather than outside agitators, more than 85% of those arrested by police were local residents. Of those charged with such offenses as curfew violations, rioting and failure to obey law enforcement, only a handful appeared to have any affiliation with organized groups.

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Those charged with more serious offenses related to looting and property destruction - such as arson, burglary and theft - often had past criminal records. But they, too, were overwhelmingly local residents taking advantage of the chaos.

Social media posts indicate only a few of those arrested are left-leaning activists, including a self-described anarchist. But others had indications of being on the political right, including some Trump supporters.

The president has tried to portray the protesters and looters with a broad brush as "radical-left, bad people," ominously invoking the name "antifa," an umbrella term for leftist militants bound more by belief than organizational structure. Trump tweeted last Sunday that he planned to designate antifa as a terrorist organization.

"These are acts of domestic terror," Trump said in a Rose Garden speech Monday, moments after heavily armed troops and riot police advanced without warning on the largely peaceful protesters across the street from the White House.

Barr, put in charge of organizing the police and military response, activated the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force last weekend to target protest organizers.

"The violence instigated and carried out by Antifa and other similar groups in connection with the rioting is domestic terrorism and will be treated accordingly," Barr said in a statement issued Sunday.

There have been violent acts, including property destruction and theft. Police officers and protesters have been seriously injured and killed. But federal law enforcement officials have offered little evidence that antifa-aligned protesters could be behind a movement that has appeared nearly simultaneously in hundreds of cities and towns in all 50 states since Floyd's death.

The AP obtained copies of daily confidential "Intelligence Notes" distributed this past week to local enforcement by the Department of Homeland Security that repeat, without citing evidence, that "organized violent opportunists - including suspected anarchist extremists - could increasingly perpetrate nationwide targeting of law enforcement and critical infrastructure."

"We lack detailed reporting indicating the level of organization and planning by some violent opportunists and assess that most of the violence to date has been loosely organized on a level seen with previous widespread outbreaks of violence at lawful protests," the assessment for Monday says.

The following day, the assessment noted "several uncorroborated reports of bricks being pre-staged at planned protest venues nationwide."

"Although we have been unable to verify the reporting through official channels, the staging of improvised weapons at planned events is a common tactic used by violent opportunists," the Tuesday assessment says.

But social media posts warning that stacks of bricks have been left at protest sites in Atlanta, Boston and Los Angeles have been debunked by local officials who have explained that the masonry was out in the open before the protests or was for use in construction projects.

Nichols, the balloon artist, hardly fits the portrait of a radical.

He recently gained local notice for a giant balloon rabbit and other sculptures displayed in his front yard for Easter. He laughed when asked if he had any ties to antifa or other militant groups. A white man who lives

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less than a half mile from where Floyd was killed on May 25, Nichols said he protested to support of his neighbors, many of whom are black.

"It was the most insane thing I've seen in my life," he said. "The city was going crazy."

Nichols said he and a friend helped douse a dumpster fire near a laundromat. He remembers getting a text from his mother saying that Minneapolis had set an 8 p.m. curfew, but he thought it would be enforced loosely.

"Had I known that being out after curfew would be such a severe penalty, I would have never done it," Nichols said, adding that he missed his son's high school graduation while he was in jail.

Lars Ortiz, a 35-year-old classical musician, said he was driving just blocks from his Minneapolis home on May 29 after visiting a friend recovering from COVID-19 when officers pulled him out of his car at gunpoint. He said he had been unaware of the 8 p.m. curfew enacted that night.

Ortiz and another friend in the car with him were put in zip-tie restraints and forced to wait on a bus for hours before police took them to jail, where he would spend the weekend.

"It was scary. It was confusing. I felt violated," said Ortiz, a cellist who identifies as a biracial Mexican American.

Ortiz was held on a riot charge and curfew violation. He said he was told when he was released from jail on Monday the more serious rioting charge was dropped.

Lt. Andy Knotz of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, whose deputies were deployed from the suburban county north of Minneapolis into the city to help with the unrest, said it was a "chaotic scene" and that Ortiz was coming from the direction of the protests. Knotz said Ortiz was removed from his car by the Minnesota State Patrol, and an Anoka deputy took him to the police station.

"In chaos like that you can't determine who is legit and who isn't," Knotz said.

Natalie Cook, 43, who's white, said she had never before participated in a protest, but wanted to be there to support and protect her 24-year-old son, who's black.

"Not only did I want to go to be an ally to black people, but I wanted to go to support my son," Cook said. "Also, I was afraid to send him out by himself."

Cook said they were marching peacefully with about 100 protesters for hours when police started using tear gas and shooting rubber bullets. As they tried to get away, they were pepper sprayed and her son was hit at close range by a rubber bullet, she said. They were both jailed and released on Monday, charged with riot and violating curfew.

Cook said her son was deeply affected by Floyd's death and she doesn't have any regrets about going out to make their voices heard.

"My son was really struggling with it," she said. "We couldn't just sit by and watch."

AP filed public records requests seeking arrest reports and other documents that might show what evidence law enforcement officers have against Nichols, Ortiz the Cooks and others arrested in Minneapolis. Those records have not yet been provided.

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In Washington, the D.C. Metropolitan Police arrested at least 81 people last weekend, including some as young as 13. Most were charged with curfew violations and felony rioting, which could result in up to 180 days in jail and \$5,000 in fines.

Among the highest profile arrests made by federal authorities in the last week was Matthew Lee Rupert. Prosecutors allege the 28-year-old Illinois man traveled to Minneapolis to participate in riots and then posted videos on a Facebook page showing him looting stores and handing out explosives.

In one video, Rupert, a convicted felon, says: "We come to riot, boy! This is what we came for!"

Though Rupert is alleged to have targeted police officers, there is no evidence cited in his indictment he is affiliated with any organized group. Among the few indicators of his political beliefs was a series of Facebook posts celebrating Trump's 2017 inauguration. "Trump is my president but I'm not racist," he wrote, adding that he loves Mexican food.

Rupert, who made an initial court appearance Friday, remains in federal custody. A federal public defender assigned to represent him did not respond to a voicemail message seeking comment.

Michael German, a former FBI agent and fellow with the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University, said people often travel and cross state lines to participate in protests and that not all of them have peaceful intent. He said politicians and law enforcement often cite the presence of out-of-towners to justify greater police force against protesters.

"It's an old tactic for law enforcement policing protests to suggest that the problems are being caused by outside agitators," German said. "It opens up the opportunity for greater police violence in response."

Among those who traveled to Minneapolis to protest Floyd's killing was Tara Houska, a 36-year-old attorney and member of the Couchiching First Nation from northern Minnesota. An activist for indigenous rights, she was arrested in Minneapolis last Saturday night and charged with not complying with a peace officer.

Houska, who attended college and law school in the city, said she was with a group a couple blocks from where Floyd died when police told them they were breaking curfew. They replied they were going home, she said, and then the officers hit them with pepper spray and zip-tied their hands.

"Almost everyone that was in our holding tank with us was from Minnesota," Houska said.

Sierra West, 29, of Kansas City, Missouri, said she drove to Minneapolis with a friend because she is "so angry about what is happening" with police brutality and wanted to peacefully protest.

After marching for hours, West broke away from the crowds and was walking back to her car through an alley alone when police arrested her early Saturday on riot and curfew violation charges. She said she did nothing to provoke the four officers who confronted her.

"They were hiding, and they literally jumped out of the shadows with guns drawn on me," she said. "The street was completely empty."

West, who is white and describes herself as a strong supporter of the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement, was freed from jail on Monday afternoon.

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University of Minnesota Law School student Santana Boulton, 23, said a police officer pepper-sprayed her in the face on May 28 before she was tear-gassed two days later and then arrested on Sunday, charged with unlawful assembly and violating a curfew.

About 15 minutes before the 8 p.m. curfew, Boulton said she and her boyfriend joined a large crowd of marchers on Interstate 35. People linked arms and kneeled before two lines of police officers formed near the protesters. She said she never heard any orders to disperse.

"It was nothing like a riot. It was a sit-in," she said.

Boulton, a white woman who moved from Michigan to Minneapolis to attend law school, was arrested and spent 16 hours in custody. She described herself as "philosophically an anarchist," but "not a revolutionary."

"*Antifa* isn't even real," Boulton said. "As an actual person who identifies with the political label of anarchist, the only thing *anarchists* do is have meetings where they argue for five hours and get nothing done."

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'Playground' for renegade cops

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Body

Long before former officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on ***George Floyd's*** neck, the Third Precinct in south Minneapolis had a reputation for being home to police officers who played by their own rules.

One officer kicked a handcuffed suspect in the face, leaving his jaw in pieces. Officers beat and pistol-whipped a suspect in a parking lot on suspicion of low-level drug charges. Others harassed residents of a south Minneapolis housing project as they headed to work, and allowed prostitution suspects to touch their genitals for several minutes before arresting them in vice stings.

These and more substantiated incidents, detailed in court records and police reports, help explain a saying often used by fellow cops to describe the style of policing practiced in the Third: There's the way that the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** does things, and then there's the way they do it "in Threes."

Between 2007 and 2017, the city paid out \$2.1 million to settle misconduct lawsuits involving Third Precinct officers. Judges have thrown out cases for "outrageous" conduct of the officers, and prosecutors have been forced to drop charges for searches found to be illegal, according to court records.

The brand of aggressive policing on display in the Floyd video has long been standard practice for some Third Precinct officers when dealing with suspects of nonviolent, low-level crimes, often involving people of color, said Abigail Cerra, a commissioner for Minneapolis' Police Conduct Oversight Commission.

"My clients were constantly getting anal searches," said Cerra, who also has been a public defender. "Not at the hospital. At the Third Precinct."

Chauvin and the other three officers who assisted in Floyd's arrest - all of whom worked at the Third Precinct - have been fired and now face criminal charges. That has not satisfied protesters, who continue to call for more action from city officials, ranging from drastically overhauling to dismantling the police force.

The officers who participated in Floyd's killing, they say, are a reflection of broader issues that have shadowed the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** for decades. Its strained relations with minority

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communities, reflected in part by the troubling disparities in its use of force and the deaths of other unarmed black men, are now drawing unprecedented national scrutiny.

While 40% of the city's residents are people of color, 74% of all Minneapolis police cases with force involve them. Black people are on the receiving end of officers' force 63% of the time, according to the most recent department data available. And, despite the implementation of de-escalation training and body cameras, complaints against officers continue to rise, according to a 2019 annual report.

Public defender Jordan Deckenbach said the Floyd footage "is 100% consistent with the hours and hours and hours of body camera footage I've watched over the years."

Last week, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights announced it would investigate the past decade of the Police Departments policies and procedures to determine if officers have engaged in systemic discrimination against minorities. U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar has asked the Department of Justice for a similar review at the federal level, and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar is calling for a new federal agency focused on criminal misconduct of police.

In a statement, police Chief Medaria Arradondo said that after taking over the department he released a "vision statement" outlining his expectations for every officer on the force.

"There is no precinct, shift or staff member that is exempt from these expectations," Arradondo said. "Staff that deviates from these expectations shall be subjected to corrective action to bring them into compliance with expectations."

Combustible mix

Cerra believes the Third Precinct's culture dates to the infamous Metro Gang Strike Force. The state shut down the task force in 2009 after an investigation revealed officers stole money, cars and other evidence, and routinely beat suspects, including, in one case, an officer kicking a 2-year-old child in the head. The state has paid out more than \$3.6 million to victims of the strike force's misconduct.

Some task force officers ended up in the Third Precinct.

Greg Hestness, a retired Minneapolis deputy chief, thinks the precinct's cocky, swaggering culture dates to the 1980s, when a flood of transfers from downtown's First Precinct and the then-recently shuttered Sixth Precinct brought a combustible mix of "old timers" and "young Vietnam vets."

"The Third Precinct was kind of sleepy until then," said Hestness. Almost overnight, the precinct's culture changed, he said, suddenly overrun with a new brand of "go-getters and hard chargers."

The third covers Minneapolis' largest geographic area, bound by Interstate 35W, I-94 and the Mississippi River. It includes some of the most racially diverse neighborhoods in Minneapolis such as Little Earth, a housing project that has long been the heart of the region's urban American Indian population.

While department data show that officers in the First and Fourth precincts use force more often, officers in the Third are more likely to use it when responding to a call. Years of overaggressive policing had driven a wedge between nearby communities and the precinct.

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"It was kind of like a playground for rogue cops," said Paul Applebaum, an attorney who specializes in civil police misconduct cases. He said he had a hard time producing witnesses to come forward when he filed suits involving residents of Little Earth, because many feared retaliation from officers.

Jeff Jindra, a former supervisor for the Metro Gang Strike Force, served as sergeant for the Third Precinct's community response team, a task force that specialized in drugs, prostitution and other quality-of-life issues. Jindra, who has since retired, racked up several complaints and lawsuits for excessive use of force over the years. In one highly publicized case, the city paid out \$110,000 to a murder suspect who sued Jindra for brutality, alleging the veteran officer kicked him while handcuffed and broke his jaw in several places, requiring metal plates to put it back together.

It was the community response team that arrested Victor Gaten, a black man, in 2015 on E. Lake Street, just blocks from the Third Precinct, on suspicion of drug possession. After tackling him, one officer hit him with the sight on the top of his pistol. Another, Christopher Reiter, punched Gaten so hard that he threw his back out and needed an ambulance, according to court records.

"They could have killed me right there," Gaten later told Hennepin County Judge Toddrick Barnette.

The officers recovered drugs, but Barnette dismissed the charges due to the officers' "outrageous" conduct, saying he didn't believe some of the officers' testimony.

"This is one of the reasons why some citizens in Minneapolis have problems with Minneapolis police," Barnette, now the county's chief judge, said of the officers in a 2015 court hearing.

Reiter was eventually fired from the department and convicted in 2017 of kicking a handcuffed suspect in the face, breaking the man's jaw and teeth and leaving him with a traumatic brain injury.

In January, officers from the Third Precinct stopped Troy Carlton Donicht after seeing him driving a car that had been reported stolen. One officer shouted, "I'm going to shoot you right in the head!" as another ripped him from the car, according to a transcript of body camera video. Last Monday, in the aftermath of the Floyd protests, prosecutors dropped the charges.

A few problem cops?

Defenders of the Third say that the problem lies with a few problem cops, not with the entire precinct.

Al Berryman, a past president of the police union, says that it's easy for the department's critics to point fingers after the Floyd controversy.

"If this guy was doing it all along, then why was he out there?" Berryman said of Chauvin, who racked up at least 17 civilian complaints, only one of which led to discipline. "It always bothered me that there's so much chatter about what has not been done, and yet the mayor's the head of the department: Why has the mayor not done anything about some of these people?"

Margarita Ortega, a community organizer at Little Earth, said that the precinct's officers have made more of an effort in recent years to reach out to residents, including two Police Athletics League officers who coach a youth girls softball team called the PAL Red Bears.

But because of countless bad police run-ins over the years, "Our community tends to not call the police as often because they don't know what the reaction is going to be," she says.

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The simmering resentment over police conduct exploded into widespread protests and rioting after Floyd's death. The South Side police headquarters at 3000 Minnehaha Av. quickly became a focal point of protesters' rage.

Demonstrators laid siege to the building on May 28 and stormed it after police abandoned their post. After looting the building, they set it ablaze.

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Protesters march to defund Mpls. police

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Body

Protesters peacefully took to the streets in Minneapolis on Saturday in a plea to defund the *Minneapolis Police Department* - a demand that Mayor Jacob Frey told them he could not support.

There was no official estimate of the crowd's size, but organizers say several thousand attended the march.

The protest was one of many nationwide over the death of *George Floyd* after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes. Floyd's death has sparked a national conversation about defunding or downsizing police departments.

Organized by the Minneapolis advocacy group Black Visions, the event began at Bottineau Field Park, passed by the Minneapolis Police Federation's union headquarters, and ended outside Frey's home.

While several members of the Minneapolis City Council support disbanding the department in favor of a model calling for community-led safety, Frey has said he favors reforms instead.

As protesters stopped near his home, Frey emerged and said, "I have been coming to grips with my own responsibility, my own failure in this." When protesters asked whether he will defund the department, Frey said, "I do not support the full abolition of the Police Department." He was then told to leave the gathering, and did.

The march featured poetry readings, indigenous prayers, dancing, placards of all sorts and chants of "*George Floyd!*" and "*Black Lives Matter!*"

When the throng pulled up outside police union headquarters on University Avenue, which is surrounded by chain-link fence, they shouted, "You are about to lose your job!" A banner that stated "Closed for Business" was draped from the building.

The police presence at the march appeared to be limited to a few officers on bicycles who kept their distance. March organizers, wearing bright orange and yellow vests, some on bicycles, redirected traffic away from the marchers' path.

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Participants pushed strollers, hoisted toddlers on their shoulders and walked dogs.

Addressing the crowd, Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., said the time for departmental reform has passed. "The ***Minneapolis Police Department*** is rotten to the root and so when we dismantle it, we get rid of that cancer and we allow for something beautiful to rise."

Natasha Byers of Bloomington said she attended the march and supports the cause because "police are destroying black folks, they're killing us for no reason."

Others said they hope change will occur. "I want to be able to walk outside my home and not be afraid that I'm going to be attacked" by police or die, said Jaz Cousin of Minneapolis. "It's our generation; this is the world we live in."

The City Council voted Friday to ban police officers from using chokeholds and neck restraints and strengthened rules for officers to intervene if a colleague is using excessive force. The action needs a judge's approval.

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Massive George Floyd protests across US demand police reform

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WASHINGTON - Massive demonstrations against racism and police brutality filled some of the nation's most famous cityscapes Saturday, with tens of thousands of people marching peacefully in scenes that were more often festive than tense.

Wearing masks and urging fundamental change, protesters gathered in dozens of places from coast to coast while mourners in North Carolina waited for hours to glimpse the golden coffin carrying the body of native son [George Floyd](#), the black man whose death at the hands of Minneapolis police has galvanized the expanding movement.

Collectively, it was perhaps the largest one-day mobilization since Floyd died 12 days ago and came as many cities began lifting curfews that authorities imposed following initial spasms of arson, assaults and smash-and-grab raids on businesses. Authorities have softened restrictions as the number of arrests plummeted.

Demonstrations also reached four other continents, ending in clashes in two European cities. In the U.S., Seattle police used flash bang devices and pepper spray to disperse protesters hurling rocks, bottles and explosives, just a day after city leaders temporarily banned one kind of tear gas.

The largest U.S. demonstration appeared to be in Washington, where protesters flooded streets closed to traffic. On a hot, humid day, they gathered at the Capitol, on the National Mall and in neighborhoods. Some turned intersections into dance floors. Tents offered snacks and water.

Pamela Reynolds said she came seeking greater police accountability.

"The laws are protecting them," said the 37-year-old African American teacher. The changes she wants include a federal ban on police chokeholds and a requirement that officers wear body cameras.

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At the White House, which was fortified with new fencing and extra security measures, chants and cheers could be heard in waves. President Donald Trump, who has urged authorities to crack down on unrest, downplayed the demonstration, tweeting: "Much smaller crowd in D.C. than anticipated."

Elsewhere, the backdrops included some of the nation's most famous landmarks. Peaceful marchers filed across the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and the Brooklyn Bridge in New York, where officers pulled back on enforcing a curfew that has led to confrontations. They walked the boulevards of Hollywood and a Nashville, Tennessee, street famous for country music-themed bars and restaurants.

They also gathered in places as far flung as a St. Louis suburb and cities in the Deep South.

Many wore masks - a reminder of the danger that the protests could exacerbate the spread of the coronavirus.

Roderick Sweeney, who is black, said he was overwhelmed to see the large turnout of white protesters waving signs that said "***Black Lives Matter***" in San Francisco.

"We've had discussions in our family and among friends that nothing is going to change until our white brothers and sisters voice their opinion," said Sweeney, 49. The large turnout of white protesters "is sending a powerful message."

In Philadelphia and Chicago, marchers chanted, carried signs and occasionally knelt in silence. At a massive showing near the Philadelphia Museum of Art and its famous "Rocky" steps, protesters chanted "No justice, no peace!" before heading for City Hall.

Seattle police said on Twitter that several officers were injured by "improvised explosives" thrown by a crowd. Officers responded with pepper spray. Earlier, a large crowd of medical workers, many in lab coats and scrubs, marched to City Hall, holding signs reading, "Police violence and racism are a public health emergency" and "Nurses kneel with you, not on you" - a reference to how a white officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for several minutes.

Atop a parking garage in downtown Atlanta, a group of black college band alumni serenaded protesters with a tuba-heavy mix of tunes. Standing within earshot, business owner Leah Aforkor Quaye said it was her first time hitting the streets.

"This makes people so uncomfortable, but the only way things are happening is if we make people uncomfortable," said Quaye, who is black.

In Raeford, North Carolina, a town near Floyd's birthplace, people lined up outside a Free Will Baptist church, waiting to enter in small groups. At a private memorial service, mourners sang along with a choir. At the front of the chapel was a large photo of Floyd and a portrait of him adorned with an angel's wings and halo.

"It could have been me. It could have been my brother, my father, any of my friends who are black," said Erik Carlos of nearby Fayetteville. "It made me feel very vulnerable at first."

Floyd's body will go to Houston, where he lived before Minneapolis, for another memorial in the coming days.

Protesters and their supporters in public office say they're determined to turn the outpouring into change, notably overhauling policing policies. Many marchers urged officials to "defund the police," which some

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painted in enormous yellow letters on the street leading to the White House near a "***Black Lives Matter***" mural that the mayor had added a day earlier.

Theresa Bland, 68, a retired teacher and real estate agent protesting at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, envisioned a broader agenda.

"I'm looking at affordable housing, political justice, prison reform," she said.

Some change already has come.

Minneapolis officials have agreed to ban chokeholds and neck restraints and require that officers stop colleagues who are using improper force. California Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered the state's police-training program to stop teaching officers a neck hold that blocks blood flowing to the brain.

The police chief in Bellevue, a wealthy city near Seattle, largely banned officers from using neck restraints, while police in Reno, Nevada, updated their use-of-force policy.

Congressional Democrats are preparing a sweeping package of police reforms, which is expected to include changes to immunity provisions and creating a database of use-of-force incidents. Revamped training requirements are planned, too, among them a ban on chokeholds.

The prospects of reforms clearing a divided Congress are unclear.

While police in some places have knelt in solidarity with protesters, their treatment of some marchers also has generated more tension.

Two officers in Buffalo, New York, were charged Saturday with second-degree assault after a video earlier this week showed them shoving a 75-year-old protester, who smashed his head on the pavement. Both pleaded not guilty.

Most protests in Europe were peaceful. In London, however, clashes with police erupted after thousands gathered amid a cold rain. In the French city of Marseille, authorities fired tear gas and pepper spray as protesters hurled bottles and rocks.

Back in North Carolina, the Rev. Christopher Stackhouse recounted the circumstances of Floyd's death for the congregation.

"It took 8 minutes and 46 seconds for him to die," Stackhouse said at the memorial service. "But it took 401 years to put the system in place so nothing would happen."

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Dellawar, El-Tayyab: There can be no getting along without reform

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Body

For decades, video cameras have captured incidents of police brutality involving people of color. Yet despite this documented record of cruelty, our criminal justice system has failed to bring justice and accountability to victims and policymakers have failed to end racial injustice across America.

Now, in the midst of protests over the police killing of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis, we are again called to transform our country and heal our communities.

Back in 1992, when a jury acquitted the officers who mercilessly beat him, Rodney King famously asked, "Can we all get along?" It appears that, for now, the sad answer is still no. We can't. It's not possible to "get along" when **George Floyd**'s last words were "**I can't breathe.**"

The truth is, racial injustice, racial inequality, white supremacy and police brutality have been around since our country's founding. To address these painful truths, we must take a hard look at our history, and ourselves. We must reflect on our conditioning and come together around common values of equality and justice.

Though this cannot happen overnight, we must start now and with urgency, as lives do in fact depend on it. We cannot and must not stay silent. Even as our cities have been set ablaze with rage, Americans must come together to heal each other's wounds and address **systemic racism**. We must find ways to bring change in the struggle for equality.

An important starting point is to learn about black history in America, from slavery to the present day. Books including Ibram X. Kendi's "Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America" and Michelle Alexander's "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" can help us grasp how deep the problem is.

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We must acknowledge that we are a nation in great need of repentance, healing, forgiveness and justice. Only by accepting the existence of *systemic racism* can we confront it in all of its forms and be ready for the healing and growth needed on both an individual and societal level.

We must also recognize that white Americans benefit from privilege on a daily basis, in countless ways. This system helps maintain a racial hierarchy in this country, which allows things like police brutality to exist in the first place.

Finally, we must become allies to oppressed communities. That means reaching out to fellow community members, holding town hall meetings and working to recognize each other's pains and fears. Let's work together to come up with solutions that consider everyone's needs.

As #JusticeForFloyd protests continue, let us echo the calls for justice and equality while condemning hate and violence in all forms. More hate won't fix anything and will make our existing problems worse. Only love and compassion can bring our communities together.

In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

We truly are a nation in need of evolution and love, not just for ourselves but for communities in pain. Let us show each other - and the world - that we can rise above this moment.

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Good riddance to neck-restraint tactic

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Body

It wasn't easy to tell from the swirl of discussion whether the tactic *Derek Chauvin* used against *George Floyd* was a sanctioned use of force under Minneapolis police procedures. The early word from people like Mayor Jacob Frey and police spokesman John Elder was no. And perhaps by that they meant the length of time Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck, or the fact that Floyd was already handcuffed, or the fact that he died.

Yet there it was in the Police Department's Policy and Procedure Manual, section 5-311, "Use of neck restraints and choke holds," with dates of last prior revision:

Neck Restraint: Non-deadly force option. Defined as compressing one or both sides of a person's neck with an arm or leg, without applying direct pressure to the trachea or airway (front of the neck). Only sworn employees who have received training from the MPD Training Unit are authorized to use neck restraints. The MPD authorizes two types of neck restraints: Conscious Neck Restraint and Unconscious Neck Restraint. (04/16/12)

Conscious Neck Restraint: The subject is placed in a neck restraint with intent to control, and not to render the subject unconscious, by only applying light to moderate pressure. (04/16/12)

Unconscious Neck Restraint: The subject is placed in a neck restraint with the intention of rendering the person unconscious by applying adequate pressure. (04/16/12)

Consider that gone. Under an agreement approved unanimously by the City Council on Friday, officers would be forbidden from using both neck restraints and chokeholds. They also would be required to intervene when inappropriate force is used. The moves are part of a preliminary injunction in the lawsuit filed against the *Minneapolis Police Department* last week by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

It was clearly necessary to abolish the tactics. Last week NBC News, citing the MPD's use-of-force records, reported that officers in the city had used neck restraints 237 times since 2015, and in 44 of those instances - 16% of the time - had rendered people unconscious. Since Floyd's death, law enforcement experts have widely denounced the technique as inherently dangerous, although that is not new knowledge. Merely leaving someone handcuffed and facedown for too long, let alone with added pressure, poses risks.

Good riddance to neck-restraint tactic

NBC's data was supported by a separate comment to the Star Tribune by Mary Moriarty, chief public defender in Hennepin County. "We look at bodycam, we look at dashcam," she said, "and we frequently see officers put their knees in a client's back or neck."

But Chauvin and the three officers on the scene with him were fired and face various charges ranging from second-degree murder (for Chauvin) to aiding and abetting murder (for the others). The policy that will apply to their cases is that which was in force when they encountered Floyd. So what was it - beyond the painfully obvious - that was not in keeping with established practice in the city?

Here again, the manual offers hints. It said the "unconscious neck restraint" shall be applied only on a subject who is exhibiting active aggression, or for lifesaving purposes, or on a subject "who is exhibiting active resistance in order to gain control of the subject; and if lesser attempts at control have been or would likely be ineffective."

It added, in the sweetly named "After Care Guidelines," that "after a neck restraint or choke hold has been used on a subject, sworn MPD employees shall keep them under close observation until they are released to medical or other law enforcement personnel."

Tragic results notwithstanding, the MPD has made an effort to improve its use-of-force policy in recent years, emphasizing de-escalation and the "sanctity of life." And it deserves credit for keeping use-of-force records - the NBC report noted that a lack of such data from other departments made it impossible to compare police use of neck-restraint tactics by city.

The City Council is beginning to discuss ambitious changes in how public safety is maintained. Its passion is both inspiring and a bit fearsome. Careful scrutiny is warranted for many of the ideas floated in recent days, but the agreement advanced on Friday is a solid first step.

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Majority of Minneapolis City Council pledges to disband police force

ARTICLE CDXII. [MAJORITY OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL PLEDGES TO DISBAND POLICE FORCE](#)

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Body

A majority of the members of the Minneapolis City Council said Sunday they support disbanding the city's police department, an aggressive stance that comes just as the state has launched a civil rights investigation after [George Floyd](#)'s death.

Nine of the council's 12 members appeared with activists at a rally in a South Minneapolis park Sunday afternoon and vowed to end policing as the city currently knows it. Council Member Jeremiah Ellison promised that the council would "dismantle" the department.

"It is clear that our system of policing is not keeping our communities safe," Lisa Bender, the council president, said. "Our efforts at incremental reform have failed, period."

Bender went on to say she and the eight other council members that joined the rally at Powderhorn Park are committed to ending the city's relationship with the police force and "to end policing as we know it and recreate systems that actually keep us safe."

Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died May 25 after a white officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes, ignoring his "[I can't breathe](#)" cries and holding it there even after Floyd stopped moving. His death sparked protests - some violent, many peaceful - that spread nationwide.

Community activists have criticized the Minneapolis department for years for what they say is a racist and brutal culture that resists change. The state of Minnesota launched a civil rights investigation of the department last week, and the first concrete changes came Friday in a stipulated agreement in which the city agreed to ban chokeholds and neck restraints.

A more complete remaking of the department is likely to unfold in coming months.

Disbanding an entire department has happened before. In 2012, with crime rampant in Camden, N.J., the city disbanded its police department and replaced it with a new force that covered Camden County. Compton, Calif., took the same step in 2000, shifting its policing to Los Angeles County.

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It was a step that then-Attorney General Eric Holder said the Justice Department was considering for Ferguson, Mo., after the death of Michael Brown. The city eventually reached an agreement short of that but one that required massive reforms overseen by a court-appointed mediator.

The move to defund or abolish the Minneapolis department is far from assured, with the civil rights investigation likely to unfold over the next several months.

On Saturday, activists for defunding the department staged a protest outside Mayor Jacob Frey's home. Frey came out to talk with them.

"I have been coming to grips with my own responsibility, my own failure in this," Frey said. When pressed on whether he supported their demands, Frey said: "I do not support the full abolition of the police department."

He left to booping.

At another march Saturday during which leaders called for defunding the department, Verbena Dempster said she supported the idea.

"I think, honestly, we're too far past" the chance for reform, Dempster told Minnesota Public Radio. "We just have to take down the whole system."

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Graphic

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey addresses protesters at a Defund the Police march to protest the killing of **George Floyd** in police custody in Minneapolis, June 6, 2020. A sea of protesters yelled, "Go home, Jacob, go home," and "Shame," when he would not, on the spot, commit to abolishing the police department. (Victor J. Blue/The New York Times)

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ARTICLE CDXIII. [DAYS OF ANGUISH. NIGHTS OF FEAR. HOW THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD HAS AFFECTED MANY OF US.](#)

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First the video as the life of [George Floyd](#) was taken out of him under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer. Then large protests erupted on our streets. Followed by the looting and flames destroying parts of our community that were broadcast around the globe. Then an outpouring of support that gave many a cause and hope.

Residents of the Twin Cities told us those images left many feeling betrayed by their community yet again, scared for their safety, and determined that this time, it would be different.

Here are a few of their stories.

THE ORGANIZER: He uses his bullhorn to unite his community

Every day since Floyd's death, Tommy McBrayer has grabbed his bullhorn and headed to 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in South Minneapolis to unite and rally the thousands of people who show up. McBrayer is a community organizer at Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO), a nonprofit on Chicago Avenue located just steps from where Floyd died.

"I'm making sure the message focuses on the positive," he said.

Last week, McBrayer, a 30-year-old who grew up in the neighborhood, greeted Floyd's younger brother Terrence Floyd when he visited the site for the first time.

"When his knees buckled when he got close, that was hard to see," McBrayer said.

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McBrayer stood near him when he addressed the crowd and media from across the world, and also spoke - calling for justice.

He said he's learned that getting through to people doesn't always involve using a bullhorn. He demonstrates by having a white man lie face down on the Chicago Avenue pavement and three black men on top and restraining him.

"I can show our white allies, our white friends, how it would look different," he said.

A Roosevelt High School graduate, McBrayer hasn't wandered far from the Central neighborhood - by choice - with the exception of when he attended college in northern Minnesota - first in Ely, then in Brainerd.

"I got a little taste of everything up there," he said. "Being there definitely got me my Minnesotan badge."

In the weeks before Floyd's death, McBrayer and staff at CANDO were helping the Central neighborhood keep informed about the coronavirus pandemic. They were also planning an event around Prince's birthday; the late music legend was a graduate of the neighborhood's defunct Central High School.

"We Minnesotans have been the front-runners in this protest and standing up for justice," McBrayer said Wednesday, after three more Minneapolis police officers were charged in Floyd's death. "So it was definitely a two thumbs up today. But we have a long way to go. We the people, we're using our voice and we're doing what we can."

- Nick Ferraro

THE SHOP OWNER: He hid as looters ransacked his store

Jim Segal was in the back office at Ax-Man Surplus on May 28 when he heard the shattering of glass followed by chaos inside his store on University Avenue in St. Paul.

He had closed a couple of hours earlier, sending his employees home amid the unrest throughout the Twin Cities.

That said, Segal decided to stay behind, partially to keep an eye on his store, and partially to finish up some work.

"I probably should've left," said Segal, who has owned Ax-Man Surplus for the past 20 years. "I guess I wasn't fully aware of what was coming."

While he was already locked inside the back office as looters ransacked his store, Segal barricaded himself inside the bathroom as extra precaution.

"I was trying to be as quiet as possible, so I called 911 and whispered our address," Segal said. "I think from the time I called to the time the police were able to clear the building, it was probably about 15 minutes. Even though that might not sound like a lot of time, it felt like a lot longer given all the commotion."

The police told him to go home and let him know there was "a 50/50 chance" that his business wouldn't be standing in the morning. A couple of hours later, Segal got a call from his store manager who lives nearby, alerting him that the store was still being looted.

Upon his arrival, Segal shoed people away before deciding to return to his car.

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"I just realized I was trying to protect property, which didn't make sense," Segal said. "I sat in my car across the street and basically for the next few hours, I watched people take items from my store."

As harrowing as the experience was for Segal, he was adamant that he does not see himself as a victim, and wanted to shift the focus back to Floyd.

"It's just stuff at the end of the day for me and pales in comparison to what happened to Mr. Floyd and what has happened others," Segal said. "It's not even in the same ballpark."

He hopes to reopen Ax-Man in a few weeks. He estimates an excess of \$100,000 worth of damage and is grateful he has insurance.

"We are hoping we can do it sooner rather than later," Segal said. "We also want to be prudent about it and safe about it. We have been around for a long time and that's something that we take pride in."

- Dane Mizutani

THE ADVOCATE: Haunting memories return for uncle of Philando Castile

The tragic death of Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police has triggered bad memories for Clarence Castile.

In 2016, Castile's nephew, Philando Castile, was pulled over while driving in Falcon Heights. Philando Castile was reaching for his license and registration when St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez fatally shot him five times. Yanez was found not guilty after being put on trial.

"It brings back memories, and they are haunting," Clarence Castile said.

In the four years since his nephew's shooting, Castile has been working to reduce the use of deadly force by police. He was appointed to the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training and joined the St. Paul Police Department as a volunteer reserve officer.

The use of excessive force by police against black men "cannot continue," Clarence Castile said. "That's the way we felt back when Phil was killed. It's got to stop. People have done peaceful protests, and it has continued. Philando wasn't the only one who has been shot and killed by police."

Floyd's death was especially horrific, Castile said, because bystanders begged officer ***Derek Chauvin*** to stop; Chauvin has been fired, arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

"That's why people are so upset," he said. "This person had no feelings, no humanity, no empathy, no sympathy, no nothing ... and you expect to hide behind a shield and say, 'I was doing my job,' and, 'The procedure I used was in the police manual,' and, 'It was a perfectly good police maneuver to restrain a person'? That's not going to get it."

Castile said he was not surprised that protests have erupted around the world in response to Floyd's death.

"People are sick and tired of seeing it now," Castile said. "... This should be it. This should be done. All of these guys should go to jail. A new standard should be made that law enforcement officers are not above the law. They can and will go to jail."

- Mary Divine

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THE MAYOR: 'Peace, not patience'

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter's grandfather, Melvin Carter Sr., was a Navy veteran who played trumpet for four U.S. presidents.

Yet as a black man working as a Pullman porter, Melvin Sr. "didn't even have a right to his own name" - they were all called George, Carter wrote a week after George Floyd died.

"This is so personal because without a suit on, I am #GeorgeFloyd," Carter wrote on social media. "We all are. #PeaceNotPatience."

That message of "peace, not patience" has been Carter's rallying cry.

"As unacceptable as the destructive behavior was, my hope is we'll identify an unlimited number of constructive ways to express all the anger and rage and sadness that exists in our country now," Carter said.

Carter's days and nights have been a blur - he's been at the St. Paul Emergency Operations Center to coordinate response to peaceful protests, along with the earlier arson and looting; he's taken part in digital round tables with community, faith and business leaders.

He went to a protest outside the Governor's Residence - not to speak, but to be among community members, which he said was healing.

A priority for Carter when he became mayor was updating police use-of-force policies, which they did with the community and the police.

[Fatally shot Minneapolis pregnant woman ID'd](#) [Correctional officers of color who say they were segregated from Derek Chauvin: Why isn't Ramsey Co. jail superintendent on leave?](#) [Spring Lake Park man arrested after shooting SWAT vehicle in second armed standoff in two weeks](#) [St. Paul police looking for man who fired over child in his front seat, seriously injured other motorist](#) ['Hands are what kill.' New traffic stop instructions follow Philando Castile's death](#) But the work goes beyond St. Paul - Carter said legal precedence, state law, police union contracts and upholding discipline against officers needs to be addressed.

"People keep referring to this problem as something that started in Minneapolis," said Carter, the son of a retired St. Paul officer. "For me, this is absolutely not something that started in Minneapolis. ... We've seen it over and over again and the truth is I've lived what it feels like to be pulled over for driving while black. ... Unfortunately, I think part of our rage is how historically unsurprising George Floyd's murder is."

- Mara H. Gottfried

THE PUBLISHER: Searching for the right words to tell the story

Tracey Williams-Dillard broke down in tears last week when she saw the [Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder](#) offices boarded up with plywood.

She made the decision to do it over the weekend amid the unrest throughout the Twin Cities following the killing of Floyd.

She wasn't overcome with emotion, though, until she saw it in person.

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"It took my breath away," said Williams-Dillard, who took over as publisher 11 years ago. "I was devastated to see it like that."

She was practically raised in that building.

Her grandfather Cecil E. Newman launched the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder as separate newspapers - the Minneapolis Spokesman and the St. Paul Recorder - back in 1934. The Spokesman-Recorder is the oldest black-owned newspaper in Minnesota.

He moved the operation to its current location in 1954 and both newspapers operated out of that building until they merged shortly before Williams-Dillard took over.

Located off of East 38th Street and Fourth Street South in Minneapolis - five blocks from where Floyd died - Williams-Dillard remembers doing odd jobs around the office as a kid long before she knew she was going to have a career in journalism.

That long-standing connection with the community has made the past couple of weeks extremely tough.

She was in the office last month when some of the peaceful protests started right up the road.

She credits her talented staff with the way it's covered the biggest news in recent memory.

"They have the pulse of the community," Williams-Dillard said. "They are able to make sure the news we report is of interest to our community and they know exactly how to cover it."

She watched the coverage from her home over the weekend, at a complete loss for words as parts of the Twin Cities burned.

She said it seems like more people are listening now and is hopeful it will spark actual change moving forward.

"I certainly hope we are heading in a better direction after all of this," Williams-Dillard said. "But history hasn't shown it, so now it's about action."

- Dane Mizutani

THE VOLUNTEER: She answered the call for help

On a morning last week, Allie Lawler barked orders to hundreds of volunteers in the parking lot of Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Roy Street in St. Paul.

What started May 28 with a dozen or so people treating protesters with burning eyes caused from tear gas has morphed into a massive daily effort to feed the community. From noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, cars come and go - they are picking up and dropping off food, diapers and household goods. Volunteers pack bags with the items, make curb runs and deliver them to 80 area apartment buildings.

"Around noon, it's just madness here," said Lawler, a 28-year-old software consultant who has been coordinating a group of volunteers that now totals 500.

When rioting shut down the Super Target, Aldi and dozens of other stores along University Avenue, people became cut off from their food sources.

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"When it started quieting down in the area on Friday and Saturday that first week, we very quickly realized that the community has needs and that we're going to scale and change and get it done," Lawler said.

During those first three days, she made a bed of blankets and slept on the church floor instead of driving back to her St. Louis Park home.

Now, demand is so great that they have set aside Sunday - from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - strictly for donations.

"We are so low, low, low (on items) come Sunday," she said.

The group of volunteers, she said, is a "healthy mix of church members, other organizations looking to help and individuals who want to spend their time here. We are putting the word out on social media, letting people know when we need folks and what we need done, and the community is answering the call."

- Nick Ferraro

THE SWAT MEDIC: Responding to arson, looting

St. Paul's Midway was ablaze on May 28. While firefighters responded to building after building to extinguish them, Deputy Fire Chief Ken Adams was embedded with a team of police officers who were called to report after report of looting and property damage.

"There were a lot of rocks and bricks being thrown," he said. "There were a lot of angry people and we were trying to keep them back from burning buildings."

Adams oversees the St. Paul Fire Department's emergency medical services and he's also a SWAT medic who's in charge of their crew. They're part of the police SWAT team when they're called up.

"We're there for the officers, we're there for the citizens, we're there for whomever may get injured in a situation," Adams said. Fortunately, there weren't serious injuries during the St. Paul unrest, he said.

Firefighters responded to 295 calls in a 24-hour period on May 28 and May 29. There were about 55 fires and more than 100 locations that reported damage. Adams worked 23 hours then and has continued to put in long hours - all as he has coordinated the fire department's EMS response to the coronavirus pandemic, which had him working seven days a week for the past few months.

Officers and firefighters in St. Paul felt people's rage directed at them on the streets, though Adams said the officers he's talked to about what happened to Floyd have harsh words about the Minneapolis officers who were involved.

"How could they be so cold and callous to refuse help, to not pay attention to what they're doing to somebody who was under control?" Adams said. "They absolutely can't believe that somebody did that."

- Mara H. Gottfried

THE TOP COP: Keeping the peace, fearing the unknown

As Minnesota's commissioner of public safety, John Harrington's days begin as an adviser and end as a field general.

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He collects information several times a day to brief Gov. Tim Walz - on matters related to both Floyd and the coronavirus - and spends his afternoon and evening in "the MAC," the Multi Agency Command Center to coordinate the unprecedented law enforcement, fire response and National Guard presence in the Twin Cities for more than a week.

Harrington, a former cop who served as St. Paul police chief before being elected to the state Senate, said nothing he's ever worked on has compared to this - and that's included a number of major security events.

"I had 18 months and \$50 million to get ready for the Republican National Convention," he said, referring to the 2008 event, hosted in St. Paul, that featured mass protests, mass arrests and police use of tear gas the likes of which hadn't been seen before in the capitol city. "I had a year and a half of working with Minneapolis to get ready for the (2014 Major League Baseball) All-Star Game and for the (2018) Super Bowl. And I had about 12 hours, maybe, to get ready for this."

Peaceful protests that turned violent had suddenly erupted into rioting, looting and arson that left one police station and more than 170 businesses damaged or destroyed. Harrington, who had publicly described Floyd's killing as "a murder," is the guy Walz turned to, to reclaim the streets.

"There's a moment, if you've ever sent cops or anybody else into danger, where your stomach just tightens up," he said. "We had gun play and we had Molotov cocktails.

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"And I remember thinking, 'God I hope this works.' Because there was a lot of reason to think that it might not. But it was the right thing to do."

- Dave Orrick

Graphic

Tommy McBrayer of the Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization speaks at a rally June 1 in front of the Cup Foods in Minneapolis, on the one-week anniversary of ***George Floyd***'s death. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Jim Segal, the owner of Ax-Man on University Avenue in St. Paul was in his business when the store was broken into and looted last Thursday, he barricaded himself in the bathroom, June 3, 2020. His employees are getting the store ready for reopening. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Clarence Castile, uncle of Philando Castile and a member of the board of the Peace Officer Standards & Training Board, speaks about the reasons to keep Philando Castile's name on a training fund, in St. Paul, Thursday, July 27, 2017. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter listens in on a conversation about gun violence during a community meeting his office organized at Central Baptist Church on Nov. 7, 2019. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

Tracey Williams-Dillard, the publisher of the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder, the oldest black-owned newspaper in the state. (Courtesy of the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder)

Allie Lawler, holding a megaphone, heads up a food and medical assistance program out of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Paul's Midway, June 4, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

St. Paul Fire Department Deputy Chief Ken Adams, right, works with a pair of SWAT team members from the St. Paul police department as they practice CPR and how to secure a breathing way during a training session in November 2019 in St. Paul. (Courtesy of Ken Adams)

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington announces that Minneapolis Police Officer *Derek Chauvin* has been taken into custody by the BCA in the death of *George Floyd* during a news conference in St. Paul, Minn. Friday, May 29, 2020 (Glen Stubbe/Star Tribune via AP, Pool)

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CHIEF IS CAUGHT IN HIS FORCE'S RACIAL LEGACY

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As the hearse carrying [George Floyd](#) pulled up to North Central University, Minneapolis police Chief Medaria Arradondo tucked his cap into the crook of his arm and dropped to one knee. It was a symbolic gesture of solidarity with a growing movement against police brutality, popularized by former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

Arradondo has been a visible and vocal presence in the tumult that has engulfed the city and nation since Floyd, a black man, died under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer on Memorial Day. He condemned and fired the four officers involved. He visited the location where Floyd was killed. He spoke directly to Floyd's family members on national television. He pledged to cooperate with the state's probe into his department's practices and make "substantive policy changes."

In an interview, Arradondo called Floyd's death "absolutely pivotal" in the city's history.

"This moment in time is writing its own chapter in the history of our city," he said. "The best that I can hope for is that everything that has occurred to this point, all of the work that all of us were trying to do to move forward, it's not done in vain."

But the city's first black police chief now finds himself in a harsh national spotlight, the face of a mostly white department that killed another black man. Last week, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights launched an investigation, and some elected officials are pushing to disband the police department altogether.

Arradondo's defenders credit his willingness to speak out about the pains of racial trauma and the need for police

reform. They say it's unrealistic to think that he would be able to overturn more than a century of institutionalized racism in just three years on the job.

His chief of staff, Art Knight, agrees that "something has to be done on holding our cops accountable," but he questioned the timing of the state's human rights probe.

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"When the investigation looks at policy and procedures, we're 100% completely with them, and maybe they do find something that's of concern and needs fixing and we'll work with them to fix it," Knight said. "When we had white chiefs in office nothing was done, but now that we have the first African-American chief and now you want to sue the department?"

So far Arradondo has drawn praise for quickly firing the officers involved in Floyd's death. In past scandals, from undercover marijuana stings that critics say unfairly targeted blacks to allegations that his officers were urging paramedics to sedate agitated people, he also acted fast.

But Floyd's death has City Council members, the MPD and community members grappling over the future of policing in the city.

"We know that a lot of times when you are placed in a role when you've got to make systemic change and you've got to change the police culture, that does not happen overnight," said Ramsey County sheriff's commander Suwana Kirkland, head of the state's chapter of the National Black Police Association. Right now, the death of Mr. George Floyd has been devastating to the profession, the community, to his family, to his friends."

Violent crime has been on the rise since the protests following Floyd's death, and officers say morale is falling after the torching of the Third Precinct station. Adding to the pressure, a high-ranking police official sent out a departmentwide e-mail suggesting that some officers walked off the job or retired abruptly in protest.

Besides that, Arradondo has faced criticism about the department's lack of women and people of color and being too slow to discipline officers accused of on-the-job misconduct. In addition, police use-of-force rates - which are greatly affected by call volumes - have risen over the past three years after a long decline, with blacks bearing the brunt in nearly two-thirds of such cases.

Andrea Brown, a public defender who once chaired the Police Conduct Oversight Commission, a department watchdog, said that union boss Lt. Bob Kroll's defense of the officers involved in the death of Floyd and his public alignment with President Donald Trump damages trust in the MPD.

"I think it completely destroys any reconciliation that could happen," she said. "The union is real. ... Cops who don't actually uphold the service and protect for all, they feel like they have its backing."

Arradondo has been seen as the MPD's silver lining by the black community. The 53-year-old Minneapolis native joined the force in 1989, starting as a patrol officer in the precinct covering north Minneapolis. He's remained visible as chief, attending barbecues and basketball games citywide and visiting barbershops. He also talks with unusual bluntness about the historical mistreatment of minorities by police, and in 2007 was one of the lead plaintiffs in a discrimination lawsuit against the department.

But critics say the use of tear gas and rubber bullets on those protesting Floyd's death is a sign of how little the department's culture has changed.

They also wonder why Derek Chauvin, the subject of at least 17 civilian complaints and who had been involved with several police shootings, was still working on the same shift. Some claims that the department's early intervention system - designed to identify potentially troubled officers and get them help - has failed.

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And having a black chief didn't stop officers from using deadly force, said Sam Sanchez, an organizer with the activist group Twin Cities Coalition for Justice 4 Jamar.

"People are talking about rebuilding, but you can't rebuild something that never worked for the people in the first place," said Sanchez, pointing out that Arradondo is a product of the same system that he says he wants to reform. He said any proposed reforms in the months ahead should include community input.

Arradondo is also being asked to answer for the strained race relations of past years, says retired Hennepin County Judge Pamela Alexander. While more reform is needed, she says that the department has improved in many ways.

"There are ways to substantially improve the system without totally breaking it down, but it does need to have a broader, more expansive view," she said. "It's going to take time and that's unfortunate, but maybe this crisis will then show [rank-and-file officers] why it's necessary to have allies in the community and to improve those relationships."

But there needs to be an honest assessment of how the police can contribute to or harm community health and public safety, said Tabitha Montgomery, executive director of the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association. Not all incidents in south Minneapolis need police intervention, and there should be discussions about finding solutions for other inequities in the area, she said.

"Just the reliance on police is not getting us better outcomes, it's not driving fewer disparities when it comes to what we are expected to endure in south Minneapolis," she said. "I have no evidence to suggest there is a further erosion [of trust in police] whether it be black people in the community or other people from other ethnicities and racial groups, but what I do know for sure is ... a life that should've been deemed equal to any other was demonstrably illustrated to be less than."

With the Floyd investigation, people are "looking for a fall guy" with Arradondo, and seek to weaken his power, says Resmaa Menakem, a clinical social worker who has led cultural awareness training sessions with the MPD. He said Arradondo understands better than most of his predecessors that nothing will change until something is done about systemic racism that criminalizes people of color.

"The system is sick, the structure is sick, America is sick - and it stands to reason that if America is sick, the spear and weapon it uses, which is the police department, is also going to be sick," said Menakem. "It's not addressing the bad apple cop - it's addressing the structure that alienates and brutalizes black and brown bodies, and poor white bodies."

Even after Floyd's death all is not lost, said Korey "XROSS" Dean Sr., founder and executive director of the Man Up Club, an organization focused on mentoring black males, teaching them about conflict resolution, interactions with the police and civic responsibility.

He still believes in Arradondo, calling him "a good man." Dean said one of the ways to overhaul the department is to build up its diversity, including encouraging black men like Arradondo to sign up for the police academy.

"I'm optimistic about the future of the relationship between the police and that's only because of the leadership that I know [Arradondo] has, but at the same time I will say that young black males are still in fear of the police," Dean said. "That is the current relationship that exists between young black males in the inner city and the police department, and there is no relationship there."

CHIEF IS CAUGHT IN HIS FORCE'S RACIAL LEGACY

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UNEQUAL USE OF FORCE

Use-of-force reports by the MPD show a disproportionate number of reports in areas with high nonwhite populations.

Distribution of use-of-force calls by precinct, 2008-2020

Precinct, Percentage of calls with use-of-force report, Percentage of police calls, Nonwhite population

1st, 31.8%, 21.1%, 41.9%

4th, 26.8, 15.2, 67.9

3rd, 17.6, 23.1, 43.7

5th, 10.5, 21.5, 23.8

2nd, 8.9, 18.7, 29

Force rates curve up

The rate at which Minneapolis officers use force against people per 10,000 police calls has climbed after years of decline.

Use of force rate per 10,000 calls

2020: 34.7*

Note: As of May 30

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Source: Minneapolis Police Dept.

THE MAKEUP OF THE FORCE

86% Male

14% Female

74% White

2% Native

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7% Asian

9% Black

6% Latino

2% Other

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Other voices: Protesting injustice is your sacred right as an American

ARTICLE CDXV. ***OTHER VOICES: PROTESTING INJUSTICE IS YOUR SACRED
RIGHT AS AN AMERICAN***

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Highlight: "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or the rights of the people to peaceably assemble or "to petition the government for a redress of grievances." These crucial First Amendment protections also limit state government action, thanks to the 14th Amendment, and embody essential values that created and have sustained this nation: [...]"

Body

"Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or the rights of the people to peaceably assemble or "to petition the government for a redress of grievances." These crucial First Amendment protections also limit state government action, thanks to the 14th Amendment, and embody essential values that created and have sustained this nation: People can, should and will protest against perceived injustice.

That's a principle with special resonance today, as the nation witnessed angry protests over the police killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis and similar injustices directed at African Americans and others relegated to second-class status in our society. The demonstrations come amid a movement by some state lawmakers to falsely equate lawful protest and civil disobedience with crime and terrorism. These chilling moves against fundamental liberties must not stand.

A May report from PEN America, an organization dedicated to literature, human rights and free expression, documents 82 state bills considered or adopted by 32 states to criminalize assembly and speech. One of the offending states, as it happens, is Minnesota. Lawmakers there appear motivated by environmental protests in neighboring North Dakota and ***Black Lives Matter*** protests in their own state.

One such instance followed the police killing of a young African American man named Jamar Clark in November 2015. Turned back from a planned protest at a shopping mall, demonstrators temporarily disrupted traffic at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Minnesota lawmakers responded with a bill to punish traffic obstruction with up to a year in prison - an astonishingly excessive term far out of proportion to the offense. Blocking traffic is of course already prohibited in Minnesota and elsewhere, and protesters who march onto airport roads or freeways can expect to face legal consequences. But it is a nonviolent act of civil disobedience, and the temporary inconvenience it poses to drivers does not warrant the kind of penalty generally reserved for serious criminals. According

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to PEN, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Nick Zerwas, acknowledged that the purpose was dissuade potential protesters. The measure was passed but vetoed by the governor.

A separate Minnesota bill to criminalize protests against "critical infrastructure" was inspired by the 2016 demonstrations against the Dakota Access Pipeline through the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. So-called critical infrastructure bills in other states penalize protests on or near railroad tracks or telephone poles. A Kentucky bill carries a sentence of up to five years. Those proposals stalled.

"Under such statutes," PEN reports, "a protester who merely crosses onto land hosting a pipeline could be held criminally liable."

One of the more chilling provisions of anti-protest laws considered in several states would impose criminal liability for property damage caused by others participating in the same action. A person joining a protest but causing no damage could be held liable for up to \$1 million for damage caused by others.

Other bills give police greater leeway to characterize protests as "riots" and to charge peaceful protesters with rioting because of the actions of others in their presence. A New Jersey bill, if passed, would have imposed up to five years in prison for participating in a protest in which any other person caused damage of more than \$2,000.

That would have categorized protesters against the brutal killing of *George Floyd* as rioters, not because of any act they committed, but because they expressed their dissent at the same time or in the same place as violent lawbreakers.

"One person's decision to resort to violence does not strip other protesters of their right to freedom of peaceful assembly," as PEN quotes United Nations special rapporteurs for freedom of expression and assembly. "This right is not a collective right; it is held by each of us individually."

Other proposals seek to turn protesters into terrorists. A North Carolina bill, for example, would create the crime of "economic terrorism" and permits prosecution against any person who has committed obstruction with the intention to influence government action.

In other words, an act of temporary civil disobedience would be an act of terrorism. Such a law would make Susan B. Anthony a terrorist for pushing a ballot into a ballot box. It would make other American heroes terrorists for taking a seat on a bus or at a lunch counter, walking across a bridge, stopping work or doing any of the other things that have won Americans some of their most cherished rights and liberties.

Watch out for attempts to intimidate people who would protest the gap between what we know to be legal and what we know to be just.

- Los Angeles Times

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READERS WRITE Don't pigeonhole her

ARTICLE CDXVI. [**READERS WRITE DON'T PIGEONHOLE HER**](#)

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KLOBUCHAR'S VP PROSPECTS

Regarding the May 31 commentary "Black voters don't want Klobuchar on the ticket," I'd like to say very loudly and clearly that I hate when anyone inserts themselves as the speaker for a whole group of people. I'm Jewish, and I wouldn't pretend to speak for every Jew in the world, our nation, the state, Minneapolis, or even my particular congregation.

As for writer Jonathan Capehart's views about Klobuchar, I have a black cousin in Ames, Iowa, who caucused for Klobuchar for president, and based on my conversations with him I know he'd have no problem at all having her on the Democratic ticket with Joe Biden. Capehart is certainly free to lay out reasons why he thinks blacks shouldn't support Klobuchar, but he's stepping over the line saying that blacks in general won't support her. Especially with the insensitivity toward anything even approaching reasonable being exhibited by our current administration, I'm guessing that most blacks, Hispanics, Asians, East African immigrants, nonbinary citizens, etc., won't find it very difficult to support a Biden-Klobuchar ticket if that's what comes to pass.

Larry A. Etkin, Minneapolis

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I strongly disagree with Jonathan Capehart that Elizabeth Warren or Kamala Harris should be Biden's running mate. First, as to Warren, she did not score well with African-American voters in the presidential primary; she did not even score well in her home state of Massachusetts, coming in third behind Biden and Sanders. As for Harris, she comes from California, a state that is securely blue. As to her appeal to black voters, progressives - and right-wing trolls - have also hammered Harris for her résumé as a state attorney general and local prosecutor.

The Democratic tent is very large. Coming from a state that is more purple than blue, Amy Klobuchar appeals to independents, swing voters, and moderate Republicans and Democrats. We cannot ignore those voters, too, in hopes of winning back the White House.

Deborah Deutsch, Minneapolis

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COVID-19

That photo spread of victims didn't reflect victims as a whole

While I appreciate the tribute to those who lost their lives in Minnesota's COVID-19 outbreak ("1,000 we've lost," May 31), I find it interesting - in these days of protest and rioting over the senseless loss of George Floyd's life - that of the 30 Minnesotans highlighted by the presentation, only one or two were people of color.

An associated article states that the virus has "taken a significant toll on people of color, who are dying in disproportionate numbers." We Minnesotans need to see the beautiful black and brown faces of those who have lost their lives to this pandemic. We need to hear stories that these people were loved and treasured and important parts of the community.

Could this be a further symptom of bias in our community? If we hope to make our communities truly supportive of all, we need to take a deep look at how our entire community is valued and supported through all of our public institutions.

Melinda Bennett, Plymouth

POLICE REFORM

The lesson from St. Anthony

George Floyd's death has rekindled the sadness and despair I felt after Philando Castile was killed by a St. Anthony cop in 2016. After Philando's death I worked with my predominantly white neighbors to push for structural change in St. Anthony and its small police department of 20 sworn officers. We sought to end systemic racism and police brutality against people of color in our city and neighboring communities. We failed.

Our Police Department is widely beloved among us white homeowners in St. Anthony. We get friendly responses and lots of patrols. We get to feel safe. After Philando's death, the "other" St. Anthony Police Department had just a little light shone on it. We heard stories in public meetings from people of color about racist and brutal policing against them right here in St. Anthony. When we pressed for more information, we found shoddy record-keeping on issues related to racial profiling and biased policing.

St. Anthony's solution to bad press, public testimony and public outcries after Philando's death was to keep up the friendly policing to white homeowners and aggressively suppress dissent. We found legitimating cover by participating in a technical assistance program for police from the U.S. Department of Justice, despite there being no public accountability measures and little acknowledgment of fault.

Those of us who pushed for better reform and acknowledgment of systemic racism and brutality against people of color in policing were silenced and derided as "anti-police" by the mayor and City Council, and by many of our white neighbors. Notably absent in this debate was any significant presence and voice of the people of color who live in St. Anthony. I suspect that many already knew what the outcome was likely to be and didn't bother to participate.

I am in despair that St. Anthony failed to bring significant change to our Police Department after Philando's death. I can only bear witness today that there was no meaningful change. Our city and Police Department continue to be part of the problem, as we confront American policing after the death of George Floyd.

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Nancy Robinett, St Anthony

RACE IN GENERAL

Such a fine line

Bill Bryson said it best in his book "The Body: A Guide for Occupants": "People act as if skin color is a determinant of character when all it is is a reaction to sunlight. Biologically, there is actually no such thing as race - nothing in terms of skin color, facial features, hair type, bone structure, or anything else that is a defining quality among peoples. And yet look how many people have been enslaved or hated or lynched or deprived of fundamental rights through history because of the color of their skin." He went on to say that about a millimeter thick of skin was so thin as to be translucent. "That," he wrote, "is where all your skin color is. That's all race is - a sliver of epidermis."

Richard Haines, Hopkins

MAIL DELIVERY

The Postal Service rocks!

Recently, as rioters burned and looted four of our post office stations, I was waiting for a package. The tracking had it out for delivery a week ago Thursday and I was thinking the worst after the preceding Tuesday and Wednesday. Being a retired postal employee, I understand what might have happened to it during the chaos - small potatoes in the big picture. Imagine my pleasure when a city carrier dropped it off on my doorstep last weekend, on a Sunday no less.

Thank you to the postal employees who kept the country's mail safe during a horrible week. Not only struggling because of the coronavirus, riots and fires, looting, now we have buildings to replace. Losing a piece of mail wouldn't have been the worst thing to happen, and I'm sure we did lose some, but thank you for doing everything you could to ensure the sanctity of the mail.

Cathy Hanson, Minneapolis

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A true patriot sees flag as more

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Body

Aaron Rodgers is my quarterback.

Drew Brees is not.

During a week that should change American history, should change America into what it always has professed to be, the Packers' quarterback offered a simple, accurate view of the constitutionally protected right to free speech and peaceful dissent.

"A few years ago we were criticized for locking arms in solidarity before the game," Rodgers posted. "It has NEVER been about an anthem or a flag. Not then. Not now. Listen with an open heart, let's educate ourselves, and then turn word and thought into action."

He used the hashtag symbol to promote a number of slogans, including "Liberty and justice for all."

Last week Brees, the Saints' quarterback, said he will "never agree with anybody disrespecting" the U.S. flag, taking aim at Colin Kaepernick and other NFL players who have peacefully protested the epidemic of cops killing unarmed black men.

Saints teammates and other NFL players were among those who criticized Brees. He received praise from Donald Trump. Three apologies and clarifications later, Brees was running the fastest 40-yard dash of his life away from his initial comments, acknowledging that his black peers were not attacking the flag or the national anthem but were instead peacefully protesting systemic injustice.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell even issued a statement acknowledging that his league had not listened attentively enough to black players, although he stopped short of apologizing to Kaepernick.

Rodgers did not need to revise his stance, because his stance was simple and humane. He offered empathy.

Brees, in his first comments, provided the definition of *white privilege*.

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Brees was saying what so many white Americans believe - that no matter how horribly our country has treated black people, they do not have the right to peacefully protest.

It's time for Americans to choose: Do you care about citizens or symbols?

If you care about symbols above the lives of black Americans, you should at least make an effort to understand what those symbols represent to them.

Standing during the national anthem is a point of pride for sports fans who have already gotten through the beer line. Many, like Brees, argue that the anthem honors soldiers who gave their lives in service to our country.

But if you were black, would you revere an anthem that was written by an outspoken slave owner, Francis Scott Key? Do you know that there is a verse of the anthem, rarely played, that references slaves?

So many Americans have come to identify the flag as a symbol of military might and sacrifice. Wouldn't a more reasonable view be that the flag represents American history? And isn't American history laced with racism?

One hundred years after the Civil War ended, cops were beating black marchers and "Whites Only" signs populated the South.

To pretend America or its sports are about equality is to proclaim the most simple-minded form of ***white privilege***.

Modern sports leagues offer lip service to diversity but are far better at promoting symbols than promoting equality.

Every year, Major League Baseball celebrates Jackie Robinson Day.

Know what Robinson said after suffering racial abuse for years? "I cannot stand and sing the anthem. I cannot salute the flag; I know that I am a black man in a white world."

To downplay or dismiss racism in America, or racism in sports, is to use the flag as a blindfold and the anthem as white noise.

Since the killing of ***George Floyd*** we have heard from innumerable black athletes who have detailed the systemic abuse and prejudice they face daily.

And as they speak, we are all one click away from innumerable videos from every corner of the country revealing white cops beating peaceful protesters of all ethnicities.

Robinson, the patron saint of American sports equality, would be as disgusted today as he was in 1947.

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White Coats for Black Lives: Medical pros and students protest in St. Paul

ARTICLE CDXVIII. [**WHITE COATS FOR BLACK LIVES: MEDICAL PROS AND STUDENTS PROTEST IN ST. PAUL**](#)

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Medical professionals, students, family and friends protested the death of *George Floyd* as part of a "White Coats for Black Lives" demonstration Saturday on the lawn of the state Capitol in St. Paul.

White Coats for Black Lives is a national organization focused on "eliminating racial bias in the practice of medicine and recognizing racism as a threat to the health and well-being of people of color," according to its website. It has Minnesota chapters at the University of Minnesota Medical School and Mayo Medical School.

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Caryn M. Sullivan: Navigating our troubled times

ARTICLE CDXIX. [**CARYN M. SULLIVAN: NAVIGATING OUR TROUBLED TIMES**](#)

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Highlight: Protestors with masks on freeways, a fuel truck bearing down, horn blaring. It's one of many powerful images reflecting the surreal state of affairs in 2020. For months we've been told to quarantine, furlough employees, avoid family, friends, churches and gyms, all to protect personal and public health. We complied, for the call to honor [...]

Body

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For months we've been told to quarantine, furlough employees, avoid family, friends, churches and gyms, all to protect personal and public health.

We complied, for the call to honor the social compact was persistent and persuasive.

Thousands put funerals on hold. We postponed weddings and vacations; pivoted to online learning and working from home.

We waited.

Two weeks ago, the curtain was poised to lift. Restaurants, salons and places of worship were on the verge of re-opening. We were nibbling at the edges of a renaissance.

Then on the day we remember those who died while serving our country, one man's actions and others' inaction ignited a chain reaction around the world.

Our fragile social compact shattered after we watched a 9-minute video shot on a cellphone.

A horrific scene supplanted a pandemic, triggering different responses depending on our life experiences.

Previously compliant shut-ins catapulted from their homes.

Daily briefings shifted from COVID deaths to arson and ***systemic racism***.

Caryn M. Sullivan: Navigating our troubled times

I fear we haven't seen the end of the unrest, for, as horrific as the circumstances of George Floyd's death are, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt the elements of the crimes of murder and aiding and abetting murder.

And here's a stark truth that might be lost in the roar of outrage, the river of tears.

It will take months of hard work to prosecute these charges, as Attorney General Keith Ellison has said.

Our visceral reaction to a horrific act is not enough to convict a person of murder.

In the past week, anger, angst, and tears have flowed.

Social distancing concerns became secondary to making space for citizens to exercise their First Amendment rights to assemble and speak out.

Thousands threw COVID caution to the wind and headed to the streets, many with masks, some without.

Young, old, black, white, and brown, citizens marched. A few looted and burned, while others watched, eyes glued to screens, afraid to watch, afraid not to watch.

Would arsonists torch our homes, our vehicles, our businesses? Would armed law enforcement personnel station themselves outside our doors? Would anyone else die?

As information, misinformation, and disinformation flooded traditional and social media, we were left to grapple with frightening and conflicting accounts of who was decimating our cities.

As I witnessed both the grief and goodness of strangers, a question festered: Now what?

We were already living in a cloud of uncertainty. The cloud has become bigger and more threatening, filled with complex issues that are close to some, more distant for others.

We're still waiting, now in fear and wonderment, as work has shifted from protestors and protectors to prosecutors and change agents.

Massive reforms are promised. Will they work? Will they effect meaningful and lasting change?

We'll listen to daily reports on testing, hospitalizations, and deaths and, depending on the COVID numbers, learn whether months of precautions and sacrifices were warranted. We'll see whether previously compliant citizens and business owners will continue to follow COVID rules.

Emotions are raw, coping mechanisms stretched.

How are we to manage? People with - and without - mental health challenges such as anxiety and depressive mood disorder were already struggling.

I posed these questions to Janet Yeats, licensed marriage and family therapist and specialist in trauma, grief, and loss.

None of us is dealing with the pandemic or the Floyd death in a vacuum, she said. We've all brought our life experiences, stressors, and emotions to the present situation.

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We need to offer ourselves some grace, permission to acknowledge we are struggling, even if we're impacted in different ways.

"Situations like this just remind us of how much control we don't have," Yeats said. "To develop a practice in our lives that focuses on what we can do and how we can control ourselves becomes very critical because so much is outside our control."

The best place to start is with self-care, she said, though in troubled times, self-care is often the first thing we abandon. And, while we're quick to encourage others to take care of themselves, we might not walk the talk.

"We must engage in some sort of self-care activity every day to balance out the situations in the world that threaten to shatter us," Yates said.

"Part of the ability to take care of ourselves includes being able to recognize all the ways in which we're hurting right now. It's going to be different for everyone," Yeats said.

Fear and stress can paralyze us. Instead of berating ourselves because we couldn't get our act together, she encourages compassion.

There is no one prescription for self-care. It might involve meditating, creating art or walking the dog. It might be delivering groceries to families who can't purchase their own. It could mean limiting time on social media, or listening to music.

There's power in recognizing that, while we can't always control what happens around us, we can control our response.

"I think that's ultimately the message that I would want to put forward," Yates said. "What can you do for yourself? How can you respond in your truest, best self?" [Patrick Hill: The other 'First Minnesota'](#) [Raihala: Sexual misconduct allegations rock tight-knit local music community](#) [Rosario: Talk about burying the past ...](#) [Greg Egan: Minnesota needs to change its 'felony-murder' doctrine. Racial inequities are one reason](#) [Soucheray: What is going on? Does anybody know?](#)

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As St. Paul's Midway business corridor reopens, some look to an uncertain future

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Body

Singed but still standing tall, a large Super Target display along St. Paul's University Avenue business district welcomed customers on Wednesday to what's thought to be the busiest Target in the state of Minnesota, if not the nation.

It would be the first day that Target resumed a regular schedule at the location, nearly a week after looting and rioting damaged or destroyed at least 70 buildings citywide, according to numbers available to the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

As workers wiped down service counters at the Starbucks within the Midway Super Target, federal agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives inspected the charred husk of what had once been the nearby Big Top Liquors store along University Avenue.

In some ways, it would be just another pandemic-era Wednesday morning in St. Paul. University Avenue groceries such as Target, Cub Foods, Shuang Hur and Sun Foods have reopened, reminding guests to don face masks and keep six feet apart in light of the novel coronavirus.

West of Dale Street, storeowners along the business corridor had just begun peeling protective plywood off storefronts such as SugaRush Donuts and Ishita Ramen.

Closer to Snelling Avenue, a Discount Tire shop whose garage bay door had been rammed repeatedly by a looter in a vehicle welcomed its first customer in days.

"I hope everything starts to get back to normal," said store manager Mike Sarauer, 36. "It will be nice to see more businesses start to reopen."

Just outside, a long caravan of armored trucks and humvees carrying Minnesota National Guard troops rolled past. Across the intersection, a white man sweating through 83-degree heat blasted music from a portable stereo and held aloft a sign: "Stop Killing Black People."

As St. Paul's Midway business corridor reopens, some look to an uncertain future

In every direction, heaps of blackened rubble still dotted the Midway, remnants of what had been a sportswear shop, an Ethiopian restaurant, a rental car destination, a video game store, a Napa auto parts vendor, a century-old pharmacy.

WHAT DOES FUTURE HOLD?

More than a week after the sudden violence following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, key questions remain.

How long will it take for St. Paul's largest remaining retail corridor to rebuild?

How many ruined storefronts will remain vacant or become converted into vacant lots, and which ones will be replaced by new uses entirely, such as multi-family residences or chain vendors?

Could some of the destruction lend itself to new opportunities to reconfigure strip malls or re-imagine buildings to be even more inviting and pedestrian-friendly than in the past?

Bonnie Vogel, CEO of Vogel Mechanical Inc., is optimistic. She said rebuilding the Midway area will serve as an opportunity to improve construction practices. It's even possible that historical economic and racial disparity gaps can be narrowed.

"We should look at creating true partnerships and involving minority communities from the ground up," she said.

FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE STILL HIDDEN

Ricardo Cervantes, director of the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections, informed the city's Business Review Council on Wednesday morning that of the 117 businesses that his department had identified as damaged citywide, 28 of those could not yet be reoccupied. Three were so badly damaged, they had to be razed.

"Many buildings remain boarded so full assessments are not possible to complete given the proximity to recent events," said Suzanne Donovan, a spokeswoman for the Department of Safety and Inspections.

A neighborhood association, the Hamline-Midway Coalition, was conducting its own assessment, going door to door to talk to business owners where they could find them. It's been difficult to find an open door.

"That impact isn't just on the looting and the rioting," said Kate Mudge, executive director of the Hamline-Midway Coalition. "People are afraid now to come support the businesses that are open."

Given the high cost of rebuilding a store - even one that is well-insured may face huge deductibles - the most heavily impacted small-business owners face big choices in the days ahead. Some devastated shops, [like Lloyd's Pharmacy](#) and , have already raised hefty sums toward reopening through online fundraisers.

Still, "a lot of them are still unsure what their next steps are going to be," Chad Kulas, executive director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday. "A lot of them are unsure if they want to rebuild, if they can afford it. But the ones that are really dedicated, they've hit the ground running."

Still, the decisions may not be entirely up to them. A number of destroyed or heavily damaged stores sit in strip malls or buildings owned by commercial landlords who may have a different vision of the future.

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If major building remodels result in rent increases, that could displace current tenants, which is roughly what happened when TCF Bank Stadium opened in Stadium Village in Minneapolis in 2009. Chain vendors soon followed.

"You previously had a lot of locally owned business," Kulas said. "Then the stadium came in, rents went up and national chains took their place. That would change the flavor of the Midway."

Residents have longed for years to see major changes to the Midway Shopping Center around Allianz Field. Recent plans call for "United Villages at Midway," two towers of housing over a parking podium connected to additional retail and co-working spaces.

With multiple storefronts destroyed at the east end of the shopping center, could that hasten a significant redevelopment, or just delay it?

A spokesman for master developer M.A. Mortenson Co. of Golden Valley released a brief written statement Thursday: "Our hope is to help create opportunities for the neighborhood and places that celebrate the incredible community spirit and culture of St. Paul. We are confident in the future of the Midway neighborhood and continue to put the key pieces in place as we work with the city to get to a point when construction can begin."

A year ago, Kraus-Anderson purchased the 324,000-square-foot Midway Marketplace, home to Cub Foods, LA Fitness and other retail outlets, for \$31 million. It, too, was damaged by looters and fires.

"We are currently assessing the extent of that damage and next steps are still to be determined," said Jeff Hildahl, senior vice president with Kraus-Anderson Realty, in a written statement. "That said, we believe in this neighborhood and its potential. We still see this as a tremendous location."

Kraus-Anderson's development teams are currently working on a series of projects along University Avenue, including the 590 Park micro-apartments under construction near Rice Street, and a project at University and Raymond avenues still in planning. The Midway Marketplace sits in the middle.

"Midway will rise again, and we think stronger than before," Hildahl said.

Thomas Fierst, an insurance agent who represents at least a dozen impacted properties in Minneapolis and St. Paul, worries about speculators simply washing their hands of badly damaged buildings they had little commitment to in the first place. That would leave behind a number of vacant lots.

He points to this hypothetical example: Imagine buying a somewhat tired commercial building for \$600,000 with the intention of flipping it over, probably to residential multi-family developers, once the mixed-income neighborhood gentrifies.

Rather than insure for the full cost of reconstruction - something in the vicinity of \$2 million - you might be tempted to go cheap and take out \$300,000 or \$400,000 in insurance, somewhat like buying the cheapest available insurance for a junk automobile.

"That would happen in the Midway, absolutely," Fierst said. "It happens more with older buildings than newer ones. ... Sometimes people buy buildings for tax write-offs."

[*Bole Ethiopian cuisine*](#) If that's the case, and the cost of reconstruction far exceeds insurance coverage, "that's where you could see a problem," Fierst said.

As St. Paul's Midway business corridor reopens, some look to an uncertain future

How common a scenario is that in Minneapolis or St. Paul? It may take a while for building owners to gather their paperwork and submit claims, so it's tough to tell.

"I've got clients that ... can't make a police report yet," Fierst said. "They have time."

While not all businesses in the Midway area received direct damage from the protests, some are still wary of what's to come.

Tetra Constantino, 41, the owner of Elsa's House of Sleep furniture store on University Avenue, said business has already been difficult given the COVID-19 pandemic. Sales were just beginning to start up again before the protests.

"People still need a place to sleep and a place to sit in their home," he said. "We serve our community and we serve our neighborhood, people know us."

Constantino and other black business owners near the University-Snelling intersection stayed out all night during the protests guarding their businesses, hoping to prevent damage. Volunteers came to help board up the storefront, and Constantino had to close his business completely for several days.

He emphasized that it's important to not forget that the world is in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic and to prioritize safety for staff and clients. But systemic change needs to take place as a result of ***George Floyd's*** death, he said.

"Everybody here at this store, we are as diverse as the communities that we serve. We are all praying that there is some type of equitable resolution that can be brought forth to bring justice and healing," Constantino said.

Tim Wilson, 53, owns the record store Urban Lights Music next door. While Wilson's store hasn't received any damage, he said he received threats from white supremacist groups as the riots escalated. Like Constantino, he also stayed up overnight for several nights in a row to protect his shop.

[\\$200K loan helped Minn. Senate president's business hang on](#) [U.S. hiring soared in May as mass layoffs eased](#) [Judge orders Dakota Access pipeline shut down pending review](#) [Stores focus on cleaning to get shoppers back to spending](#) [Otto Bremer Trust to partner with community development corporations for pandemic relief](#) Once protests started, Wilson said he stood outside the store and asked people to not damage his business. His business was still boarded up on Wednesday, and he wasn't sure when he would feel comfortable taking the plywood down.

Wilson's business has been running for 26 years and he said he doesn't want to see it go.

"I get the outrage, I'm outraged. But this is the narrative of 2020," he said. "The hope is that things will change because so many people who maybe didn't want to look at America in the mirror now are looking at things differently."

Graphic

As St. Paul's Midway business corridor reopens, some look to an uncertain future

Minnesota National Guard troops are stationed at a Discount Tire store on University Avenue in St. Paul on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Big Top Wine and Spirits was damaged by fire. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

The Big Top Wine store across the street from a burned-out Sports Dome apparel store in St. Paul's Midway shopping area. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Child care essential to economy's recovery

ARTICLE CDXXI. [**CHILD CARE ESSENTIAL TO ECONOMY'S RECOVERY**](#)

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Body

The report on "saving Minnesota's child care sector" during the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in the middle of an already exhausting week, following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the eruption of anger, grief and violence that followed.

It was the kind of report that seemed easy to put aside amid talk of bigger problems. Until reaching the end, where its message was simply stated: No child care, no economic recovery.

Parents who need to leave the house for work still need child care, and nearly half now allowed to work from home still do, too, according to one survey. That's why you see the involvement of business groups like the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce in the coalition that produced this latest paper.

In a conversation last week with the economist Art Rolnick, who sent me the white paper, he referred to child care as early childhood education, making the good point that providing for a high-quality place for little kids is an investment that generates returns.

He has been an advocate of additional funding for the youngest kids for years, a project that really goes back to the early 2000s and his role then as research chief at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Early childhood education might be what others called child care, but it's really mostly the same thing. In addition to being kept safe, active and fed, kids in a high-quality child care program are building fine motor skills and learning all about shapes, colors, letters, numbers and other things that will help them do well once they get to kindergarten.

Among the groups that participated in this latest paper on the crisis in early childhood education is one called Close Gaps by 5, where Rolnick and several business leaders serve as board members. The term "gaps" reflects one key notion in their work, that the early childhood education system as it existed really disadvantaged kids from lower-income families, a big contributor to what's called the achievement gap in education.

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In a continuation of the work that Rolnick once participated in, the Minneapolis Fed reported last fall that Minnesota has some of the largest gaps in the nation on educational outcome measures by race and economic status.

There's an easy argument to make that it's not just immoral to allow that to continue, because it also saps the potential for more broadly shared and greater prosperity in the state years down the road.

For those in the Twin Cities who somehow haven't noticed, there has been one story after another in the news in the past week or so that has shown that some of the worst disparities in the country between the lives of black and white people are in Minnesota.

Household wealth is one telling measure, often illustrated by different rates of owning a house, a common path to building some family wealth. As of the most recent data based on U.S. Census Bureau numbers, it was 75% for non-Hispanic white households in the Twin Cities, and 25% for black households. The black homeownership rate has fallen since 2000 but held steady for white households.

Groups such as Close Gaps by 5 say it makes sense to work on the problem of gaps developing well before kids get to kindergarten, and to let parents help solve the problem.

The main policy idea was to give scholarship money to low-income families that might have the toughest time finding good programs for their kids or the money to pay for them. With money to spend, the parents would help bring the right kind of supply into their own market.

"We really wanted to highlight for policymakers the idea that you could get a two-for-one," said Ericca Maas, executive director of Close Gaps by 5. "You could address child-care shortages at the same time the investments could help address achievement gaps."

"In the last month or so," she added, "we were increasingly seeing evidence that both crises were going to be made worse by the pandemic."

The policy recommendations in the most recent paper went beyond stimulating demand for good child-care programs by arguing also for swift action to direct more money to child-care providers to help keep their doors open.

In a market that was already losing providers before the health crisis, costs will increase to manage the potential spread of COVID-19, from staff members missing work as result of illness or self-isolating to the increased cost of cleaning and supplies.

In one estimate, the increased cost was about 20% for small child-care operations and even more for larger centers.

Many providers also face limits on how many kids they can safely let back into their programs.

"The providers I've spoken with are thinking if they could reach 50% capacity that is as high as they are going to be able to go without a vaccine. They are planning for a year." Maas said. "When I asked about whether that was sustainable from a business perspective, the answer was basically 'no.'"

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Another Minnesota nonprofit in child care, Think Small, is about to release findings from calling the nearly 1,700 providers in Hennepin and Ramsey counties in late April and May, said Barb Yates, the organization's president.

Part of the reason to call was to offer support, reaching more than half of them, but they also gathered information. The industry tracks capacity as "slots," meaning the number of kids the center is licensed to have, and since the pandemic crisis blossomed in March, nearly 20% of the capacity has gone at the providers they reached, Yates said.

It might not mean a permanent reduction, she added, but they also can only guess at how many of the providers they weren't able to reach in their calling might have closed down.

"It's a problem across the country, it's not just in Minnesota," Yates said. "It's just a really stressed financial model that doesn't much work anymore, if it ever did."

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Covering a crisis like no other

ARTICLE CDXXII. **COVERING A CRISIS LIKE NO OTHER**

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Body

Sara Sidner makes sure to never cry at work, not while covering the Libyan civil war, Mumbai terrorist attacks or riots in Ferguson, Mo.

Last Sunday, she broke her rule.

It happened when Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo unexpectedly dropped by the site where ***George Floyd*** perished and agreed to chat with the CNN correspondent. At one point, Sidner relayed a question from the victim's brother, who was listening in from the family home.

When the cameras switched off, Sidner handed her microphone to a crew member, told everyone to leave her alone and sat down on a nearby stoop. Then, she lost it.

"I just started bawling," she said the next day, speaking from her car at the same location, minutes before going back on the air. "I've never done that before in the presence of other people. I'm a woman, and I want to show I can handle it, that I can shoulder anything. But that was hard. I couldn't be reporter Sara. I was just human Sara. There was something about the compassion that the chief showed and the reaction from the Floyd family. I couldn't suppress my emotions anymore."

It didn't help that the veteran reporter was operating on just a couple hours of sleep, standard operation since she flew into the Twin Cities on May 27. But maybe it was also the idea that a city best known for Mary Richards' sunny-side-up spirit and Prince's feel-good music had turned into a war zone.

"No one is ever going to think of Minneapolis the same way again," she said.

CBS correspondent Jeff Pegues has also had difficulty recognizing the city he lived in during the mid-1990s while working on a short-lived UPN show.

He can't shake the images: a white woman casually looting a Target store with her two kids in tow; a crew member getting shot with a rubber bullet; the protester who insisted that this was all an uprising; drunks chasing his team around, threatening bodily harm.

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"There has been danger. There have been moments when you have to be worried more about safety than covering the story," said Pegues, who wrote the book "Black and Blue: Inside the Divide Between the Police and Black America." "I've had situations like that in the past, but never as many in one week."

But the veteran reporter has also seen examples of the Minnesota Nice he remembers, like watching residents clean up debris with a sea of brooms or the stranger who approached him last Sunday just as he was about to go on "Face the Nation."

"He just walked up and said, 'I'm not black. I'm not white. I'm human,' " Pegues said. "We elbow bumped. I think he just felt the need to latch on to the positive."

Sidner has also found kindness.

"In Ferguson, there was initially a lot of screaming at me, but here the protesters have embraced us," she said. "There was a conspiracy theorist following me around the other day, calling me all kinds of names. Protesters stepped in and said, 'We know who she is and we know the story she is telling. Get away from her right now.' That's never happened before."

Four nights after landing in Minneapolis, Pegues took a break between appearing on the evening news and reporting from the streets to drive around the Lake of the Isles and Loring Park, where he had bought his first townhouse. It was a rare break from the action.

"It reminded me of the Minneapolis I remember," Pegues said. "People outdoors enjoying the good weather, riding bikes around the lakes. It was nice."

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COVID-19 plateau won't mean that Minnesotans can relax

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Body

Minnesota is adding hundreds of new COVID-19 cases every day, but a recent slowing in the growth rate is one reason health officials think the pandemic may be plateauing.

The decline comes as demand has flattened for hospital and ICU beds. It also coincides with an increased testing capacity that has helped the state better identify cases, said Kris Ehresmann, infectious disease director at the Minnesota Department of Health.

Those factors explain why health officials are beginning to think COVID-19 cases in Minnesota might be leveling off - although they are quick to add caution.

"I do think we may have reached a plateau at this point," Ehresmann said Saturday. "The reason that we're all so hedge-y is because this is a new virus. ... It may decide to go sideways on us."

She added: "It means that we can feel more comfortable about the opening up that has happened, but it doesn't mean it's a free-for-all."

Twenty-two more people have died of COVID-19 in Minnesota, health officials reported Saturday, bringing the statewide toll to 1,170 people. The new deaths include a Ramsey County resident in the age range of 20 to 29 who is the youngest pandemic victim reported thus far in the state.

Whereas most Minnesotans who have died from COVID-19 have been residents of long-term care or had underlying health conditions, Ehresmann said neither was a factor for the young Ramsey County resident.

On Friday, Gov. Tim Walz announced that restrictions designed to slow the spread of COVID-19 would be reduced again this week, with limited resumption of business for indoor restaurants, swimming pools, movie theaters and fitness clubs. After being closed for two months, those businesses can reopen to serve 25% of their capacities.

Churches, hair salons and indoor bars and restaurants can serve up to 50% of their capacities. The changes begin Wednesday; unrelated groups must stay 6 feet apart.

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On Saturday, 473 COVID-19 cases required hospitalization, down from 589 just one week ago. Whereas the state reported 263 patients with COVID-19 in intensive care one week ago, the ICU tally on Saturday was down to 206.

The trend is significant but shouldn't be misinterpreted, said Dr. Tim Sielaff, chief medical officer at Allina Health System. As the state loosens more restrictions this week designed to control the spread of the disease, Sielaff urged people to continue to practice social distancing, wash hands and stay home when sick to control the spread.

"These numbers are good, not because it's gone away - they're good because we've been doing the right things," Sielaff said.

The count for positive test results grew by 521 confirmed cases statewide on Saturday. That's a relatively small number compared with many recent Saturday reports. In all, 27,501 Minnesotans have tested positive for COVID-19.

A Star Tribune review of state data shows averages over recent seven- and 14-day periods also indicate case counts have been trending downward. Jan Malcolm, the state health commissioner, described similar signs to reporters on Friday.

"It appears that we may be at a plateau in case growth," Malcolm said, adding: "I'm not in a position to say we definitely know now we're going to have a plateau, not a peak."

Case counts might increase over the next two to three weeks, she said, following group protests over the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody. It's also possible that the state could see a sustained decline in cases over the next couple of months, although Malcolm said that's not her expectation.

Even if there's a plateau in cases, many Minnesotans likely will be infected over the next few months, she said. And there's great debate over what will happen in the fall or winter.

"Something changed between April and May - we're in a more stable situation at the present," Malcolm said. "I would say it's more likely than not that we will stay in a situation where we're going to continue to have a fair degree of COVID in the community for quite some time to come, which is why a sustainable strategy of openings of society coupled with some really vigilant public health measures is what we've landed on."

Public health officials say the reported case count in Minnesota understates the number infected and sickened because testing supplies have been limited. Those limits also explain why hospitals can't be too sure about predicting ICU volumes based on the apparent plateau in cases, Sielaff said.

"It's just not quite as actionable as we'd like it to be," he said.

In the wake of Floyd's death, anyone who attended a demonstration, vigil or community cleanup should get tested right away if they have COVID-19 symptoms, health officials say. The symptoms range from fever, cough and shortness of breath to muscle ache, headache and new loss of taste or smell.

People without symptoms should wait five to seven days after the event. Some who have followed the advice have been turned away from testing nonetheless due to miscommunication or technical problems, Ehresmann said Saturday.

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"There were a few hiccups between the time that people heard about being tested and when it was more readily available," she said. "So, certainly call back and check back with your provider, because things have changed."

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus that surfaced late last year. Since the first case was reported in Minnesota on March 6, 3,336 people have been hospitalized.

People at greatest risk include those 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities, and those with underlying medical conditions, which range from lung disease, serious heart conditions and cancer to severe obesity, diabetes and kidney problems requiring dialysis.

A total of 22,253 Minnesotans who were infected with the novel coronavirus no longer need to be in isolation, up from 21,864 people at Friday's data release.

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

27,501 -- Total cases

526 -- June 6 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,170 -- Total deaths

22 -- June 6

U.S. cases, new daily

1,911,725 --Total cases

28,692 -- June 5

U.S. deaths, new daily

109,304 -- Total deaths

1,112 -- June 5

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

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Don't bet on this market upturn

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Body

These are hard days. COVID-19 has taken more than 100,000 lives. The public-health lockdown to contain the coronavirus has pushed the unemployment rate to Depression-era levels. The police killing of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis has led to civil unrest across the country.

Yet investors seem impervious to the turmoil and pain. Analysts largely agree the main factor behind investor optimism is the belief the Federal Reserve will do what it takes to keep the markets functioning. Support also comes from the realization that America's high-tech titans will emerge from the COVID-19 crisis more powerful than before. Many investors seem to harbor hopes that the rebound will be quick and fast.

The Wall Street analysis has the aura of conviction, yet I find it far from comforting or convincing. Yes, a year from now we could find out that the optimists were right. Yet I can't dismiss the historic insight that bubbles always seem crazy once we have the benefit of hindsight. Then we wonder, "how could so many people be so stupid with their money"?

More importantly, I don't think corporate America can profitably thrive considering the long-term trend toward growing inequality and stagnant to declining incomes for a majority of Americans. Too many people are living precarious financial lives these days. Widespread discrimination by leadership in hiring, training and promotions decisions are undermining society. Without concerted action - not words - we will all be the poorer.

This means households must emphasize the basics of personal finance. Here are what I think are the four keys to managing household finances well, especially now.

First, save more and slash debts. A margin of safety protects you against downside risks and also allows for sensible risk-taking. Second, keep it simple. Complex financial strategies cost more measured in time and fees. They usually disappoint, too. Third, embrace frugality. Examine your spending habits and focus on emphasizing the activities and experiences you value. That's frugality.

Don't bet on this market upturn

Finally, embrace giving. When we give our money away and volunteer our time, we ask the right question: How can we make a difference?

The combination of conservative consumerism, keeping it simple, building a margin of safety and putting giving at the core of managing household money feeds off, reinforces and draws energy from each other - whatever the stock market may or may not do in coming months.

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In Minneapolis, the blue light's last gleaming

ARTICLE CDXXV. [**IN MINNEAPOLIS, THE BLUE LIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING**](#)

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Highlight: The Lake Street Kmart, both obstacle and neighborhood anchor, is finally closing.

Body

Volunteers from urban-outreach group Source painted over graffiti on plywood last week at Kmart on Lake Street in Minneapolis. A planned mural could soon encase the Kmart until the building is torn down.

The building now is being cleaned out, marking an unceremonious end to one of the most profitable Kmart's in the country. The liquidation sale stopped soon after it started with discounts ranging from 25 to 75% off merchandise as it wound down to the planned June 30 closure.

Instead, the looting and violence that followed the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police accelerated the closing.

As Kmart ends its run across the country, the Lake Street location was the one still operating in Minnesota after nearly 50 existed in the state in the 1990s. The Kmart stubbornly stayed put despite multiple attempts by Minneapolis officials to displace it. Early last week as city employees surveyed the damage, Kmart employees swept up broken glass and debris in the entryway and mopped up pools of water on the store floor.

"Kmart provided needed low-cost goods and services within walking distance for many residents and those along the transit corridor," said Steve Poor, director of developmental services for Minneapolis' Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) office. "The building appears to have no structural damage but since the sprinkler system went off, we have to get rid of the water to avoid mold. We're considering temporary uses of the space."

Rebecca Parrell, CPED's project supervisor, said there is no timeline for the building to be razed after last week's destruction. "Back in March the City Council said demo would begin at the end of 2020 but that was before this happened. Now it's in a period of assessment."

Todd Finney of Medford stopped by on Tuesday to help paint over graffiti on the walls. He grew up in the neighborhood populated by Latinos, blacks and African immigrants.

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"It was both a pleasure and a pain for the neighborhood," he said. "A lot of people don't realize it, but it was the main bloodline in the neighborhood. There was lots of foot traffic."

Parrell said the lack of cars in Kmart's parking lot was deceiving. "People felt as if it was never busy because there weren't a lot of cars in the lot, but that was because so many people walked or took public transit."

Renee Cottier, who checked last week to see if Kmart was still open, lives two blocks away and shopped there for 25 years.

"It's an unbelievable loss to the neighborhood," she said. "First we lost Supervalu, and then Kmart became the only place you could buy clothes, shoes, food, and gifts in one spot. With Kmart, Cub and Target closed in the area, I'll have to find someone to take me to the suburbs."

The need for Kmart contrasted with constant calls for a face-lift or complaints that it was a roadblock that cut Nicollet Avenue in two at a critical juncture.

In the early 1970s, the city had big plans for the Nicollet-Lake district that would remake it into a mini Southdale with apartments, offices, a movie theater and restaurants. Land was cleared by 1974 but financing dried up.

With its back against the wall to prevent taxpayers from footing the nearly \$2 million bill for bonds coming due, the city hastily accepted an offer from Kmart that included the Nicollet closure.

That decision has been the core of countless attempts to move the store and reopen the thoroughfare since Kmart opened its doors in March 1978 - all deflected by Kmart or its subsequent owners.

Residents dubbed its stark north exterior the "Berlin Wall" or "Nicollet Wall" and requested a second entrance there. Kmart officials rejected the request, but paid \$3,500 to commission a mural on the wall with a design chosen by a committee of five neighborhood groups and painted by six local artists. Parts of the mural remain on the back wall.

Fewer than 35 Kmart stores remain in the U.S. as its blue light dims. The St. Paul, International Falls and Rochester stores closed last year. But at its peak, the S.S. Kresge chain operated more than 2,100 stores.

By the 1990s, competitors Walmart and Target began to seal its fate. In 2002, the company declared bankruptcy. Many saw its merging with Sears in 2004 as hastening its demise.

Minneapolis began serious attempts to take back the space when in 2017 it paid \$8 million for the 7 acres beneath the store site, becoming Kmart's landlord for a mere \$10,000 a month.

Earlier this year, the city bought out Kmart's lease for \$9.1 million, nullifying a contract that extended to 2053.

What began by a city willing to ignore the wishes of a neighborhood for a cash infusion is now ending for a retailer desperate for cash.

The city is still assessing its options for redeveloping the site.

"This is a loss of services to the community, but with community engagement and a new street, we are considering those needed goods and services for the neighborhood in the new development," said project manager Parrell.

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Meet Nic Zapko. Her face and hands explain Gov. Tim Walz's words to the deaf.

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Body

Nic Zapko was stopped at a stoplight near Fort Snelling on Monday when the man in the car next to her realized who she was.

He smiled, rolled down his window and gave her a thumbs up.

"He just lit up. He said, 'Hey! Good job! Good job!' That human connection - that's my favorite part of this," said Zapko, who provides American Sign Language interpretation during Gov. Tim Walz's daily briefings on [George Floyd](#) and the coronavirus.

Zapko, 49, of Bloomington, was introduced to television and online audiences in March as Walz began regular briefings dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. The death of Floyd while a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck, and the unrest that followed, has only increased her profile as Walz's briefings have increased - sometimes to three times a day.

Her work has been featured in newscasts around the world, and she has been praised on social media for her [expressive delivery](#).

I don't know this woman personally, but she obviously lives near me, so when all this is over, I owe her a drink...

...because she NAILED this description so well that I thought "I understand it all now." [#ASL pic.twitter.com/IzuTcrJ7Nv](#)

- Jay Joseph (@JayJoseph2020)

Zapko knows what high-quality ASL interpretation means to members of the deaf community.

She is deaf herself.

Meet Nic Zapko. Her face and hands explain Gov. Tim Walz's words to the deaf.

'EXPRESSION IS PART OF IT'

The national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf has called for certified deaf interpreters at news conferences because they are the best at "conveying highly consequential information to large and diverse populations of deaf people."

Hiring a deaf interpreter to interpret at Walz's briefings is about providing access to information for a marginalized community in a format that is most readily understandable, according to Zapko.

"The deaf community has been asking for this for a long time," Zapko said through an interpreter on Wednesday. "It's about equal access, and communication access is equal access for the deaf community."

Zapko, a trained actor who toured with the National Theatre of the Deaf, uses facial expressions and gestures to convey the tone of the message. It means deaf people can watch the briefing at the same time as hearing people and understand the subtleties of what is being said, she said.

"ASL is a language that has a very visual component to it - and expression is part of it," she said. "Many people say, 'Wow, you're so expressive.' But to be honest, it's equivalent to your voice tone and inflection and style and speed and everything. I take that on." [#Minneapolis May 30, 2020](#)

It's a big deal. She explains: "We're not having to ask people what is being said, or how."

Take the words "stay home," for example. Is it a statement? A question? a demand?

"Our thinking is, 'Stay home? OK, what does that mean?' " Zapko said. "The tone is not there. It's, like, 'Are you staying home?' 'Do I need to stay home?' It's, like, 'Oh! Stay home!' "

DRESSED TO COMMUNICATE

Zapko wears a dark suit and black shirt to highlight her hands and facial expressions. The suit is to "dress as an equal" to those in the briefings and "to honor and respect the environment," she said, while the black is for visual impact.

There are members of the state's deaf-blind community who have low vision, and contrasting colors can be confusing, she said. "I wear all one color, monochromatic, so I keep creating that backdrop."

Zapko is one of the first deaf interpreters to work for the state. Because she is deaf, Zapko relies on a second interpreter sitting under the camera - a "feed interpreter" named Patty McCutcheon - to convey what Walz and other officials are saying.

Zapko delivers information in a way that is "relevant and important and causes people to pay attention," said McCutcheon, CEO of Keystone Interpreting Service, the St. Paul-based company that has the state contract to provide deaf interpreters for briefings.

At the briefing on Sunday after the driver of a tanker truck drove into a crowd of protesters on the Interstate 35W bridge, Zapko "made extraordinary sign decisions to re-create the way that truck entered the bridge and the way it stopped just short of a bicycle that tipped over and how people stormed," McCutcheon said.

"She just has such a command of the language that she pulls that information together with lots and lots of training and honing, but she pulls it together and makes it look like it's so easy," McCutcheon said.

Meet Nic Zapko. Her face and hands explain Gov. Tim Walz's words to the deaf.

Zapko, for her part, does her homework. She keeps up on local news, especially when she knows there is going to be a news conference later in the day. "It helps me get that visual image of what is going on," she said.

When she watched the truck plow into protesters, she knew to "show the bridge and people making their way across the bridge and the truck coming and almost hitting someone," she said. "That whole visual I had seen because I had the TV on all day."

'SO EASY TO UNDERSTAND'

Approximately one in five Minnesotans is deaf or hard of hearing, said Darlene Zangara, executive director of the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, Deaf Blind and Hard of Hearing.

Zapko is "one of the top-notch interpreters in Minnesota," said Zangara, who is deaf. "Her ASL language skills are incredible. She is so clear that many non-signers have said that they understand her."

Among Zapko's fans is Zangara's 78-year-old mother, Carol Stremmel, who also is deaf.

"She is awesome - so easy to understand," Stremmel said. "It's less stressful than trying to read captions. Captions don't always help me because the English words are not in my vocabulary."

Because of Zapko, Stremmel is now "able to follow the news," Zangara said. "She has more confidence, and she has more interest in knowing what is going on than she ever had in the past. It amazes me because she typically had relied on me for information, but now she watches all of the updates and the press conferences. It's great to see that."

FINDING TIME TO REGENERATE

Zapko, who grew up in Pennsylvania and Ohio, is a program manager for Sorenson Communications. She and her wife live in Bloomington and have two children. Her hobbies include swimming and camping.

"I love to be outside - that's my thing," she said. "We have a beautiful back yard, and it's become our escape, our oasis. I love to camp, I grew up camping, but with COVID-19, it's not available, so the back yard has become my little campground. I have a small pool. I have a fire pit."

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The work is both exhausting and energizing, she said.

"It's challenging - that processing time, the mental work, getting it all right, the tone, the environment, the monitoring, the situation and, obviously, it's a stressful thing to take in, so I do get exhausted," she said. "At the same time, I enjoy the work. It gives me energy. It's overwhelming. It's inspiring. I'm thrilled to have this kind of thing happen. Because in our community, it's a huge deal. I mean, really, a huge deal."

Meet Nic Zapko. Her face and hands explain Gov. Tim Walz's words to the deaf.

Graphic

American sign language interpreter Nic Zapko, right, appears on screen as Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz gives a media briefing May 31, 2020, in St. Paul. Zapko has been praised on social media for her spirited delivery during the briefings, with fans taking to Twitter to share their love for her. (Image captured from pool video)

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REBUILDING COULD COST \$500 MILLION

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It was just after midnight when Ali Barbarawi saw looters break into his dental clinic on Chicago Avenue.

As he monitored the security cameras from his home miles away, Barbarawi watched someone try to rip the big-screen TV off the wall in the waiting room. Then they moved on to his office, destroying \$5,000 dental chairs and \$1,500 surgical tools. The rioters took their time, he said, before they decided to set the place on fire.

Barbarawi begged the city to protect his property. But he said he was told the police and fire departments couldn't reach the building until 6 a.m. By that time, Chicago Lake Family Dental was in ruins.

"Why didn't the city help us?" asked Barbarawi, who said it will cost about \$1 million to rebuild the business. "They could have stopped this. I feel the city has a responsibility to protect not only the people but the businesses as well."

More than 500 shops and restaurants in Minneapolis and St. Paul have reported damage when protests on five nights turned violent over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police. Dozens of properties burned to the ground.

Owners and insurance experts estimate the costs of the damage could exceed \$500 million. That would make the Twin Cities riots the second-costliest civil disturbance in U.S. history, trailing only those in Los Angeles in 1992, which were also sparked by racial tensions with police and had \$1.4 billion in damages in today's dollars.

In the Twin Cities, the most severe damage was concentrated along a 5-mile stretch of Lake Street in south Minneapolis, an area that for more than a century has harbored new ventures by immigrants and, in the past decade, enjoyed a resurgence from the latest influx of new arrivals and the overall surge in the economy.

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Now, many owners will probably be stuck paying for repairs out of their own pocket. Surveys indicate fewer than half of all small businesses in the U.S. have property insurance, and even those with coverage say they probably won't get enough money to cover their rebuilding costs and operating losses.

Allison Sharkey, executive director of the Lake Street Council, fears that half of the businesses damaged in the riots won't be able to reopen if they don't get help from the government. Sharkey met recently with state legislators to discuss a state relief package that could operate like the federal Paycheck Protection Program, which provided forgivable loans to businesses hurt by COVID-19. But she said it may be a tough sell this year considering the state's virus-related budget deficit.

"It is going to be a long road," Sharkey said. "It is going to be years before a lot of this is rebuilt."

Many owners will be forced to start over. On Snelling Avenue in St. Paul, there's nothing left of Lloyd's Pharmacy except a pile of rubble. Owner Jim Stage is planning to open a dramatically scaled-down version of the store in a nearby storage space this summer, but he said it will take at least a year to build a new pharmacy, even though he was fully insured.

In Minneapolis, Steve Krause hasn't decided whether he will reopen Minnehaha Lake Wine & Spirits, a fixture on East Lake Street since the 1930s. "What made us unique is we were in a great neighborhood. And that value is gone unless the neighborhood comes back," he said.

Erik Otteson, who has operated a used-car lot on Lake Street for 30 years, said he believes city officials allowed the rioting to spin out of control because they want to redevelop the neighborhood. Gov. Tim Walz decried the city's response to the riots as an "abject failure."

"They have been trying to get rid of us for years," said Otteson, whose dealership was vandalized but remains open. "The city does not want small businesses here. They want five-story apartment buildings. Small businesses are in the way."

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said it is "heart wrenching" to hear such complaints, and he vowed to spend the rest of his term making property owners whole again. He said he will ask the Legislature for at least \$100 million in grants and loans for small businesses without insurance.

Frey said the city was simply overwhelmed by the riots, noting that every fire truck was operating every night during the protests, with police escorting those crews to ensure their safety.

"We are not interested in replacing these local entrepreneurs, especially those of color, who have made these neighborhoods such wonderful corridors," Frey said. "They need to stay, and we're going to help them."

A neighbor's long comeback

Glen Luedtke, who owns a flower shop a few blocks from some of the heaviest rioting, said he feels bad for the neighborhood businesses that are now shuttered, which include a Speedway he visited every day for coffee.

"What started out as a peaceful protest is now hurting the very people who need to be working," he said. "With this COVID thing, a lot of people probably weren't going to reopen anyway because everyone is on a short margin here."

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In 2006, a burglar broke into his shop on West 38th Street and stole the safe before setting the place on fire. Luedtke said dealing with his insurance company was the easiest part of the process.

"I probably had that check within a week at the most," Luedtke said.

Though he collected \$55,000 from the insurance company, Luedtke said that represented less than a third of what it cost to rebuild Petersen Flowers. The problem: His policy covered only the value of the property, not the cost of replacing it.

"It was an old building, so it wasn't worth much," he said, echoing the concerns of many small-business owners hurt by the riots.

Luedtke reopened the shop a year after the fire, just as the Great Recession started hammering the economy. His sales dropped in half. To keep the store going, he took a second job as a charter bus driver for five years. Luedtke would work 30 to 35 hours a week at the shop and another 20 to 40 hours on the road.

"It's a hell of a tough road back, I'll guarantee you that," said Luedtke, who is still paying off the loan he took out to rebuild his shop.

Online generosity

Out of desperation, some business owners are turning to charity for help.

At least 63 small-business owners in Minneapolis and St. Paul whose shops were burned or looted have set up GoFundMe accounts, to which anyone can contribute. So far, they've raised more than \$3 million.

Though some people have already achieved their fundraising goals, others have gotten little or no support.

As of Friday afternoon, Barbarawi had collected \$40,699, well short of his goal of \$500,000, which is how much he expects to pay to rebuild the practice after maxing out his insurance policy. He said the city should compensate property owners for their losses.

"They should give us something to help us rebuild, and rebuild fast," said Barbarawi, whose dental practice provided care to 2,000 mostly low-income residents.

The riot casualty with the most success on GoFundMe is a new bar and restaurant on East Lake Street destroyed before it had even opened. Brooklyn Center firefighter Korboi Balla, who spent less than \$50,000 to create Scores Sports Bar, said he was astonished to find more than \$1 million in the account late last week. Balla said he had no insurance on the property.

Balla said he still intends to build a sports bar, but it will be at a different address and perhaps in a new neighborhood. With the extra money, he has decided to buy his own property rather than lease.

"With COVID-19, I am not going to rush into anything," Balla said.

Balla said he will use only a portion of the GoFundMe money for the venture and turn the rest over to the Lake Street Council or other groups trying to rebuild the neighborhood.

"I am going to find a way to pay it forward," he said.

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Kianmehr Ehtiatkar said his expectations are much lower. He started a GoFundMe page for his father's vandalized car lot on East Lake Street at the suggestion of two local attorneys, who told him it would be a waste of time to sue the city or the police department for not protecting the property. The business, A Auto Mall, had no insurance to cover the 13 cars stolen during the riots, he said.

"They said I should start right away, while people are heated up," said Ehtiatkar, whose family moved to Minnesota from Iran 12 years ago. "But my father grew up in a culture where people didn't accept help like this. For the first two days, he was begging me to return the money."

Though the East Lake Street business sustained about \$150,000 in losses, Ehtiatkar couldn't imagine asking for that much money. He figured \$10,000 was the limit. Within hours of launching a GoFundMe page, however, A Auto Mall had already surpassed that target. By Friday, the counter was up to \$47,617, with donations coming from 998 people from around the world.

"The power of social media and peoples' compassion is amazing," Ehtiatkar said. "I was getting notes from random people in Hong Kong and other countries around the world who said they were feeling oppression from their police departments. It was chilling."

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COSTLIEST U.S. CIVIL DISORDERS

Amount in 2020 dollars

Los Angeles, April 1992, \$1.4 billion

Los Angeles, August 1965, \$357 million

Detroit, July 1967, \$322 million

Miami, May 1980, \$204 million

Washington, D.C., April 1968, \$179 million

New York, July 1977, \$118 million

Newark, July 1967, \$115 million

Baltimore, April 1968, \$104 million

Chicago, April 1968, \$97 million

New York, April 1968, \$30 million

Baltimore, April 2015, \$26 million

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Sunday coronavirus update: 16 more MN deaths, 388 new cases

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The additional deaths raise the pandemic's death toll in Minnesota to 1,186. Of the state's total deaths, 949 were long-term care of assisted living center residents, according to Minnesota Department of Health data updated Sunday morning.

The Health Department also reports another 388 confirmed infections, increasing Minnesota's total number of cases to 27,886. The actual number of cases is likely much higher as the data only represents those who have been tested for the virus, state officials say.

The latest figures were released as the St. Paul community learned that public school board chair Marny Xiong had died of the virus Sunday morning at the age of 31. Xiong had been hospitalized for the past month in critical condition. She is one of the youngest people in Minnesota to have died of the virus.

While the number of news cases have decreased over the past week, state officials will be monitoring the situation for outbreaks following large protests and gatherings surrounding the death of [George Floyd](#).

This Wednesday also marks the first day that restaurants and bars can open for indoor dining, though at half capacity. Fitness centers can also open at 25 percent capacity.

HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING? There were 22,992 patients Sunday that no longer need to be isolated as they have recovered enough. This is an increase from 22,253 yesterday. There were 450 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, a decrease from 473 the day before. This is the lowest hospitalizations have been since May 10, when there were 434 hospitalizations. Of those patients in hospitals, 199 are in intensive care, a decrease from 206 on Saturday. This is the lowest intensive care levels have been since May 13, when there were also 199 hospitalizations. **WHO IS GETTING SICK?** Number of health care

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workers with COVID-19: 2,956 The age group with the most infections remains 30- to 39-year-olds with 5,648 cases. The age group with the most deaths remains 80- to 89-year-olds with 408 deaths. [Wednesday coronavirus update: 8 more MN deaths, 463 additional cases](#) [New in a pandemic: These restaurants are serving guests despite all odds](#) ['Desperation science' slows the hunt for coronavirus drugs](#) [U to help international students comply with ICE directive](#) [Trump pushes state, local leaders to reopen schools in fall](#)

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Duty to intervene: Minneapolis cops who helped arrest George Floyd spoke up but didn't step in

ARTICLE CDXXIX. [DUTY TO INTERVENE: MINNEAPOLIS COPS WHO HELPED ARREST GEORGE FLOYD SPOKE UP BUT DIDN'T STEP IN](#)

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Body

Minneapolis was among several cities that had policies on the books requiring police officers to intervene to stop colleagues from using unreasonable force, but that didn't save *George Floyd* and law enforcement experts say such rules will always run up against entrenched police culture and the fear of being ostracized and branded a "rat."

Power dynamics may have been magnified in the Floyd case because two of the four officers involved were rookies and the most senior officer on the scene was a training officer, *Derek Chauvin*, a 19-year police veteran who was seen putting his knee on the back of the black man's neck despite his cries that he couldn't breathe.

Even though lawyers for the rookie officers say both men voiced their concerns about Chauvin's actions in the moment, they ultimately failed to stop him. Chauvin is now charged with second-degree murder, and his three fellow officers are charged with aiding and abetting.

"This is a lesson for every cop in America: If you see something that is wrong, you need to step in," said Joseph Giacalone, a former New York police sergeant who now teaches at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. "There are a lot of gray areas in policing, but this was crystal clear. ... You're better off being ostracized by the group than going to prison for murder."

Added Andrew Scott, a former Boca Raton, Fla., police chief who testifies in use-of-force cases: "They're suffering the effects of an organizational culture that doesn't allow that or reward that behavior. The fraternity of law enforcement is a tight fraternity and fraternities have a group think."

Attorneys for the two rookies, *Thomas Lane* and *J. Alexander Kueng*, emphasized their place in police hierarchy in the now-fired officers' initial court appearance this past week. They noted both were on just their fourth day as full-fledged cops at the time of Floyd's May 25 arrest in South Minneapolis, while Chauvin was an authority figure as a designated training officer for new cops.

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"They're required to call him 'Sir,'" Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, told the judge in Hennepin County District Court. "He has 20 years' experience. What is my client supposed to do but to follow what the training officer said? Is that aiding and abetting a crime?"

Gray noted that Lane questioned Chauvin's actions during the arrest, and Kueng's lawyer Thomas Plunkett said his client told fellow cops, "You shouldn't be doing this."

But according to the criminal complaints that detailed Floyd's arrest on suspicion of passing a counterfeit bill, the officers didn't back up their words with actions.

Lane held Floyd's legs and Kueng held his back while Chauvin, who is to have his first court appearance Monday, placed his knee on Floyd's head and neck. That's when Floyd repeatedly said "*I can't breathe*," "Mama" and "please." At one point, Floyd said, "I'm about to die." Nevertheless, Chauvin, Lane and Kueng didn't move. And a fourth officer, *Tou Thao*, continued standing nearby keeping onlookers back.

Moments later, Lane asked "should we roll him on his side?" Chauvin replied: "No, staying put where we got him." Lane said he was worried Floyd would experience excited delirium, a condition in which a person can become agitated and aggressive or suddenly die, according to the documents.

"That's why we have him on his stomach," Chauvin replied.

Despite his concerns, Lane didn't do anything to help Floyd or to reduce the force being used on him, the complaint said. Neither he, nor Keung and Chauvin moved from their positions until an ambulance came and took Floyd to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Minneapolis police added a "duty to intervene" policy in 2016, saying officers are required to "either stop or attempt to stop another sworn employee when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required." City officials moved Friday to strengthen that duty by seeking to make it enforceable in court, and to require officers to immediately report to their superiors when they see use of any neck restraint or chokehold.

Similar "duty to intervene" policies and initiatives had been in place for years in New York City, Miami and New Orleans. And since the Floyd case, Dallas and Charlotte, N.C., are among the places that have enacted such policies.

But, Scott said, "There's policy and then there's practice. More likely than not, practice and custom will prevail over policy."

Departments often don't reward officers for interfering with their colleagues or reporting that they broke policy, Scott said. And officers who do intervene risk being ostracized by their fellow officers and branded as an informer in the ranks.

"In law enforcement, if you're considered an individual who can't be trusted, you're not going to have the timely back-up from other officers," Scott said. "That's a legitimate fear factor."

Geoff Alpert, a criminology professor at the University of South Carolina, said that when Lane questioned Chauvin in the moment, he was undoubtedly "scared to death."

But ultimately, Alpert said, "he wasn't courageous enough" to physically intervene to stop him. "He knew he would get hell from the 19-year veteran and all his buddies."

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Lost in the furor over Floyd's case and the national protest and debate over issues of race and police brutality is the fact that half of the four officers involved in his arrest were minorities, hired as part of a Minneapolis police program credited with helping to diversify the largely white force.

Thao, a 34-year-old of Southeast Asian Hmong descent with more than a decade on the force, and Kueng, a 26-year-old African-American rookie who previously worked as a department store security guard, were both part of the community service officer program that brings in recruits to work part-time with the goal of making them regular members of the force.

Chauvin, 44, is white, as is Lane, though he is an outlier of a different sort, a 37-year-old rookie who joined the police after working as a juvenile detention guard.

Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington-based think tank, said getting officers to take action, sometimes against more experienced colleagues, is at the heart of stopping abuses by police.

"These new officers are put in a position where they're told, 'This is your mentor. He will teach you,'" he said. "A 20-year veteran is supposed to know what he is doing and clearly he didn't. He made every mistake possible."

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Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, **Derek Chauvin**, **Tou Thao**, **Thomas Lane** and **J. Alexander Kueng**

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Officer charged in Floyd's death held on \$1 million bail

ARTICLE CDXXX. [**OFFICER CHARGED IN FLOYD'S DEATH HELD ON \\$1 MILLION BAIL**](#)

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By STEVE KARNOWSKI

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A judge on Monday kept bail at \$1 million for a former Minneapolis police officer charged with second-degree murder in *George Floyd*'s death.

Derek Chauvin, 44, said little during an 11-minute hearing in which he appeared before Hennepin County Judge Jeannice M. Reding on closed-circuit television from the state's maximum security prison in Oak Park Heights. He wore a mask and handcuffs as he sat at a table, where he answered yes or no to routine housekeeping questions and confirmed the the spelling of his name and address. He did not enter a plea; a step that usually comes later in Minnesota courts.

A judge raised Chauvin's bail from \$500,000 to \$1 million when a second-degree murder charge was added on Wednesday. Monday's hearing was a chance for arguments over the higher bail. Prosecutor Matthew Frank argued for keeping the higher bail, saying the seriousness of the charges and the "strong reaction in the community, to put it mildly," made Chauvin a flight risk. The judge agreed with the state's request for \$1.25 million unconditional bail, or \$1 million with standard conditions including surrendering firearms, remaining law-abiding and making all future court appearances.

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, did not contest the bail amount and didn't address the substance of the charges, which also include third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Nelson did not speak with reporters afterward. He has not commented on the case publicly since Chauvin's May 29 arrest.

Attorneys for two of the three other ex-officers charged in the case made it clear at separate first appearances for their clients on Thursday that a key element of their defenses will be to argue that their clients were rookies who tried to intervene verbally to help Floyd, but that they had no choice but to defer to Chauvin, the most senior officer at the scene.

Officer charged in Floyd's death held on \$1 million bail

Chauvin's next appearance was set for June 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died May 25 after the white police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air. His death set off protests, some violent, in Minneapolis that swiftly spread to cities around the U.S. and the globe. Chauvin and three other officers on the scene were fired the day after Floyd's death.

The other three officers - J. Kueng, *Thomas Lane* and *Tou Thao* - are charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and with aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter. They remain in the Hennepin County jail on \$750,000 bail. If convicted, they potentially face the same maximum penalty as Chauvin: up to 40 years in prison.

Lane's family has set up a website seeking donations to help him post bond. The site highlights Lane's relative lack of experience - he had only recently completed his probationary period - and his questions to Chauvin about whether Floyd should be rolled onto his side. It also noted his volunteer work.

Floyd's death has ignited calls to reform the *Minneapolis Police Department*, which community activists have long accused of entrenched racial discrimination and brutality. A majority of Minneapolis City Council members said Sunday that they favor disbanding the department entirely, though they have yet to offer concrete plans for what would replace it.

"Nobody is saying we want to abolish health or safety," Council Member Alondra Cano told WCCO-AM on Monday. "What we are saying is we have a broken system that is not producing the outcomes we want."

The state last week launched a civil rights investigation of the department. On Friday, the council approved a stipulated agreement that immediately banned the use of chokeholds and neck restraints and included several other changes. That investigation is ongoing.

Associated Press writer Todd Richmond contributed from Madison, Wis.

This version corrects that Chauvin's bail was raised to \$1 million on June 3 and Monday's hearing was a chance for his attorney to contest that. The name of the judge and the location of the prison where Chauvin is being held have also been corrected. [Minneapolis council members pledge thoughtful police revamp](#) [Monuments and statues are falling. But what comes next?](#) [Ramsey County Attorney's Office named pilot site for national program aimed at reducing racial disparities in criminal justice system](#) [Officer Chauvin to **George Floyd**: 'It takes ... a lot of oxygen to talk'](#) [Three non-profits create fund for minority-owned businesses in Twin Cities](#)

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Derek Chauvin.(Hennepin County Sheriff via AP)

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When protesters cry 'defund the police,' what does it mean?

ARTICLE CDXXXI. [**WHEN PROTESTERS CRY 'DEFUND THE POLICE,' WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**](#)

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Body

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But what does "defund the police" mean? It's not necessarily about gutting police department budgets.

WHAT IS THE "DEFUND THE POLICE" MOVEMENT?

Supporters say it isn't about eliminating police departments or stripping agencies of all of their money. They say it is time for the country to address systemic problems in policing in America and spend more on what communities across the U.S. need, like housing and education.

State and local governments spent \$115 billion on policing in 2017, according to data compiled by the Urban Institute.

"Why can't we look at how it is that we reorganize our priorities, so people don't have to be in the streets during a national pandemic?" *Black Lives Matter* co-founder Alicia Garza asked during an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Activists acknowledge this is a gradual process.

The group MPD150, which says it is "working towards a police-free Minneapolis," argues that such action would be more about "strategically reallocating resources, funding, and responsibility away from police and toward community-based models of safety, support, and prevention."

"The people who respond to crises in our community should be the people who are best-equipped to deal with those crises," the group wrote on its website.

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WHAT ARE LAWMAKERS SAYING?

Sen. Cory Booker said he understands the sentiment behind the slogan, but it's not a slogan he will use.

The New Jersey Democrat told NBC's "Meet the Press" that he shares a feeling with many protesters that Americans are "over-policed" and that "we are investing in police, which is not solving problems, but making them worse when we should be, in a more compassionate country, in a more loving country."

Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said part of the movement is really about how money is spent.

"Now, I don't believe that you should disband police departments," she said in an interview with CNN. "But I do think that, in cities, in states, we need to look at how we are spending the resources and invest more in our communities.

"Maybe this is an opportunity to re-envision public safety," she said.

President Donald Trump and his campaign view the emergence of the "Defund the Police" slogan as a spark of opportunity during what has been a trying political moment. Trump's response to the protests has sparked widespread condemnation. But now his supporters say the new mantra may make voters, who may be otherwise sympathetic to the protesters, recoil from a "radical" idea.

Trump ramped up his rhetoric on the issue on Monday, tweeting: "LAW & ORDER, NOT DEFUND AND ABOLISH THE POLICE. The Radical Left Democrats have gone Crazy!"

Trump's 2016 campaign was built on a promise of ensuring law and order - often in contrast to protests against his rhetoric that followed him across the country. As he seeks reelection, Trump is preparing to deploy the same argument again - and seems to believe the "defund the police" call has made the campaign applause line all the more real for his supporters.

IS THERE ANY PUSH TO ACTUALLY **DEFUND POLICE** DEPARTMENTS?

Yes, or at least to reduce their budgets in some major cities.

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio said Sunday that the city would move funding from the NYPD to youth initiatives and social services, while keeping the city safe, but he didn't give details.

In Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti vowed to cut as much as \$150 million that was part of a planned increase in the police department's budget.

A Minneapolis city councilmember said in a tweet on Thursday that the city would "dramatically rethink how we approach public safety and emergency response."

"We are going to dismantle the **Minneapolis Police Department**," Jeremiah Ellison wrote. "And when we're done, we're not simply gonna glue it back together." He did not explain what would replace the police department.

A majority of the members of the Minneapolis City Council said Sunday they support disbanding the city's police department. Nine of the council's 12 members appeared with activists at a rally in a city park Sunday afternoon and vowed to end policing as the city currently knows it.

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"It is clear that our system of policing is not keeping our communities safe," Lisa Bender, the council president, said. "Our efforts at incremental reform have failed, period."

Disbanding an entire department has happened before. In 2012, with crime rampant in Camden, New Jersey, the city disbanded its police department and replaced it with a new force that covered Camden County. Compton, California, took the same step in 2000, shifting its policing to Los Angeles County.

HOW HAVE POLICE OFFICIALS AND UNIONS RESPONDED?

Generally, police and union officials have long resisted cuts to police budgets, arguing that it would make cities less safe.

The Los Angeles Police Protective League, the union for the city's rank-and-file officers, said budget cuts would be the "quickest way to make our neighborhoods more dangerous."

"Cutting the LAPD budget means longer responses to 911 emergency calls, officers calling for back-up won't get it, and rape, murder and assault investigations won't occur or will take forever to initiate, let alone complete," the union's board said in a statement last week.

"At this time, with violent crime increasing, a global pandemic and nearly a week's worth of violence, arson, and looting, 'defunding' the LAPD is the most irresponsible thing anyone can propose."

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Associated Press writers Zeke Miller in Washington and Michael R. Sisak in New York contributed to this report.

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A vow to abolish the MPD

ARTICLE CDXXXII. [**A VOW TO ABOLISH THE MPD**](#)

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In their boldest statement since *George Floyd's* killing, nine Minneapolis City Council members told a crowd Sunday that they will "begin the process of ending the *Minneapolis Police Department*."

"We recognize that we don't have all the answers about what a police-free future looks like, but our community does," they said, reading off a prepared statement. "We're committed to engaging with every willing community member in the City of Minneapolis over the next year to identify what safety looks like for you."

Their words - delivered one day after Mayor Jacob Frey told a crowd of protesters he does not support the full abolishment of the MPD - set off what is likely to be a long, complicated debate about the future of the state's largest police force.

With the world watching, and the city's leaders up for re-election next year, the stakes are particularly high. While Minneapolis has debated the issue in the past, Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police has added a sense of urgency, and the calls for police departments to be disbanded have echoed in other cities around the country.

Council members have noted repeatedly since Floyd's death that Minneapolis has the chance to redefine policing. On a sunny Sunday afternoon, nine of them walked onto a stage at Powderhorn Park to support members of advocacy group Black Visions, who were calling for the end of the MPD. On stage were Council President Lisa Bender, Vice President Andrea Jenkins and Council Members Alondra Cano, Phillippe Cunningham, Jeremiah Ellison, Steve Fletcher, Cam Gordon, Andrew Johnson and Jeremy Schroeder.

"Decades of police reform efforts have proved that the *Minneapolis Police Department* cannot be reformed and will never be accountable for its actions," they said. "We are here today to begin the process of ending the *Minneapolis Police Department* and creating a new, transformative model for cultivating safety in Minneapolis."

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While some council members have provided hints of what the changes might mean - sending mental health professionals or social workers to respond to certain emergencies, for example - the group did not present a single, unified vision for how they would replace policing in Minneapolis.

Organizers with Black Visions said they too don't have all the answers about what would replace the police department, but they said police can't be reformed through initiatives like training and body cameras. This is the beginning of the process of putting together a "police-free future," they vowed, by investing in more community initiatives like mental health and having community members respond to public safety issues.

"We have never looked to the police for our safety," said Kandace Montgomery, executive director of Black Visions.

The group called the council members' statement "historic" and gave them a standing ovation.

It was a sharp contrast to the reception Frey received the day before, when Black Visions led a protest that ended outside his home. When the protesters reached his home, Frey came outside. The crowd chanted for him to come up to a stage where some had gathered. They asked if he would abolish the police department.

"I do not support the full abolition of the police department," he said.

The crowd jeered. "Go home, Jacob. Go home." As he walked away, they shouted, "Shame. Shame. Shame."

Frey said in an interview Sunday that he supports a "new transformative model" but does not support eliminating the department entirely. "People continue to require service in many forms from our public safety offices, whether in times of domestic violence, or assistance in some of the most dire conditions," he said.

On Friday, Frey and the council approved a tentative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights that would ban chokeholds, strengthen the requirements for officers to intervene if they see a colleague using inappropriate force and increase public transparency on some officer disciplinary decisions.

The agreement - which still requires a judge's approval - is expected to be the first of many changes to come as the state investigates whether the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** engaged in racial discrimination over the past 10 years.

Frey said he would like to see additional changes to the police union contract, which is currently being negotiated, and to the arbitration process that allows some disciplinary decisions to be overturned.

"I have tremendous faith in the police chief, [Medaria] Arradondo, and by channeling all of this anger and energy toward a full restructuring, we can give him, our first black police chief, the opportunity to remake this department in his image," Frey said. "He has my full support. This is an opportunity to do it right."

Others in the city have said they want to make changes to the police department but are not ready to disband it entirely.

Council Member Linea Palmisano watched in Powderhorn Park as her colleagues delivered their statement. "I'm not here to sign a pledge," she said, "I am here to talk about alternatives to policing. I took an oath of office. I pledged to uphold the safety of our city, and by that I mean, everybody in our city, and that means different things to different people."

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Signing the pledge, to her, would have meant making "a promise at all costs."

"I think we need to have a lot of discussion before we take the next step here, and I'm really open to that discussion," she said.

Council Members Lisa Goodman and Kevin Reich, who like Palmisano did not participate in the statement calling for the end of the MPD, could not immediately be reached.

After the nine other council members made their joint statement, Jenkins, who did participate, sat by herself on the stage and said she felt conflicted about taking the pledge.

"There are 431,000 people in this city that call this city home," she said. "Everyone has to have a voice in this conversation. This is a very beautiful, very gorgeous crowd out here right now, but this is not the entirety of Minneapolis."

Asked why she took the pledge if she felt conflicted, Jenkins said: "This is the moment. This is the time. Because nothing has worked. We've got to change this. It's possible to be conflicted and know what the right thing to do is."

The effort to defund police departments has gained some momentum. Last week, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said the city would look to cut \$100 million to \$150 million from its nearly \$2 billion annual police budget to redirect to black communities. Mayor Bill de Blasio pledged for the first time to cut New York City's police funding following 10 nights of mass protests against police violence and mounting demands that he overhaul a department whose tactics have caused widespread consternation.

The mayor declined to say precisely how much funding he planned to divert to social services from the New York Police Department, which has an annual budget of \$6 billion, representing more than 6% of de Blasio's proposed \$90 billion budget.

On Sunday, Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said that calls to defund police were a "political statement."

He said that slashing police budgets would harm law enforcement oversight and leadership.

"If you're concerned about the racial injustice, if you're concerned about needing to reform different police departments or law enforcement agencies, you want to make sure that you are giving them the right training," Wolf said.

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DIVERSITY STEPS UP IN JUSTICE FIGHT

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During ***George Floyd***'s memorial service, Somali-Americans erected a large portrait of him down the street and offered passersby markers to write messages in his honor. They wore ***Black Lives Matter*** shirts and handed out sambusas, or stuffed pastries, to mourners in Elliot Park.

"We're also black, and we go through a lot of the same things that the African-American community goes through: police brutality, just the way people see us," said Fatuma Ahmed, 24, of Minneapolis.

Massive demonstrations following the police killing of Floyd, who was African-American, are unfolding in a far more varied and expansive racial landscape than that of the Minneapolis riots in 1967 during the civil rights movement.

At that time, Minnesota was 98% white, 1% black, and had few foreign-born residents like Ahmed. Now people of color who are not black descendants of slaves are talking about how to show up in the fight for equality, acknowledging in some cases that past battles for civil rights led by African-Americans opened up opportunities for other minority groups.

Among nonwhite people - who now comprise 16% of all Minnesotans - African immigrants and refugees have been the most obvious allies in the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement. Though their families arrived here from war-ravaged Somalia in the last few decades rather than on slave ships centuries ago, they say white society in the United States essentially views both groups as the same: black.

But other minority groups are stepping up, too. The family of Fong Lee, a Hmong teenager shot dead by Minneapolis police in 2006, is calling on the Southeast Asian community to unite with African-Americans in fighting police brutality.

And Latino immigrants, who lost many businesses on Lake Street to arson and vandalism, are pledging their support to fighting racial injustice alongside black immigrants as they rebuild.

"We're MINORITIES too," reads a sign outside Mercado Central, a Lake Street market of 35 Latino businesses that saw vandalism and looting. "We aren't against you, we are with you."

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State Sen. Patricia Torres Ray, DFL-Minneapolis, issued a call for black and brown unity last week, noting that African-Americans led the way during the civil rights movement and Latinos followed. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mexican-American civil rights activist Cesar Chavez had a common goal of unity in the face of oppression, she said.

"As we mourn *George Floyd's* murder, we must remain united," wrote Torres Ray, who represents the district where Floyd was killed and was the first Latina to serve in the state Senate.

Referring to the city's main Latino and African-American corridors, she added: "As we rebuild our small businesses along Lake Street and in north Minneapolis, we must do so as one."

In 1967, riots protesting racial injustice erupted along Plymouth Avenue on the North Side of Minneapolis. Fires engulfed several blocks; the National Guard was deployed. Uprisings demanding equal rights for black people spread across the U.S. in the late 1960s much as they have now.

The civil rights movement helped pave the way for the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 that transformed predominantly white America by opening the border to millions of newcomers from Asia, Latin America and Africa. Much of Minnesota's increased ethnic diversity emerged out of resettlement of refugees from Somalia and Laos.

Outside of East Village Grill in Elliot Park, where Somali-Americans posted a display with Floyd's image, Ahmed said that she grew up in America hearing older Somali relatives speaking negatively of African-Americans.

"We're slowly trying to parse that out and dissect that and say that's not OK," Ahmed said.

She noted that her community also was recently affected by police violence. Isak Aden, a Somali-American man, was shot to death last year by Eagan police during a standoff. Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom said police were justified in using deadly force.

"I think just with the amount of Somali people that have come out with the protests, that just shows that solidarity is there," Ahmed said.

Ahmed's husband, Abdi Sheikh, 23, said Somali-Americans face the same racial disparities in the U.S. as African-Americans. "We might be Somali, but at the end of the day, people see us as black," he said.

He said Somali-Americans owe much to African-Americans for the civil rights movement that opened doors for black newcomers. Sheikh's family came here for salvation, he added, "and there's better opportunities in America due to the African-American community, the civil rights movement and all the rights they've been fighting for. It only makes sense to stand in solidarity."

Abdullahi Farah recently went out to Lake Street with other volunteers to distribute donated food and supplies. Though Farah, executive director of Abubakar As-Saddique Islamic Center, was born in Somalia, he said that any black person in the U.S. is considered African-American.

"The Somali community, we are hurting, we are in pain," he said of Floyd's death.

State Rep. Jay Xiong, DFL-St. Paul, said in an e-mail that there is anti-blackness in the Asian community that has to be confronted and worked on. And there's complexity as "we find ourselves searching for our

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souls now," he said, because one of the three officers charged with aiding and abetting Floyd's killing, **Tou Thao**, is Hmong.

"It is important for our community to stand with black communities - our values and our missions are bound together," said Xiong. "Hmong-Americans today owe much of their own freedoms to the black people who were enslaved on this continent."

The family of Fong Lee has been urging fellow Hmong citizens to support the black community just as African-Americans supported them when police killed the 19-year-old man. The white officer who shot Lee remained on the job in Minneapolis after a jury ruled he did not use excessive force.

As the Lee family demanded answers, they had supporters from the black, Native American and Latino communities "to help us voice our concerns and our fight for justice for our son's death," said Fong's father, Nou Kai Lee, in remarks interpreted from Hmong by activist Tou Ger Xiong during a Facebook Live discussion Thursday.

"And so this is important because now **George Floyd**'s family is going through the same thing we went through," he said, "and we need to come together to support them to find justice because we are in this together."

"What does **George Floyd** have to do with Fong Lee?" asked Pakou Hang, chief program officer at VoteRunLead, a nonprofit that trains women to run for political office. "It's the collective anguish and injustice of our people without any type of accountability by police officers."

Hang, who lives a few blocks from the site of Floyd's death, said the toxic nature of police culture is embedded in white supremacy. Until that's untangled, she maintained, police will kill racial minorities without repudiation.

"White culture and white supremacy does not value people of color's lives, and you see that just with the pattern of people being killed over and over," she said.

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THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

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Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and his office will face some unique challenges in seeking convictions of four former Minneapolis police officers charged in the Memorial Day death of [George Floyd](#). As the attorney general himself noted last week, convicting police officers of murder is no easy task.

Former officer [Derek Chauvin](#) is charged with second-degree and third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Three other former officers have each been charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Here are some specific challenges prosecutors may face:

First, as noted in "Does [Derek Chauvin](#) have a chance at a fair trial?" (June 1), inflammatory statements from elected officials may have created substantial pretrial prejudice. This pretrial publicity almost assures that Chauvin's trial will occur outside Hennepin County, which in turn could decrease minority juror representation.

Second, causation will likely play a key role at Chauvin's trial. In Minnesota homicide cases, the state must prove that a defendant's actions played "a substantial causal factor" in causing the victim's death. All three charged crimes against Chauvin require proof of causation. Competing autopsies from the medical examiner and doctors hired by the Floyd family further complicate this issue.

No doubt Chauvin's defense will highlight the Hennepin County medical examiner's findings of "fentanyl intoxication" and "recent methamphetamine use" to argue that Chauvin's actions did not cause Floyd's death.

Third, the new unintentional second-degree murder charge against Chauvin requires the prosecution to prove that he caused Floyd's death while committing an underlying felony. Here, the underlying felony alleged is third-degree assault, meaning that if Chauvin intended to assault Floyd and committed substantial bodily harm, he may be found guilty of felony murder.

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Importantly, the state does not need to show that Chauvin intended to cause Floyd's death. Yet it is important to remember that Minnesota law gives police officers broad discretion to use force when arresting a suspect.

Fourth, the aiding and abetting charges against the other three former officers present a significant obstacle. To secure a conviction for aiding and abetting (also called accomplice liability), prosecutors will have to show both that: 1) These other officers knew Chauvin would commit a crime and 2) that they intended their presence or actions at the scene to further his commission of that crime.

Based on the so far limited publicly available evidence, this standard seems difficult to surpass because we have no direct proof of what the other three officers knew while *Chauvin knelt* on Floyd's neck for about nine minutes. Instead, we must infer their knowledge and intent.

A key issue could be one officer's observation that Floyd lost a pulse followed by Chauvin's decision to continue applying pressure to Floyd's neck without intervention or objection from the other officers.

Lastly, it is important to highlight that Chauvin is charged both with second- and third-degree murder. Third-degree murder is a unique crime in Minnesota, normally involving situations where a defendant acts with a "depraved mind," a phrase equivalent to recklessness, without regard for a particular person. In fact, it is an open question in Minnesota whether a defendant can have a "depraved mind" and direct his or her actions toward a specific person, as Chauvin undoubtedly did here.

Former officer Mohamed Noor is currently raising this issue before the court of appeals after being convicted of the same charge last year in the shooting death of Justine Damond.

In short, Ellison and his prosecutors face a tough test. These cases will likely meander for many months before trials occur. In the end, a jury or judge will weigh the parties' evidence and arguments and decide whether the state has proved the charged offenses beyond a reasonable doubt.

The public should recognize that despite the seemingly clear video evidence, convictions for any of these former officers will not come easily.

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James Bennet resigns as New York Times opinion editor

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Body

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"Last week we saw a significant breakdown in our editing processes, not the first we've experienced in recent years," said A.G. Sulzberger, the publisher, in a note to the staff on Sunday announcing Bennet's departure.

In a brief interview, Sulzberger added: "Both of us concluded that James would not be able to lead the team through the next leg of change that is required."

At an all-staff virtual meeting on Friday, [Bennet](#), 54, apologized for the op-ed, saying that it should not have been published and that it had not been edited carefully enough. posted late Friday noted factual inaccuracies and a "needlessly harsh" tone. "The essay fell short of our standards and should not have been published," the note said.

The op-ed, by Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., had "" as its headline. "One thing above all else will restore order to our streets: an overwhelming show of force to disperse, detain and ultimately deter lawbreakers," he wrote. The piece, published on Wednesday, drew anger from readers and Times journalists. Bennet declined to comment.

Bennet's swift fall from one of the most powerful positions in American journalism comes as hundreds of thousands of people have marched in recent weeks in protest of racism in law enforcement and society. The protests were set in motion when [George Floyd](#), a black man in Minneapolis, died last month after being handcuffed and pinned to the ground by a white police officer's knee.

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The foment has reached other newsrooms. On Saturday night, [Stan Wischnowski resigned](#) [An editors' note](#) [Send In the Troops](#) as top editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer days after an article in the newspaper about the effects of protests on the urban landscape carried the headline "Buildings Matter, Too." The headline prompted an apology published in The Inquirer, a heated staff meeting and a "sickout" by dozens of journalists at the paper.

Bennet's tenure as editorial page editor, which started in 2016, was marked by several missteps. Last spring, [the Times apologized](#) for an anti-Semitic cartoon that appeared in the Opinion pages of its international edition.

Last August, a federal appellate court found that Sarah Palin, the former vice-presidential candidate, [could proceed with a defamation lawsuit against The Times](#) over an editorial edited by Bennet that inaccurately linked her statements to the 2011 shooting of a congresswoman.

During Bennet's first year on the job, two Times national security reporters [publicly objected to an op-ed](#) by the journalist Louise Mensch, who cited her own reporting on U.S. law enforcement's purported monitoring of the Trump presidential campaign. Times reporters who had covered the same story, along with reporters at other outlets, were skeptical of her claim.

Bennet worked and held key jobs in the Times newsroom from 1991 until 2006, when he left the newspaper to become the editor of The Atlantic. Since his return, he had widely been considered a possible successor to Dean Baquet, who has been in charge of the newsroom for six years.

In his four years as editorial page editor, Bennet sought to expand Opinion's range, making it more responsive to breaking news and better positioned to cover the tech industry. While he hired several progressive columnists and contributors, he also added conservative voices to the traditionally liberal department.

He reduced the number of unsigned editorials and encouraged editorial board members to write more signed opinion pieces; one editorial board member, Brent Staples, won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing last year [for a series of opinion columns on race in America](#).

Under Bennet, the opinion section also published investigative journalism, developed newsletters and a podcast. It also published a much-discussed op-ed by an anonymous Trump administration official who described a "quiet resistance" within the federal government.

The most prominent conservative columnist hired by Bennet, Bret Stephens, angered many readers with [his inaugural Times column](#), in which he chastised the "moral superiority" of those who look down on climate-change skeptics. Late last year, Stephens published another column, headlined "The Secrets of Jewish Genius," that led to widespread criticism. to remove a reference to a study cited in the original version after it was revealed that one of the study's authors had promoted racist views.

Bennet is the brother of Michael Bennet, a U.S. senator from Colorado, and he recused himself from presidential campaign coverage during his brother's unsuccessful run for this year's Democratic nomination.

, a deputy editorial page editor, will be the acting editorial page editor through the November election, Sulzberger said in his memo to the staff. [Jim Dao](#) [After a review, the editors appended a note to the column and reedited it](#) [Katie Kingsbury](#), the deputy editorial page editor who oversees op-eds, is stepping down

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from his position, which was on the Times masthead, and taking a new job in the newsroom. Baquet, the executive editor, said Sunday that he and Dao had just started discussing possible jobs for Dao. Dao did not reply to a request for comment.

[Kingsbury, 41, was hired in 2017](#). Previously she was on The Boston Globe's editorial board, and edited another Pulitzer-winning series.

In a note to the Opinion staff Sunday, Kingsbury, who declined to comment for this article, said that until a more "technical solution" is in place, anyone who sees "any piece of Opinion journalism - including headlines or social posts or photos or you name it - that gives you the slightest pause, please call or text me immediately."

Cotton's op-ed prompted criticism on social media from many Times employees from different departments, an online protest that was led by African-American staff members. Much of the dissent included tweets that said the op-ed "puts Black @NYTimes staff in danger." Times employees objected despite a company policy instructing them not to post partisan comments on social media or take sides on issues in public forums.

In addition, more than 800 staff members had signed a letter by Thursday evening protesting the op-ed's publication. The letter, addressed to high-ranking editors in the opinion and news divisions, as well as New York Times Co. executives, argued that Cotton's essay contained misinformation, such as his depiction of the role of "[antifa](#)" in the protests.

Sulzberger said at the Friday town hall meeting and in his note on Sunday that a rethinking of Opinion was necessary for an era in which readers are likely to come upon op-eds in social media posts, divorced from their print context next to the editorial page.

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James Bennet, the editorial page editor of The New York Times, top center, looks on as Katie Kingsbury, a deputy editorial page editor, addresses the newsroom during announcement of a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing for Brent Staples (not in photo), on April 15, 2019, in New York. AG Sulzberger, the publisher of the New York Times, announced on June 7, 2020, that Bennet had resigned and Kingsbury would be the acting editorial page editor through the November election. At left is Dean Baquet, executive editor of the Times. (Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times)

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Arts groups regroup after rioting

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The art wasn't burned, but several arts organizations, including three run by people of color, are recovering from looting and vandalism following the death of George Floyd in police custody.

The Hmong Cultural Center in St. Paul, Juxtaposition Arts in north Minneapolis and the Somali Museum of Minnesota in Minneapolis are among more than 360 Twin Cities businesses that were ransacked or damaged.

At Juxtaposition Arts, aka JXTA, a community watch guarded its VALT Space and Artist Co-op at 1108 W. Broadway the night of May 28 until 2:30 a.m. After warding off unwelcome visitors, they retired for the night. According to security camera footage, a dozen young people broke into the space about 30 minutes later.

JXTA's chief cultural producer, Roger Cummings, estimates the damage to be less than \$10,000, including broken windows and the theft of three desktop and two laptop computers.

"They didn't take any art," he said. "It was probably worth more than those computers."

Three or four looters also tried to damage JXTA's gallery and shop at 2007 Emerson Av. N., but North Side organizer Roxxanne O'Brien stopped them from throwing a brick through

the window, Cummings said.

JXTA, which owns three buildings on the North Side, is using its donation page to replace the stolen goods and to fund community policing from sunset to sunrise through the summer.

At least 17 North Side businesses have been damaged, most of them on W. Broadway. There are already street patrols there, banding together to guard the neighborhood's remaining grocery store, So Low Grocery Outlet.

Arts groups regroup after rioting

"We are looking at community policing models," said Cummings. "People stand outside, and when it becomes nighttime, they'll make sure everybody is OK at [JXTA's] skate park, the four corners, back of the buildings."

What struck Cummings was that the youths who looted JXTA could've been employed there. The organization is an incubator for artists aged 12 to 21, building skills that are both empowering and entrepreneurial, and offering the opportunity to work with professional artists. Since its founding, JXTA has helped 3,000 children and young adults through its training programs. Currently it employs 77 young people a year.

"If they register for the summer, they could buy their own computer," he said. "We could provide them with jobs and purpose and place."

The Hmong Cultural Center, at 375 University Av. W., also was damaged on the night of May 28. Vandals broke windows on the side and back of the building.

"We were specifically concerned about the one in the back because people could've come in," said Mark Pfeifer, director of programs. The next morning, the center's staff boarded up the windows and moved key artifacts to staffers' homes.

Pfeifer was unsure about the financial damage, but "it could've been a lot worse." Closed since the coronavirus pandemic started, the Hmong Center had planned to reopen soon, but now things are up in the air.

The Somali Museum of Minnesota, at 1516 E. Lake St., holds more than 700 objects, and is a hub for education on Somali culture. The museum did not respond to a request for comment, but according to its GoFundMe page, some artifacts were lost, and others in the gift shop were damaged. The museum has raised more than \$28,000 toward repairs, and has moved most of its objects to secure storage.

"We empathize with the anger and the pain of our community," said a statement on the museum's GoFundMe. "The unjust killings of our black brothers and sisters has to end. We pray that everyone stays safe during this time, we pray that Allah protects the protesters fighting for justice."

St. Paul nonprofit Springboard for the Arts also experienced fire and property damage on May 28. Executive Director Laura Zabel declined to elaborate, saying only that "the Springboard building will be OK," and emphasizing that people are more important than property.

"We want the focus to be on *justice for George Floyd* and the many organizers who are demanding an end to the white supremacy and racism that is baked into our systems and our city."

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Larry Fitzgerald Jr.: This is not the Minneapolis of my youth

ARTICLE CDXXXVII.

LARRY FITZGERALD JR.: THIS IS NOT THE MINNEAPOLIS OF MY YOUTH

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Highlight: For as long as I have known it, Minneapolis has been a city of peace, family and contentment. But not right now.

Body

Editor's note: Larry Fitzgerald Jr., the [Arizona Cardinals star wide receiver](#), wrote this on June 7, 2020, about the present-day unrest and recalls a more peaceful time in his hometown of Minneapolis.

The city of Minneapolis taught me about love.

I was baptized at New Beginnings Baptist Tabernacle Church, learned to catch a football at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, and instilled with values by a loving family and a supportive community.

My mother and father raised us in this beautiful city full of life and diversity. Minneapolis is home to diverse people from all over the world: Somali and Ethiopian refugees forging new lives, Hmong families building successful businesses, and a thriving arts community that attracts talented performers from around the globe.

What you're seeing on the news is not the hometown of my youth. The businesses you see ablaze used to receive the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder, , on their front steps. He's been a journalist in the city for over 40 years. The streets you see in chaos now are the same streets I walked with my mother as she taught me about being active in the community. We would spend hours downtown and in nearby neighborhoods passing out educational materials on family planning and healthy lifestyles. Those same neighborhoods have literally been on fire the last few days - fires that in some ways symbolize decades of disappointment, anger and frustration.

For as long as I have known it, Minneapolis has been a city of peace, family and contentment.

But not right now.

The events of the last several days have turned Minneapolis, and our nation, upside down. Injustice, death, destruction, pain, violence, protests and riots have made it clear: We as a nation are not OK. We are not healthy. The violent death of **George Floyd** in police custody is yet another example of a systemic problem we have yet to solve. A cancer we are failing to cut out. People and communities are suffering, lives are being lost, and futures are being destroyed.

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Growing up, I never personally experienced harassment from the police, but I knew there were issues, and I saw situations where people of color were not given the same benefit of the doubt and the same respect that was afforded to others.

When will this terrible cycle end? When will love and respect for our fellow man replace hatred and injustice? When will healing come?

Sadly, this is not new territory for our America. The words of Martin Luther King Jr. resonate as clearly today as when he first uttered them in a speech titled "The Other America," given over 50 years ago:

"So I will continue to condemn riots and continue to say to my brothers and sisters that this is not the way. And continue to affirm that there is another way.

"But at the same time, it is as necessary for me to be as vigorous in condemning the conditions which cause persons to feel that they must engage in riotous activities as it is for me to condemn riots.

"I think America must see that riots do not develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots. But in the final analysis, a riot is the language of the unheard. ...

"And so in a real sense our nation's summers of riots are caused by our nation's winters of delay. And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again."

We are not listening to one another. Our winter of delay continues to result in cold hearts and lifeless bodies. The language of the unheard has broken the silence, and our willful deafness has led to death and destruction. While our nation has struggled under the weight of a biological pandemic, we also find our communities ravaged by the insidious disease of injustice.

People of color across this nation are screaming to be heard.

Stop killing our sons and daughters. Stop terrorizing our communities. Give us justice. When those screams fall on deaf ears, the pain of being unheard bears down on your soul. Have you ever been frustrated at being in an intimate relationship where you feel your concern is unheard and disregarded? When you try to communicate, but your voice does not get through? In those moments, the wounds of disrespect can lead us to raise our voices and behave in less-than-civil ways. Our intrinsic need to be understood intensifies our reactions. Our desperation to be heard can override our better judgment.

The screams of disrespected voices are ringing out in our nation right now. We must never condone violent riots that take lives and destroy futures, but we must also hear the desperate voice of protest that is calling out for justice.

Imagine the desperation of the family of George Floyd and countless other people of color who have suffered injustice in communities across America. Can you hear them? Will their pain and their voices continue to go unheard? Leaders, elected officials, influencers and people in power must listen. We must refuse to allow the screams of the unheard to be disregarded. We must act. Good people may find themselves a part of a broken system but must take it upon themselves to bring about the needed change. If you are silent and passive, you are complicit in upholding the status quo.

Systemic injustice births desperation, and desperation rarely leads to a healthy outcome.

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But even in the midst of the current tragedy, I'm hopeful. We have a tremendous opportunity to ensure that all voices are heard. People of color are asking for radical, meaningful change that eliminates injustice in the legal system, roots out **systemic racism** in American society, and where authority protects rather than threatens.

There are other voices that deserve to be heard as well. Monologues rarely result in understanding. No matter your color, you have a unique experience that deserves respect. Your perspective matters and can make us better.

I appreciate many of my colleagues in professional sports who have issued heartfelt statements and shown themselves to be true allies to people of color as we appeal for a better America. They deserve to be heard.

There are many men and women in law enforcement who have spoken out against the injustice **George Floyd** suffered. They have an extremely difficult job that has been made all the more challenging by this tragedy. They deserve to be heard. The unthinkable acts of some do not require that we paint the whole with broad brush strokes of hatred.

There are tens of millions of Americans from every race, religion, background and socioeconomic status that are trying to listen to one another and effectuate change, trying to imagine what it's like to be **George Floyd** or Ahmaud Arbery or the people who love them, trying to imagine what it's like to be a business owner who has lost everything to rioters over the last few days, trying to imagine what it's like to see through their neighbor's eyes and live in their skin color.

We must work together to heal this divide and rebuild our communities by committing to let no voice go unheard. Our first step must be to listen to one another - to sincerely lean in and hear what the person who is different from us is saying.

George Floyd, in your final gasps for breath, we hear you.

Ahmaud Arbery, as your footsteps pounded the ground, running for your life, we hear you.

Victims of violence, poverty and injustice, we hear you.

Communities and lives torn apart by riots, we hear you.

People of privilege learning a better way, we hear you.

Mothers and fathers of every race doing the best you can to teach your children to love and not hate, we hear you.

May God give us all ears to hear so that the cries of the unheard are never again compelled to scream in desperation.

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Good signs on pandemic front

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GOOD SIGNS ON PANDEMIC FRONT

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Highlight: Testing rises, new cases fall as state enters a new round of reopenings

Body

The growth rate of newly diagnosed cases of COVID-19 is slowing in Minnesota, even as the number of tests to detect the viral respiratory illness continues to climb, the latest data showed Sunday.

The moderating trends are happening as the state prepares for its latest round of loosening restrictions on businesses and public places.

An executive order from Gov. Tim Walz will allow limited reopenings of dine-in restaurants, gyms and smaller entertainment venues on Wednesday, if the businesses take steps to control the spread of the virus.

"As we face the likelihood of many more months of this disease spreading at various levels in our communities, we must find a way to live with it — accepting a certain level of risk while taking steps to prevent a wave of cases overwhelming our health care sector," Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said in Friday's announcement of the changes.

On Sunday, the Minnesota Department of Health added 388 people to its overall tally of confirmed COVID-19 cases, the second-lowest daily total since April 28.

The growth rate of new cases has been slowing for two weeks. Using rolling averages to smooth out daily fluctuations, the daily increase in confirmed case counts has been declining on both a seven-day and a 14-day basis since hitting a high-water mark of about 700 new cases on May 24.

Delays in the system for reporting new confirmed cases make it difficult to precisely track trends over the prior week, but state health officials acknowledged over the weekend that the growth rate of new cases may have plateaued.

Change is also evident in the number of people getting intensive and regular levels of COVID-19 care in hospitals.

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On Sunday, there were 199 people in hospital intensive-care units being treated for COVID-19, the lowest total since May 13. An additional 251 people were getting care in regular hospital beds Sunday, the lowest since May 10.

Of the 1.9 million cases of COVID-19 that have been diagnosed nationally, 27,886 have been in Minnesota, including nearly 3,000 health care workers. About 23,000 Minnesotans have recovered from their symptoms and no longer need to remain in isolation, according to the Health Department.

Of the 16 new Minnesota fatalities reported Sunday, 14 of the people lived in long-term care, assisted living, or group homes for behavioral health. All of the new deaths except one in Hennepin County were people who were at least 60 years old.

The average rate of newly reported deaths has been relatively steady for weeks - the seven-day average has floated between 20 and 25 since May 20.

All told, 1,186 Minnesotans have died with confirmed cases of the illness. More than 90% of those were 60 or older, according to a Star Tribune analysis of the state data.

People at higher risk for severe cases include the elderly and people in group-living facilities, where social distancing and pandemic hygiene are difficult. Underlying health factors contribute to higher risks, including lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromise, obesity with BMI over 40, diabetes, liver disease, and chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis.

The virus that causes COVID-19 makes some people very ill, while some feel no physical effects at all.

Around 80% of people who get the virus experience mild to no symptoms, while as many as 5% require critical care in a hospital.

Common mild symptoms include fever, body aches, cough, fatigue, chills and loss of smell, though some people have more significant symptoms like a high fever, severe coughing or shortness of breath that may indicate pneumonia.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says emergency medical attention should be sought for people who have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new onset of confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or "bluish" lips or face. Symptoms generally appear within five days of exposure but can take up to 14.

Monday marks the 14th day since the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer, ***Derek Chauvin, knelt*** on his neck for more than eight minutes.

Outrage stemming from Floyd's death brought thousands of people to the streets to protest and demonstrate, causing public health officials to urge everyone who protested in Minnesota to get tested for COVID-19.

June 3 saw the highest number of test results for COVID-19 reported in a single day, with more than 15,000 tests performed by private labs.

Totals from the current week are subject to change, and some people in the state have been tested more than once.

Saturday marked the fourth consecutive day of more than 10,000 test results being reported.

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

27,886 -- Total cases

388 -- June 7 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,186 -- Total deaths

16 -- June 7

U.S. cases, new daily

1,934,201 -- Total cases

22,478 -- June 6

U.S. deaths, new daily

110,032 -- Total deaths

728 -- June 6

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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St. Paul man wore stolen police gear after helping to torch 3rd Precinct, charges say

ARTICLE CDXXXIX.

[ST. PAUL MAN WORE STOLEN POLICE GEAR AFTER HELPING TO TORCH 3RD PRECINCT, CHARGES SAY](#)

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Byline: Sarah Horner

Highlight: He was fired June 3 from his security job at Menards on University Avenue after the store learned of social media reports that identified him as a participant in the May 28 rioting.

Body

A St. Paul security guard was wearing stolen police gear when he was arrested Wednesday, six days after he's accused of helping to burn down the *Minneapolis Police Department's* 3rd Precinct during riots following the death of *George Floyd*.

Branden Michael Wolfe, 23, was fired June 3 from his security job at Menards on University Avenue after the store learned of social media reports that identified him as a participant in the May 28 rioting.

A Menards employee called police after Wolfe tried to enter the store later that day wearing stolen body armor and a law enforcement duty belt and carrying a police baton, according to a complaint filed Monday in U.S. District Court.

St. Paul police found him in a vehicle several miles from the store, still wearing the body armor and duty belt, which was affixed with handcuffs, a baton, a knife and an ear piece. His name was handwritten on duct tape attached to the back of the body armor, according to the complaint.

In a police interview, Wolfe admitted he stoked the 3rd Precinct fire by pushing a wooden barrel into the flames.

He also reportedly admitted to stealing several items from inside and identified himself in multiple photographs that showed a man standing in front of the East Lake Street precinct holding a police baton as the building burned behind him.

Police searched Wolfe's St. Paul apartment and found several items belonging to Minneapolis police, including a riot helmet, 9 mm magazine, police radio and police drug overdose kit, charges say.

Wolfe was charged in federal court Monday with aiding and abetting arson.

Anyone with information about the 3rd Precinct fire or business fires in the Twin Cities can call 1-888-ATF-TIPS, email ATFTips@atf.gov or submit information anonymously via [ReportIt.com](https://www.reportit.com).

St. Paul man wore stolen police gear after helping to torch 3rd Precinct, charges say

The FBI also is looking for people who "may have incited or promoted violence of any kind." Anyone with digital material or tips can call 1-800-CALLFBI or submit images or videos at [FBI.gov/violence](https://www.fbi.gov/violence).

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Branden Michael Wolfe.(Courtesy of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

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Street art honored George Floyd. Now advocates want to preserve it for history.

ARTICLE CDXL. **[STREET ART HONORED GEORGE FLOYD. NOW ADVOCATES WANT TO PRESERVE IT FOR HISTORY.](#)**

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Highlight: Across the country, murals and other street art have become a symbol of those protesting the death of **George Floyd** at the hands of Minneapolis police - and now people are trying to document and preserve these art pieces for posterity as symbols of change. One of the most recognizable murals towers above the crowds [...]

Body

Across the country, murals and other street art have become a symbol of those protesting the death of **George Floyd** at the hands of Minneapolis police - and now people are trying to document and preserve these art pieces for posterity as symbols of change.

One of the most recognizable murals towers above the crowds in Minneapolis at East 38th Street and Chicago Avenue South - the corner where Floyd died. It was created by North Minneapolis artist **Peyton Scott Russell**, who said he grew up on that corner and later moved to the North Side.

That 12-foot-by-12-foot black-and-white mural of Floyd's face was one of two Russell painted in a Casket Arts Building art studio in Northeast Minneapolis, Russell said in a **video interview** with North News. The murals took him three days to complete, he said. The second nearly identical one is at 1930 Glenwood Ave. N.

In the interview, Russell said when he first heard of Floyd's death, he wanted to participate in the outcry against it.

"I wanted to actually participate in a pretty brutal way," Russell told **North News**. But then he said that because he has two children and didn't want to jeopardize their health and safety, he took another avenue.

"My creative, artistic tools are the best way I can fight," he said. "I'm a graffiti artist, street artist, and for something like this it's just my most powerful tool to use so I decided to do something pretty large and place it ... sort of (in) a guerrilla format so it has a really high impact."

Pictures of the image have been shared around the world.

Street art honored George Floyd. Now advocates want to preserve it for history.

When asked about the importance and significance of the murals, Russell said he hoped the image of Floyd would "hopefully create the start of some real change - to have a visual that will continue to remind people that something really has to happen."

Nearby - on the wall of the Cup Foods - a predominantly yellow and blue mural with an image of Floyd surrounded by his name, has also been shared around the world and turned into a memorial site laden with flowers and signs.

Three artists, Xena Goldman, Greta McLain, and Cadex Herrera, [said they painted](#) the mural to give the community a place to mourn.

"Hopefully, it's a reminder that this should never happen again, and people need to step up in every way that they can to stand up against these corrupt systems," Goldman said in a [KARE-TV interview](#).

"We feel so helpless by the life that was taken away from us, and a system that feels so big, and scary, and out of our control," McLain said.

With so many murals and art pieces appearing around the world, efforts are being made to document and preserve them by several organizations, including the University of St. Thomas.

The Urban Art Mapping Project at St. Thomas is [asking](#) for people to take pictures of any street art honoring **George Floyd** or promoting anti-racism so it can preserve the photos in its database.

"From the smallest sticker or tag to the largest mural or street painting - if you see a **George Floyd** memorial or Anti-racist street art, take a pic and use this [google form](#) to upload it."

The project participants ask people to photograph all the street art they see, including "murals, written text on walls, stickers, graffiti, projections, posters, and more," saying the art "represents a powerful call for change."

They're seeking images from around the world so their database "will serve as repository for images and a future resource for scholars and artists."

Urban Mapping Group is also [asking](#) those who take down any plywood with street art on it to contact their group so it can be preserved.

Another group, [Preserve Minneapolis](#), is seeking images of street art honoring Floyd that it will "layer" on a virtual map of historic Minnesota sites.

A "public, online exhibition of this outpouring of street art as a way of showing solidarity," the group said in an [Instagram post](#).

"We want this to be a way to preserve and share these signs of community with those within and beyond our city," they wrote. "And help us all better understand how we related to each other and our built environment."

"Send a picture of a work of street art from your neighborhood (+ the address where it was taken) to: rcoffman@preserveminneapolis.org."

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A post shared by [PreserveMinneapolis](#) (@preserveminneapolis) on Jun 5, 2020 at 10:28am PDT

On Sunday, [Springboard for the Arts](#), hosted an event where black artists painted murals with messages of "solidarity, anger, solace and hope" on plywood along University Avenue between Rice and Dale streets in St. Paul.

The event included artists such as Alex Smith, Aurum Oro, Canaan Ray-Strong, Geno Okok, Myc Daz, Noval Noir, Seitu Jones, Tony Johnson and Ta-Coumba Aiken.

One of the artists, Seitu Jones, made a stencil to memorialize ***George Floyd***. The stencil and instructions are available for free at [seitujonesstudio.com/blues4george!](#)

A call for artists. [#StPaul](#)

- Mary Divine (@MaryEDivine)

While some of the art is the result of organized efforts (such as that of the Springboard for the Arts and the Uptown Association, [which organized pic.twitter.com/sbZVNgeGJD June 6, 2020](#) some murals on plywood boarding businesses in the Uptown area), other displays have simply emerged as a natural symbol of protest, such as the [art and signs](#) being hung on the fence surrounding the White House.

The fence outside the White House has been converted to a crowd-sourced memorial wall - almost like an art gallery - to black men and women who lost their lives at the hands of police.

Hundreds are strolling, looking, adding names and paintings and posters. [pic.twitter.com/mXlZpfMAeX](#)

- Hannah Natanson (@hannah_natanson) [June 7, 2020](#)

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(Dave Schwarz/St. Cloud Times via AP)

Picardo Perez, right, and Sebastian Rivera paint a mural in honor of ***George Floyd*** on the side of a law firm on East Lake Street, Minneapolis, June 4, 2020. The prickly pear cactus known as nopal in Mexico and

Street art honored George Floyd. Now advocates want to preserve it for history.

Texas (Floyd was from Houston) are mixed with local flowers like black-eyed susans, as a tribute to the artists' roots and local Minnesota culture. The mural also depicts fires burning at night and calm in the day. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Mourners gather to bear witness

ARTICLE CDXLI. [**MOURNERS GATHER TO BEAR WITNESS**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1A**Length:** 863 words**Byline:** KIM HYATT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Body**

Back when the world's attention was on Standing Rock Reservation during the Dakota Access pipeline protests a few years ago, LeeAnn Eastman said African-Americans came to the encampments to stand in solidarity. Now she said that mutual respect is being shown as Indigenous people come to Minneapolis in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s killing.

"We've been in this movement and struggled together for a long time," Eastman said. "Indigenous people all over support ***Black Lives Matter***."

Eastman traveled from Sisseton, S.D., with about 20 other relatives and friends Sunday to pay their respects at the Floyd memorial site sprawling across the intersection of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue. She said they came to sing prayer songs and offer encouragement "to keep this going."

"I wanted to see where George passed away," said Alvin Village Center of Standing Rock. "I felt sad, hurt thinking about black people and Natives being treated the same way."

From surrounding states like the Dakotas and Wisconsin to neighboring suburban communities, mourners have flocked to the memorial site to pay respects and bear witness to where Floyd took his last breaths under a Minneapolis police officer's knee. It's been two weeks since he cried out for help as officers killed the unarmed 46-year-old man, sparking international protests and demands for justice.

Marches still carry on across the country as the memorial continues to take on new sculptures, signage and murals.

The collection of flowers seems to grow with every passing hour and there is a steady stream of people taking pictures, handing out free food and water, and bringing life to a landmark defined by tragedy.

"We wanted to bring some flowers and pay our respects. Living in rural Hudson, you feel a little removed from it, so it made sense to come," said Johan Nielsen of Hudson, Wis. Nielsen's girlfriend, Susan Roeder of Stillwater, said visiting the memorial was "very moving, as you would expect." They brought along food

Mourners gather to bear witness

to donate and were encouraged to make the trip thanks to Roeder's two teenage daughters, who she said will not tolerate injustice.

"Two weeks feels like a lifetime. You can't imagine how the world could change already in such a short amount of time," she said. "With the pandemic and to have Minneapolis be the center of the universe, it was surreal."

Erin Heep MacEwen, 47, invited her parents, Bert and Diane Heep, to make a day trip from Ely down to Minneapolis on Sunday.

The family was tearful as they reflected on the experience of seeing the places they've watched on television and online the past two weeks.

MacEwen said it's all heartbreak mixed with shame, which is why they want to show solidarity with the movement as white people from rural Minnesota.

"It's been said many times and it almost sounds trite, but in this dark time for our state and country, we can make some progress," MacEwen said.

Like the feelings that follow a funeral, the Heeps said there was a sense of fellowship at the memorial.

Once they got over the initial stages of grief, from horror in seeing where Floyd died, they felt hope settle in. Though peaceful and serene just four hours north, Bert Heep said that sense of calm was almost superficial knowing what happened in the Twin Cities.

"You try to hold onto hope - you don't want it to die. You don't want the intensity of what you feel to go away," he said.

"You look at other people and wonder why they are here. What do the black people think of white people: 'Are they just pandering to us?' " he added. "You wish you could wear a sign that says, 'I really care.' "

Yolanda Pierson made the drive to the memorial from Blaine along with her two sons, Todd, 17, and Wayland, 8. She said already her teenager has been to three protests, including those for Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin and now Floyd.

"I hope by the time they're adults they don't have to protest," she said. "I hope it gets to the point where their joy isn't taken."

As she overlooked the Say Their Names Cemetery, a green open space blocks away from 38th and Chicago that memorializes dozens of black people killed by police, she said, "That's a lot of names, and it's heartbreaking as a mother. I don't know if other people fear that, but as a black mother, you fear that."

Since Floyd's death, 22-year-old Meghan Schuler of Owatonna has been wanting to visit the memorial.

But she spent that time educating herself on issues of racism and signing pledges instead. Sunday she finally went with two friends from Bethel College to pray and pay her respects.

"It's emotional to see all the people are still here," she said, adding that it's especially touching to see so many families out with children taking part in this moment in history.

Mourners gather to bear witness

Joelle Nde of Shakopee brought her children, ranging in age from 4 to 20, out to the memorial with the hope that "there will not be more George Floyds in the future."

She said while it's great to see people of all backgrounds and races come together, she prays it's the first and last time she would have to bring her children to a site like this.

"We are not perfect, but we have to use justice to solve issues, not brutality," she said.

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ATF offers \$5,000 reward to identify arsonist in St. Paul fires that followed George Floyd death

ARTICLE CDXLII. [**ATF OFFERS \\$5,000 REWARD TO IDENTIFY ARSONIST IN ST. PAUL FIRES THAT FOLLOWED GEORGE FLOYD DEATH**](#)

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Highlight: The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the identify of a man they believe set several arson fires in St. Paul during the civil unrest that followed the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody. The reward is for "information that leads to [...]"

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The reward is for "information that leads to the positive identification, arrest and conviction of a man responsible for setting fire to a neighborhood school and several St. Paul businesses during the recent unrest," [the ATF](#) said Sunday .

"This individual was seen at multiple locations igniting fires in our community, (including) the Gordon Parks High School that serves disadvantaged youth," said Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jon Ortiz of the ATF's St. Paul Field Division. "We're hoping the reward money will help convince those who may know the suspect to come forward with information. He may or may not be from the Twin Cities area."

ATF is investigating the case with the St. Paul Fire Department, St. Paul Police Department, Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division and the FBI.

They ask anyone with information on the whereabouts of the man seen in surveillance photos to call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), email ATFTips@atf.gov or submit information via or the Report It mobile app, available on Google Play or Apple Apps Store. Anyone who uses Report It should select "ATF - St. Paul Field Division" as the reporting agency.

They ask people to give as much information as they can about the man's identity and whereabouts. The information can be provided anonymously but in order to collect the reward, people should also include contact information.

ATF offers \$5,000 reward to identify arsonist in St. Paul fires that followed George Floyd death

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MN health officials urge those protesting George Floyd's death to get tested for coronavirus. Here's how.

ARTICLE CDXLIII. **[MN HEALTH OFFICIALS URGE THOSE PROTESTING GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH TO GET TESTED FOR CORONAVIRUS. HERE'S HOW.](#)**

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Body

The Minnesota Department of Health recently announced additional COVID-19 testing sites for those who attended protests, vigils and neighborhood events surrounding the death of **[George Floyd](#)**.

The Health Department is encouraging anyone who attended these events to get tested for the coronavirus. While many of those protesting wore masks, the large gatherings made it hard to keep a safe social distance, officials note.

The new testing sites are specifically designed for those who live in the most impacted neighborhoods and the surrounding community. Individuals who do not live in these neighborhoods are encouraged to get tested at a local clinic near them.

Testing at these locations will be free, and will be available to individuals even if they don't have symptoms of the virus. Those who wish to get tested should [schedule an appointment online](#) to help reduce wait times.

WHEN WILL THE TESTING TAKE PLACE? Tuesdays and Wednesdays: June 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 Time: 12-6 p.m. WHERE TO GET TESTED IN ST. PAUL: Oxford Community Center, 270 N. Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55104 WHERE TO GET TESTED IN MINNEAPOLIS: Holy Trinity Church, 2730 31st St. East, Minneapolis, MN 55406 Sabathani Community Center, 310 38th St. East, Minneapolis, MN 55409 New Salem Baptist Church, 2507 Bryant Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN 55411 [Thursday coronavirus update: 5 more MN deaths, 589 additional cases](#) [Window into virus surge: Death, recovery at Houston hospital](#) [Could virus surges elsewhere affect MN testing capability? Officials monitoring](#) [New in a pandemic: These restaurants are serving guests despite all odds](#) ['Desperation science' slows the hunt for coronavirus drugs](#)

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Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN)

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RACISM

During this pandemic isolation, I have read Madeleine Albright's "Prague Winter," which chronicles the complicated Czech history up to and including World War II.

In the last chapter, she speaks of the bigotry and racism that sadly remain in our world, even after the Holocaust of WWII. She recalls the renowned Czech poet Otokar Brezina (1868-1929). She quotes:

"It is no longer possible to strangle one's brethren unheard. Somebody will always hear the cry of agony and let it fly from mouth to mouth throughout the land like a hurricane that blows the holy fires into flame."

This voice from long ago echoes loudly today. Let's listen this time.

Patsy Ramberg, White Bear Lake

POLICE

Encourage the sort of officer we want

There will always be a few in the "thin blue line" who lack the moral discipline necessary to protect and serve. Those few bad actors poison the relationship between citizens and police officers. The selfless work of the rest of the blue line goes unrecognized, especially when violence arrives. When we most need our police, we see violence against the police. Understandable, since this time, the immediate focus was on the uniformed thug who callously squeezed the life from yet another black man.

Now that more peaceful forces have begun to prevail, it's time to express appreciation for the police who defended people and neighborhoods in the aftermath of rage and violence. Instead, organizations are withdrawing support from the police: corporations, museums, the teacher's union and law firms want to sever existing ties.

Yes, the Police Department needs to purge its known incorrigibles. Its persistent, shameful failure to do so resulted in the death of [George Floyd](#). Yes, drastic reform is needed to select and train officers. Yes, new leadership of the Minneapolis police union is imperative. But those necessary changes need community

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input and encouragement. Think of a teacher punishing an entire class for the actions of a few students, then ignoring the class to further the punishment.

For a healthy lawn, don't spray poison on every weed. Focus instead on nurturing thick grass, which will crowd out unwanted weeds. Police reform can happen, if we can nurture and preserve the best values that our police force represents.

Linda Bergman, Eden Prairie

RACE AND SPORTS

Brees and society still don't get it

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, in his initial apology for recent public remarks, maintains that even if his remarks were wrong, he has always been an ally ("Saints' Brees takes first step toward mending relationships," StarTribune.com, June 5). But he never addressed until later the fact that Colin Kaepernick and others said their kneeling was not about disrespecting the flag or the armed forces. Instead, Brees insisted the black players should be ruled by his white interpretation of what they were doing, his white criteria for what is proper protest. He doesn't see that this is a crucial aspect of white supremacy: Only white people get to decide what is the truth, only white people get to decide what is patriotism, only white people get to decide if black protest is proper or improper, is legitimate or illegitimate.

Black people have been voicing complaints about police brutality for more than a century but white people never believed them. As so many have said, the main difference now is that we have video proof of that brutality, but everyone knows absent that visual proof, the vast majority of white people did not and would not believe the word of black people.

On any racial issue in American history, black people have been on the side of righteousness, justice and history, and always at first, the majority of white people have opposed them, have been morally wrong, unjust and on the wrong side of history. Why is it, in the present, white people have not said: "Well, we got it wrong in our history while black people have been right. Maybe we should now listen to you and follow your lead, because history has always been on your side."

Perhaps, just perhaps, this might be a time when this will happen, when white people will not only listen to black people but follow their lead. Our country's future depends upon that.

David Mura, Minneapolis

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I live six blocks from where *George Floyd* was killed and two blocks from the fires that ravaged Lake Street. As a white male, I have had the privilege of deciding when and when not to be part of the struggle for racial justice.

For over 60 years I have also been a baseball fan (my wife would say a fanatic). However, my enthusiasm for baseball is seriously on the line, but not for the reasons sports columnist Jim Souhan poses ("Lost season would cost already reeling MLB more fans," May 31).

The bickering between the "millionaires" (the players) and the "billionaires" (the owners) is disheartening given the challenges facing our country. Here's how baseball can retain my passion and build a dedicated

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fan base for the decades ahead: Create a meaningful financial commitment to employment and education programs for young people of color in every major league city.

By meaningful I mean several billion dollars. Let's start with each major leaguer contributing 50% of their salary (let's use 2021 salaries, not the truncated 2020 salaries) and each owner making a 2:1 match to their players' contribution. Here in the Twin Cities that would mean about \$150 million.

And I bet that even after this significant contribution, each owner and player would still have enough left in their pocket for a beer and burger, which may not have been not true for our brother **George Floyd** in all periods of his life. If any one of the players or owners does not, call me and I will treat you.

Michael Troutman, Minneapolis

TRUMP

Happy to comment, unless he isn't

President Donald Trump's numerous lies and misleading statements have been well-documented by authoritative sources including the Washington Post.

What hasn't been counted is equally dangerous - the numerous times when Trump administration officials refuse to comment about issues of vital national importance. The June 3 story "Barr ordered removal of protesters at park" is a recent example: Officers used smoke canisters, batons, riot shields and troops on horseback to disperse peaceful - which means legal - protesters; when asked for an explanation of this violation of citizens' constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression, "several federal agencies involved in the response declined to answer questions about who ordered the use of force. A White House spokesman declined to comment The Secret Service declined to comment."

This same silence has been the president's typical response to questions about climate change, the environment, voting rights, a host of other big issues. He can't keep his finger off the Twitter trigger, but he clams up whenever an honest answer would make clear that he's a failure as a human being and a president. And that makes sense in a Trumpian sense: Not even Donald Trump is foolish enough to publicly defend the indefensible.

Steve Schild, Winona, Minn.

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St. Paul police: Video shows officer isn't 'Umbrella Man'

ARTICLE CDXLV. [**ST. PAUL POLICE: VIDEO SHOWS OFFICER ISN'T 'UMBRELLA MAN'**](#)

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Body

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The officer, Jacob Pederson, had been accused on social media of being the man dressed in black, wearing a gas mask, holding an umbrella and using a hammer to [break windows in a south Minneapolis Auto Zone](#) on the evening of May 27 - just before the protests over the death of [George Floyd](#) while in police custody escalated into large-scale property damage in the area of East Lake Street.

The next day, a Twitter account identified Pederson as the perpetrator based on a text he received from a "close friend" in Minneapolis who ostensibly had been married to Pederson. The posted messages were anonymous and not definitive but spread widely on the internet.

Police immediately pushed back on the accusation, saying Pederson was not in Minneapolis, and on Monday released surveillance video they say exonerates the officer.

RUMOR CONTROL ...

We are aware of the social media post that erroneously identifies one of our officers as the person caught on video breaking windows in Minneapolis.

We've seen it. We've looked into it. And it's false.

- Saint Paul Police Department (@sppdmn) [May 29, 2020](#)

In a [montage of time-stamped surveillance video](#) from the Richard H. Rowan Public Safety Training Center at 600 Lafayette Road, police identify Pederson as one of a handful of officers leaving the building to at

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6:38 p.m., six minutes after the broken windows set off an alarm, police say, at the Auto Zone at 2610 East Lake Street in Minneapolis.

The distance between the two buildings is about 10 miles.

Pederson declined to comment through St. Paul police spokesman Steve Linders, who added that Pederson is "exploring his legal options at this time" regarding the accusations on social media.

In a statement, the police department said it released a series of videos - including surveillance at every entrance and exit at the public safety training center - because social media posts are still identifying Pederson as "Umbrella Man."

"This type of disinformation can jeopardize the officer's reputation and safety and chip away at the trust this police department has worked so hard to build with its community," St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell said in a statement.

Minneapolis police, the local agency responsible for investigating the incident, said information related to the incident and who "Umbrella Man" might be is investigative and unavailable for release.

Kevin Smith, a spokesman for the Minneapolis branch of the FBI, said his agency is investigating the civil rights case looking into Floyd's death by asphyxiation and incidents of violence during several days of protests.

"We have agents all over the Metro trying to identify violent actors," Smith said, as well as analysts looking at photos and videos of the violence during the protests. He encouraged those with video and photos to submit them to fbi.gov/violence.

"We're looking through copious amounts of video and pictures, and the more the better," Smith said. "A lot of what we see isn't actionable, but you never know when you'll find the nugget that is." [Minneapolis council members pledge thoughtful police revamp](#) [Monuments and statues are falling. But what comes next?](#) [Ramsey County Attorney's Office named pilot site for national program aimed at reducing racial disparities in criminal justice system](#) [Officer Chauvin to George Floyd: 'It takes ... a lot of oxygen to talk'](#) [Three non-profits create fund for minority-owned businesses in Twin Cities](#)

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St. Paul school board postpones meeting on school police after chairwoman's death

ARTICLE CDXLVI. [**ST. PAUL SCHOOL BOARD POSTPONES MEETING ON SCHOOL POLICE AFTER CHAIRWOMAN'S DEATH**](#)

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[*Xiong, 31, died Sunday from COVID-19*](#), the disease caused by the coronavirus, after spending a month in two hospitals.

The board was planning to discuss next year's budget and whether to continue paying to place St. Paul police officers inside its high schools. The Minneapolis school board last week ended its contract with Minneapolis police after [**George Floyd**](#) was killed in police custody.

A new date for the meeting has not been set. [*St. Paul schools budget sees big enrollment loss, pandemic uncertainty*](#) [*Newly-retired Johnson basketball coach Vern Simmons left a lasting impact, on and off the court*](#) [*St. Paul school board removes police officers from high schools on 5-1 vote*](#) [*St. Paul Public Schools weighs removal of police officers following **George Floyd's** death*](#)

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Meet Kamryn Johnson, the 9-year-old who has raised more than \$50,000 for Minneapolis

ARTICLE CDXLVII. [**MEET KAMRYN JOHNSON, THE 9-YEAR-OLD WHO HAS RAISED MORE THAN \\$50,000 FOR MINNEAPOLIS**](#)

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Highlight: Kamryn Johnson put down the yarn and bashfully covered her face while standing in her driveway over the weekend. Her empire rested about 10 feet away.

Body

Kamryn Johnson put down the yarn and bashfully covered her face while standing in her driveway over the weekend. Her empire rested about 10 feet away.

It doesn't look like much upon first glance. There are a couple of folding tables, a few lawn chairs, a cooler with some juice boxes, and a group of her friends from the neighborhood.

Look a little closer, though, and it's impossible to miss the colorful bracelets pinned to a nearby bulletin board. That's how this 9-year-old is making a difference.

In the wake of [**George Floyd**](#)'s death a couple of weeks ago and the destruction that followed, Kamryn saw some of the aftermath while watching the news with her parents Ron and Shani.

"I was really sad," Kamryn said. "I wanted to help."

She chatted with some of her friends and they decided to make bracelets as a way to raise some money for people in need. That was about a week and a half ago and it's grown into something bigger than anyone could've ever imagined.

As of Monday afternoon, Kamryn has helped raised more than \$50,000, and most recently [*made an appearance on "Good Morning America" with Robin Roberts*](#) to continue to spread the word. There is also that recently eclipsed more than \$10,000.

"She just told me she wanted to do it so I helped promote it on social media," said Ron, a former Gophers standout who spent a couple of seasons in the NFL and now spends plenty of time on-air as a FOX 9 football analyst. "I'm on record saying I think she was going to sell like a half a dozen bracelets. It shows that it doesn't matter what age someone is. There's always some way to help."

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While the walk up sales have started to take off - they raised nearly \$2,500 in a single day last week - some larger donations have rolled in from big names like Vikings safety Harrison Smith and former Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway.

"It's something that gives people hope during a tough time when people are lost asking, 'What can I do?'" Ron said. "If they see a bunch of 9-year-olds doing this I hope that shows them they can do something to help."

Asked who her favorite person to show up so far was, Kamryn paused before replying, "Umm. I think Harrison Smith."

Just as important as the money raised, though, is the conversation this has created. It seems like people want to listen and learn more than ever before, and Kamryn has unknowingly helped catalyze that dialogue within her neighborhood in Chanhassen.

"Our neighborhood is like 95 percent white and maybe like 5 percent minority," Ron said. "We are the only black family within this little block. The fact that people that might not have known us, or might not have felt right to approach us, are stopping by to talk and ask questions is a good thing. That's really important right now."

That's something Shani has noticed, too, as strangers from all over have stopped by to donate. She recalled a man that drove up from Lakeville last week and brought ice cream for the kids. They talked for awhile and the man started to cry.

"He just said, 'I'm so sorry,' " said Shani, a former standout with the Gophers that qualified for the 2008 Summer Olympics the triple jump. "The compassion of that statement was super meaningful."

Now the key is pushing the conversation forward. As much as people are willing to talk about racism and injustice during this moment in time, Ron said, it doesn't mean those issues are going to magically go away. There needs to be a continued focus on change.

"We have to find a way to continue to talk about these things," Ron said. "I hope people understand that."

In the meantime, though, he wants to make sure Kamryn and her friends have fond memories about this experience in particular.

"I want them to be able to see what their work and their ingenuity did for a community," Ron said. "I also want to make sure they are still having fun with it. I don't want them to look back on it and be like, 'Oh my god. That was so much hard work.' I want them to enjoy this moment because at the end of the day they are a bunch of 9 year olds."

Because of that it's likely Kamryn and her friends won't fully understand the impact until much later in life. They are simply hanging out, making bracelets, and raising money.

"It gives me hope for the next generation," said Shani, her eyes starting to well up with tears. "Hopefully they will do things differently."

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Minneapolis mayor unveils coalition to lead rebuilding, promises to center black voices

ARTICLE CDXLVIII. **MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR UNVEILS COALITION TO LEAD
REBUILDING, PROMISES TO CENTER BLACK VOICES**

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Pledging to "rebuild as a stronger, more equitable and more inclusive city," Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey on Monday announced the formation of two groups that will guide the city's recovery from the fire and destruction unleashed during the unrest that followed the police killing of **George Floyd** on Memorial Day.

One of those is the Minneapolis Forward: Community Now Coalition, tasked with providing support to business and property owners whose insurance won't cover the total loss from fire, flood, looting or other property damage stemming from the unrest. Their mission also extends to meeting the immediate needs of the most affected neighborhoods and helping them retain local businesses, even if the property owner chooses not to rebuild.

It is co-chaired by a trio of local business leaders: Allison Sharkey, executive director of the Lake Street Council; Felicia Perry, executive director of the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition; and Jonathan Weinhagen, president and CEO of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber.

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The other is the Minneapolis African American Commission on Economic Inclusion, a group Frey said would elevate the voices of black community members, creating a "feedback loop" that will guide the city's recovery efforts. It will be led by Shauen Pearce, a Frey staffer who serves as the mayor's director of economic development and inclusion policy.

Additional members for both groups are expected to be announced later this week.

"We are a region that strives to bring prosperity to all, and there is no doubt we haven't hit that mark, we haven't always made that ideal. Through the Minneapolis Forward: Community Now Coalition, we can and we will bring people together from across our city who are prepared to lead with justice and an intentional approach to delivering systemic solutions," Frey said during an event held at Sabathani Community Center, a South Minneapolis neighborhood hub located just six blocks from the 38th & Chicago intersection where Floyd, who was black, died under the knee of a white police officer.

Frey also announced that the Minneapolis Foundation would serve as the fiscal agent for recovery efforts, corralling what is sure to be a massive fundraising effort. Both the Lake Street Council and West Broadway Business and Area Coalition already have individually raised millions for their commercial districts, but early estimates for the total cost of rebuilding range into the tens or even hundreds of millions. Hundreds of individual businesses were damaged or destroyed.

Although the city is expected to expedite business permitting and licensing to speed rebuilding efforts, the mayor did not say how much the city would commit financially to rebuilding or identify an overall fundraising goal for the coalition. He said the coalition and the Minneapolis African American Commission on Economic Inclusion needed some time and space to begin their work.

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Monday coronavirus update: 11 more MN deaths, 338 additional cases

ARTICLE CDXLIX. [**MONDAY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: 11 MORE MN DEATHS, 338 ADDITIONAL CASES**](#)

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Highlight: Minnesota on Monday added another 11 deaths from the coronavirus - which included a Hennepin County resident in their 20s with no underlying health conditions - raising Minnesota's death toll to 1,197. Of the state's total deaths, 955 were long-term care or assisted living center residents, according to Minnesota Department of Health data updated Monday [...]

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Of the state's total deaths, 955 were long-term care or assisted living center residents, according to Minnesota Department of Health data updated Monday morning.

The health department reports another 338 confirmed infections, increasing Minnesota's total number of cases to 28,224. The actual number of cases is likely much higher as the data only represents those who have been tested for the virus, state officials say. Just over 10,000 new tests were reported Monday, a step toward the state's goal to get to 20,000 tests a day.

While the number of new cases reported daily has been lower than previous weeks and hospitalizations are apparently trending downward, health officials emphasized that they do not know what will happen going forward, especially given recent large gatherings and protests surrounding George Floyd's death.

The news comes as the state prepares Wednesday to open up restaurants and bars for indoor dining, though at half capacity. Salons and barber shops can also operate at half capacity, and fitness centers can open at 25 percent capacity.

HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING? There were 23,657 patients Monday that no longer need to be isolated as they have recovered enough. This is an increase from 22,992 yesterday. There were 452 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, a slight increase from 450 the day before. Sunday was the lowest hospitalizations had been since May 10, when there were 434 hospitalizations. Of those patients in hospitals, 198 are in intensive care, a slight decrease from 199 on Sunday. This is the lowest intensive care hospitalizations have been since May 11, when there were 194 such hospitalizations. **WHO IS GETTING SICK?** Number of health care workers who have tested positive for COVID-19: 2,973 The age group with

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the most infections remains 30- to 39-year-olds with 5,724 cases. The age group with the most deaths remains 80- to 89-year-olds with 411 deaths. THE IMPACT ON CARE CENTERS

There are four long-term care centers in the metro area with more than 100 confirmed infections, according to Health Department data released last Friday. Three of those centers have at least 38 deaths.

The data was released in response to a request from Republican State Sen. Karin Housley of St. Mary's Point, who voiced concern over the amount of cases and deaths coming out of long-term care facilities.

North Ridge Health and Rehab in New Hope had the highest case count, with nearly 300 cases.

St. Therese of New Hope had the highest death toll, with 67 deaths.

In the east metro, West St. Paul's Southview Acres Healthcare Center reported 153 confirm cases of the coronavirus among staff and residents; 38 of those residents had died.

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Pandemic, protests and ice cream. 2 Scoops Ice Cream Eatery seeks to heal us.

ARTICLE CDL. [**PANDEMIC, PROTESTS AND ICE CREAM. 2 SCOOPS ICE CREAM EATERY SEEKS TO HEAL US.**](#)

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Highlight: Opening an ice cream parlor during the middle of a pandemic and unparalleled protests might seem like a bad idea. But the owner of 2 Scoops Ice Cream Eatery on Selby Avenue says it's actually the perfect time. What the world needs now, he says, is ice cream.

Body

Opening an ice cream parlor during the middle of a pandemic and unparalleled protests might seem like a bad idea.

But Brian White Jr., the owner of 2 Scoops Ice Cream Eatery on Selby Avenue, says it's actually the perfect time. What the world needs now, he says, is ice cream.

"My father always says, 'Timing is everything,'" White said. "Right now, 2 Scoops is needed. ... Ice cream is one of those things that is universal. It makes everyone happy. It brings people together."

Since 2 Scoops opened on May 30 at the corner of Selby and Milton, it has become a small oasis of "peace and happiness" in the neighborhood, White said.

While other businesses in St. Paul were damaged by looters and arsonists in the aftermath of the killing of **George Floyd**, 2 Scoops, with plywood boards covering its windows, remained intact.

"It's no secret that we are a black-owned and -operated business, and we stand behind that," said White, who owns the ice cream parlor with his parents, Brian White Sr. and Rdella White. "During these times, I think we're getting a lot more support because of what happened with Mr. Floyd. We are wrapping our arms around how we can use these times to figure out how we can come together and work through these things and show support to the community."

GAINING COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT

When St. Paul residents Andreas Schramm and Jen Ouellette-Schramm heard that a black-owned ice cream parlor had opened on Selby, they drove over to buy a couple of cones - a split scoop of salted caramel and strawberry cheesecake for him and a single scoop of chocolate for her.

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"We're trying consciously to support local businesses right now, especially minority-owned businesses," Schramm said.

Jeremy and Angelica Imhoede and their 3 1/2-year-old son, L.J., made the trek from New Hope after learning about 2 Scoops on social media.

"We always want to support black-owned businesses, but especially during this time," Jeremy Imhoede said.

Said Angelica Imhoede: "We just hope they can continue to stay afloat in this community during this time. It's disgusting what happened, but this is part of our journey - having generational wealth and building our own businesses and our own economies to help sustain our communities."

NOW WAS THE TIME

Brian White Jr. and his family began discussing opening a business three years ago. When they learned Golden Thyme Coffee Shop was moving to a new location, just down the block, they jumped at the opportunity to take over the space.

"The stars aligned," he said. "The location is just great. We wanted to be a part of the Rondo neighborhood and its rich history. That was part of our motivation in opening here: we wanted to continue that legacy of a black-owned business in (Rondo). We're excited and proud of how things are going so far. The reception from the community, and the support, has just been tremendous."

The White family completely remodeled the space, adding ceiling fans, red tables and chairs and a red-and-white checkered floor. One wall is devoted to "The Cream of the Crop," framed photos of St. Paul athletes who have gone on to play college or professional ball.

"We're big sports fanatics," said White Jr., who was a running back at North Dakota State University. "Anything Minnesota sports - Vikings, Timberwolves, Gophers, you name it. We've had the opportunity to rub elbows with a lot of the up-and-coming sports talent out of St. Paul."

Anytime a featured athlete comes into the eatery, they are asked to sign their photo, he said.

Among those pictured: Ohio State defensive tackle Jashon Cornell, recently drafted by the Detroit Lions. "He's my cousin," White Jr. said.

"Phil Archer came in just the other day," he said, referring to the former professional football player. "That's a photo of him sacking Aaron Rodgers. We're big Vikings fans, so we love to see that."

How does ice cream fit into an athlete's diet? "It's high in protein," White Jr. explains.

2 SCOOPS 4 KIDS

The most popular flavors at 2 Scoops to date are Birthday Cake and Cotton Candy Twist for kids and Ultimate Oreo and Espresso Oreo for adults, he said, adding that his favorite is Cotton Candy Twist, a bright-blue and pink concoction.

"It's just to die for," he said. "I love it. I eat it every opportunity that I get. I'm trying not to put on the pounds, but it's tough when you're standing in an ice cream shop all day and everything is smelling great - those waffle cones and brownies and cookies."

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Mark Korbelt, the State Farm insurance agent whose office is right across the street, is having the same problem. "I've been there every day since it opened," Korbelt said, with a laugh. "We head over around 3 p.m. because we want sugar. It's awesome, but it could get dangerous. Luckily, it's summertime so we can get outside and burn some of the calories off."

Korbelt was the inspiration behind "2 Scoops 4 Kids" - a fund dedicated to free ice cream for kids in the neighborhood. He donated the first \$100 to the fund on Tuesday.

"Nothing puts a bigger smile on a kid's face than an ice cream cone," said Korbelt, who has worked in the area for 2 ½ years. "I just wanted to extend a welcome and, hopefully, get some kids some ice cream."

When word spread that Korbelt had started the fund, other donors stepped up to help. "The biggest way you can show love to a community is to support them locally and take care of the ones around you," Korbelt said. "This is all about the kids."

White Jr., the father of six children, said he has been gobsmacked by the "2 Scoops 4 Kids" donations. "Sometimes, during times of tragedy, people begin to band together," he said. "This is a perfect example of that. I can definitely see it growing. That's what this place is all about."

ST. PAUL PROUD

Ice cream might not be the answer to all that ails us, but it certainly can't hurt.

"I've watched people come in the door with a frown - just because of the heaviness of what is going with these times," White Jr. said. "But when they walk out the door, they are all smiles and laughs. It's just an awesome thing."

Since the eatery opened, he said he has watched people of all races and ethnic backgrounds come together and show their support. "We've shown love and received love back," he said. "I think this is a great example of what things could be, and what we should strive to have things be like. 2 Scoops is exemplifying that at this moment, so we're happy about that."

"I'm more proud than ever to say I'm from St. Paul and from this community," he said. "We see a lot of bad stuff in the news, but a lot of times, what doesn't get talked about is the good things that are happening, and how we are working to heal and try to get back to where we need to be."

2 Scoops Ice Cream Eatery LOCATION: 921 Selby Ave., St. Paul HOURS: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday - Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday [*New in a pandemic: These restaurants are serving guests despite all odds*](#) [*In Bloom, fine dining restaurant at St. Paul's Keg and Case, closes permanently*](#) [*Photos: NYC's restaurants get creative for street eating*](#) [*Two St. Paul restaurants reopen as two more Minneapolis spots close*](#) [*With hundreds of COVID-19 cases tied to bars, Walz threatens stricter actions*](#)

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Customers eye the varieties of ice cream at Two Scoops Ice Cream Parlor in St. Paul on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Customers queue up for ice cream at Two Scoops Ice Cream Parlor in St. Paul on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Brian White, owner of Two Scoops Ice Cream Parlor in St. Paul, hands over a banana split to Lena Young on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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Protesters should get a COVID-19 test

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Protesters, those who watched nearby, and those who volunteered with neighborhood cleanup need to get tested for COVID-19 preferably five to seven days after participating or sooner if they feel sick. The historic marches after *George Floyd's* tragic death happened during a still unfolding pandemic. Those who joined the calls for justice must take action to prevent themselves from becoming vehicles for viral spread.

COVID-19 is still circulating in Minnesota and elsewhere even as mitigation measures ease. Crowding and close contact for sustained periods of time can fuel the pathogen's transmission. Droplets containing the virus expelled during singing or talking at loud volume also appear to enhance contagion. Unfortunately, these risk factors have been widespread as thousands came together after Floyd's May 25 death to call for police reform or mop up the aftermath when violence occurred.

It's best for those infected to get prompt medical care. Precautions are also needed to alert family and friends to prevent further spread, a step that also helps protect seniors because infections in elder care centers appear to be introduced by staff or contractors who have the virus. In addition, testing provides public health professionals with vital surveillance information about the disease. If hot spots are developing, medical providers can prepare for hospitalizations and disease control experts can act to contain an outbreak.

Testing is still recommended even if you don't feel sick. People who have COVID-19 can be contagious even if they don't have symptoms of this disease, such as a cough, fever or shortness of breath. Typically, symptoms occur five to seven days after exposure, which is why health officials urge waiting about a week to get a test after attending a protest. Because symptoms can take up to two weeks to appear after exposure, they recommend a follow-up test in 12 to 14 days even if the first test was negative.

Officials recommend that those seeking a test start by contacting their medical providers. The state Health Department has a list of testing locations on its website: [tinyurl.com/y8mbqklk](https://www.tinyurl.com/y8mbqklk). Temporary community testing sites may soon be added in locations where the protests occurred.

As of late last week, this online resource said many clinics were not doing testing for those without COVID-19 symptoms. But state health officials also sent out an alert asking providers to test both symptomatic and asymptomatic people who were involved in large gatherings. This should help open the door for testing,

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although some health care systems may not have the capacity to do asymptomatic testing. Calling ahead is prudent.

Paying for the test is also likely a concern for many, even those with health insurance. But recent changes in federal law in response to COVID-19 require comprehensive private health plans to cover testing and related services without cost-sharing (such as deductibles or copays). Again, the best bet is to call your insurer first.

State-run programs such as Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare do not have out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing. Seniors on Medicare or Medicare Advantage should also be shielded from testing costs.

That still leaves those who don't have insurance. Many without coverage could be eligible for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare (enroll throughout the year at MNsure.org). Health officials also note that many providers have received grants to cover the uninsured or can apply for federal funds to cover testing for those without coverage. "People who are uninsured should be able to get tested," a Health Department spokesman said Thursday.

Getting a COVID-19 test isn't just sensible. It's an extension of why so many marched for justice - because they are committed to the community's future well-being.

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Sabor Chuchi restaurant owner after fires: 'Your whole life is there, and it's gone'

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Exhausted from two straight nights of defending his restaurant, El Sabor Chuchi, owner Luis Jose Tamay stayed home on Friday, May 29, four days after the killing of ***George Floyd***. That night, browsing Facebook, he came across a live video of Sabor Chuchi burning.

"I was in shock. Your whole life is there, all your things, and it's gone," Tamay said. "We don't know how to react yet."

Tamay hails from the Cañar province of Ecuador. There, he made a living harvesting plantains, but dreamed of opening a restaurant in the United States. He came to Minneapolis in 2003 and worked his way up in the restaurant business. He went from washing dishes to preparatory work to cooking. When he saved enough money, he opened Sabor Chuchi in 2015, building the kitchen himself in leased space.

Sabor Chuchi restaurant owner after fires: 'Your whole life is there, and it's gone'

The East Lake Street restaurant provided members of Minneapolis' Ecuadorian community a taste of home. After a night of carousing, some would make their way to Sabor Chuchi on Sunday mornings to soothe their nerves with encebollado - a stew made with tuna, yucca, plantains and onion, Tamay said.

The restaurant also served as an anchor for Tamay's family - employing his two brothers, Manuel and Segundo, and providing for his two children, Jenri and Brandon.

Now that the business is gone, Tamay's savings and his wife's job as housekeeper have kept his immediate family afloat for now. But he's worried that next month's bills will leave him strapped for cash.

Even before the protests, Tamay's earnings had taken a hit by the Covid-19 pandemic and state-ordered shutdown of restaurant dining rooms. He reopened Sabor Chuchi exclusively for delivery, but his earnings hovered around 50% of what they were before the virus struck and shut down foot traffic. The earnings from his neighboring store, Chuchi Market, were crucial for Tamay during the pandemic, but it closed when the protests started. He's hoping to get Chuchi Market open again as soon he can, he said.

As Sabor Chuchi was uninsured, he's hoping his landlord will help him rebuild. Otherwise, he'll have to restore his restaurant on his own. His nephew, Javier Tamay, [set up a GoFundMe page to raise money](#) - it's drawn more than \$105,000 in contributions so far, easily eclipsing both the original \$60,000 goal and then an extended goal of \$100,000.

The kindness of the donations has spurred Tamay's optimism for moving forward. "A lot of good people, a lot of good hearts," he said.

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Chauvin's bail raised to \$1.25M

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Body

Unconditional bail for former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** was raised by \$250,000 to \$1.25 million Monday afternoon in the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody.

Chauvin made his first court appearance by video feed, handcuffed in an orange jumpsuit sitting at a small conference room table in the Hennepin County jail.

In a hearing that lasted just 15 minutes, prosecutor Matthew Frank argued that the severity of the charges and the strength of public opinion against Chauvin made him a more likely flight risk. Frank asked District Judge Jeannice Reding to raise his bail from \$750,000 to \$1 million with conditions, and from \$1 million to \$1.25 million without conditions.

The conditions include: that he remain law abiding, that he not have any contact with Floyd's family, that he not work in law enforcement or security, that he surrender any firearms and licenses to carry, that he remain in Minnesota under court supervision, and that he sign a waiver of extradition upon his release.

Neither Chauvin nor his lawyer, Eric Nelson, objected.

Chauvin, 44, of Oakdale, faces charges of second-degree murder without intent, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Chauvin did not enter a plea at the hearing. His next court appearance was set for 1:30 p.m. June 29.

First appearances are typically procedural: The charges can be read to a defendant, although most attorneys waive the reading, bail is argued and another hearing date is set.

Chauvin was charged four days after he killed Floyd, a 46-year-old black man from St. Louis Park, on May 25. He is being held at the state prison at Oak Park Heights.

The courtroom was mostly empty, occupied only by a handful of sheriff's deputies, reporters and lawyers. Plastic covers had been added along the bar separating the audience and lawyers as a precaution against the

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pandemic. Two large flat-screen televisions were placed in front of the judge's bench to show a live feed of Chauvin, who sat with jail personnel in a separate conference room.

Chauvin waived a reading of the complaint against him.

Frank quickly summarized the charges and what has been seen by millions from around the world in witness videos of the arrest and subsequent death of Floyd.

Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck "while he went limp and eventually lifeless," Frank said. "Obviously, the death of George Floyd has had a strong reaction in the community, to put it mildly."

Chauvin sat with his hands under a table for most of the hearing, at times looking like he was leaning forward to better hear questions from the judge and the video stream.

Nelson, Chauvin's lawyer, quickly ducked out of a side door at the courthouse after the hearing as dozens of reporters from around the country waited outside.

"I'm not making any comments at this time," Nelson said.

Chauvin's former colleagues, J Alexander Kueng, Thomas Lane and Tou Thao, are charged as accomplices.

A video recorded by a bystander showed Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck as he told the officers he couldn't breathe and that he was going to die. Lane and Kueng were out of view restraining Floyd's body.

The video also showed bystanders begging the officers to stop, and Thao standing watch nearby dismissing witnesses' concerns.

All four were fired days after Floyd was killed on Memorial Day.

Kueng, Lane and Thao are each charged with one count of aiding and abetting second-degree murder and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter.

The three are being held at the Hennepin County jail on \$1 million bail without conditions or \$750,000 bail with conditions.

Attorneys for Kueng and Lane told a judge during their clients' first appearances last week that they were rookies with just a few days' experience and looked to Chauvin, the most senior officer at the scene, for guidance.

"At all times Mr. Kueng and Mr. Lane turned their attention to that 19-year veteran," Kueng's attorney, Thomas Plunkett, said last week. "[Kueng] was trying - they were trying to communicate that this situation needs to change direction."

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, argued last week that his client had asked two times if they should roll Floyd onto his side, but Chauvin said no.

"What was [Lane] supposed to do ... go up to Mr. Chauvin and grab him and throw him off?" said Gray, who plans to argue at a future hearing that there's not enough evidence to prosecute his client.

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Lane and Kueng had responded about 8:08 p.m. to a call that a man used a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Cup Foods on the corner of Chicago Avenue and E. 38th Street. They found Floyd sitting in a car nearby, handcuffed him and attempted to put him in their squad car. Chauvin and Thao arrived to assist.

While charging documents said Chauvin pulled Floyd out of the squad, Gray said last week that Floyd resisted arrest, "asserted himself" and later "flew out" of the squad through his own actions.

Lane restrained Floyd's legs, Kueng held onto his back and ***Chauvin knelt*** on his neck as he lay in the street.

At one point, Kueng took Floyd's pulse and told his former colleagues he couldn't detect one. Chauvin is accused of keeping his knee on Floyd's neck for about two minutes after Kueng's statement.

Chauvin's knee was on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds total, according to the complaint.

Kueng, Lane and Thao are scheduled to make their next court appearance on June 29.

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New flash point: Police reform

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Protesters in Minneapolis and across the country have found a new rallying cry: Abolish the police. And they're determined to make the city where **George Floyd** died a national example of radical change.

They may differ on what it means to dismantle or defund the police. But the idea has gained momentum across the country, with activists asking people to redefine public safety without armed, uniformed officers of the law.

Black Visions Collective and Reclaim the Block, advocacy organizations that have pushed to defund the **Minneapolis Police Department** in recent years, have now captured the attention of the city's leaders and its residents.

Kandace Montgomery, executive director of Black Visions, said the process to create something in its place begins now.

"So much of our existence has been the lies fed to us that police keep us safe, and no other alternative has really been presented," Montgomery said Monday. "What happens here in Minneapolis is going to shape the rest of the country and, I believe, the world, so we want to get it right."

This week, movement leaders have forced elected officials to take a public stand. On Saturday, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey was heckled and sent away by protesters after he told them he did not support a full abolishment of the police department.

The next day, in front of a massive crowd at Powderhorn Park, a majority of City Council members stood on a stage and said they would "begin the process of ending the **Minneapolis Police Department**."

But doing so means more than just creating a "police in T-shirts" model, Montgomery said. It means investing in other facets of society that lead to a safe and healthy population, such as education, housing and health care.

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It also means building a different structure to respond to danger that is "culturally appropriate and competent," she said. Instead of officers responding to calls of domestic assault, substance abuse or mental-health issues, they would be handled by professionals in those fields.

And while a majority of council members made a commitment to end the department, Montgomery acknowledged there needs to be education on the history of the police department - and on the disproportionate violence enacted by police against black people - to sway those who support it.

"We offer an opportunity for those individual officers as well as the institutions to be in a real process of truth and reconciliation," she said. "It's clear that not everybody is going to come with us."

Black Visions was formed in 2017 in part by people who helped establish the local chapter of ***Black Lives Matter***, Montgomery said. After defining the collective's message, the group held a protest in front of Frey's home in 2018 asking him to divest from the police department.

Their push for police divestment continued and strengthened when they joined forces with Reclaim the Block. Their campaign in part influenced the city to create its Office of Violence Prevention within the city's Health Department, Montgomery said.

After a wave of violent crime in downtown Minneapolis last year, a survey showed a majority of Minneapolis residents supported Police Chief Medaria Arradondo's request for hundreds more cops in the coming years. The City Council voted to increase funding of the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** in last year's budget from \$184.9 million to \$193.3 million.

But Floyd's killing, and the resulting violent clashes between police and protesters around the nation, convinced many city leaders to listen to the ***defund police*** movement.

Council members on the stage Sunday said they would now begin to tackle dismantling the police department through budget negotiations.

Those pushing for the end of the police department said they believe it cannot be patched through reforms.

"We have had citizen review boards, body cameras and a black chief," sMiski Noor, an organizer with Black Visions, said at Sunday's rally at Powderhorn Park. "But we are still here, watching black people get murdered and tear gassed in our streets.

Noor continued: "We are here to rebuild our city on a different foundation. A foundation of real safety, protection for black people, for native people, for immigrants, for disabled folks, for queer and trans people."

The previous day, thousands marched in northeast Minneapolis toward Frey's home, demanding the defunding of the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

Huda Yusuf, who was at the protest with her 12-year-old son, Jamal Farah, said that while she supported defunding the police, she did not know if it was realistic.

"You know when an executive comes into a corporation and then cleans house and then hires people? You need to clean house," she said. "To me, defunding the police really means that the community is looking at other options."

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Farah agreed and had his own solutions, including changing officer training and requiring officers to live in the city they serve.

"People say that there's some good cops and some bad cops," he said. "But the good cops are in a bad corporation. They should change the police or just abolish the police, in my opinion."

Another protester, Maisah Outlaw, said the police department is beyond reform, citing how officers voted in Bob Kroll to become president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis.

She said she'd rather see money go toward experts who treat mental health and substance abuse.

"This isn't the first time an institution that is rooted in racism has been abolished. It's not impossible," she said. "We don't need to scare people and beat people into submission."

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Dismantle Minneapolis Police Department? Activists' call sets off debate in city

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"We're dismantling our police department," City Council Member Jeremiah Ellison tweeted on Sunday, the same day he and a majority of the council proclaimed support to disband the force to cheering protesters at Powderhorn Park in South Minneapolis. "And we won't be silent. We'll be loud. We'll fight. We'll win."

But dismantling an entire department is exceedingly rare. It was done in Camden, N.J., and was talked about - though ultimately discarded - in Ferguson, Mo., after the death of Michael Brown. Such a move comes with legal issues, including a city charter that stipulates a police force, plus a union-protected workforce.

"Saying that they're going to defund the police or that they're going to ban the police or whatever they're talking about, that was optics, guys," said Michelle Gross, president of the Minneapolis chapter of Communities United Against Police Brutality. "Just plain optics."

Sam Martinez, an activist with Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar, a group formed after the 2015 death of Jamar Clark in a confrontation with police, said just getting rid of a police department doesn't solve the problem.

"If they attempted to defund the police or reduce the police force, we know they can't do it, and what comes after that? Will they turn over the power to the (Hennepin County) sheriff ... who has had no accountability either?" Martinez said.

Community activists have criticized the Minneapolis department for years for what they say is a racist and brutal culture that resists change. The state of Minnesota launched a civil rights investigation of the

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department last week, and the first concrete changes came Friday in a stipulated agreement in which the city agreed to ban chokeholds and neck restraints.

Steve Cramer, a former City Council member who now serves as president and CEO of the Minneapolis Downtown Council, called rhetoric about ending policing as the city knows it "exhilarating to some but terrifying to others."

"Until we really understand how this kind of evaluation and planning process is going to move forward, there's this vacuum that people are going to fill with their own thoughts," he said. " ... I think that's just a hard place that some of our elected officials have put our community in at a very vulnerable time."

Protesters nationwide are demanding police reforms, and calls to "defund the police" over the death of Floyd and other black Americans killed by law enforcement have become a rallying cry. Supporters say the movement isn't about eliminating police departments or stripping agencies of all of their money. Instead, they say it is time for the country to address systemic problems in policing in America and spend more on what communities across the U.S. need, such as housing and education.

Gross' group, along with others including Minnesota's Council on American-Islamic Relations and two ***Black Lives Matter*** chapters, presented their own 40 recommendations for police reform on Monday. They gathered at the remnants of the Third Precinct station, which was set ablaze by protesters at the height of violence following Floyd's death.

Among the recommendations, officers would be required to carry their own professional liability insurance, an idea that aims to hike out-of-pocket insurance rates for officers who engage in high-risk conduct. Some of the worst offenders would become uninsurable and forbidden from working as a police officer.

The groups also are seeking an independent agency to investigate and prosecute critical incidents involving police; mandatory psychological testing for officers; and community participation in negotiating police union contracts. They would end so-called "warrior" training for officers and the use of no-knock warrants, while banning military equipment in community policing as well as neck restraints and chokeholds.

In Ferguson, where the 2014 shooting death of Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old, galvanized the fledgling ***Black Lives Matter*** movement, the city and U.S. Justice Department entered a consent agreement that required massive reforms overseen by a court-appointed monitor. Among the results are a department with significantly more black officers, a police use-of-force policy and progress in use of body-worn and in-car cameras.

Ferguson spent \$1.1 million in the first three years of the consent agreement and expects to spend another \$1 million over the next three years - a significant investment for a city with an annual budget of less than \$13 million.

Changes are being talked about elsewhere, too. In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio said Sunday that the city would move funding from the NYPD to youth initiatives and social services, while keeping the city safe, but he didn't give details. In Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti vowed to cut as much as \$150 million that was part of a planned increase in the police department's budget.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, who was booed at a rally Saturday outside his house when he said he does not support abolishing the department, repeated that stance Monday. In an interview with ABC's "Good Morning America," he said he looked forward to "deciphering" what council members mean by such talk.

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He said he favors "a full-on cultural shift in how our *Minneapolis Police Department* and departments throughout the country function."

"We have difficulty both terminating and disciplining officers, and then getting that termination or discipline to stick," Frey said. "We're going after the police union, the police union contract, the arbitration provisions that mandate that we have arbitration at the end of the process, and oftentimes that reverts the officer to right back where they were to begin with."

Alondra Cano, one of the nine council members who said they support disbanding, called impending change "a process" that is just beginning. Meanwhile, she said the council will look at redirecting funding from the police department toward the city's office of violence prevention and other community safety strategies that will "help inform and bring life to that new public safety system that we all want to create".

Ellison said the city will continue to fund safety initiatives like the Group Violence Intervention program, which started in 2017 with the aim of reducing gun violence.

"I think that we owe it to ourselves as a community to sort of put our resources behind those things that we already know are working," Ellison said. "But we are not going to hit the eject button without a fully realized plan."

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People hang a sign in front of the State Capitol building during a protest in St. Paul on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, part of national demonstrations following the death of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis police custody. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey addresses protesters at a Defund the Police march to protest the killing of *George Floyd* in police custody in Minneapolis, June 6, 2020. A sea of protesters yelled, "Go home, Jacob, go home," and "Shame," when he would not, on the spot, commit to abolishing the police department. (Victor J. Blue/The New York Times)

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Body

Each year, hundreds of complaints of police misconduct - from citizens and from inside the **Minneapolis Police Department** itself - land before a civilian review board tasked with investigating them.

Only a tiny fraction result in the discipline of an officer.

Instead, the civilian review authority and the MPD have increasingly relied on "coaching" officers accused of misconduct, a Star Tribune analysis of data compiled by the city's Office of Police Conduct Review shows. This gentler form of corrective action for low-level violations has a decided benefit for police. Most disciplinary records are public information, but the department does not recognize coaching as a form of discipline; complaints classified this way are, by state law, kept closed and out of view.

It's possible that some of the 16 misconduct complaints against now-fired Minneapolis officer **Derek Chauvin** that were closed with no discipline, for example, were addressed with coaching.

There is no way for the public to know.

The May 25 death of **George Floyd** under Chauvin's knee spurred international outrage and renewed calls to restructure or abolish the department. Council members and activists calling for the action often cite union protections - along with the department's unwillingness or inability to discipline its own - as a barrier to changing its culture and improving relationships with distrustful minority communities.

In Minneapolis, the state's largest police force, only about 3% of misconduct complaints result in discipline. That number strikes civilian watchdogs and academics alike as low for a department of nearly 850 sworn officers. Comparisons are difficult, however, because there is no central repository for tracking police misconduct in the United States, and every agency counts things differently, said Susan Hutson, president of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

Two departments under federal consent decrees show very different results. In Seattle, roughly 20% of citizen and internal misconduct complaints combined result in discipline. In New Orleans, 14% of outside

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civilian complaints were sustained with discipline in 2018, while 53% of internal complaints were sustained with discipline.

Around the country, civilian oversight commissions are frequently criticized for lacking the necessary authority to hold officers accountable for their actions. Yet the vast majority lack funding for investigative auditors and don't have subpoena power, she said.

"We are sometimes fighting with one hand tied behind our back," Hutson said. "We need unfettered access to all the data. Period."

Imani Jaafar, a lawyer who directs the Minneapolis Office of Police Conduct Review, defended what she called "a very good layered civilian oversight system." Minnesota law does not permit any civilian oversight group to discipline law enforcement officers, Jaafar said, and that is not the review board's purpose. All it can do is try to help ensure a just process so officers are held responsible within the confines of the law, she said.

When asked if the 3% discipline outcome and use of coaching was acceptable, Jaafar said that was a question for the police department. Only A-level violations - such as foul language, speeding through a neighborhood or not turning on a body camera at the start of a call - are eligible for coaching.

Jaafar said her main frustration is the inability to provide information on cases that don't result in discipline, such as coaching cases. Minnesota's public records law does not allow it. That's a "huge problem," she said.

The *Minneapolis Police Department* did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Velma Korbel, who heads the city's Department of Civil Rights, which houses the civilian oversight group, said the low discipline rate and use of coaching are both the result of factors "outside of the Office of Police Conduct Review oversight." She pointed squarely at the discipline matrix Minneapolis police use to sort out infractions.

The state Department of Human Rights investigation of the *Minneapolis Police Department* underway will look at both, she said. "That is something that absolutely must be looked at in Minneapolis," Korbel said. "I think everything should be on the table. Now is the time."

Michelle Gross, president of Citizens United Against Police Brutality, called the discipline rate "unconscionable." She blames it on the ineffectiveness of the civilian review process, which she said is too dominated by law enforcement and city employees.

Gross estimates the national average for discipline from civilian oversight bodies handling civilian misconduct complaints about 7 to 9%. "It makes us the low end outlier for the entire country," said Gross.

Of the 1,600 police misconduct complaints filed in Minneapolis from 2013 through 2018 - the last year of completed data - only 45 resulted in an officer being disciplined. Most of it was a mix of reprimands and suspensions. Five officers were successfully fired during that six-year period, and one was demoted.

During that time more than 270 misconduct allegations were resolved with nondisciplinary coaching.

In Minneapolis, police officers are sometimes not disciplined even when the city pays significant sums to settle allegations that their use of force crossed the line and violated civil rights.

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Tou Thao, videotaped watching Chauvin pressing his knee into Floyd's neck, was sued in 2017 for allegedly beating Lamar Ferguson while he was handcuffed, breaking his teeth. The city paid \$25,000 to settle the lawsuit. Thao was never disciplined for his actions, according to police records.

The low rate of discipline troubles Michael Friedman, executive director of the Minneapolis Legal Rights Center, a nonprofit law firm specializing in criminal defense and restorative justice. He said he doubts outcomes have changed much since he chaired the Civilian Review Authority, the earlier version of the oversight board that collapsed in 2012 amid concerns about effectiveness.

"That concerns me because I don't think that could possibly reflect the rate of the misconduct that's being noted by investigators," said Friedman. "I have no reason to think that the overall pattern has changed."

Two retired senior Minneapolis police officials told the Star Tribune that the department leans heavily on coaching because it offers an immediate corrective action. It's faster and more effective to stick an officer in the hot seat in their supervisor's office, they said, than to deal with paperwork, combative union representatives and hearings - which often lead to arbitration. A formal internal affairs investigation could take more than a year before discipline happens. By then the officer has moved on.

"It's kinda like if I whacked my dog an hour after he [misbehaved]," said one former senior official, who is not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

But others are adamant that coaching shouldn't be used to address deeper problems.

"You can't coach race-based policing," said Merrick J. Bobb, a court-appointed monitor overseeing the federal consent decree that the Seattle police department is operating under.

Bobb and others noted that coaching and its secrecy in Minnesota invite misuse.

"It's not just an administrative workaround; it might also be an intentional way of misleading the public about the true nature and extent of officer misconduct and discipline in the police department," said Metropolitan State University Prof. James Densley.

That's what concerns Friedman. He called Minnesota's public records law "the fundamental issue" complicating efforts to hold Minneapolis police accountable. It says that if an allegation of misconduct does not result in discipline, then all details about who did what are off limits and not open to the public.

"It creates a built-in incentive for police management to let things go so as to avoid public scrutiny for major incidents and preserve their credibility as witnesses," said Friedman.

Bobb was shocked by this provision in state law.

"I find it astounding and disturbing that Minnesota would have a law that prevents citizens from finding out ... what the underlying conduct that was coached was," Merrick said. "One would think that in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd*** that coaching and all disciplinary records should be open and transparent to the public."

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MN Gov. Tim Walz orders moment of silence to honor George Floyd at 11 a.m.

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Body

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz orders a moment of silence for ***George Floyd*** at 11 am on June 9. The moment of silence will last 8 minutes and 46 seconds, the same amount of time former police officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on Floyd's neck. Floyd died in police custody on May 25.

After memorial services in Minneapolis and North Carolina, Floyd's body will be buried in Houston, next to his mother's grave.

"The world watched in horror as ***George Floyd***'s humanity was taken away from him," Walz wrote. "The local, national, and international mourning for ***George Floyd*** is about more than one tragic incident."

On June 5, the Walz-Flanagan administration announced a proposed court order that bans chokeholds and requires other officers to intervene if an officer uses unauthorized force. The administration also announced a civil rights investigation into the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

Floyd's burial service begins in Texas at 11 a.m.

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Trump pushes conspiracy theory about Buffalo protester

ARTICLE CDLVIII. **[TRUMP PUSHES CONSPIRACY THEORY ABOUT BUFFALO
PROTESTER](#)**

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump ignited fresh controversy over his hard-line "law and order" push Tuesday by peddling yet another unfounded conspiracy theory, this time trying to raise suspicions about a 75-year-old protester who was hospitalized after being shoved by police and falling.

Body

By JILL COLVIN and CAROLYN THOMPSON

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump ignited fresh controversy over his hard-line "law and order" push Tuesday by peddling yet another unfounded conspiracy theory, this time trying to raise suspicions about a 75-year-old protester who was hospitalized after being shoved by police and falling.

Trump tweeted without evidence that the confrontation in Buffalo, New York, may have been a "set up" as he once again sided with police officers over protesters and demonstrated anew his willingness to spread and amplify bogus charges cooked up by far-right outlets.

The move comes as Trump, who has labeled himself "your president of law and order," has taken a tough line against the protesters who have been demonstrating across the nation following the killing of **George Floyd**, a black man who died in police custody in Minneapolis after a white police officer pressed a knee into his neck.

Aides have been urging Trump to strike a more unifying tone, worried that his divisive response to the protests is animating parts of the Democratic base and benefiting his rival, Democrat Joe Biden, months before November's election.

Two Buffalo police officers have been charged with second-degree assault after video captured protester Martin Gugino falling to the ground after being pushed by police. He was seen bleeding from his head as officers walk away. The officers, who could face prison sentences of up to seven years if convicted, have pleaded not guilty.

The video is one of several that have emerged in recent weeks showing police using seemingly excessive force against protesters as Trump has demanded that governors and mayors across the nation take control

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of their streets using all means necessary. He has repeatedly urged local leaders to call up the national guard and threatened to deploy active-duty military to American cities if he deems local efforts insufficient.

"Buffalo protester shoved by Police could be an ANTIFA provocateur," Trump wrote in his tweet. "75 year old Martin Gugino was pushed away after appearing to scan police communications in order to black out the equipment. @OANN I watched, he fell harder than was pushed. Was aiming scanner. Could be a set up?"

There is no evidence to suggest that anything of the sort took place. Trump was referencing a report on One America News Network, a far-right news channel that he often praises.

Trump's tweet was criticized by both Republicans and Democrats.

"It's a serious accusation, which should only be made with facts and evidence. And I haven't seen any yet," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate. Asked by reporters if the president should not be making it, Thune said: "Well, I think that's a given."

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who last week said she's "struggling with" whether to support Trump in November, reacted to the tweet in the Capitol after a reporter handed her a printout.

"Oh lord. Ugh," she said. "Again, why would you fan the flames? That's all I'm going to say."

New York Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo called on Trump to apologize for a "wholly unacceptable" tweet.

"How reckless, how irresponsible, how mean, how crude. I mean if there was ever a reprehensible, dumb comment, and from the president of the United States," Cuomo said at his daily press conference.

"At this moment of anguish and anger, what does he do? Pour gasoline on the fire," he added. "Show some decency. Show some humanity. Show some fairness. You're the president of the United States."

As for the substance of the tweet, the president's claim is "so technically incomprehensible, I'm not even sure where to start," said Matt Blaze, a professor of computer science and law at Georgetown University.

It is possible to disrupt police radio -an illegal action often called "jamming"- but hackers can only do that by attacking receiving stations, not with handheld devices that target an individual police officer's radio, Blaze said.

"Any radio system is subject to interference, but it doesn't work by pointing some sort of ray gun and interfering," Blaze said.

As he has tried to malign protesters as "radical-left, bad people" engaging in domestic terrorism, Trump has frequently invoked the label "antifa," an umbrella term for leftist militants bound more by belief than organizational structure. Trump has blamed antifa for the violence that has erupted during some of the protests. But federal law enforcement officials have offered little evidence that antifa-aligned protesters are behind the efforts seen in hundreds of cities and towns in all 50 states since Floyd's death.

Trump's campaign has run ads calling on Facebook users to applaud the president for saying he would declare antifa a terrorist organization.

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Gugino, who is out of the intensive care unit but remains hospitalized, has been described by friends as a retiree and veteran peace activist driven by his faith and a desire for social justice. He is involved with the Western New York Peace Center and Latin American Solidarity Committee, the center's executive director has said.

Gugino's attorney, Kelly Zarcone, told The Associated Press that Trump's accusations "are utterly baseless and ridiculous."

Gugino, she said, "has always been a peaceful protester because he cares about today's society."

"No one from law enforcement has even suggested anything otherwise, so we are at a loss to understand why the president of the United States would make such dark, dangerous, and untrue accusations about him," she said.

Erie County District Attorney John Flynn declined to comment Tuesday on the president's tweet and said he would have no further comment on the Gugino case because it remains under investigation.

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Thompson reported from Buffalo. Associated Press writer Amanda Seitz in Chicago contributed to this report.

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Peaceful protest is changing minds

ARTICLE CDLIX. [PEACEFUL PROTEST IS CHANGING MINDS](#)

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Highlight: Shows of solidarity for [George Floyd](#) have the power to lead to needed systemic reforms.

Body

After the violence and destructive chaos that erupted after [George Floyd](#)'s cruel death on a Minneapolis street, we are being reminded anew of the power of peaceful protest.

Instead of dissipating, the anger at the injustices of our system instead is gathering strength, drawing thousands of Americans to march in every state in the nation and countries abroad, all with the same message: [Black lives matter](#).

That show of solidarity has the power to change the conversation and the culture that has kept us bound far too long to the [systemic racism](#) that leaves so many behind. What seems different this time, and more hopeful, is that there is less of a wish to return to "normal," and a greater recognition that what passed for normal wasn't working for a whole lot of people.

And that includes corporations, whose involvement can signal a change in national sentiment, as when many supported same-sex marriage. Increasingly, they are supporting the [Black Lives Matter](#) cause. Amazon put up a [Black Lives Matter](#) banner on its website recently, with owner Jeff Bezos declaring that he was "happy to lose" customers who objected.

PetSmart on Monday issued a statement that said, "We must all commit to standing with our Black communities, to taking meaningful action, to being held accountable, and to saying what we must until it is no longer necessary: [Black Lives Matter](#)." From Netflix: "To be silent is to be complicit."

It is easy to doubt the sincerity of such gestures, just as some have decried the videos that show some police officers hugging protesters, joining with them, line-dancing in solidarity. But those gestures add up. Each one can embolden and inspire others to join in.

On Sunday, Republican former presidential candidate and current U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney joined the thousands marching on the White House. Asked why, he replied, "We need to end violence and brutality, and to make sure that people understand that [black lives matter](#)."

On Monday a group of Democratic congressional leaders started their day by kneeling for 8 minutes and 46 seconds in Emancipation Hall - the precise amount of time former Minneapolis Police Officer [Derek](#)

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Chauvin can be seen on video applying his knee to Floyd's neck, squeezing the breath from him. Some protesters have chosen to sprawl facedown on the pavement for that period of time or have stood in silence.

These simple yet powerful gestures speak far louder than the violence that caused so much destruction. They draw support. They make room for conversion. They persist long after rage and hate burn themselves out.

Dare we hope that we are finally prepared to root out the rot that has tainted our democracy for so long? We do. But when it comes, it is more likely to be the result not of rage and destruction, but of a peaceful but persistent demand for lasting change that calls out the best in us.

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Charles Blow: Allies, don't fail us again

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In fact, white liberals were involved in many parts of the civil rights movement, in participation, organization and funding.

But the backlash was quick. A New York Times survey conducted just months after the Civil Rights Act was passed found that most white New Yorkers believed that the civil rights movement had gone too far.

Two years later, when Martin Luther King Jr. moved to Chicago to begin the Chicago Campaign to push for fair housing, he was met by vicious, violent protests from white mobs and resistance from many of the same white legislators who had supported the Civil Rights Act.

At one protest King was hit so hard by a rock that it knocked him to the ground. As the Chicago Tribune reported, a riot broke out that day:

"At least 30 people were injured, some by a hail of bricks and bottles accompanied by racial epithets. Some counter demonstrators were clubbed by baton-wielding police officers. More than 40 people were arrested when a crowd of whites blocked adjoining streets and cursed the police, several of whom were hurt."

King would say after the riot, "I have seen many demonstrations in the South but I have never seen anything so hostile and so hateful as I've seen here today."

In a 1967 speech at Stanford, King bemoaned:

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"I'm convinced that many of the very people who supported us in the struggle in the South are not willing to go all the way now. I came to see this in a very difficult and painful way. In Chicago the last year, where I've lived and worked. Some of the people who came quickly to march with us in Selma and Birmingham weren't active around Chicago. And I came to see that so many people who supported morally and even financially what we were doing in Birmingham and Selma, were really outraged against the extremist behavior of Bull Connor and Jim Clark toward Negroes, rather than believing in genuine equality for Negroes."

Many of the white liberals who supported the movement had been moved by embarrassment, moved by images of cruelty rather than the idea of genuine, equitable inclusion.

White allies had disappointed, once again.

One of the most hopeful and heartening features of the current protests has been the images of people of all races, in this country and around the world, openly supporting anti-racism, carrying ***Black Lives Matter*** posters and using more sophisticated language in discussing the matter of state violence against black people.

The challenge here is to sustain the current sentiment and not let this version of Freedom Summer be yet another moment when allies fail.

We must make sure, make a statement, that this is a true change in the American ideology and not an activist-chic, summer street festival for people who have been cooped up for months, not able to go to school or graduate, not able to go to concerts or bars.

This is not the social justice Coachella. This is not ***systemic racism*** Woodstock. This has to be a forever committed, even after protest eventually subsides.

Once again, many white allies, to some degree, have been moved by the embarrassment at intransigence and by the image of public cruelty, in much the same way as it happened in the 1960s.

This feels bigger; it is bigger.

But we must resist efforts to simply pacify and quell, to simply stop the awful images. We must strike at the root: that the entire system operates in a way that is anti-black, that it disadvantages and even punishes blackness, that part of your privilege is built on my oppression.

We will have to come to see and accept that this system of oppression has been actively, energetically designed and deployed over centuries, and it takes centuries of equally active and energetic efforts to dismantle it.

We must make ourselves comfortable with the notion that for the privileged, equality will feel like oppression, and that things - legacy power, wealth accumulation, cultural influence - will not be advantaged by whiteness.

Walter Mondale, who was a young senator from Minnesota in the 1960s, seemed to agree, saying: "A lot of Civil Rights was about making the South behave and taking the teeth from George Wallace." But, he continued, Fair Housing "came right to the neighborhoods across the country. This was Civil Rights getting personal."

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How will our white allies respond when this summer has passed? How will they respond when civil rights gets personal and it's about them and not just punishing the white man who pressed his knee into ***George Floyd***'s neck? How will they respond when true equality threatens their privilege, when it actually starts to cost them something?

Charles M. Blow writes a column for the New York Times.

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MINNEAPOLIS POLICE

It is time to ask ourselves, "What does our police department do?" Make a list, look at each function and ask: 1) Is it worth doing? 2) Who could do it better than the police? I think once we lay it out, we'll find that police officers are the wrong people to be doing many of their assigned jobs. They aren't trained social workers; they aren't EMTs; most are not crime-solvers; and they are demonstrably bad at preventing crime. They are an armed force deployed to intimidate, not protect and serve.

They cannot operate effectively in a diverse culture because they have a racist culture of their own. The problem with the police force is not a few bad apples, but a culture that is rotten to the core. And even good cops, of whom there are plenty, get dragged down to the level of what we saw displayed in the **George Floyd** arrest.

The Minneapolis City Council has it right ("A vow to abolish the MPD," front page, June 8). Time to begin systematically dismembering this monstrous, ineffective structure and reassigning work to more competent and cost-effective people.

Robert Veitch, Richfield

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The reckless and ill-planned decision by the young and naive Minneapolis City Council to support disbanding the **Minneapolis Police Department** has major repercussions that our radical city government never realized.

It was obvious after watching TV interviews with Council Members Lisa Bender and Jeremiah Ellison that neither had a clue what this new paradigm will look like and how essential police and first responder services will be provided to the community.

They should have worked on a plan before making an announcement that only created panic in the community. All that they accomplished was to worsen an already demoralized police department. I predict

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more police officer departures and worsening crime rates and police response times in the city of Minneapolis.

The knee-jerk emotional reaction has also sent shock waves through the business community. Good luck trying to entice business conventions to our Minneapolis Convention Center, business investment or revitalization, or tourism to a city that does not appear safe or stable. Get ready for a mass exodus of businesses and residents to the suburbs as crime and police services worsen too.

The City Council should recognize that it represents far more constituents than those yelling the loudest at a protest. Someone needs to be the adult in the room and recognize the broad impact of this decision.

Corby Pelto, Minneapolis

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Words matter. If protesters persist in using the terms "abolish" the police or "defund" the police, they'll walk right into the tiger trap of the president and succeed in snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. Better to call for a "re-envisioning" or "reimagining" of the Police Department and commit to creating a sensible strategy for accomplishing it that involves all participants - oppressed minorities, police, experts in social and criminal reform, psychologists, elected officials, concerned citizens, etc. Don't lose a tight match by kicking the ball in your own goal.

James Peterson, Minneapolis

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As a former president of the Minneapolis City Council who served during the protests that took place in the wake of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, I am familiar with the role city officials must play in dealing with the issues that are arising today in the wake of the killing of George Floyd. Yes, reforms are necessary, but abolishing the police would be counterproductive. What I would like to have done is not less police presence, but more.

We should require members of the police force to live in the city. That was the law until the police successfully lobbied to have the requirement removed by the Legislature. I believe that if a person is employed by the city and draws their income from the city, paid for by taxes on city residents, then they should share that responsibility.

I also believe that having a cop in the neighborhood, even just as a resident, automatically increases police protection for the whole neighborhood. It means a lot fewer burglaries, because burglars case their targets before they strike, and they don't care to mess around when they know a cop is a few steps away. It means a 24-hours-a-day cop presence, not just an 8-hour shift. It means the cops get to know the neighborhood and the neighborhood gets to know the cops. And you will see them in church. Or in the mosque. They will be part of your life. And you will be part of theirs.

Dan Cohen, Minneapolis

PROTESTS

Friendly advice: Don't skewer allies

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I'm an old, ex-hippie, progressive white guy. I've been demonstrating for peace and civil rights since the early '60s. I've been spat upon, punched out and forcefully arrested. I will not waste my quota of words on President Donald Trump or his minions. Instead, I would like to address the leader of the demonstration who treated Mayor Jacob Frey so despicably ("Protesters march to defund Mpls. police," June 7).

You just damaged this movement as disastrously as the fringe idiots who looted and burned. Time and again I've watched wonderful impulses get hijacked by mic-drunk extremists who witlessly make a mockery of a righteous cause.

Demanding a "yes or no" on-the-spot answer to gutting the police force from your movement's best ally and highest-ranking official, and then enforcing your compelled answer by appealing to an assembled mob, is gutless and imbecilic. Or maybe you understand this rhetoric better: It's counterproductive and counterrevolutionary.

"Leaders" like you unerringly seek out the politician most in tune with their agenda and then shove him into an abyss with infantile screams for not just the unreasonable but for the utterly impossible. What does humiliating Frey get you? And how on earth are you one whit better in that regard than Donald Trump?

Or do you just want to re-elect him? This cockamamie "defund the police" ultimatum will succeed in doing just that. It may even push us one step closer to civil war. Give your mic to somebody else. Climb down off your soap box and wise up before you hurt the good people fighting to achieve peace and justice.

Dennis J. Reardon, Bloomington, Ind.

OFFENSIVE POSTS

Local shops take the gutless route: Shunning Holy Land

Several years ago, the owner of Holy Land Brand Inc.'s daughter posted some racist and anti-Jewish musings on social media. Rather than seeing this as an opportunity for healing and education, the "language police" have decided that only punishment will do ("Holy Land deli loses business over racist posts," June 6). The good folks of Lunds & Byerlys, Seward Co-op, etc., fearing the wrath of their customers and members, have decided that CEO Majdi Wadi's products must be banished from their shelves. In today's political climate, he is persona non grata.

Is this the world we want to live in? Is everyone beyond forgiveness? I don't like the language and sentiments that were posted - I happen to be Jewish myself. The reaction, however, is cowardly and hysterical. It is not virtue that is driving this boycott; it is passivity and fear. It is easier to shun people than to talk with them, so what is easy is being done.

I live in northeast Minneapolis and see Holy Land as an asset to the neighborhood. It is my hope that the business will continue to thrive despite this setback.

Charlie Meyers, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Defunding or dismantling the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** has become a cohesive cry from protesters since the death of ***George Floyd*** under the knee of a city officer two weeks ago.

On Sunday, nine Minneapolis City Council members told a crowd they were prepared to "begin the process of dismantling the ***Minneapolis Police Department***."

Q: Why is the City Council talking about dismantling or defunding Minneapolis police?

A: The killing of Floyd, captured on video by a bystander and considered by many to be a modern-day lynching, shocked the community's conscience and launched two weeks of global protests from one Minneapolis street corner. But the problem is longstanding. The city's poorer and minority residents on whom police disproportionately use force are often wary of police.

Q: What do Minneapolis City Council members mean by dismantling the department?

A: The Council has not released specifics. The council members have articulated support for the concept, but the details will be more difficult. There are clues. Last Friday, the Council met in an emergency session and banned chokeholds and neck restraints in all circumstances.

Even before Floyd's death, the current City Council refused requests from Mayor Jacob Frey to increase the number of police on city streets.

Q: Is dismantling different from defunding?

A: Dismantling implies abolition of the current structure. Defunding refers to shaving the budget. Behind both is the idea of shifting resources from a paramilitary police force to education and social services with the aim of reducing socioeconomic disparities.

Q: Will there be police on Minneapolis streets this summer?

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A: Yes. The council for now has nine members agreeing on the concept of dismantling the department, but there are no agreements on the details or a plan of action for next steps.

Q: Can the Council "defund" the police and stop paying them?

A: Not entirely. The Council must follow the City Charter, which requires the funding of "a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident, and provide for those employees' compensation ..."

Q: What would replace police?

A: The idea generally would be to have a social services-based approach, possibly using the fire department to handle drug overdose calls, and health care and social services professionals to tend to mental health matters instead of militaristic, uniformed officers with guns. But even council members who want to dismantle the police aren't yet articulating detailed agreement on a new approach.

Q: Has any U.S. city done this?

A: There have been attempts at shifting focus. The police force in Camden, N.J., shifted training into heavily emphasizing de-escalation tactics where restraints and force were used as a last resort. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has embraced removing \$150 million from the \$2 billion police budget. Last year, 911 operators in Austin, Texas, began asking callers whether they were seeking police, fire or mental health assistance.

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Man, 23, charged in fire at precinct

ARTICLE CDLXIII. [**MAN, 23, CHARGED IN FIRE AT PRECINCT**](#)

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Byline: DAVID CHANEN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: A St. Paul security guard boasted on social media about the fire, gear theft.

Body

A former Menards store security guard was charged Monday with arson that damaged the *Minneapolis Police Department's* Third Precinct building following the May 25 killing of *George Floyd* in police custody.

Branden M. Wolfe, 23, of St. Paul, is the first person to be charged in connection with the Third Precinct building fire. Hundreds of businesses were damaged in south Minneapolis and St. Paul in the aftermath of Floyd's death on Memorial Day.

The Third Precinct was overrun and heavily damaged from vandalism and arson May 28. Investigators identified several separate fires started in the building. In an interview with law enforcement, Wolfe admitted to being inside the Third Precinct the night of the arson, according to a criminal complaint filed Monday in U.S. District Court in St. Paul.

He took property from the building and pushed a wooden barrel into the fire, the complaint says. Wolfe also identified himself in several photographs depicting him in front of the Third Precinct building holding a police baton, with smoke and flames visible in the background, the complaint says.

It says Wolfe confirmed that he pushed a wooden barrel into the fire, knowing that it would help keep the fire burning. Investigators recovered charred metal barrel rings from the scene.

Wolfe was arrested Wednesday after St. Paul police received a complaint that he was trying to enter the Menards home improvement store on University Avenue. He had been a security guard at the store but had been fired earlier Wednesday after he referred to social media posts about him stealing items from the Third Precinct.

When he was arrested, Wolfe was wearing body armor and a police-issued duty belt and carrying a baton. The belt had handcuffs and a knife, and his name was written in duct tape on the back of the body armor, the complaint says.

Man, 23, charged in fire at precinct

Law enforcement later recovered from Wolfe's apartment additional items belonging to the *Minneapolis Police Department*, including a riot helmet, a 9-mm pistol magazine, a police radio and a police-issued overdose kit.

Wolfe has been convicted of a petty-misdemeanor trespass charge and interfering with a 911 call, which is a gross misdemeanor. On the 911 case, charges of domestic assault, property damage, trespass and disorderly conduct were dismissed. He is on probation in that case until September 2021.

Wolfe's father, Robert Wolfe of Macon, Ga., said he knew nothing of his son's legal troubles or his political leanings. He said his son was raised by his mother and home-schooled in a suburb of Pensacola, Fla.

"He has grandiose ideas, a lot of them ... and zero common sense," Robert Wolfe said.

As for the alleged arson, he said, "I'm still proud of him, whether he burned down the police station or not. He didn't hurt nobody, did he?"

Branden Wolfe has split time recently between Florida and the Twin Cities, where he has lived for about a year and where he and woman have a toddler daughter, his father said.

Wolfe is scheduled to make his initial appearance in federal court Tuesday afternoon.

The ATF and FBI urge the public to report suspected arson, use of explosive devices or destructive acts associated with the recent unrest.

Anyone with information specifically related to the Third Precinct fire or other business fires in the Twin Cities can call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), e-mail ATFTips@atf.gov or submit information anonymously via ReportIt.com.

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 9A**Length:** 576 words**Byline:** MINDY GREILING, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Separating policing, mental health response isn't easy // The entire mental health system overlaps with the judiciary system.**Body**

When I read in the Star Tribune ("A vow to abolish the MPD," June 8) that some City Council members are calling for dismantling the [Minneapolis Police Department](#), suggesting instead to send mental health professionals to respond to certain emergencies, I thought of my son's first mental health crisis.

His psychologist had recommended calling the police.

"The police?" I remember shrieking. "Why not you or some other medical person?"

He assured me that this was the fastest way to get Jim into the mental health system.

It seemed crazy to me, but I soon found that the entire mental health system overlaps with the judicial system - from police crisis calls to sheriff transports to civil commitment courts to jails and prisons being "providers" of last resort.

Over the last 20 years, our family has dealt with more mental health providers than I care to count. Their after-hours answering machines - when mental health crises tend to occur - all routinely say, "If this is an emergency, hang up [your phone] and dial 911." That means the police. They are equipped to come the fastest and are trained to deal with violence. When I have called county crisis teams, they sometimes advise calling the police. In our experience, it's a rarer mental health professional than we have ever found who dares to show up at such times without police backup.

Being the mother of a son with a serious mental illness gives me a very small glimpse into the quandary African-American families face all the time when dealing with police. In a front-page June 5 Star Tribune article, a mental health worker said that what happened to [George Floyd](#) made her think of her clients, who are also at risk because of a lack of understanding between law enforcement and marginalized people. During one crisis with our son that went beyond my coping ability, I called 911. As always, my heart was in my throat. At the time, there had been several examples of people in mental health crisis who had been killed by the police. I weighed the odds carefully.

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A compassionate officer picked me up so I could move my car, which Jim had been driving, off a busy street. When I arrived on the scene, three or four officers had Jim on the ground, kneeling over him. I asked if he had been shot and started toward them. The officer in charge yelled at me to get back and kept on berating me, as if this were a crime scene instead of a medical emergency. The other officers looked at me with sympathy but didn't intervene. When an ambulance arrived we were back in medical mode but I never forgot how being yelled at, as if I were an accomplice to a crime, made me feel.

I thought of Jim pressed into the ground by those officers when I saw the videos of *George Floyd*. No ambulance came for him until he was dead.

The mental health worker quoted in the Star Tribune didn't call for dismantling the Police Department, however. She talked about better-educated, better-trained police. In 2016, I co-chaired a local Roseville Area League of Women Voters study about the police in our five cities. We made similar recommendations. We concluded, as I'm sure the mental health worker knows and our family knows, that, like it or not, police are often needed when psychosis and substance abuse crises are involved.

Mindy Greiling is a former member of the Minnesota House and is the author of "Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker's Fight for Her Son," forthcoming in October. On Twitter: @MGreiling.

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Tires slashed by officers in Mpls. unrest

ARTICLE CDLXV. [**TIRES SLASHED BY OFFICERS IN MPLS. UNREST**](#)

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Byline: PAUL WALSH; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

Two law enforcement agencies acknowledged Monday that officers patrolling Minneapolis during the height of recent protests knifed the tires of numerous vehicles parked and unoccupied in at least two locations in the midst of the unrest.

Video and photo images posted on the news outlet Mother Jones show officers in military-style uniforms puncturing tires in the Kmart parking lot at Lake Street and Nicollet Avenue on May 30.

Images from S. Washington Avenue at Interstate 35W also showed officers with knives deflating the tires of two unoccupied cars with repeated jabs on May 31. Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon confirmed that tires were cut in "a few locations."

"State Patrol troopers strategically deflated tires ... in order to stop behaviors such as vehicles driving dangerously and at high speeds in and around protesters and law enforcement," Gordon said.

Gordon said the patrol also targeted vehicles "that contained items used to cause harm during violent protests" such as rocks, concrete and sticks.

"While not a typical tactic, vehicles were being used as dangerous weapons and inhibited our ability to clear areas and keep areas safe where violent protests were occurring," he said. As in all operations of this size, there will be a review about how these decisions were made."

Deputies from Anoka County followed state orders and joined the patrol and also cut the tires on vehicles on Washington Avenue, said Anoka County Sheriff's Lt. Andy Knotz.

Knotz said the deputies got their directions from the state-led Multiagency Command Center [MACC], which was coordinating law enforcement during the protests connected to the death on May 25 of **George Floyd**.

Towing the vehicles was not an option, Knotz said, because "you could not get any tow trucks in there" because of the mass of people in the area.

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Val Ebertz, who was at the protests, witnessed police slashing tires in the Kmart parking lot at Lake Street and Nicollet Avenue in the midst of protests on May 30.

She added these were the same officers who "were tear-gassing and shooting us with rubber bullets to try to push us farther back into the Kmart parking lot."

Kyla Cook was with Ebertz and said "all of us were in shock" when she and others in the Kmart lot saw one member from a line of officers in riot gear knife the tires of an unattended pickup truck.

Among the vehicle owners whose tires were damaged was Star Tribune reporter Chris Serres, who was covering the protests the night of May 30 and returned to the Kmart lot about 1 a.m. to find that his car was among a few dozen with flattened tires.

"As far as I could see, it looked like all their tires had been slashed," Serres said.

Los Angeles documentary and television producer Andrew Kimmel said his tires were similarly slashed while parked in the Kmart lot. His video of the damage on Twitter has been viewed more than 1.25 million times as of Monday afternoon.

"It was every single car that was in the parking lot," said Kimmel, who has covered more than 100 protests in the past several years and added, "I've never seen the tire slashing before, particularly in a parking lot."

Spokesmen for the *Minneapolis Police Department*, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the National Guard said their personnel were not the ones shown damaging tires in the videos and photos that are making the rounds on social media.

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Disbanding Duluth Police Department unlikely, officials say

ARTICLE CDLXVI. **DISBANDING DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT UNLIKELY,
OFFICIALS SAY**

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Body

DULUTH - A day after nine Minneapolis City Council members pledged to launch efforts to end the state's largest police force, city leaders in northeastern Minnesota's urban hub said they plan to engage the community as they consider public safety reforms.

"The authority of any police department comes from the people in the community," Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken said at a news conference Monday. "To show that's important here, we build policies and practices with our community."

Tusken has condemned the actions of Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who knelt on ***George Floyd***'s neck for almost nine minutes as the 46-year-old black man pleaded that he couldn't breathe, slipped into unconsciousness and later died.

"I think we are seeing a constituency in Minneapolis who has rejected the police and their authority," said Tusken, referencing calls from the Twin Cities to defund or dismantle police departments.

City Council President Gary Anderson said Monday that he has received numerous e-mails from Duluth residents asking the council to broach the subject of reforms that would shift dollars now allocated to law enforcement to other community needs.

Duluth Mayor Emily Larson said she expects all city departments to face cuts in the coming year due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has carved a potential \$38 million shortfall in Duluth's budget. She added Monday that conversations about how the city wants to invest in public safety can be a part of the process of budgeting for 2021 that will happen over the next few months.

"A budget is a moral document," Larson said. "It will demonstrate your values."

City officials touted previous policies developed after extensive dialogue with residents - most recently, Duluth's Citizen Review Board developed a policy dictating when police can wear protective riot gear. The

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city is taking applications for two spots on the advisory body, which was created to serve as link between Duluth residents and the police.

Tusken also said Duluth police practice versions of the use-of-force policies recommended by the "8 Can't Wait" campaign, a national movement urging cities to implement eight guidelines that organizers say can reduce police killings. Among the campaign's recommendations are a ban on chokeholds and required warnings from officers firing a shot.

Archie Davis, the president of the Citizen Review Board, said though he thinks "there's still a lot of fear" surrounding how police treat people of color, right now he's not hearing cries in Duluth to disband law enforcement agencies.

"I don't foresee that here in Duluth," he said. "I think we're a little bit further advanced."

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ARTICLE CDLXVII. [BREAKING BARRIERS, AND THE INTERNET](#)

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 1264 words**Byline:** ROHAN PRESTON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Body**

Nic Zapko is feeling the love.

With her close-cropped hair and charismatic presence, the ASL interpreter is drawing huzzahs for her strength and expressive interpreting of Gov. Tim Walz's news conferences during the COVID-19 and [George Floyd](#) emergencies. Buzzy profiles have appeared in City Pages, the Daily Mail and on WCCO-TV. Ordinary people have taken screenshots of Zapko at work and posted them on social media.

But as she brings visibility, hope and inclusive messaging to the deaf community, she's not just internet-famous. People who recognize her in the real world sometimes reach to touch or hug her, both no-nos in this era of social distancing.

Zapko, 49, is bashful about all the fuss.

"I'm just a person - a mother, a sister and a friend," Zapko said during an interview in St. Paul. "I've been a mentor, trainer, actor, interpreter. People around me got my back and support me as I move forward. It's definitely not a one-woman show."

The greater world may be getting to know her now, but her gifts are well known in the Twin Cities performing arts scene.

"She's extraordinarily smart and a great communicator with a very powerful presence," said director Zaraawar Mistry. "But beyond her compelling gifts as a performer, she's also committed and incredibly hardworking. When you combine those traits with being loving and kind, you get a very special person."

Her career has been shaped by current events before. Zapko was about to open in "The Transposed Heads," Ragamala Dance Company's trilingual English, dance and ASL adapta

tion of Thomas Mann's Indian folklore story, just as the Sept. 11 attacks hit in 2001. The terror strikes wiped away the show's audience, but the company brought the show back a few years later under the same team, including Mistry.

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Mistry would later stage and help write Zapko's solo autobiographical work, "A Look in the Mirror," first produced at Dreamland Arts in St. Paul in 2009 before going on a national tour.

Craving communication

"Mirror" told of some of the challenges she faced in her youth. Born in Pittston, Pa., near where NBC's "The Office" is set, she grew up craving clear communication, stability and a sense of belonging in 1970s America.

"ASL wasn't recognized as a language back then," Zapko said through interpreter and friend Patty McCutcheon, the CEO and co-owner of Keystone Solutions, with whom Zapko works. "There really was this mix of speaking and signing at the time called Total Communication.

"But what really impacted me was my mother. She emphasized that I could do what I want, be my own person. She said, 'Go forward and don't let people tell you what you can't do,' and that you're not able. That stuck with me."

Zapko's mother died suddenly when she was 13, throwing her life into turmoil.

"I ended up moving around from [her] sister to sister, and that's how I ended up moving to Ohio with my deaf brother," Zapko said. "My mom's death was horrible, and from then on, I basically raised myself."

A period of poverty and privation followed, worsened by how society treated the deaf.

"In the '70s, there wasn't a lot of access for a deaf person like myself," Zapko said. "I had to show that I was bigger than that, and when people thought I couldn't do something, I had to show them that I could.

"The things that inspire me come from those tragedies - they're one in the same."

Zapko moved to the Twin Cities in the 1990s, attended St. Paul College and found her footing in theater. It was an arena where she got to learn about the wider world, even as it opened doors for her. The tools of the field included "just being able to observe people, absorb their energy and thoughts, then give that back - that's a gift," Zapko said.

That gift is what people see on-screen as she interprets.

Harder than it looks

People who do something well often make it look easy. Think Simone Biles on the balance beam, Michael Jordan above a basketball rim or Meryl Streep before a camera.

Zapko is no exception, even as she's quick to point out that it gets hectic and she's the face of a team effort.

"I'm sweating up there," Zapko said. "I have a whole crew that helps lift me and gives me ground."

That team includes McCutcheon, who sits in front of the podium and interprets in real time as Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison and other officials talk.

"I'm a real-time relay station," McCutcheon said. "My job is to manage the speed that the information is being delivered to me and then back to Nic and still be able to get to the point and get the message clear and concise."

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The team does a lot of homework so that they can be clear and competent in the moment.

"We ask, what's the message, the mood and what is the goal of the message, is it to move people, to calm people, to reassure and build trust," McCutcheon said. "Oftentimes, press conferences are very secretive until the end. We sometimes get no heads-up. We remain calm and true to the person we're interpreting for."

"In English, we have exclamation points to make emphasis, and commas to show intonation," Zapko added. "The interpreter delivers that information to me, and I then put my ASL equivalent message on my face to show tone to match his intent, his tenor. Is it a serious tone versus a little bit of humor versus getting your attention? There's a huge range of emotion so that the audience sees what kind of person Gov. Walz is."

For hearing people, gesture follows sound, the primary communication mode. But ASL is three-dimensional, with its own syntax. When Zapko is signing, she's almost like a dancer, so fluid with her expression.

"English has its own rules of grammar and is more linear as a language," Zapko said. "ASL is very dynamic. Its structure - noun, verb, subject order - is completely different. It's more visual, and that's why you have to show the language."

Sound barrier

The hearing world presents a bewildering barrier to a person who is deaf, including a fear by people who don't speak ASL. The deaf can't hear the cacophony of the world. And don't get her started on a place like the airport, where everything is oriented for the hearing.

"Information, whether you're hearing or seeing it, is something we lack in general," Zapko said. "At the airport, there's announcements all the time that people are listening to and following. They're getting news. I see people's heads move, look up, receive information that I'm not receiving, and I have to figure out what it is. It adds an extra burden."

Sometimes, getting that information can mean the difference between life and death.

"In other states, if there's a hurricane or a fire, the last people to know are always deaf people," Zapko said. "Access to information is far from equal for us."

She is glad to be able to transmit vital information to Minnesotans. "People are so grateful this is happening so they can get it in real time instead of getting arrested and finding out, oh, I violated curfew," Zapko said. "These are major things for us."

While this is the biggest stage for her work thus far, Zapko got another brush with buzzy renown when Minnesota achieved marriage equality. On Aug. 1, 2013, the first day that same-sex couples could wed, Zapko tied the knot with partner Lisa Zapko. Minneapolis' then-Mayor R.T. Rybak presided.

Her experience coming through trauma colors her worldview, Zapko said, and gives her hope for a nation confronting COVID-19 and this latest social eruption against systemic racism and police brutality.

"As heart-wrenching and sad as things are, you get clarity," Zapko said. "That's what keeps me rolling."

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On June 3, this paper reported that the Dorsey & Whitney law firm has ended its pro bono prosecution program with the Minneapolis city attorney. For 42 years, attorneys from Dorsey have volunteered as special prosecutors for the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office. It has been an arrangement of mutual benefit. Minneapolis gained help with its crushing load of misdemeanor prosecutions, and Dorsey got its lawyers jury-trial experience that would otherwise be hen's-tooth rare.

Now, asserting that their pro bono hours are better spent elsewhere and not wanting to "support" the Minneapolis Police Department in any way, Dorsey has ended the program. The underlying statement is unmistakable: The city attorney's work is not for the public good.

For all of us, but especially those of us who forwent lucrative careers at a big firm to serve the community as civil servants, Dorsey's move is a gut punch. It is a hard time to be a Minneapolis employee, but now is the time to continue our hard work it is not the time to jump ship.

The Minneapolis city attorney does good work and it does it well. Our office has been on the cutting edge of cash bail reform, diversion programs, and specialty courts like DWI and veterans' courts. These programs seek to treat social ills with social solutions rather than incarceration and fines. Beyond this, there is the meat-and-potatoes work of our trial teams who prosecute crimes to gain justice for victims of drunken driving, theft, assault and domestic violence. And we have - absolutely - prosecuted police officers.

Further, our client services attorneys support all facets of the city's operations, from public works, to the Fire Department, to the Department of Civil Rights. And while our litigators defend - as required by Minnesota statute - the city and its employees, including police officers, we do so with integrity and pursuant to our ethical obligations to our clients.

Finally, our human-resources attorneys work hard to support management's personnel decisions. These cases often involve the union's challenges to discipline and termination of police officers. More often than

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not, it seems, the discipline and terminations are overturned by arbitrators who "split the baby" and courts that second-guess management's hard decisions. The city attorney's practice is diverse and complicated, but the office is composed of good public servants dedicated to making the city a better place by discharging their duties.

Moreover, the city attorney's lawyers and staff work hard to improve equity and inclusion in the office and citywide. As one of many founding members of the office's equity and inclusion team, I have seen firsthand the hard and sincere work of our lawyers and staff on this front. Lawyers and staff who are drawn from all backgrounds: immigrants, people of color, LGBTQIA individuals, veterans, and, yes, even people with last names like "Anderson."

So, to my colleagues at the office: As civil servants, it is our job to help make things better, and I know you will double your efforts in these difficult times. I am proud to work side-by-side with you. I expect all of us to take a hard look at what we do and how we do it. We will make hard choices and hard changes, but, like always, we will strive for the public good - pro bono publico.

Brian S. Carter is an assistant city attorney for the city of Minneapolis.

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19-year-olds charged with arson of St. Paul store during George Floyd unrest

ARTICLE CDLXIX. **[19-YEAR-OLDS CHARGED WITH ARSON OF ST. PAUL STORE
DURING GEORGE FLOYD UNREST](#)**

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Highlight: A Brooklyn Park man and a Ramsey woman, both 19, have been charged with conspiracy to commit arson in connection with a deliberately set fire in St. Paul following the death of **George Floyd** in the custody of Minneapolis police. Samuel Elliott Frey of Brooklyn Park and Bailey Marie Baldus of Ramsey made their first [...]

Body

A Brooklyn Park man and a Ramsey woman, both 19, have been charged with conspiracy to commit arson in connection with a deliberately set fire in St. Paul following the death of **George Floyd** in the custody of Minneapolis police.

Samuel Elliott Frey of Brooklyn Park and Bailey Marie Baldus of Ramsey made their first court appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court in St. Paul in connection with the May 28 arson fire at the Great Health Nutrition store at 1360 W. University Ave.

According to the criminal complaint, after circulating images of the arsonists taken from video surveillance, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives received numerous tips and was able to identify Frey and Baldus as two of the people in the video.

In the surveillance video footage at the Midway store, Frey can be seen pouring flammable hand sanitizer onto a shelving unit and setting it on fire.

Anyone with information specifically related to business fires in the Twin Cities can call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), email ATFTips@atf.gov or submit information anonymously via ReportIt.com.

In addition to fires, the FBI is looking for people who may have incited or promoted violence of any kind. Anyone with digital material or tips can call 1-800-CALLFBI (800-225-5342) or submit images or videos at FBI.gov/violence.

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As Gov. Tim Walz tours damage in St. Paul, insurance group says losses to Twin Cities businesses could top \$100M

ARTICLE CDLXX. [**AS GOV. TIM WALZ TOURS DAMAGE IN ST. PAUL, INSURANCE GROUP SAYS LOSSES TO TWIN CITIES BUSINESSES COULD TOP \\$100M**](#)

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Highlight: Insurance claims from Twin Cities businesses damaged in rioting could easily exceed \$100 million, according to an estimate Monday from a Minnesota insurance association.

Body

Insurance claims from Twin Cities businesses damaged in rioting could easily exceed \$100 million, according to an estimate Monday from a Minnesota insurance association.

St. Paul is still tallying the losses, and [*Minneapolis estimated at least \\$55 million in damages*](#) as of last week.

Gov. Tim Walz walked along St. Paul's University Avenue on Monday, where he surveyed the damage left behind from looting, arson and other destruction that came primarily on May 28 and 29. He also took in [*murals painted by black artists*](#) - with messages of solidarity, anger and hope - on boarded-up windows, an effort coordinated by Springboard for the Arts.

Walz heard from business owners, community leaders and elected officials about the help needed to restore businesses economically and their desire to keep the business community diverse.

In the wake of the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody on May 25, thousands of people have protested peacefully, though there were also days of widespread unrest.

Speaking inside Elsa's House of Sleep - a black, family-owned furniture store in St. Paul's Midway area - Walz said he understands in Minneapolis and St. Paul that there is "fear that we'll do a typical rebuilding thing with big government setting up grant programs and picking winners and losers, and losing the sense of community that we have and of fear of gentrification."

That's why "the solutions will come from the community," Walz said.

Courtney Henry spoke up Monday, saying he and his father are owners of McDonald's restaurants, including in the Midway. They have been part of the St. Paul business community for nearly 30 years.

"This tragic murder of ***George Floyd*** has brought a lot of things forward," said Henry, who is a black business owner. "It's been painful going through this personally."

As Gov. Tim Walz tours damage in St. Paul, insurance group says losses to Twin Cities businesses could top \$100M

Henry said they want to see social justice and for the small-business community to have a seat at the table to keep the Midway area diverse.

Walz and members of Congress have said they'll seek federal aid for rebuilding. The governor said Monday that he's also exploring whether bonding - which is typically for public infrastructure in Minnesota - could be used to help private businesses.

Sen. Sandy Pappas, DFL-St. Paul, said she and other legislators - Democrats and Republicans, from suburban and rural areas - would be back on Tuesday to see the damage in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Legislators, who will be having a special session, are putting together an economic relief package that will focus on small and minority-owned businesses, said Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St. Paul.

In St. Paul, officials are compiling information for U.S. Small Business Association recovery loans and there are more than 240 damaged properties on the list, according to the Department of Safety and Inspections.

Property Claim Services, a unit of a Verisk Analytics, designated the riots in the Minneapolis area as a catastrophe, which indicates losses will be at least \$25 million, according to a Sunday statement from the national organization.

That designation allows insurers to call in catastrophe adjusters, according to Mark Kulda, vice president of public affairs for the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, which represents about 45 insurance companies.

Kulda said Monday he estimates businesses in the Twin Cities will make insurance claims totaling at least \$100 million - from buildings that were burned down or damaged, merchandise stolen or ruined, and lost revenue.

That estimate doesn't include damage to public infrastructure, such as the 3rd police precinct in Minneapolis, or large corporations because they are self insured, Kulda said. Also not included are businesses that didn't have insurance.

Kulda said he's been told some insurance companies have already made payments to businesses.

Before Monday's meeting, Tetra Constantino showed Walz around the 8,000 square-foot showroom of Elsa's House of Sleep and told him about his business. His mother, Elsa Rezene, got it off the ground in 1997 with her credit cards and while she was in remission from cancer.

She was born in Eritrea and moved to the United States when she was 16.

"When she came to this country, she had no choice but to realize all of the racial strife and all of the injustices," Constantino said. "She really was adamant about there being justice and building your own business, so she was able to provide goods and services for her community and for everybody."

Constantino stayed at the store overnight on May 28 to stand watch. An activist brought over signs that said, "This is a black-owned business."

He wasn't going to hang them in the windows - "I said, 'Everybody here knows us,'" but Constantino said his employees insisted, "just in case there were a lot of outsiders here."

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They had some cracked windows and attempts to start fires, but were able to open up again on Wednesday, Constantino said. [Minneapolis council members pledge thoughtful police revamp](#) [Monuments and statues are falling. But what comes next?](#) [Ramsey County Attorney's Office named pilot site for national program aimed at reducing racial disparities in criminal justice system](#) [Officer Chauvin to **George Floyd**: 'It takes ... a lot of oxygen to talk'](#) [Three non-profits create fund for minority-owned businesses in Twin Cities](#)

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Price tag to call up National Guard for Twin Cities disturbances: Nearly \$13M

ARTICLE CDLXXI. **[PRICE TAG TO CALL UP NATIONAL GUARD FOR TWIN CITIES
DISTURBANCES: NEARLY \\$13M](#)**

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Highlight: It cost \$12.75 million to use the Minnesota National Guard to respond to civil disturbances in the Twin Cities after the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody, according to the state's budget commissioner. Most of the price is for payroll; also included are meals, vehicles and fuel. The funding is expected to be [...]

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Most of the price is for payroll; also included are meals, vehicles and fuel. The funding is expected to be eligible for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Commissioner Myron Frans wrote in a letter to legislators last week.

Gov. Tim Walz activated the National Guard on May 28 after people began looting, setting fires and causing property damage in St. Paul and Minneapolis. He took the unprecedented step on May 30 of fully mobilizing the Guard after destruction continued.

With many law enforcement officers also on the streets and nightly curfews in place, officials said order was restored. Large peaceful protests have continued.

There were more than 7,000 Guard members mobilized at the peak and fewer than 1,000 activated as of Tuesday, according to the National Guard. ['We don't think we did this all right': State leaders weigh in on response to Minneapolis riots](#) [Medical experts: Floyd's speech didn't mean he could breathe](#) [George Floyd transcript: Read it in full here](#) [Minneapolis council members pledge thoughtful police revamp](#) [Monuments and statues are falling. But what comes next?](#)

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Aerial views of St. Paul, Minneapolis show the extent of destruction from riots

ARTICLE CDLXXII. [**AERIAL VIEWS OF ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS SHOW THE EXTENT OF DESTRUCTION FROM RIOTS**](#)

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Highlight: On the streets of St. Paul and Minneapolis, there is block after block of charred buildings and windows that were boarded up for protection during rioting. From an aerial view, the extent of the damage is even more apparent. Minneapolis was harder hit than St. Paul with looting and arson after the death of George [...]

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From an aerial view, the extent of the damage is even more apparent.

Minneapolis was harder hit than St. Paul with looting and arson after the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody. More than 1,050 properties were damaged - ranging from minor to destroyed, according to the city.

More than 240 properties sustained damage in St. Paul, according to information from the city Tuesday.

The work of St. Paul's disaster assessment response team continues and the numbers are likely to rise as assessments continue, said Suzanne Donovan, St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections spokeswoman.

"The city of St. Paul is working closely with our business community, and neighborhood and community leaders to support businesses and residents impacted by the civil unrest this past week, including mobilizing all available resources," Donovan said. "We also continue to partner with the new [*Pay It Forward joint initiative*](#), for which St. Paul's business community has begun mobilizing a corps of volunteers to help small businesses access what they need to repair and rebuild."

There has been an outpouring of community support - from cleaning up to raising money for businesses. Politicians have said they'll seek federal aid for rebuilding, and state [*legislators said they're putting together an economic relief package*](#). [*'We don't think we did this all right': State leaders weigh in on response to Minneapolis riots*](#) [*Medical experts: Floyd's speech didn't mean he could breathe*](#) [*George Floyd transcript: Read it in full here*](#) [*Minneapolis council members pledge thoughtful police revamp*](#) [*Monuments and statues are falling. But what comes next?*](#)

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Torched factory won't be rebuilt in Minneapolis

ARTICLE CDLXXIII. [**TORCHED FACTORY WON'T BE REBUILT IN MINNEAPOLIS**](#)

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Byline: JEFFREY MEITRODT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

A Minneapolis manufacturing company has decided to leave the city, with the company's owner saying he can't trust public officials who allowed his plant to burn during the recent riots. The move will cost the city about 50 jobs.

"They don't care about my business," said Kris Wyrobek, president and owner of 7-Sigma Inc., which has operated since 1987 at 2843 26th Av. in south Minneapolis. "They didn't protect our people. We were all on our own."

Wyrobek said the plant, which usually operates until 11 p.m., shut down about

four hours early on the first night of the riots because he wanted to keep his workers out of harm's way. He said a production supervisor and a maintenance worker who live in the neighborhood became alarmed when fire broke out at the \$30 million Midtown Corner affordable-housing apartment complex under construction next door.

"The fire engine was just sitting there," Wyrobek said, "but they wouldn't do anything."

Two days after the riots began, Gov. Tim Walz described the city's response as an "abject failure." Walz ordered the National Guard into Minneapolis to restore order at the request of Mayor Jacob Frey. The violence sometimes overshadowed peaceful protests over the death last month of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police officers.

Frey said Monday that he was unaware of 7-Sigma's decision to move, and he declined to say whether the company's decision reflects the challenges facing city leaders as they try to persuade business owners to rebuild in Minneapolis. Many business owners have criticized the city, saying their pleas for help went unanswered.

Frey said the city was overwhelmed by the riots. He said every fire truck was operating during the protests.

Torched factory won't be rebuilt in Minneapolis

"This was a Guard-sized crisis and demanded a Guard-sized response," Frey said. "And once we had the full presence of the National Guard - which by the way hasn't been deployed since World War II - there was a significantly different result."

The city's first survey of property damage shows that nearly 1,000 commercial properties in Minneapolis were damaged during the riots, including 52 businesses that were completely destroyed and 30 other locations that sustained severe damage.

Owners and insurance experts estimate the costs of the damage could exceed \$500 million. That would make the Twin Cities riots the second-costliest civil disturbance in U.S. history, trailing only those in Los Angeles in 1992, which were also sparked by racial tensions with police and had \$1.4 billion in damage in today's dollars.

To accelerate the recovery, Frey announced Monday the creation of Minneapolis Forward: Community Now Coalition, which includes representatives of local business and community groups. Frey said the group will seek input from black residents and business owners to make sure rebuilding efforts accommodate their needs.

"***George Floyd*** moved to Minneapolis for a fresh start," Frey said. "In honoring his memory and generations of black people who have been victimized before him, we will rebuild as a stronger, more equitable and more inclusive city."

Frey said the coalition will seek financial help from a broad range of private and public partners, but he refused to say how much money the city of Minneapolis is willing to commit to the rebuilding effort, saying that would be "premature." He said the group does not yet have a fundraising goal.

"The city will need to do its part, as well," said Frey, noting that he will request that any new permits or license be "expedited as much as possible."

Wyrobek said it is too late to keep his company in the city. 7-Sigma is a leader in the production of precision rollers used in high-speed printing systems used to produce bank statements and social security checks.

When asked if he thought of relocating before the riots, Wyrobek said, "not in my wildest nightmare." On Monday, he was sorting through the remnants of his business, figuring out how to get up and running again.

"We are cautiously optimistic we can do that," he said. But we are certainly not able to do that in Minneapolis."

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7-Sigma, manufacturer burned in riots, will leave Minneapolis

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**[7-SIGMA, MANUFACTURER BURNED IN RIOTS, WILL LEAVE
MINNEAPOLIS](#)**

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Byline: Mark Reilly

Body

A manufacturing facility that burned down in the violent nights that followed the death of ***George Floyd*** will reopen - but not in Minneapolis, its owner says.

The [Star Tribune talks with](#) Kris Wyrobek, president and owner of 7-Sigma Inc., which makes a variety of industrial products, including rollers for high-speed printing presses and mannequins used for medical training. Since 1987, business has been based at 2843 26th Ave. S., just across from the Target and Cub stores that were looted in the first night of riots and next to a partially built apartment complex that burned to the ground.

Fires struck 7-Sigma, too, and Wyrobek criticized city leaders, saying that firefighters never arrived to help battle the blaze. Mayor Jacob Frey said that the city's fire department was overwhelmed by the extent of the violence, which quieted only after Minnesota fully mobilized its National Guard units.

7-Sigma employs about 50 people.

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24 get Bush Foundation fellowships

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Byline: KELLY SMITH; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Each winner will receive \$100,000 for projects.

Body

Guy Bowling is empowering fathers of color in Minneapolis and wants to improve police relations. In Maple Grove, Farhio Khalif is advocating for East African women and girls. In Lauderdale, police officer Matthew Koncar wants to boost public trust of police.

The three are among 24 winners of the Bush Foundation's competitive annual fellowship, the St. Paul organization announced Tuesday. While the selection process occurred long before the death of ***George Floyd***, which has galvanized the Twin Cities and the world around racial justice and police reform, the community leaders - two-thirds of whom are people of color - are part of that push for change, said Anita Patel, the leadership programs director at the Bush Foundation.

"This group is really committed to racial equity in real ways," she said. "This is an investment in leaders for decades to come."

Each of the fellows will receive \$100,000 over a year or two to fund a college degree, networking, coaching, workshops or training to boost their leadership skills.

Of the 24 winners, 16 are Minnesotans. Besides Bowling, Khalif and Koncar, the Minnesota winners are Amira Adawe of St. Paul, Evva Karr of St. Paul, Kirsten Kennedy of North Branch, Ani Ryan Koch of Minneapolis, Allen Lewis of Virginia, Dr. Brittany Lewis of Minneapolis, Dr. Essa Mohamed of Rochester, Vayong Moua of Eagan, Benjamin Schierer of Fergus Falls, Jenna Udenberg of Two Harbors, Kayla Yang-Best of St. Paul, Dave Anderson of Minneapolis and Roque Diaz of Minneapolis.

Recipients from North Dakota are: David Archambault II of Cannon Ball, Laetitia M. Hellerud of West Fargo and Matuor Dot Alier of Fargo. From South Dakota: Valeria Big Eagle of Rapid City, Joseph Brings Plenty of Eagle Butte, Amanda Carlow of Pine Ridge, Beau J. White of Kyle and Dr. Meghan Curry O'Connell of Elk Point.

About 750 people applied for the annual award, which is open to anyone who is 24 years old and older in the three states or American Indian communities within those states.

24 get Bush Foundation fellowships

The fellowship program has been around since the Bush Foundation was founded in 1953 by a 3M executive. More than 2,300 people - including community leaders such as former Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson and author and storyteller Kevin Kling - have gone through the program.

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ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE GAINS VITAL VOICES

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 1C**Length:** 841 words**Byline:** SARAH MCLELLAN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Hockey Diversity Alliance, begun independent of NHL, has tolerance as a key goal.**Body**

The NHL is aiming to return this summer, but players aren't waiting in the wings. They're speaking out - and not just about finishing the season.

After many NHLers condemned racial injustice in the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death in Minneapolis, several minority players - including the Wild's Matt Dumba and former Wild forwards Joel Ward and Chris Stewart - launched the Hockey Diversity Alliance with a goal of eradicating racism and intolerance in hockey.

The group plans to promote diversity through community outreach and engagement with youth while attempting to make the sport more affordable and accessible.

Although independent of the NHL, the alliance is hopeful it will work with the league.

"We are confident we can inspire a new generation of hockey players and fans," the group said in an announcement. "We are hopeful that anyone who puts on skates or sits in the stands will do so without worrying about race, gender or socioeconomic background and will be able to express their culture, identity, values and personality without fear of retribution."

Akil Aliu and San Jose forward Evander Kane are co-heads of the alliance; Dumba, Flyers winger Stewart, Ward, Detroit defenseman Trevor Daley and Buffalo forward Wayne Simmonds are on the executive committee.

In November, Aliu revealed former Calgary coach Bill Peters used racial slurs against him when both were in the minors during the 2009-10 season. Peters later resigned from the Flames. Aliu, who most recently played overseas after a brief stint in the NHL, met with league brass about his push for change.

Big names donate

Kane was among the first NHLers to speak out, posting on Twitter that he signed a petition demanding the four officers involved in Floyd's arrest at the time of his death May 25 be arrested.

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Soon, more NHLers - including high-profile stars Sidney Crosby and Connor McDavid - shared comments on social media. Dallas' Tyler Seguin and Boston's Zdeno Chara posted about attending protests, and New Jersey's P.K. Subban said he made a \$50,000 donation to the GoFundMe for Floyd's daughter that the NHL matched. Boston forward Patrice Bergeron also announced he was donating \$25,000 to the Boston branch of the NAACP and \$25,000 to Centre Multiethnique de Quebec.

Among the most vocal have been Minnesota native and Winnipeg captain Blake Wheeler and Iowa Wild forward J.T. Brown, who raised his fist during the national anthem in 2007 while with Tampa Bay.

Dumba has also been visible, posting a statement that, in part, read, "I am an anti-racist" and "#blacklivesmatter." He also took part in a roundtable discussion on race in hockey for TSN alongside Wheeler, Brown and former Wild player Kurtis Gabriel. Dumba is scheduled to address the media Tuesday.

Voices ring out

In addition to making a statement on Floyd's death, the Wild also released comments from forward Zach Parise, who pledged to use his voice and platform "to help end racial injustice for good."

Parise, Brown and General Manager Bill Guerin participated in a video organized by former NHLer and current broadcaster Anson Carter supporting racial equality. The message also included Commissioner Gary Bettman and NHL Players' Association executive director Don Fehr.

Both have been hashing out the league's return to play plan, which took a step forward Monday when teams were allowed to open their facilities to players for small, voluntary workouts.

The ice at TRIA Rink, the Wild's practice facility, is scheduled to go in next week, and that's when players are expected to begin training there. Hosting training camps before returning with a 24-team format are the next milestones the league is eyeing, but logistics have yet to be announced.

Making words count

Wrapping up a season that was stalled March 12 by the coronavirus pandemic, however, isn't the league's only focus. According to NHL.com, the league was already in the process of creating the Executive Inclusion Council and its first meeting will be in July. The council, which will be comprised of five owners, five presidents and two GMs, will receive recommendations from three committees representing different stakeholders: the Player Inclusion Committee, the Fan Inclusion Committee and the Youth Inclusion Committee.

Kim Davis, the NHL's senior executive vice president of social impact, growth initiatives and legislative affairs, also told NHL.com that the league would create a task force focused on the development of coaches and officials; the league gave the NHL Coaches' Association 14 names of people of color to be invited to a coaching development program.

"The emotional moment of the words and the tweets and the videos are nice, and it makes people feel good," Davis told NHL.com. "What I care about are the actions that follow, and so that's what I'm going to be paying attention to. That's what I'm going to be measuring.

"Two weeks from now, two months from now, two years from now, what are you doing to change how we look and what we do and what we say and how we show up as a sport? That's what's important."

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Art groups finding new ways to serve

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[ART GROUPS FINDING NEW WAYS TO SERVE](#)

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Byline: CHRIS HEWITT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: In the wake of unrest and a pandemic, shuttered arts organizations are finding ways to build community.

Body

With their programs postponed, Twin Cities arts organizations are finding new ways to open doors to the communities they serve.

The compounding crises of the COVID-19 pandemic, higher unemployment and unrest after the death of ***George Floyd*** have made life more precarious for many in the Twin Cities, and people in the arts are among those who are stepping up.

Springboard for the Arts' parking lot has been a site for distributing food and other necessities. All My Relations Arts became a food and neighborhood protection site. Victoria Theater Arts Center has hosted community healing events. Catalyst Arts has sponsored events around uniting artists. Pillsbury House Theatre created a pantry and supplied water to mourners at Thursday's memorial service for Floyd.

Perhaps most dramatically, Mixed Blood Theatre has transformed itself into a big-box store. The shuttered theater is now offering food and other essentials to its neighbors on Minneapolis' West Bank.

"The intent started with the Somali community here in Cedar-Riverside. We were going to set out a few tables to pass out food, but now we look like a Costco, with items spread out all over the place," said Catherine Campbell, who has pivoted from production manager of the theater to helping keep the neighborhood fed and safe.

That was the impulse for efforts at nearby All My Relations, too. With

the gallery closed and volunteers using its Franklin Avenue parking lot as a central point for protecting the American Indian cultural corridor during unrest following Floyd's death, organizers put out a call for help in keeping the protectors nourished.

"People started bringing everything in, so the gallery turned into a holding space for all the supplies: fire extinguishers and water and diapers, anything that could help the community that had been impacted by the

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destruction," said Angela Two Stars, director of All My Relations. "It was a special thing to see - especially since the American Indian Movement was created out of a response to police brutality in the '60s against the American Indian community - to be able to rely on our people to protect the Phillips neighborhood."

Two Star said All My Relations is eager to get back to sharing art; it had public artists out creating murals last weekend. She said the best way to keep up with the rapidly changing situation at All My Relations is its website or through the Native American Community Development Institute.

Produce, toiletries, paper goods, menstrual products and baby items are among the offerings at Mixed Blood. They can be picked up from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Donations also are accepted at Mixed Blood, 1501 S. 4th St., with high-priority needs including milk, flour, sugar, eggs, detergent and reusable bags.

The impromptu pantry is set up like a store, in which patrons "shop" for the things they need. Mixed Blood is attempting to observe physical distancing, restricting the "store" to a few families at a time. About 300 families came on the first official day, June 1.

Mixed Blood employees, who have plenty of experience at building things, also have worked to secure the neighborhood, boarding up dozens of local businesses.

Props designer Abbee Warmboe has been keeping track of donated goods and funds while making sure businesses have supplies they need.

"Theater has trained us to be able to step in quickly," said Warmboe. "We see a need and we fill a need. Our instinct is to go and be productive. In terms of what's happening in our city right now, that's the best way I can put myself to use."

Like everyone, Mixed Blood employees don't know how long they'll need to be useful in this new way or how long the theater will be idle. It recently commissioned theater artists to create short works in response to recent events.

"We're not going to have this going for two weeks and then say we're done. That's not what fighting for justice is about or working for our community is about," said Campbell, who said the plan is to strengthen partnerships with other neighborhood groups to continue to assist Cedar-Riverside.

Seven miles to the east on University Avenue, Springboard for the Arts' St. Paul parking lot has become a temporary pantry and donation site.

"We are really invested in trying to, first and foremost, be a good neighbor and be part of what our neighborhood and community needs in Rondo and Frogtown, in particular supporting black artists and black businesses," said Laura Zabel, Springboard's executive director.

Zabel emphasized that she sees Springboard's role as listening to and supporting the many efforts already in place.

"Our goal for that space in St. Paul has always been that it's in service to the community," said Zabel, whose organization moved into the new location just two weeks before the pandemic forced it to shutter. "Part of why being in that neighborhood is important is that arts and culture should be about meaning-making. And that includes supporting and thinking about the needs of a community."

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As more of Minnesota reopens, will coronavirus statistics continue to improve?

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[AS MORE OF MINNESOTA REOPENS, WILL CORONAVIRUS STATISTICS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE?](#)

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Highlight: Trends in the number of patients hospitalized, the daily number of fatalities and test positivity rates are all on the decline.

Body

The data health officials use to track Minnesota's coronavirus outbreak are generally heading in the right direction as the state moves to relax more restrictions put in place in March to slow the its spread.

Trends in the number of patients hospitalized, the daily number of fatalities and test positivity rates are all on the decline. Minnesota is testing more people for the coronavirus, but finding fewer infections. Serious cases appear to be on the decline and 85 percent of the state's confirmed patients have recovered enough they no longer need to be isolated.

Those are goods signs as many businesses move Wednesday to expand services and fitness and other activity centers begin to reopen. Minnesotans haven't been able to work out at a gym or eat inside a restaurant since March.

That doesn't mean Minnesota's outbreak couldn't quickly change course and head in the wrong direction. State leaders have estimated the state's infection peak will come sometime this summer.

Health officials continue to wait to see the impact of thousands of demonstrators in close proximity for days protesting the death of **George Floyd**. Anyone who participated in the demonstrations is [encourage to get tested](#) for the coronavirus.

On Tuesday, the state Department of Health said that neighborhood testing sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul had booked all their appointments for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Walk-in availability is limited, though wait lists are being offered.

Appointments for the next two weeks are not yet available for booking. The department said it was looking to add future testing capacity as well.

Those who want to get tested sooner should contact their health care provider or find a testing site on the Minnesota COVID-19 Response website at mn.gov/covid19.

As more of Minnesota reopens, will coronavirus statistics continue to improve?

It can take up to two weeks for symptoms to emerge after someone is infected. Health officials estimate as many as 40 percent of the people who catch the coronavirus may show no symptoms at all.

A DEEPER LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

The state is still losing, on average, more than 20 people per day to COVID-19. There were 455 patients sick enough, as of Monday afternoon, to need to be hospitalized with 199 of them in critical condition.

On Tuesday, the Department of Health reported 299 more coronavirus infections, bringing the statewide total to 28,523. There were also another 20 COVID-19 fatalities and those who died ranged in age from their 30s to their 90s.

Older Minnesotans continue to be the most likely to die after contracting COVID-19. Just 10 of the 1,217 Minnesotans who've died after catching the virus were under the age of 40.

Residents of congregate care, such as nursing homes, assisted living and rehabilitation centers, continue to account for about 80 percent of the state's deaths. The state has identified 286 long-term care facilities with at least one resident or worker testing positive for the coronavirus.

Facilities with fewer than 10 residents have not been made public to protect patient privacy.

PUSH TO REOPEN CONTINUES

All this data and more will be under consideration this week as Gov. Tim Walz announces the state's next steps in its coronavirus fight. Minnesota has been under a peacetime state of emergency since mid-March that has allowed Walz to make all of the big decisions regarding how government responds to the pandemic.

The GOP-led state Senate has vowed to vote to challenge those emergency powers, but it is unlikely the Democratic-controlled House will do the same. The Legislature will be called into special session if Walz extends his emergency powers another 30 days.

Minnesota looks a lot different than it did three months ago when Walz first exercised those emergency powers.

More than 750,000 Minnesotans have filed for unemployment assistance since March after the widespread closure of many businesses. As the state moves toward reopening, masks and social distancing will be required - health officials continue to plead with residents to stay home if they're sick.

Coronavirus testing continues to become more readily available. For more information on how and when to get tested, go to www.mn.gov/covid19.

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Community's corner

ARTICLE CDLXXIX. **COMMUNITY'S CORNER**

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The boxing ring in a small gym off Lake Street in south Minneapolis is filled with diapers. Boxes and boxes of diapers, stacked high, free to anyone in need.

Equipment used to train boxers has been moved to a hallway to make room for canned food, cereal boxes, bottled water and toiletries. A fresh shipment of flour tortillas arrived earlier in the day. Volunteer workers scurry to fill bags to be delivered in a caravan of cars or to distribute to community members who arrive on foot.

The irony of this scene is jarring.

Here at Circle of Discipline, a 1,500-square-foot sweatbox less than a mile from the street corner where the police killed **George Floyd** and businesses were burned and looted, people come to learn how to box. The sport's fundamental objective is to knock down your opponent.

The mission at Circle of Discipline last week espoused just the opposite.

The boxing gym lifted people up.

A call to serve the community has long been COD's overarching platform. But a spontaneous outpouring of goodwill that coursed through the gym last week surprised even those who have made south Minneapolis home for decades and admit to being hardened by injustice.

We've all witnessed sadness and rage engulf Minneapolis. A boxing gym also revealed the city's goodness, a display of kindness and solidarity that began with a flier posted on social media.

Adonis Frazier works at COD as a coach and program advocate. He had an idea after seeing devastation caused by the riots. He offered to use the gym's van to drive elderly folks in senior centers to get groceries, knowing that stores were destroyed or boarded up, and also mindful that some residents likely were scared to venture outside.

Community's corner

Somebody misunderstood his flier and brought food to the gym. Then someone else did the same thing. And then another. Word quickly spread.

"It just started snowballing," Frazier said.

Before long, COD resembled a grocery store. The Sheridan Story, a nonprofit that fights childhood hunger, delivered four large boxes of food items. The Link organization in north Minneapolis and churches shared food when inventory ran low. Individual families brought food, diapers, toothpaste. A few restaurants catered to feed an army of volunteers who came to pack grocery bags and deliver them to seniors.

So many companies and people chipped in that organizers lost count. Young and old. Men and women. Black, white and myriad other ethnicities. They all felt a call to help. To do something.

By week's end, the gym delivered more than 2,500 grocery bags of food and served hundreds more who came in person. A community shaken to its core rose and showed its heart.

"Every morning we would go out to see what damage was done," says Sierra Samuels, the mother of pro boxer Jamal James and a longtime staff volunteer at the gym. "I was really just hopeless and depressed. This is very therapeutic. It's been so amazing."

Samuels took the entire week off from work to organize volunteers and keep the operation moving. She's 49 and has lived in south Minneapolis her entire life. She loves her community.

Same with Frazier, age 43, a southside lifer. He's proud of the response but he wants credit shared. Many emergency food banks have popped up across the metro, he notes, not just his gym. Healing requires group effort.

"People want to help right now," he says. "They want to be part of the solution."

His volunteer workforce included Gophers athletes Gabe Kalscheur and Benny Sapp III, who spent multiple days packing and delivering food along with Frazier's son, Dasan, a football player at Morehouse College.

"Brothers and sisters have come together as a community and reached out to one another," says Kalscheur, a junior guard on the Gophers basketball team. "And that's really what a community is. Reaching out to help."

There is a movement taking place around the world in response to Floyd's death. An awakening to racial injustices has unified protesters in seeking change - real, fundamental change - and started a conversation that has allowed voices once muffled or ignored to be amplified.

"It took a man 8 minutes and 46 seconds of having a guy on his neck on camera for the world to finally understand this," Frazier said.

Frazier sees hope, too. He felt it last week in a gym where he trains boxers. Donations of food and essential items, from people he knows and total strangers, kept arriving. Volunteers refused to take breaks because they wanted to make sure people had enough food and diapers for their children.

Sunday marked the final day of the gym's food bank. Soon, the equipment will be brought back out and boxers will return to the ring to spar.

Frazier hopes the spirit he witnessed in his gym last week doesn't recede.

Community's corner

"I don't want that to wear off," he says. "How long will people stay engaged?"

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COVID-19 tests for protesters hit shortages and startup challenges

ARTICLE CDLXXX. **COVID-19 TESTS FOR PROTESTERS HIT SHORTAGES AND
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Body

Attempts to track outbreaks of COVID-19 among Twin Cities protesters through mass testing are being complicated by a supply shortage at some clinics and concerns among protesters about the information they'd have to disclose if they tested positive.

M Health Fairview is not testing anyone who is asymptomatic for now, despite an advisory from the Minnesota Department of Health to test anyone involved in mass demonstrations over the past week - whether they appear to be sick or not.

"While M Health Fairview is working quickly to increase our COVID-19 testing capacity to include asymptomatic individuals who were involved in recent mass public events, national shortages of lab testing supplies require us to prioritize testing for those admitted to our care facilities and symptomatic individuals at this time," said Dr. Mark Welton, M Health Fairview's chief medical officer.

State health officials worry about a surge of COVID-19 cases involving protesters, first responders and others at recent mass events - right as cases appear to be trending downward in Minnesota.

The state reported 339 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 11 deaths on Monday - down from daily highs of roughly 840 confirmed cases on May 23 and 35 deaths on May 28. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 reached their lowest levels since mid-May.

The trends were favorable enough that state Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said on Monday that Minnesota could see the resumption of youth baseball, basketball and soccer games by the end of June - though new sports guidance now prohibits those games due to the risks of spreading the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Malcolm said health officials aren't confident enough yet to project a normal start to the school year in the fall.

"We just don't know what the state of the epidemic is going to be," she said.

COVID-19 tests for protesters hit shortages and startup challenges

One reason for concern is the protests following the death of George Floyd in police custody - with thousands of people packing together and singing and shouting in ways that could have increased viral transmission.

Many of the protesters were black, and state health data have shown that black people suffer higher rates of severe COVID-19 due in part to their higher instances of chronic diseases that exacerbate their infections. Black people make up less than 7% of the state population but more than 20% of the patients hospitalized for COVID-19.

"There seem to be converging concerns here," Malcolm said.

Hennepin Healthcare is scheduling tests for people involved in protests, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

HealthPartners is testing asymptomatic protesters as well and has updated its online Virtuwel site to permit these patients. Priority will still go to patients with symptoms if supplies run short, though, the health system said in a written statement.

As many as 80% of COVID-19 infections cause mild or no symptoms, raising concerns that protesters could have been spreading the virus without knowing it.

Some people are worried if they test positive that they will have to disclose who they were with during protests as part of state contact tracing to identify others who may be at risk for infection.

VJ Smith of MAD DADS said he can understand such concerns but ultimately recommends that people who participated in protests get tested, especially if they live with elderly parents or others who are vulnerable.

"It's about who you are around and the people that you care about," he said.

The state is providing free testing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the next three weeks through local community organizations that people trust. The sites are Holy Trinity Church, Sabathani Community Center and New Salem Baptist Church in Minneapolis; and at Jimmy Lee Recreation Center in St. Paul.

"There's a lot of public health education to be done about why this is so important to help protect not only individuals themselves but their loved ones and the larger communities," Malcolm said.

Contact tracing has been used to track infectious diseases for years - long before COVID-19 - and can involve the asking of sensitive questions, even about sexual partners or illicit activities, but is used exclusively to identify the spread of a virus and other people at risk, said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

"There is no part of our work that is beyond that," she said.

If people are uncomfortable disclosing their contacts at the time they became infected, Ehresmann said health officials still want to talk to them and encourage them to tell contacts on their own about their infection risks.

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The state has identified 28,224 cases of COVID-19 through diagnostic testing so far. The state death toll of 1,197 people includes 955 residents of long-term care facilities and mostly people who are older or have chronic health conditions.

However, the state on Monday reported its second COVID-19 death of a Minnesotan 29 or younger with no apparent underlying health conditions.

As of Monday morning, 452 people with COVID-19 were admitted to Minnesota hospitals, including 198 who needed intensive care.

That is the lowest number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized since May 12, though Malcolm warned against complacency and encouraged people to continue following guidelines such as wearing masks and staying 6 feet apart in public.

The state on Wednesday will scale back statewide restrictions designed to reduce the spread of the virus - allowing group gatherings of 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors, as well as limited indoor restaurant and bar service and fitness club usage.

New guidance also permits competitions in youth and adult sports in which social distancing can be maintained - such as tennis and running. Practices that maintain social distancing can take place in other sports, but no games that require close contact yet.

"While we're encouraged to see the number of individuals hospitalized and in ICU drop," Ehresmann said, "we also are concerned because we have seen deaths in healthy younger adults, and that is very sobering."

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

28,224 -- Total cases

388 -- June 8 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,197 -- Total deaths

11 -- June 8

U.S. cases, new daily

1,953,138 -- Total cases

18,897 -- June 7

U.S. deaths, new daily

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110,422 -- Total deaths

390 -- June 7

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

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Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Doyle McManus: Trump finds an unexpected center of resistance: the Pentagon

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And the rebels may be winning.

The most widely noted salvo came from former Defense Secretary James N. Mattis, who declared, after more than a year of silence, that Trump "does not even pretend to try" to unify the American people.

But Mattis wasn't the only dissident - or even the most important one.

Trump's Defense secretary, Mark Esper, rebuffed the president's threat to deploy active-duty soldiers into American cities to quell the protests that have erupted since the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis.

On Friday, Esper ordered regular Army units that were rushed to Washington early in the week to return to their bases in New York and North Carolina, de-escalating the sense of armed siege in the nation's capital.

He also directed National Guard troops to patrol the city without weapons, despite Trump's direction that they be "heavily armed."

Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also weighed in, warning that the U.S. armed forces will not allow themselves to be used against nonviolent protests.

Every member of the U.S. military swears an oath to support and defend the Constitution, he wrote his commanders, "including the right to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly."

Doyle McManus: Trump finds an unexpected center of resistance: the Pentagon

The chiefs of staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force issued similar messages, reinforcing their fidelity to the Constitution and pledging to battle racism in their ranks.

A full-dress parade of retired officers spoke out as well. Milley's predecessor as chairman of the Joint Chiefs, retired Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, warned that Trump's threat to use troops would damage trust in the armed forces.

"Our fellow citizens are not the enemy," he wrote.

It was an extraordinary moment - as if we were in a banana republic ruled by a would-be authoritarian, and the nation's military leaders decided it was their job to preserve the Constitution.

The dissents from Esper and Milley were belated. They both accompanied Trump on his disastrous stroll to St. John's Episcopal Church for a photo op, an embarrassing image they're now trying to erase. They also both approved the initial decision to move 1,600 active-duty troops to bases near the capital.

But their public breaks with a notoriously vengeful president still qualified, at least in Washington, as modest acts of bureaucratic courage.

Unlike Mattis, they aren't retired. They're at the peak of their careers. They still face the daily challenge of managing the president's demands. Their reputations are still at the president's mercy.

At least, they were until last week. And that may be the point.

Esper and Milley have implicitly dared the president to fire them. That's not an especially unusual act in Washington - but it's normally done in private, where everyone can back down without fear of humiliation. It's almost never done in public.

Esper's defiance was especially notable since the former Raytheon lobbyist was widely viewed as a compliant aide-de-camp. He initially seemed to support Trump's call for troops last week and even referred to the streets of Washington as a "battle space," as if it were Fallujah or Kandahar.

But after he ran into massive resistance from the Pentagon officers' corps, he switched sides.

If there's anything uniformed officers hate, it's being ordered to use force to solve a political problem without clear military objectives. The current generation learned that in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In this case, they faced a nightmare scenario: U.S. combat troops clashing with unarmed American civilians exercising their legal right to protest.

The episode laid bare a deeper divide.

When the president came to the White House in 2017, he believed the armed forces, which he frequently called "my military," were part of his political base. He stuffed his administration with retired military officers - "my generals" - including Mattis.

But the generals didn't simply salute and carry out his orders. They insisted on offering their professional advice and, on occasion, pushing back.

And they chafed at Trump's casual portrayal of the armed forces as one of his personal political assets.

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"I have the support of the police, the support of the military, the support of the Bikers for Trump - I have the tough people," the president bragged in 2019.

That's not how professional officers see their role. It's not even an accurate reflection of their private views; a poll of military personnel last year found that they are only a little more supportive of the president than civilian voters, with 50% saying they view him unfavorably.

For the generals, this isn't only about following the Constitution. It's a matter of protecting the services in which they've made their careers.

The military is the most admired institution in American life, and they want to keep it that way. As a practical matter, they want their massive budget requests to win support from Democrats as well as Republicans.

And since roughly 40% of service members are people of color, they know they must make diversity work.

A standoff with Esper and Milley poses an unusual challenge for Trump - especially when he's seeking re-election.

He reportedly doesn't want to fire them. But leaving them in place makes him look less than the strongman he aspires to be.

Nothing says "internal chaos" more clearly than Cabinet officers or top aides refusing to fully carry out the president's desires and publicly staking lines they will not cross.

But if you're worried that Trump might refuse to leave office if he loses the November election, this is a good thing: a signal that he can't count on the military to get his way. We're not a banana republic yet.

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Evictions, foreclosures loom

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EVICTIONS, FORECLOSURES LOOM

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Kelvin Cannon had a job as a cook when the state of Minnesota ordered restaurants closed to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

That was March.

Since then, Cannon has not been able to find another job and does not qualify for unemployment because he was within the probationary employment period at the restaurant. The 28-year-old Minneapolis man cannot pay his rent and struggles to meet many other living expenses.

One reason he still has a roof over his head is Gov. Tim Walz's executive order declaring a peacetime emergency, which forbids evictions.

But when that ends - which could be as early as Friday - and protections built into a federal COVID-19 response law expire in July, Cannon and thousands of Minnesotans like him could be served, resulting in an explosion of delayed evictions and foreclosures, consumer advocates said.

Added to that, other forms of debt collection delayed by suspended court hearings will start again. As people max out credit cards to pay bills due, more debt could pile up.

Minnesota averages 13,000 to 15,000 eviction filings a year, said Eric Hauge, who helps run Home Line, a nonprofit legal hotline that advises Minnesota renters. "There could be that many filed in the first few weeks after the emergency order lifts," he said.

Hauge said callers normally ask how to get landlords to make repairs. Since the pandemic and accompanying shutdowns drove the state's economy into a downward spiral, renters have shifted their questions.

Now they want to know about "financial assistance, threats of lockouts and lease nonrenewals," he said.

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In May, the bill-paying firm Doxo issued a report on the impact of COVID-19. The company - which counts Amazon founder Jeff Bezos as a partner - found that roughly 7 in 10 households do not have enough savings to last four months, and one in three could last only one month without running short of cash.

One in three households were either already paying bills late or would have to in the next month.

Hauge said Home Line has heard of people who pay their rent first but cannot pay other bills. He has also heard of people paying rent with credit cards.

In Minneapolis, Cannon is tapped out and out of options.

He qualified for a stimulus payment under the federal pandemic response law, but child support enforcement officials seized the check because Cannon, who said he paid support when he had a job, owed money.

Cannon said he was within the 90-day probationary period when he lost his job as a cook at an Indian restaurant. He said state officials told him his probationary status disqualified him from receiving unemployment payments.

"I look for jobs online," said Cannon, who is now three months behind on his rent. "I've had a couple of interviews, but no callbacks. I've been applying for warehouse jobs, cooking jobs, customer-service jobs. I don't have a plan for paying my bills because I can't work and I can't get help."

Now, he added, he worries the damage done by riots after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody will further impede his search.

Jerry Essary, 52, is a felon and self-described "bad boy gone good." He quit a temporary construction job in January in Wisconsin and moved back full time to Sauk Centre because he became a full-time single parent to his 9-year-old son, Colton. Then, the pandemic hit and the job market dried up.

A former construction boss who planned to hire him ran out of money and "got scared of COVID-19," Essary said. "Everybody I talked with was either laying off people or not hiring."

He found work in a meatpacking plant that promptly experienced an outbreak of coronavirus after his hiring. Since then, all he has found is a weeklong job unloading trucks.

Because he quit his construction job for personal reasons, Essary said the state told him he didn't qualify for unemployment. His stimulus check went for back child support for another child.

Since March, Essary said, he has not paid rent on the house where he has lived for five and a half years. The monthly rent is \$750. He and his son are trying to live on \$625 a month in welfare payments.

"I don't know how different it would be without the pandemic," he said. "I was already behind. But once the pandemic hit, I was screwed."

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said landlords have been largely compliant with the noneviction order and that there have been relatively few utility cutoffs during the pandemic. But Ellison, like many, fears an explosion of people displaced from housing, ruined credit and court-ordered judgments in the pandemic's wake.

The state needs provisions to help with COVID-driven rent problems, bankruptcy and credit scores, he said.

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The consumer-advocacy community is gearing up for a major battle over unpaid bills. Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid recently conducted a webinar for lawyers about renters' rights.

About 150 lawyers participated in the webinar, said Jennifer Singleton, program manager for legal services. "Usually, those draw 30 to 40 lawyers," she said.

Home buyers who miss mortgage payments because of the pandemic are supposed to be able to request loan extensions to make up for delinquencies if they have federally backed loans, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

People with conventional loans do not receive that protection, although in Minnesota, Walz requested that mortgage holders delay foreclosures during the emergency.

Statistics gathered by the advocacy group Minnesota Homeownership Center show that the number of preforeclosure filings actually decreased in the first quarter of 2020 to 4,200 from 4,800 in the last quarter of 2019. Center officials warn that the impact of the pandemic on mortgage payments is unlikely to show up until this summer or fall because foreclosures generally lag missed payments by several months, plus the first quarter had only a fraction of the time under stay-home orders.

The center is "gearing up" for an explosion, said director Julie Gugin.

However, the center's ultimate explanation to those in arrears on mortgages will likely be the same that delinquent renters and others behind on bills will get:

At some point, most people and companies that lend money, lease property or offer credit have a legal right to get paid back.

"Part of our advising process is to figure out what consumers want," Gugin said. "If you want to stay in your home, your income has to support the mortgage payments. If you have to leave, you try to negotiate a soft landing. Lower payments may be viable. Increased income may be viable. But could some people lose homes? Yes."

Debt-collection cases in Minnesota have not yet become a source of contention, said Legal Aid's Singleton. In fact, Walz issued a specific executive order banning creditors from garnishing pandemic response stimulus checks because the money was supposed to go for future support, not past debt.

But the nation's doubling of debt-collection cases, documented recently by the Pew Charitable Trusts, suggests a flood of backed-up filings because of the pandemic. The lack of debt-collection complaints to Legal Aid, said Singleton, is likely a function of the judicial system's decision to delay hearing court cases, not a reduction in those cases.

Ron Elwood, a supervising attorney at Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, thinks debt cases brought to court by lawyers for creditors against absent or unrepresented borrowers "is a monster that needs to be tamed." Instead, it will likely get worse.

"The pandemic," said Elwood, "is exacerbating what is already happening."

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Fever checks at the door, no facials or blow drying: Hair salons 'reinventing' under coronavirus

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***FEVER CHECKS AT THE DOOR, NO FACIALS OR BLOW
DRYING: HAIR SALONS 'REINVENTING' UNDER CORONAVIRUS***

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Highlight: Hair salons have jumped back to life after a two-month coronavirus shutdown. "I am strangely optimistic," Jim Koktavy, owner of Root Salon, said between calls from customers clamoring for appointments. His salons in St. Paul and Wayzata, and every other salon in the state, were ordered to close March 17 because of the coronavirus pandemic. [...]

Body

Hair salons have jumped back to life after a two-month coronavirus shutdown.

"I am strangely optimistic," Jim Koktavy, owner of Root Salon, said between calls from customers clamoring for appointments.

His salons in St. Paul and Wayzata, and every other salon in the state, were ordered to close March 17 because of the coronavirus pandemic. When they were allowed to re-open June 1, customers poured in.

"My phone is ringing off the hook," said Brad Schlaeger, owner of Accolades Salon & Spa in St. Paul, and the Mens and Womens Spa Salons in Minneapolis.

Salons have scrambled to adjust to the new coronavirus reality.

Customers and workers wear masks. Plexiglas shields divide salon stations. And despite heavy demand, shops have been limited to one-quarter of their usual capacity under Gov. Tim Walz's rules for reopening last week; that bumps up to 50 percent on Wednesday.

At Schlaeger's salons, customers wait in the parking lot until they get a phone call. Then, they get a temperature check and fill out a form that screens for coronavirus symptoms.

Schlaeger asks customers to arrive with clean hair, because he wants to minimize on-site shampoos. Blow-drying is off-limits - no one wants to whip the virus into the air.

Facials, too, are forbidden.

"We had to do that. We are reinventing ourselves," said Schlaeger.

Fever checks at the door, no facials or blow drying: Hair salons 'reinventing' under coronavirus

Apparently, customers don't mind. On Thursday, Schlaeger was booked solid for two weeks at salons that are open 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We will survive this, but we are absolutely not doing the business we did before," said Schlaeger.

Root Salon's Kuktavy was hit with an unexpected challenge - losing half of his staff.

One said she was quitting to help clean up Minneapolis from arson and looting amid protests over the death of ***George Floyd*** in police custody. "One said she had all this time to look inward and got less and less interested in coming back," he said.

Was the nine-week closure to control the virus's spread worth the harm to his businesses?

Kuktavy said his thinking has evolved. "I was so mad at first. Why do I have to own a salon and not a Walmart?" he said.

Now, he thinks the shutdown was the right call as it should reduce the risk of a resurgence later.

"The last thing I want is to be shut back down," he said. He predicted that even with a two-month hiatus, this year's income might match that of last year. [Supreme Court OK's employers limiting free birth control on religious grounds](#) [U.S. hiring soared in May as mass layoffs eased](#) [\\$200K loan helped Minn. Senate president's business hang on](#) [Judge orders Dakota Access pipeline shut down pending review](#) [Stores focus on cleaning to get shoppers back to spending](#)

Schlaeger, too, is adapting successfully. But he was annoyed by what he called the unfairness of allowing some group gatherings while others were banned.

"I get it if you say you can't congregate in a church or salon," he said. But he watched thousands of protesters marching the streets without social distancing - some without masks.

"A lot of politicians are saying, 'Go out and protest,'" he said. "As a small-business owner, this is confusing."

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Jim Kuktavy, owner of Roots Salons on Selby Avenue in St.Paul, cuts the hair of Jan Kuktavy, his "bonus mom" (he prefers this term to step-mother) Monday, June 8, 2020. Kuktavy has just reopened after being closed since March because of the coronavirus pandemic. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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From tragedy, a wellspring of art

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Gov. Tim Walz took a walking tour of artwork along St. Paul's University Avenue that was commissioned by Springboard for the Arts. The St. Paul nonprofit experienced damage during unrest following the death of ***George Floyd***. Artist Seitu Jones, who created a downloadable stencil of Floyd's face for artists' use, accompanied Walz on the tour.

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Mpls. charter is obstacle to defunding police

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When a majority of Minneapolis City Council members pledged to "begin the process of ending" the police department, they underplayed the difficulties ahead, including a lack of consensus on how far to go and a city charter that guarantees a minimum police force.

In the two weeks since ***George Floyd***'s death drew condemnation of police brutality and racism from around the world, council members have used the terms "dismantle" and "defund" in different ways.

While some have spoken about a future without police, others have talked about reducing the force and supplementing police with additional mental health or social service workers, who could respond to some types of calls.

Council Member Phillipe Cunningham, in a call with reporters Monday, said he would not support merely replacing the existing police department with another one.

"As a council member, I do not have any interest in rehiring the police department, even if it's under different rules. That, fundamentally, still does not change the system of policing and public safety," he said. Asserting that policing was rooted in white supremacy, Cunningham added, "We can completely change out every single person in the police department and we can put in new rules, but the system is the system and the culture is the culture, and it will come back."

Council Member Andrew Johnson e-mailed his constituents outlining a different view of sending workers to take a report and do home security audits after break-ins, while there may still be some calls that "require armed law enforcement to respond."

"To be clear: no one has been advocating that we simply end MPD without an alternative public safety department to replace it. We cannot have a vacuum where there is no law enforcement. ... We cannot allow anarchy or a Wild West situation."

As the council debates its next steps, a decision Monday may have granted it some leeway. A Hennepin County judge approved a state Department of Human Rights court order for the MPD to make immediate changes to protect Minneapolis communities' "longstanding problems in policing."

Mpls. charter is obstacle to defunding police

Council members have promised there will be ample opportunities for public comment before they make major changes, which they expect to happen over the course of months or even a year.

Developments in other cities could provide some models. In Camden, N.J., the local police department was disbanded, and a county police force took over its responsibilities.

If and when the Minneapolis council members decide to drastically reduce or eliminate the police department, they will need to work with others to amend the City Charter.

Minneapolis' charter now states that the council "must fund a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident, and provide for those employees' compensation." Based on the latest census data, that amounts to roughly 730 police employees. The department had 892 sworn officers and 175 non-sworn employees as of June 1, according to spokesman John Elder.

There are four ways to amend a city charter.

The council can try to pass an ordinance changing the charter, but that option is generally reserved for "noncontroversial or housekeeping amendments." To go that route, the council would need to vote 13-0, then receive approval from the mayor.

The council now has 12 members while it awaits an Aug. 11 special election to replace Abdi Warsame, who resigned to head the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority.

Mayor Jacob Frey has indicated he does not support the full abolishment of the police department.

The remaining scenarios would all require approval from voters. Residents could petition to get an item on the ballot. They would need at least 10,356 signatures to get that process started. The Charter Commission could propose a charter amendment.

But many in city government expect it would likely unfold another way.

The City Council could introduce an ordinance that would seek to amend the City Charter. Voters would have to approve the charter change.

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New flash point: Police reform

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NEW FLASH POINT: POLICE REFORM

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Hours after a majority of Minneapolis City Council members announced plans to dismantle the city's police department, the idea reverberated in campaigns from Minnesota to Washington.

President Donald Trump went on the attack Monday, his campaign calling on Democrats to denounce the "radical" move, which Republicans say will only create more chaos in cities already damaged by riots. "We're already seeing leading Democrats join this movement, and indeed it is consuming the entire Democrat Party, as the most extreme elements have the loudest voices and demand acquiescence," said Tim Murtaugh, communications director for the Trump campaign.

Democratic candidate Joe Biden responded immediately in a campaign statement saying that while there's "urgent need for reform," he does not support defunding the police. "He hears and shares the deep grief and frustration of those calling out for change, and is driven to ensure that justice is done and that we put a stop to this terrible pain," Biden campaign spokesman Andrew Bates said in a statement.

In a pivotal election year, Democrats in Minnesota also were forced to grapple with how far police reform efforts should go, with some swing-district Democrats weighing the mood of their more moderate constituents against the anger of an activist base mobilizing in response to the police killing of **George Floyd**.

U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar,

D-Minn., who represents Minneapolis and some surrounding suburbs, told protesters at a rally to defund the police over the weekend that she supports the move from the council. But outside of Minneapolis, Democrats in Minnesota were hesitant to fully embrace the movement on Monday, instead directing attention to a series of police reform proposals they're supporting in the Legislature and in Congress. Neither package includes a push to defund or dismantle police departments.

"There's no doubt that the criminal justice system is failing black communities and communities of color at disproportionate rates," said Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, DFL-Woodbury. She described

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dismantling the Minneapolis police as a local issue that the Legislature shouldn't dictate. Kent is leading Senate Democrats as they attempt to reclaim a narrow majority from Republicans this fall.

While the Legislature's top Republican, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, has invoked the fears of suburban moms watching the cities in flames, Kent said outrage over Floyd's death extends beyond the cities' limits. "What I am comfortable with is making sure we are fighting for all Minnesotans, and right now what I'm hearing loudly and clearly from suburban moms and others is we need to do a much better job of protecting our black communities and our black neighbors," she said.

But the issue of dismantling the Minneapolis police in some form will be particularly challenging for Democrats in rural districts that lean Republican. Sen. Kent Eken, DFL-Twin Valley, represents a rural district in northwestern Minnesota where he said the police department is respected in the community.

"I've always had concerns about painting things with a broad brush, and I do feel that in greater Minnesota and our rural communities, law enforcement is integrated into our communities and very involved in our communities," Eken said. "I don't want to see a situation where the state takes over implementing statewide approaches that are all based on what's happening in Minneapolis. I've always been an advocate of more local control."

Republicans in the Legislature are calling on Democrats in control of the House to hold hearings on the proposal to dismantle the police during a likely upcoming special session on Friday. And in campaigns, they are using the push in Minneapolis to paint all Democrats, from top to bottom, as "extreme."

"It's rare that a statement by a single City Council can reverberate not just through state politics but through national politics so rapidly," said Steven Schier, a retired Carleton College political science professor. "It's going to be an issue in state politics and you can bet that Republicans are going to be bringing it up time and again."

Facing a crucial election year, with control of the Legislature up for grabs, as well as a U.S. Senate seat and all eight congressional seats, both sides will be navigating a new mood in racial politics and voters' perceptions of policing.

Republican candidate Tyler Kistner, running against DFL U.S. Rep. Angie Craig in a suburban swing district this fall, called on her to denounce the move by the Minneapolis City Council, saying law enforcement "deserves our support, not to become the target of extreme ideas and ridicule."

Craig is serving her first term in Congress and represents a district Republicans have already been targeting. "When it comes to protecting Minnesota's families and neighborhoods - we very much need our firefighters, police officers and first responders," she said. "We need real reform, but eliminating them is not the answer."

In the state's U.S. Senate race, Republican candidate Jason Lewis said Democratic U.S. Sen. Tina Smith's "silence on the issue can only mean that she stands with Ilhan Omar and the City Council in wanting to abolish the police."

Smith said in a statement Monday that she doesn't support abolishing police departments. "But it is clear that we need to reimagine policing in a way that emphasizes de-escalation and community engagement," she said.

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While Republicans clearly see a wedge issue in defending law enforcement, Democrats sense a seismic change in attitude that they say can't be ignored.

Rep. Carlos Mariani, DFL-St. Paul, chairman of a Minnesota House public safety committee, said he's open to discussing the Minneapolis proposal during the upcoming special session as part of a broader conversation about how to reimagine policing, not just in Minneapolis but across the state.

He rejects the idea that this is an "urban-only reality." He notes that the suburbs are growing more racially diverse each year, as are many rural cities where immigrant communities have planted roots and are growing.

"When folks came out to protest in large numbers, they came out from everywhere. You had suburban moms protesting in our cities and they were racially diverse. You saw actions in greater Minnesota towns, you had rallies," he said. "This is Minnesota's issue. This is not just south Minneapolis' issue. This whole divide-and-separate us out is an old tactic that Minnesotans are not going to buy."

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Wild star Matt Dumba teams up with fellow hockey players to eradicate racism

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[WILD STAR MATT DUMBA TEAMS UP WITH FELLOW HOCKEY PLAYERS TO ERADICATE RACISM](#)

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Body

Matt Dumba remembers the horrors of playing hockey as a little kid. His olive skin was a darker complexion than most and made him an easy target. He remembers his mother occasionally leaving the rink in tears for reasons he couldn't quite understand.

"You're sitting in the car talking about what happened and seeing all the pain it caused," said Dumba, whose father, Charles, is Romanian and German and mother, Treena, is Filipino. "Just having the conversation of, 'Hey. You have to have tougher skin.'"

In that moment Dumba paused, taking a deep breath as if to process the fact that his family had to deal with the ignorance of others. It's a problem he knows continues to this day.

"That's a conversation that white parents don't have to have with their kids," Dumba said. "That's what I want to eliminate."

That's why Dumba wanted to be a voice in the newly created Hockey Diversity Alliance, an independent organization started by minorities who play professional hockey. He's joined by San Jose Sharks winger Evander Kane and former NHL player Akim Aliu, who will serve as the co-heads, and an executive committee that includes Detroit Red Wings defenseman Trevor Daley, Buffalo Sabres winger Wayne Simmonds, Philadelphia Flyers winger Chris Stewart and recently retired NHL player Joel Ward.

The creation of the Hockey Diversity Alliance came on Monday, a couple of weeks after the tragic death of [George Floyd](#), who died after being choked out under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer.

As that horrific video circulated around social media, and massive protests followed on an international stage, so many people came to realize what minorities have long understood. That racism is still alive.

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"It's just so sad that it came to this point," Dumba said. "This was basically the inevitable boiling point of people actually waking up and realizing that there are problems in the U.S., in Canada, in our countries and there is this divide."

While the Hockey Diversity Alliance likely won't have a large footprint outside of the sport, at least not right away, it can create conversations within it while continuing to grow the game at a grassroots level. The main goal is to create change within the sport itself, something members of the Hockey Diversity Alliance talked about during a conversation with former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

"It was super cool hearing from Kaep and seeing how much he is really invested in this," Dumba said. "For him to sit down and take the time out of his day to talk to us and kind of preach and give his wisdom from a guy who's been through it was super cool."

"I know when he was talking, everyone was listening and getting a little starstruck seeing a man of this stature," Dumba added. "At the end of the day, he's a real dude, and he was having real conversation with us. That's what I got out of it. I respect the hell out of that dude."

Asked specifically how the Hockey Diversity Alliance plans to accomplish its goals, Dumba noted how it starts at the youth level. That's where he and the rest of the members of the Hockey Diversity Alliance remember experiencing racism for the first time. As much as that means promoting diversity and creating conversations at the youth level, it also means making the sport itself more accessible to kids from all backgrounds.

Aside from working with kids, there also need to be conversations at the NHL level, according to Dumba. He said it feels like people are listening and learning more than ever before, and the Hockey Diversity Alliance needs to keep those conversations going.

"There are a lot of smart guys in our league that understand that and are taking it upon themselves to further themselves in that aspect and really make a change," Dumba said. "Just younger players seeing not only their favorite black or minority players standing up but also their favorite white players also committing to this is going to go such a long way in bridging that gap and bringing everyone together."

As Dumba grows older he is starting to fully harness his voice within the community, and he wants to use it to make a difference. He's committed to that moving forward.

"I want to be a leader," Dumba said. "This is just the start for me. I think putting myself out there, and being a part of this is a huge step. But I'm going to keep doing stuff in my community, keep doing stuff with (the Hockey Diversity Alliance) and just be there for those who might not have anyone there right now."

If everyone continues to take the same approach, according to Dumba, things could look a lot different in the future.

"I think all of us understand that this can be so much bigger than what it is today or in a week or in a month, a year from now," Dumba said. "We have an opportunity to change the game right now, and to really just make a stand for what is right."

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What does that look like, say, 10 years down the road?

"If I got a chance to dream, I think in 10 years, I think we'll see at least half of the team is going to be mixed or have some color, or be some minorities, or maybe at that time it's the majority," Dumba said. "Hopefully by that time kids will only hear the stories - the stories of what some of us had to go through to get where we are - and they can look back and see us and all the people who get involved with what we're trying to do. They can see us as kind of pioneers for the sport and people who got rid of something that was so negative in our game. You'd be naive to say there's not racism in our game. Hopefully those kids can come up and grow up in a hockey environment that does not have that."

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'He is going to change the world': Funeral held for George Floyd

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'HE IS GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD': FUNERAL HELD FOR GEORGE FLOYD

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Body

By JUAN A. LOZANO, NOMAAN MERCHANT and ADAM GELLER

The funeral capped six days of mourning for Floyd in three cities: Raeford, North Carolina, near where he was born; Houston, where he grew up; and Minneapolis, where he died. The memorials have drawn the families of other black victims whose names have become familiar in the debate over race and justice - among them, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Ahmaud Arbery and Trayvon Martin.

After the service, Floyd's golden casket was taken by hearse to the cemetery in the Houston suburb of Pearland to be entombed next to his mother, for whom he cried out as he lay dying. A mile from the graveyard, the casket was transferred to a glass-sided carriage drawn by a pair of white horses. A brass band played as his casket was taken inside the mausoleum.

Hundreds of people, some chanting, "Say his name, **George Floyd**," gathered along the procession route and outside the cemetery entrance in the mid-90s heat.

"I don't want to see any black man, any man, but most definitely not a black man sitting on the ground in the hands of bad police," said Marcus Brooks, 47, who set up a tent with other graduates of Jack Yates High School, Floyd's alma mater.

In the past two weeks, amid the furor over Floyd's death, sweeping and previously unthinkable things have taken place: Confederate statues have been toppled, and many cities are debating overhauling, dismantling or cutting funding for police departments. Authorities in some places have barred police from using chokeholds or are otherwise rethinking policies on the use of force.

Dozens of Floyd's family members, most dressed in white, took part in the four-hour service. Grammy-winning singer Ne-Yo was among those who sang.

The mourners included actors Jamie Foxx and Channing Tatum, J.J. Watt of the NFL's Houston Texans, rapper Trae tha Truth, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo and Houston Mayor

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Sylvester Turner, who brought the crowd to its feet when he announced he will sign an executive order banning chokeholds in the city.

"I know you have a lot of questions that no child should have to ask, questions that too many black children have had to ask for generations: Why? Why is Daddy gone?" former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential candidate, said, addressing Floyd's 6-year-old daughter in a video eulogy played at the service. "Now is the time for racial justice. That's the answer we must give to our children when they ask why."

Biden made no mention of his opponent in November. But other speakers took swipes at President Donald Trump, who has ignored demands to address racial bias and has called on authorities to crack down hard on lawlessness.

"The president talks about bringing in the military, but he did not say one word about 8 minutes and 46 seconds of police murder of George Floyd," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, the civil rights activist. "He challenged China on human rights. But what about the human right of George Floyd?"

Most of the pews were full, with relatively little space between people.

"So much for social distancing today," the Rev. Remus Wright told mourners, gently but firmly instructing those attending to wear face masks.

Texas has no limit on how many people can gather in places of worship during the pandemic, though Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has encouraged churches to follow federal health guidelines.

Although the church service was private, at least 50 people gathered outside to pay their respects.

"There's a real big change going on, and everybody, especially black, right now should be a part of that," said Kersey Biagase, who traveled more than three hours from Port Barre, Louisiana, with his girlfriend, Brandy Pickney. They wore T-shirts printed with Floyd's name and "I Can't Breathe."

Floyd served nearly five years in prison for robbery with a deadly weapon before becoming a mentor and a church outreach volunteer in Houston. He moved to Minnesota several years ago through a program that tried to change men's lives by helping them find work in new settings.

At the time of his death, Floyd was out of work as a bouncer at a Minneapolis club that had closed because of the coronavirus outbreak. He was seized by police after being accused of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill at a convenience store.

Four Minneapolis officers were arrested in his death: Derek Chauvin, 44, was charged with second-degree murder. J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas Lane and Tou Thao were charged with aiding and abetting. All four could get up to 40 years in prison.

Some of the mostly peaceful demonstrations that erupted after Floyd's death were marked by bursts of arson, assaults, vandalism and smash-and-grab raids on businesses, with more than 10,000 people arrested. But protests in recent days have been overwhelmingly peaceful.

The spelling of Brandy Pickney's first name has been corrected.

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LaTonya Floyd speaks during the funeral for her brother, ***George Floyd***, on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at The Fountain of Praise church in Houston. (Godofredo A. Vásquez/Houston Chronicle via AP, Pool)

LaTonya Floyd speaks during the funeral service for her brother ***George Floyd*** at The Fountain of Praise church Tuesday, June 9, 2020, in Houston. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip, Pool)

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Feds seeking help in search for arson suspects

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FEDS SEEKING HELP IN SEARCH FOR ARSON SUSPECTS

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Federal authorities are asking for help in identifying several suspects who allegedly set fires in Minneapolis during protests over the killing of **George Floyd** while in police custody.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) released several pictures Tuesday of suspects captured on security cameras allegedly setting fire to a school, grocery store and the Minneapolis Third Precinct police station, among other buildings.

"Progress has been steady in the Minneapolis fire investigations, and we are at a point where we need help identifying people," said Jeff Reed, assistant special agent in charge of the ATF St. Paul Field Division, in a statement. "These arsons are adversely impacting our communities, business owners, employees and their families."

Also on Tuesday, two more people were charged with conspiracy to commit arson for allegedly starting fires at a St. Paul health and nutrition store on May 28. Samuel Elliott Frey, 19, and Bailey Marie Baldus, 19, allegedly entered the Great Health and Nutrition store at 1360 University Ave. W., along with three other people and used flammable hand sanitizer to start a shelving unit on fire.

At least 570 buildings were vandalized or looted across the Twin Cities as thousands of demonstrators took to the streets several nights in a row to protest the death of **George Floyd**, who was killed on May 25.

At least 67 buildings were completely destroyed.

Floyd, a 46-year-old black man from St. Louis Park, died after then-Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin knelt** on his neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds while two of his colleagues held down the rest of Floyd's body. His death set off peaceful protests and vandalism across the country and around the world.

All four officers at the scene - Chauvin, **J Alexander Kueng**, **Thomas Lane** and **Tou Thao** - were promptly fired. All four have been charged in the case.

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The ATF released photos of several suspects who allegedly set fire to the Minnesota Transitions Charter School, the Minneapolis police Third Precinct building, an AutoZone store, a Wells Fargo Bank building and an Aldi's grocery store. The agency said it was working with the FBI, Minneapolis police, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies to investigate the fires and other crimes related to the protests.

The agency also put out a plea for cooperation from anyone who "incited or promoted violence of any kind."

Anyone with information about the identities of the people involved can call the ATF at 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), e-mail ATFTips@atf.gov, or submit information online at ReportIt.com.

Witnesses who have digital evidence to share or tips can call 1-800-CALLFBI (1-800-225-5324), or visit fbi.gov/violence.

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1 of 4 ex-officers in George Floyd arrest has posted bail, left jail

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Lane is charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter for his role in the arrest of Floyd, a handcuffed black man who died Memorial Day after another officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, pressed his knee to Floyd's neck as Floyd cried out that he couldn't breathe and became motionless.

Lane's attorney Earl Gray did not immediately return a message seeking comment. But last week Gray said that Lane was a rookie, and that the only thing he did was hold Floyd's feet so he couldn't kick. The criminal complaint also says that Lane expressed concern about Floyd and asked Chauvin twice if they should roll Floyd to his side, but Chauvin said no. Gray said Lane also performed CPR in the ambulance.

Gray told the Star Tribune he plans to bring a motion to dismiss the charges.

Chauvin is in custody at the state prison in Oak Park Heights on \$1 million bail.

All four officers were fired by the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** before they were charged.

[*Feds deny Minnesota request for aid to rebuild after unrest. Police reforms among the issues legislators expected to take up when they return to the Capitol. NYC mayor helps paint 'Black Lives Matter' outside Trump Tower. Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest. 'We don't think we did this all right': State leaders weigh in on response to Minneapolis riots*](#)

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Graphic

Thomas Kiernan Lane. (Courtesy of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

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Minneapolis police chief takes on union, promises change

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The *Minneapolis Police Department* will withdraw from police union contract negotiations, Chief Medaria Arradondo said Wednesday, as he announced initial steps in what he said would be transformational reforms to the agency in the wake of *George Floyd*'s death.

Body

By STEVE KARNOWSKI and AMY FORLITI

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The *Minneapolis Police Department* will withdraw from police union contract negotiations, Chief Medaria Arradondo said Wednesday, as he announced initial steps in what he said would be transformational reforms to the agency in the wake of *George Floyd*'s death.

Faced with calls from activists and a majority of City Council members to dismantle or defund the department, Arradondo also said he would use a new system to identify problem officers early and intervene.

"We will have a police department that our communities view as legitimate, trusting and working with their best interests at heart," he said at a news conference more than two weeks after Floyd died after a white officer pressed his knee into the handcuffed black man's neck even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

Activists have pointed to racial inequities and brutality, as well as a system that rarely disciplines problem officers. The officer who had his knee on Floyd's neck, *Derek Chauvin*, had 17 complaints against him and had been disciplined only once.

Arradondo said "taking a deliberate pause" to review the union contract is the first step toward change. He said it's debilitating for a chief when an officer does something that calls for termination, but the union works to keep that person on the job.

Advisers will look for ways to restructure the contract to provide more transparency and flexibility, he said. The review will look at critical incident protocols, use of force, and disciplinary protocols, including grievances and arbitration, among other things.

"This work must be transformational, but I must do it right," Arradondo said.

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The union's contract expired on Dec. 31 but remains in effect until there is a new one. Talks began in October and eventually included a state mediator; the last discussion was in early March, when the coronavirus led to talks breaking off.

Union President Bob Kroll didn't immediately return messages.

Arradondo sidestepped a question about whether he thought Kroll, often seen as an obstacle to changes, should step down. He also didn't directly answer a question about whether residents should worry about a slowdown in police response time as a pushback against attempts to transform the department. Some City Council members have said in the past that their wards saw such slowdowns when they complained about police action.

In an interview later, Arradondo said it's up to the union's members to decide whether Kroll should resign. But he said he hopes the union leadership takes to heart "the fierce urgency of now." He said he doesn't believe rank-and-file officers are an obstacle to change. He also said citizens "should not be concerned or worried" about any slowdown in service.

"Our men and women continue to show up," he said. "They're showing up on their shifts. They're showing up out there in the community. They're answering the calls."

Arradondo fired the four officers who were at the scene of the encounter with Floyd the day after his death. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter, and the other three officers are charged with aiding and abetting.

One of those officers, ***Thomas Lane***, posted bail of \$750,000 and was released Wednesday with conditions. Chauvin, J. Kueng and ***Tou Thao*** remained in custody.

Arradondo's predecessor, Janee Harteau, and Mayor Jacob Frey are among those who have complained that the police union is a roadblock to change. Frey, who praised Arradondo's announcement, said this week that the city has difficulty terminating and disciplining officers because of the union. Bob Bennett, an attorney who has sued the department many times over police misconduct allegations, has said that the union has more sway over police conduct than chiefs do.

While a majority of City Council members called for dismantling the department, they provided no clear plan on how that would happen. Frey has said he would not support abolishing the department.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who is prosecuting the four officers, told The Associated Press in an interview earlier Wednesday that he's not calling for dismantling or defunding the department but that the people who are "should be listened to rather than dismissed."

He said it was fair to question whether community groups that fight against gun violence should get more money, for example, and whether schools with officers should also have more nurses and counselors.

"Nobody's saying defund safety," Ellison said. "What they're doing is they're challenging the 19th, 20th century model of how we deliver safety ... how it's not really working very well and coming up with alternatives."

Arradondo, the city's first African American police chief, joined the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** in 1989 as a patrol officer, working his way up to precinct inspector and head of the Internal Affairs Unit,

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which investigates officer misconduct allegations. Along the way, he and four other black officers successfully sued the department for discrimination in promotions, pay and discipline.

He was promoted to assistant chief in early 2017, then became chief later that year, after Harteau was fired for the way she handled the fatal police shooting of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, an Australian native who had called 911 to report a possible sexual assault behind her home.

Many hoped Arradondo could alter the culture of a department that critics said too frequently used excessive force and discriminated against people of color. Arradondo made some quick changes, including toughening the department's policy on use of body cameras. But critics have said more needs to be done.

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In 2013 the city of Minneapolis paid \$3 million to the family of David Cornelius Smith, who died after police pinned him face down, while handcuffed, on the floor of a downtown YMCA.

It remains one of the largest payouts for a police misconduct lawsuit in the city's history, and Smith's death in 2010 focused public attention on the dangerous prone restraint tactic.

Now, following the death of [George Floyd](#) in a similar restraint, Smith's family wants to know whether the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) ever fulfilled a promise in the city's settlement to require all sworn officers undergo training on the dangers of positional asphyxia.

Smith's sister put the question to the civilian Minneapolis Police Conduct Oversight Commission (PCOC) on Tuesday evening. Billed as a community-listening session, the virtual meeting was the panel's first since Floyd's death May 25 and the violent protests that erupted afterward.

Speaking from Atlanta, David Smith's sister Angela choked back tears as she told the commission how devastated her family is that another black man has died under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer. Smith, 41, said that her family fought for a settlement that included MPD reforms on the use of such extreme restraints, so that "nobody else would have to die like my brother did."

"But now I heard [George Floyd](#) cry out for his mom, and people stood by as he died," she said. "We want to know: Why didn't the police train officers to let them know how dangerous this type of restraint is, and these people don't have to die?"

Of the nearly 20 people who spoke, some offered concrete recommendations for altering the current state of policing.

The Rev. Daniel Wolpert, a Presbyterian minister who lives just two blocks from where Floyd was killed, blasted the commission for "milquetoast" statements regarding Floyd's death and its inability to create meaningful reforms.

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"You are certainly not a credible public body. That's not surprising. Most civilian oversight commissions have no power and no teeth," Wolpert said. "You should try to be honest about the fact that you can't really do anything."

Commissioners thanked the public for their comments and said they were necessary, if difficult to hear.

Chairman Afsheen Foroozan told Smith that he would find out whether the MPD did the agreed-upon training. Commission member Abigail Cerra said that she asked the MPD and was told to submit a data practices act request for it, which she did.

The seven-member commission is a civilian group appointed by the mayor and City Council. It directs and guides the Office of Police Conduct Review, which investigates misconduct complaints. Unlike the commission, the review office is made up of paid city staff and law enforcement officers and is part of the city's Department of Civil Rights.

Jeff Storms, a lawyer who represented the Smith family in its lawsuit, said people have known for decades that holding individuals in a prone restraint position, particularly with weight on their back, can kill them.

"It would be deeply disturbing to believe that any officer in the year 2020 would not train on the risks of positional asphyxiation, particularly in Minneapolis," Storms said.

Storms said the MPD announced in 2012 that it distributed a video for officers on the dangers of prone restraint tactics to play during roll call. The video included a medical examiner advising officers "not to restrain subjects in the prone position with weight on the subject's back," court documents show.

That was before the 2013 settlement with the Smith family, however.

Minneapolis Police spokesman John Elder told the Star Tribune on Tuesday that he did not know whether all officers received the training, and advised the newspaper to submit a data practices act request.

Veteran MPD officers privately said they didn't think it was possible that a seasoned officer such as ***Derek Chauvin*** didn't know about the dangers of body weight pins, or positional asphyxia. For decades, the department's annual in-service training regularly mentioned the term, one retired senior official said, and repeatedly taught law enforcement not to leave an individual on their stomach - especially while handcuffed.

Al Giraud-Isaacson, a former member on the civilian watchdog panel, lamented that nothing has changed since the commission's founding in 2013. It still struggles for funding, begs for City Council members to engage and lacks real authority.

"There's no oversight of police conduct with this commission - and it's not the commissioners' fault. They do everything they can under their power to influence changes, influence policy," he said, but urged current members to fight for greater authority.

"Demand the City Council rewrite the city ordinance that regulates oversight of the police; take the police completely out of the process," Giraud-Isaacson said. "Lobby the state to change the state statute ... that severely restricts what Minneapolis can do on oversight."

Giraud-Isaacson was referring to the changes made in 2012 taking away the ability of civilian oversight bodies to make a finding of fact or determination regarding a misconduct complaint or impose discipline on an officer.

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In an interview following the meeting, Commissioner Cerra said she had her marching orders.

"I received the clear directive from residents and the Smith family: Step up and get at it," Cerra said. "The PCOC has power, and I will use it to demand systemic change."

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Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest

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Body

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A multi-agency investigation by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' National Response Team, **Minneapolis Police Department**, Minneapolis Fire Department, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division and the FBI is asking for help identifying five more people suspected of being involved in the arson fires.

The ATF's St. Paul field division will post additional pictures on its Twitter account as they become available at @ATFStPaul.

ATF is seeking new persons of interest related to several Minneapolis fires during recent civil unrest. ATF working with [@MinneapolisPD](#) [@HennepinSheriff](#) [@FBIMinneapolis](#) [@MinneapolisFire](#) [@MnDPS](#) [SFM](#) [@DMNnews](#) If you recognize these people call 1-888-ATF-TIPS. pic.twitter.com/6S2NFz8QRF

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Officials ask anyone with information on the identification and whereabouts of these individuals to contact the ATF.

Call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), email ATFTips@atf.gov, or submit information anonymously via www.ReportIt.com or the Report It mobile app, available on Google Play or Apple Apps Store. If using Report It, select "ATF - St. Paul Field Division" as the reporting agency.

Authorities ask for help identifying more arson suspects in George Floyd unrest

The FBI is also looking for information on anyone who "may have incited or promoted violence of any kind" during the unrest that followed Floyd's death in Minneapolis police custody. Anyone with information can call 1-800-CALLFBI (800-225-5342) or send still pictures or videos to fbi.gov/violence.

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Black Lives poster torn, agent fired

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Body

A longtime agent for Edina Realty was terminated after she posted on social media about tearing down ***Black Lives Matter*** posters in the 50th and France area, the heart of the city's business district.

Facebook posts on Babette Gillet Bean's account last week showed a photo of a crumpled ***Black Lives Matter*** poster.

"I ripped off many in DT Edina tonight," Bean commented.

Gena Henrich, Edina Realty's director of marketing, confirmed that the company ended its relationship with Bean after being made aware of the Facebook posts. The agency also announced Bean's termination through its own Facebook account.

In an e-mail Tuesday night, Bean said her actions had been misunderstood.

"I removed four posters that had been affixed to light poles on my apartment complex property," she wrote. "I did not do so as some kind of political or racist act, but because any postings - regardless of content - on light poles are prohibited by city ordinance. I regularly remove garage sale, for sale and all kinds of other signs posted [on] the poles and have done so for years.

"I did not remove these signs because I am somehow racist or against the movement to once and for all eradicate ***systemic racism*** in our government institutions and society," Bean wrote. "I fully support the public outcry for long overdue change in our police departments that all too often deliver grossly unequal justice to African Americans and other minorities."

In an interview Tuesday, Edina Realty CEO Greg Mason said the company is committed to promoting equity and fighting bias in all its services. The company, which operates throughout Minnesota and much of Wisconsin, has about 2,300 agents.

"You have to be focused and passionate, and we are," Mason said. "And we will double down on our efforts."

Black Lives poster torn, agent fired

As with many communities in the Twin Cities area, Edina's history includes institutional racism. Homes in the city's Country Club neighborhood, built between 1924 and 1944, included racially restrictive covenants. As one of the nation's first planned communities, with more than 550 upscale homes, it helped transform Edina from its farming origins into a prosperous suburb.

Home buyers in Country Club had to agree they would never sell their property to anyone "other than one of the white or Caucasian race."

Nonwhites also were barred from living in Country Club unless they were domestic servants who lived in the household they served.

Other neighborhoods in Edina also used racial covenants, as did thousands of properties in Minneapolis and other Minnesota communities.

More information can be found at Mapping Prejudice, a University of Minnesota project that has cataloged racial covenants on Hennepin County properties.

Mason said Edina Realty has a diversity and inclusion team that meets regularly and includes top executives. Its title company is helping with research on restrictive covenants, and offering information on how homeowners can get them removed from a title - even though the covenants are no longer enforceable.

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Unrest delays budget overhaul

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Minneapolis' elected officials are delaying their budget overhaul, saying they lost time to work on it while responding to the riots that followed [George Floyd's](#) death.

Before Floyd died, after being pinned by his neck by a Minneapolis police officer's knee, the city's elected officials were looking to trim their roughly \$1.6 billion budget to account for revenue that plunged amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Mayor Jacob Frey had been expected to provide a proposal for an updated budget to the council on Friday.

Council members are now eyeing the possibility of passing smaller changes to the budget in June but delaying the majority of the work until July.

As they move forward, many will be watching to see what changes the mayor and council propose for the city's police department.

Some council members have promised to "begin the process of ending" the police department, though they have not provided a single, unified vision of what that means.

Possible cuts to force

While a clause in the city charter prohibits them from immediately eliminating the police department - and Frey opposes the idea - some council members could try to reduce the force to its minimum required levels.

The charter requires the council to "fund a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident." Based on the latest census data, that would likely equal roughly 730 employees.

The [Minneapolis Police Department](#) currently has a budget of \$193.3 million, according to the city's finance department. It employed 892 sworn officers and 175 non-sworn employees as of June 1, according to spokesman John Elder.

Unrest delays budget overhaul

The City Council could try to push for changes in this latest budget revision or it could decide to address those in the process of budgeting for 2021.

Hours before Floyd died, city staff held a budget retreat to try to cut \$165 million from the budget. The city lost money in tax revenue, utility bills and parking fees when businesses closed to encourage social distancing amid the pandemic.

"By Tuesday morning, our whole world had changed," said Council Member Linea Palmisano, who chairs the budget committee.

In the days that followed, city officials focused on responding to riots, Palmisano said, and budget discussions resumed in detail late last week.

Cost of riot damages

The city is still tallying the cost of riot damages. As of Friday, the number was estimated between \$100 million and \$150 million and expected to grow. City officials have said they intend to apply for aid, but it's too early to tell whether they will get it.

The city is also waiting to see how the state will allocate the \$667 million it received in federal CARES Act funding to help cover the widespread costs of responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Minnesota governor asks lawmakers for justice after Floyd

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Body

By STEVE KARNOWSKI

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The death of *George Floyd* is sparking calls for the Minnesota Legislature to remove racial inequities from the criminal justice system in the state where he died and to aid neighborhoods damaged in unrest that followed.

But it's not clear yet how far lawmakers will go when they reconvene in a special session Friday, given that Republicans who control the Senate have been cool to major changes. Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said his top priority instead will be trying to terminate the emergency executive powers that he contends Democratic Gov. Tim Walz abused while responding to both the coronavirus and the sometimes violent protests that spread worldwide from Minneapolis.

That hasn't sat well with Democratic lawmakers who want change now in response to the death of Floyd, who died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air.

"Black folks are sick and tired of literally suffering from people telling them to wait until the moment is right," said Senate Assistant Minority Leader Jeff Hayden, an African American whose district was the site of the encounter.

Democratic lawmakers and governors in several states, including Wisconsin, New Jersey, Arizona and Oregon, are hoping to harness the anger over Floyd's death to remake law enforcement, including new restrictions on the use of force. A proposal in Colorado would require departments to compile civilian demographic data in use-of-force cases and allow citizens to file lawsuits against police officers for misconduct. In Pennsylvania on Monday, black Democratic lawmakers displayed a *Black Lives Matter* banner while demanding movement on proposals to ban chokeholds, improve tracking of officers who have engaged in misconduct, and expand access to police video.

Minnesota governor asks lawmakers for justice after Floyd

Walz formally called the Minnesota special session Wednesday as he extended the peacetime state of emergency that he declared as the coronavirus started to gain a foothold in his state. Minnesota law requires him to call lawmakers back to the Capitol when he extends those powers when the Legislature is not in session.

"This call to a special session is not just from me," the governor said at a news conference. "It's that primal scream you heard from people on the street demanding justice."

The governor offered few specific proposals of his own but endorsed the work of the bicameral People of Color and Indigenous Caucus. That group has already offered 22-point slate of ideas that would stand a good chance of winning House approval, and they're pressuring Senate Republicans into taking them up.

"Bold, transformative action is what the public is crying for," Walz said. "Let's show them that democracy works."

During a news conference Monday, Hayden said proposals most likely to advance include modifying use-of-force standards, prioritizing the sanctity of life, codifying the duty of police to intervene when they see another officer using excessive force, lifting the state's ban on cities imposing residency requirements for officers, banning "warrior" use-of-force training for officers and banning chokeholds. Minneapolis has already adopted some of those changes in an agreement with the state human rights department.

"Minnesota needs to lead the nation in race reconciliation," Gazelka said at a news conference Friday. "This is an opportunity that comes around once in a generation, and what are we going to do with that?"

But the closest he came to offering concrete proposals was saying that a stalled public construction borrowing bill that's expected to be debated during the special session should include some sort of relief for the inner cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, including damaged small businesses. He spoke in only general terms about criminal justice and educational equity issues, and suggested that big changes may have to wait.

A bonding bill needs a three-fifths majority in both chambers, and Hayden has threatened to withhold Senate Democratic votes unless lawmakers agree on addressing racial inequities, giving his party some leverage.

"Minnesota, and America, is watching to see what our first step will be," said Democratic Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, of Woodbury. "We have the opportunity to set the bar high and lead by example, not to tiptoe around this issue of racial injustice."

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REPAIRING THE DAMAGE

As I toured the devastation and burned-out open pits of our Longfellow neighborhood, I wondered why the city and state aren't deploying the same resources to help support the needs of our community that were used to restore order. For example, the National Guard has a stated mission to "protect the weak, save lives and restore neighborhoods" and has been deployed in fires, floods and other local disasters.

Shouldn't our mayor and governor deploy them (preferably without uniforms and weapons) and other public agencies to rebuild our local communities with the same urgency that was used just two weeks previously? Isn't that a step in the right direction helping us to heal?

Alan Lifson, Minneapolis

POLICE REFORM

Listen before critiquing, please

A number of letter writers who seem to be from my general demographic - white men who describe themselves as sympathetic to racial justice - wrote to the Star Tribune on Tuesday with strongly worded advice for the leaders working to restructure public safety in Minneapolis. The gist seems to be that they are doing it all wrong and will be responsible for re-electing Donald Trump. My people, my people: Let's not be this way.

To be absolutely clear, it's people who look like us that brought this country Donald Trump. To blame organizers, some of whom are black women, for the rise of his hate-filled politics is simply backward. Those who have marched for justice for years (as one writer puts it) should be especially willing to reflect on the murderous inequities that still exist in our city and country. It's time to ask questions about proposals we don't understand and be open to ideas of the people who are both the most directly affected by racism and moving powerfully to address it.

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It's not a situation where we have to be silent: Organizers from Black Visions Collective and Reclaim the Block and city leaders have explicitly invited Minnesotans into a public conversation. Let's try to show up ready to listen and learn, not scold and lecture.

Kevin Whelan, Minneapolis

'SUBURBAN MOMS' COMMENT

Gazelka doesn't speak for me

Dear Sen. Paul Gazelka: I am a suburban mom and I certainly don't need an apology ("New flash point: Police reform," June 9, front page).

Last weekend, I woke up after a full night's sleep and drank coffee while sitting on my front porch. I played with my kids and worked in my garden. I sat at the dinner table with my family and laughed and ate pizza. I tucked my three little kids into bed and sat on my couch to watch Netflix with my spouse.

I did not wake up to ash on my lawn from the fires. I did not spend the previous night patrolling my own neighborhood while watching armored cars drive through the street and helicopters fly overhead. I did not worry about how I was going to feed my children because my grocery store had burned down. I did not march in a peaceful protest to be shot at with rubber bullets and tear gas. I did not live in constant fear that my friends, my family, my children would be killed by the people who are supposed to protect them.

So, no, I'm not "scared to death." I am mad as heck. I'm mad that you are more concerned about white, privileged suburban women being uncomfortable than you are about black people being killed by police officers.

Carah Hart, Edina

GREATER MINNESOTA

Reform is not just a metro problem

Hopefully, criminal justice reform and police brutality will be top priority when the Minnesota Legislature convenes for its special session this week. For those of us in rural Minnesota, however, it is important that the Legislature recognize that the mistreatment of people of color and Native communities by law enforcement authorities and security personnel is not just a metro-area concern. Whether it be in Winona, Montgomery, Windom, or countless other places, this race-based profiling, harassment and targeting needs to stop.

As white, rural Minnesotans, it's easy to overlook our own long history of government-led racism. We can be better than that. We can instead create a state where everyone feels safe and where everyone thrives, regardless of the color of their skin.

Doug Nopar, Winona, Minn.

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Thanks to the Star Tribune for publishing the opinion piece on policing and mental illness ("Separating policing, mental health response isn't easy," June 9). Mindy Greiling depicted the heartfelt emotions of her

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family's struggles with mental illness and graphically reveals the complexity of when mental illness intersects with policing in any community.

I was fortunate to work on the 2015-16 Roseville-area League of Women Voters police study with Mindy. We examined and probed policing practices in six areas, one of which was intervening in mental health crises. Interviewing law enforcement chiefs and sheriffs and hearing firsthand the incredible challenges police and deputy responders along with family members face when encountering a mental illness crisis provided the impetus for our recommendations. One of these was to have all police responders be well-trained in crisis responses. While we individually acknowledge our implicit biases, the timing is good for all our suburban and Greater Minnesota communities to again examine and re-evaluate policies and methods of training.

Rita Leopold Mills, Little Canada, Minn.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Supporters of disbanding should examine their own assumptions

In the discussion of disbanding the *Minneapolis Police Department*, believing that the elimination of police altogether will result in a drop in crime is itself built upon a racist assumption. It's built upon the hidden idea that *systemic racism* is to blame for most or even all crimes committed, and by extension, that most or all crimes are committed by black people. Obviously, nothing could be further from the truth. There are many bad actors of all races who would treat the elimination of police as license to commit crimes at will without fear of getting caught. This city would be inundated with criminals from every corner of the country eager to join in. Rich white neighborhoods would employ private police forces. Poor neighborhoods would be left to defend themselves. It would have the exact opposite effect desired.

The Minneapolis City Council must replace the MPD with a community-focused department, not eliminate the police altogether.

Chris Smith, Minneapolis

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H.L. Mencken, an astute if acerbic surveyor of America's political landscape during the first half of the 20th century, once said that "for every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong."

In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. Propelled by public sentiment that crime was out of control, and weaponized as a wedge issue by the political parties, it would soon become known for its "three strikes" provision. In addition to providing federal dollars to the states to hire an additional 100,000 police officers, it encouraged states to adopt sentencing guidelines that mandated that any person convicted of three felonies must serve a life sentence. It was clear, and it was simple - more cops putting more bad guys in jail and throwing away the key.

Ten years later, a remorseful Clinton would admit, "I signed a bill that made the problem worse."

As cities around the country now wrestle with the complex problem of protecting citizens in this new confused reality, wise leadership must avoid the temptation to jump at clear and simple solutions, even if the voices around them insist on it.

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Tom Baumann, Isanti, Minn.

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Prayers on plywood

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PRAYERS ON PLYWOOD

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Artist Ryan Stopera slapped a stencil outline of *George Floyd's* face over a plywood board painted deep purple. Sheets of wood covered the street-facing windows of Fallout Urban Arts Center in the Whittier neighborhood, one of countless boarded-up Twin Cities buildings being transformed with paint and passion.

Stopera held the stencil in place while another artist shook a can of gold spray enamel and took aim at the cutup paper.

"Art can be an expression of prayer, a hope for the future, and a way of dealing with *systemic racism*," said Pastor Peter Wohler, executive director of Source MN, a faith-based organization that sponsors the Fallout and works with at-risk populations.

In the wake of last week's riots, hundreds of artists around the city are transforming boarded-up windows with messages of remembrance, hope, demands for justice, healing community and pride for minority-owned businesses. Some create their own variations of Floyd's familiar portrait. All are infusing powerful, positive energy during a painful time of growth and reconciliation.

"I think a lot of people have found themselves in this space of 'What to do?' and some of us went to art," said Stopera. "Even the act of painting is so meditative - and this is traumatic."

Using the hashtag #creativesaftercurfew, Stopera, Leslie Barlow and 20 to 30 other predominantly BIPOC (black/indigenous/people of color) artists are part of one crew painting murals on boarded-up businesses.

They received \$5,000 from the Graves Foundation, discounts on paint supplies and free brushes from Wet Paint in St. Paul. Blick Art Materials chipped in \$2,000 toward future murals. There's no time to apply for grants, so donations are essential.

"There's a momentum right now with everything that happened," said artist Mackenzie Owens, who joined on Day 2 of painting. "We've got to get out."

Prayers on plywood

As of Thursday the crew had done five murals. The boards could stay up for three to four weeks, and the crew has 20 businesses on deck. They focus on BIPOC businesses, with BIPOC artists developing the mural messaging.

At Fallout, Wohler gave the artists free rein to do whatever they wanted on its big boarded-up windows. The pastor sees a double injustice in the wake of Floyd's death: the perpetuation of *systemic racism* and the destruction of immigrant-run businesses. Murals, he believes, are one way to combat visual signs of violence that the charred storefronts on Lake Street represent.

The artists work quickly. The two-panel mural - showing Floyd, silhouettes of people with a pair of brown hands holding nutritious food, and a phoenix rising from the ashes - was painted by 15 community members in about 11 hours.

Last-minute location change

Everything is done on the fly, making plans flexible and often last minute. The artists moved to Fallout after their plan to paint the soon-to-be demolished Kmart on Lake Street fell apart.

Barlow thought of painting large hands holding up phones, symbolizing how people are getting the word out through social media, but on the screens they'd paint images of the future they wanted to see, whether it was "abolish the police" or "housing for all."

Kmart had been working with Wohler on the mural idea - that morning, volunteers from the Fallout had whitewashed over graffiti there - but then a store manager came out to talk with the artists.

"I don't want this to be a mural with a political message one way or the other," said the manager, who would only identify himself as Dan. "We don't want to be on either side. We just want to be out of the middle."

"The problem is that people don't want to take a side," said Barlow. "You are a business in a predominantly black and brown neighborhood."

The artists asked if there were any words or images he preferred. Dan suggested words like "peace" or a mural with flowers. The artists packed up their supplies.

When asked why the artists felt it was important for the mural to be here, Barlow pointed to Kmart's location in a heavily Latino and immigrant community, just one block from the Fifth Precinct police station that was under siege just days before.

"It's right here, in the middle of the community."

Mystery muralists

Hisham Hassan, owner of the pizza shop A Slice of New York in the 2400 block of Nicollet Avenue, got a message from a friend that someone had painted a mural on his boarded-up front window: A portrait of a black man wearing a bright orange shirt pops out against a light orange background. He has no facial features. Two fists holding orange-and-white-patterned cloths appear under blue-outlined yellow-and-orange letters with the text "*George Floyd!*"

"I want to keep this," said Hassan. "It's too big, but I will find a place. It is a part of history."

Hassan has no idea who the artist is, but he welcomes the mural's presence.

Prayers on plywood

"Maybe the sadness, maybe something good will come of it," he said. "Maybe, people will wake up and understand."

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Twins owners pledge \$25 million to fight for racial justice

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Body

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"Black people have experienced oppression and racism for far too long in this country," Bill Pohlad, the president of the Pohlad Family Foundation said in a release. "We condemn racism in all its forms, and we are firmly committed to helping to enact meaningful change. We know this will take time and effort, and we are committed to this work beyond this seminal moment in our country's history."

The money will be used in what the Pohlad family called a "two-phased, community-based approach."

Floyd died last month after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes. The death, captured on video by bystanders and close-circuit television, sparked protests around the country.

The first phase of the Pohlad family's plan will focus on providing relief and helping rebuild organizations in impacted areas of the Twin Cities. The Pohlad Family Foundation will "support grassroots organizations doing this important work" and match donations made by employees of Pohlad Companies.

As part of the second phase, the family plans to focus on effect "structural change" by working with other organizations to "change the systems that create racial inequities and marginalize people of color."

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Twins owners pledge \$25 million to fight for racial justice

"While we are determined to help affect change in our community, we also know that any real change must start from within," Bill Pohlad said in the release. "And so, we acknowledge that we have our own work to do and are working to strengthen diversity and inclusion in our organization."

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HBO Max removes 'Gone With the Wind' to address its 'racist depictions'

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Highlight: WarnerMedia has yanked "Gone With the Wind" from its HBO Max streaming service, but the company plans to return the Southern Civil War drama to its catalog once it adds disclaimers about the film's racist depictions.

Body

By Meg James

WarnerMedia has yanked "Gone With the Wind" from its HBO Max streaming service, but the company plans to return the Southern Civil War drama to its catalog once it adds disclaimers about the film's racist depictions.

The move comes less than two days after filmmaker John Ridley argued, in a Los Angeles Times opinion piece, that the 1939 film not only ignored "the horrors of slavery" but also perpetuated "some of the most painful stereotypes of people of color."

WarnerMedia, which is owned by telecommunications giant AT&T, acted swiftly.

"'Gone With the Wind' is a product of its time, and depicts some of the ethnic and racial prejudices that have, unfortunately, been commonplace in American society," WarnerMedia said in a statement Tuesday. "These racist depictions were wrong then, and are wrong today, and we felt that to keep this title up without an explanation and denouncement of those depictions would be irresponsible."

WarnerMedia said it planned to return the Oscar-winning film to its new streaming service, along with "a discussion of its historical context and a denouncement of those very depictions."

However, the company said that the film "will be presented as it was originally created, because otherwise, [it] would be the same as claiming these prejudices never existed."

The move comes in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s killing on May 25 by a white Minneapolis police officer, who pinned Floyd at the neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds as other police officers dispassionately looked on.

HBO Max removes 'Gone With the Wind' to address its 'racist depictions'

The killing, captured on cellphone video, galvanized the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement and sparked huge protests in American cities against police brutality. Media outlets, which have unevenly covered the protests and civil unrest, have been reckoning with their own history of reinforcing racism.

On Sunday, the New York Times opinion editor James Bennet resigned amid controversy over the paper's publication of an op-ed by Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) under the headline "Send in the Troops." Cotton's piece focused on the rioting and called for the military to be mobilized to back up police. It came as the vast majority of protests were peaceful.

Separately, on Tuesday, ViacomCBS' Paramount Network canceled the long-running TV show "Cops."

"As a filmmaker, I get that movies are often snapshots of moments in history," Ridley wrote in his opinion piece about "Gone With the Wind." "They reflect not only the attitudes and opinions of those involved in their creation, but also those of the prevailing culture. As such, even the most well-intentioned films can fall short in how they represent marginalized communities."

The MGM film swept the Academy Awards the following year, notching wins for best picture, director (Victor Fleming), actress (Vivien Leigh), and supporting actress Hattie McDaniel became the first black American to win an Oscar for her turn as the servant Mammy.

"'Gone With the Wind,' however, has its own unique problem," Ridley wrote. "It doesn't just 'fall short' with regard to representation. It is a film that glorifies the antebellum south. It is a film that, when it is not ignoring the horrors of slavery, pauses only to perpetuate some of the most painful stereotypes of people of color."

"If we are to create a more just, equitable and inclusive future, we must first acknowledge and understand our history," WarnerMedia wrote in its statement, but did not specify when the film would return to HBO Max.

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Protesters tear down Christopher Columbus statue on Minnesota Capitol grounds

ARTICLE DI. [**PROTESTERS TEAR DOWN CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS STATUE
ON MINNESOTA CAPITOL GROUNDS**](#)

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Highlight: The protesters threw a rope around the 10-foot bronze statue Wednesday afternoon and pulled it off its granite pedestal on the northeastern corner of the Capitol Mall.

Body

Protesters in St. Paul on Wednesday toppled a statue of Christopher Columbus outside the state Capitol amid continuing anger over the death of ***George Floyd***.

The protesters threw a rope around the 10-foot bronze statue Wednesday afternoon and pulled it off its granite pedestal on the northeastern corner of the Capitol Mall.

The protesters, including Dakota and Ojibwe Indians, said they consider Columbus a symbol of genocide against Native Americans. They said they had tried many times to remove it through the political process, but without success.

They also demanded justice for Floyd, who died May 25 after being arrested by Minneapolis police.

[State Patrol troopers in helmets](#), who provide security at the Capitol complex, stood by at a distance but did not try to stop the protesters, who celebrated afterward with Native American singing and drumming.

With bystanders whistling and cheering him on, one man stepped on the toppled statue's head and said he wanted everyone to come up and "kick him in the face."

And many did.

According to [video posted to Twitter](#) by Minnesota Public Radio, that man also told a state trooper on the scene that pulling the statue down was part of the recent protesting in the Twin Cities, saying, "This is part of that ... the paradigm shift has started."

The troopers eventually formed a line to protect the toppled statue so it could be taken away.

Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said earlier Wednesday that authorities had "heard through social media" that a group threatened to take down the statue. He said state officials "will be out there to meet with the group and explain to them the legal process" for getting a statue removed.

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"We'll be out there to meet with them to have that conversation. If this is something the community and the Legislature and all the parties that have to be part of that decision agree with, then there is a lawful process to do that."

Democratic Gov. Tim Walz then was asked if the state should consider removing objectionable statues, he said yes. "This question of symbolism is important."

Later Wednesday night, State Patrol officials released a statement saying that their troopers, along with the Department of Public Safety tribal liaison, met with the organizer of the event when he arrived and "explained the administrative process to remove the statue."

But at one point, individuals tied a rope around the statue and toppled it.

No one was arrested at the event; however, the State Patrol identified the instigator, who could face charges related to destruction of public property. Once the State Patrol's investigation is complete, it will be turned over to the Ramsey County attorney's office.

One Republican legislative leader criticized the Walz administration's handling of the matter.

Assistant House Minority Leader Jim Nash, R-Waconia, said in a statement: "After speaking to Commissioner Harrington and learning of the decisions he made on behalf of the administration whether to protect or not to protect property on the Capitol grounds I was frustrated and alarmed the decision was made to not deploy sufficient State Trooper presence in order to protect property. There is a process to petition the removal of artwork at the Capitol, pulling it down with a rope isn't that process."

But Democratic Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, who is a citizen of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, had a different reaction, saying on social media: "I can't say I'm sad the statue of Christopher Columbus is gone. I'm not.

"All Minnesotans should feel welcome at the Minnesota State Capitol, and our state is long overdue for a hard look at the symbols, statues, and icons that were created without the input of many of our communities.

"The arrival of Christopher Columbus to what is now the Americas set in motion centuries of violence and genocide against the Indigenous people who already lived here. As the highest-ranking Native woman elected to executive office in the country, I have often reflected on the fact that I could see a statue honoring that legacy from my office window. It was a constant reminder that our systems were not built by or for Native people or people of color, but in many cases, to exclude, erase, and eliminate us. Tonight, I'm thinking of all the Native children who might now feel more welcome on the grounds and in the halls of their state government."

Statues of Columbus were also damaged this week in Boston and Richmond, Va., as protesters angered by the death of Floyd have continued to direct some of their frustration toward monuments, including Confederate statues, that they consider to be symbols of racism.

In Boston, the head of a statue of Columbus in the city's North End neighborhood was removed overnight Tuesday, and pieces of it were found nearby, police said Wednesday.

In Richmond on Tuesday evening, a Columbus statue was torn down and tossed into a lake in a city park where protesters had gathered for a demonstration in support of indigenous peoples.

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The debate over statuary has also spread to Europe, where protesters on Sunday in the English port of Bristol vented their anger at the country's colonial history by toppling a statue of a 17th-century slave trader.

The Columbus statue in St. Paul was a gift to the state from Minnesota's Italian-Americans. Installed in 1931, it was located near the southeast corner of the Capitol building.

Native American activist groups have called for removing the Columbus statue in the past, asserting that Columbus did not "discover" America, as an inscription on the monument stated, but instead enslaved the indigenous people of the continent.

In 2017, a progressive group launched an online petition drive, signed by more than 5,000, calling for then-Gov. Mark Dayton and the Legislature to replace the Columbus statue with one of Prince and another statue selected by the state's Native communities.

At the time, Paul Mandell of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board said there were no plans to get rid of the statue.

"We've never removed a statue," he said in a Pioneer Press article. It would break a promise to the organization, in this case Minnesota's Italian-American community that devoted time and money to erect the monument, he said.

Mandell could not be reached Wednesday evening for comment.

In 2016, [Dayton issued a statewide proclamation](#) changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day in response to outcries that Columbus spurred centuries of genocide against indigenous populations in the Americas.

St. Paul has celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day as an official city holiday since 2015. Minneapolis made the change a year earlier.

Bill Salisbury contributed to this report, which includes information from the Associated Press.

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Graphic

A statue of Christopher Columbus is loaded onto a tow truck at the State Capitol grounds in St. Paul Wednesday, June 10, 2020 after protesters toppled it from its pedestal. (Mike Burbach / Pioneer Press)

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Backlash over George Floyd tweet forces out CrossFit founder

ARTICLE DII. **[BACKLASH OVER GEORGE FLOYD TWEET FORCES OUT
CROSSFIT FOUNDER](#)**

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By MATT OTT

The founder and CEO of CrossFit is stepping down after his tweet about **George Floyd** sparked a social media backlash and a wave of affiliated gyms cut ties with the company.

Reebok also dropped its affiliation with CrossFit this week.

Greg Glassman wrote on CrossFit's website late Tuesday that he would retire. Glassman had apologized earlier for tweets that sparked online outrage by connecting Floyd, an African American man who died at the hands of the Minneapolis police, and the coronavirus pandemic. He said he had made a mistake and should have been more sensitive, but denied being racist.

"On Saturday I created a rift in the CrossFit community and unintentionally hurt many of its members," Glassman said. "I cannot let my behavior stand in the way of HQ's or affiliates' missions."

Glassman's exit may have been sealed after BuzzFeed posted a Zoom call he held with CrossFit affiliated gyms in which Glassman reportedly said: "We're not mourning for **George Floyd** - I don't think me or any of my staff are." BuzzFeed said it received the recording through its anonymous tip line.

The Zoom call took place hours before Glassman made a glib response on Twitter to a post by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, a health research group, which said, "Racism is a public health issue."

"It's FLOYD-19," he replied Saturday, and in a second tweet criticized the group's "failed" quarantine model and accused it of attempting to "model a solution to racism."

Some 1,250 gyms have now severed links with CrossFit, according to industry blog Morning Chalk Up. An anonymously-curated Google spreadsheet lists hundreds of CrossFit affiliates with links to their social media accounts, with most on the list saying they have cut ties, or are considering doing so.

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"In light of recent comments made by CrossFit CEO, we are deaffiliating from CrossFit," read a post on the Instagram account for CrossFit Central of Austin, Texas. "We are resolute in our anti racist beliefs and stance against police police brutality. We stand in solidarity with the black community."

The post by CrossFit Central echoed the sentiments of hundreds of other gyms around the world in what has been an astonishingly swift backlash against CrossFit.

An Edelman Trust Barometer poll of 2,000 Americans, published Tuesday, found that 60% of respondents said how a brand responds to the protests will influence whether a respondent buys or boycotts their products. The poll found that younger Americans felt the strongest, with 78% of millennial respondents saying that a brand must speak out on racial injustice.

"Americans want brands to step up and play a central role in addressing *systemic racism*," wrote Richard Edelman, CEO of the communications firm. "This is a mandate for brands to act, because consumers will exercise brand democracy with their wallets."

The speed at which companies and affiliates have distanced themselves from CrossFit was accelerated by social media, and to some degree, the coronavirus pandemic, said marketing and branding expert Allen Adamson.

"In the past, most companies only had to talk about: Does their product work?" Adamson said. "Now, younger consumers are pulling companies into this conversation because they not only want to know what their product does, but they want to know what the company stands for before they do business with them. And that pressure is exposing all sorts of challenges for companies."

According to the CrossFit website, the annual fee for affiliation for gyms or other facilities is \$3,000, which allows them to use the CrossFit name, logo, and promotional materials, among other perks.

Dave Castro will take over as CEO of CrossFit, which is based in Santa Cruz, California.

Floyd died while handcuffed after a white police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes. His death set off protests around the U.S. and the globe.

AP writer Kelvin Chan in London contributed to this story.

This story has been corrected to show that the Edelman poll was published Tuesday, not Wednesday.

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More than 80 Minnesota business leaders call for police reforms

ARTICLE DIII. ***MORE THAN 80 MINNESOTA BUSINESS LEADERS CALL FOR POLICE REFORMS***

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Body

The Minnesota Business Partnership, with support from some of the state's top CEOs, is calling for police reforms during the upcoming special legislative session.

The group, in letter to legislators, recommends a set of policy changes derived from a February report by the State of Minnesota Working Group on Police-Involved Deadly Force Encounters. That group was co-chaired by Attorney General Keith Ellison and Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington.

The recommendations include more training for police interactions with people of color; using body camera footage for training for de-escalation tactics and expanding resources and awareness for mental health and wellness of first responders and dispatchers.

The group is also asking lawmakers to strongly consider three more policies that have more teeth, but have not yet been vetted by the state working group. Those policies are:

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- Repeal the state law that mandates binding arbitration for law enforcement officers accused of misconduct.
- Change laws governing collective-bargaining agreements that impede discipline of officers who seriously betray the public trust.
- Enhance screening to prevent unacceptable applicants for positions in law enforcement from being hired and ensure clear and enforced guidelines that define acceptable and unacceptable behavior and policing tactics.

"We're certainly open to those proposals and interested in them," said Charlie Weaver, executive director of the Minnesota Business Partnership. "But we just felt that at this time, because they have not had public hearings and the public hasn't had a chance to weigh in, we wouldn't endorse those yet, but we'd recommend that they be seriously considered by the Legislature."

Weaver, a former prosecutor and public safety commissioner under former Gov. Jesse Ventura, said that the vast majority of police officers are conscientious, brave, compassionate and have integrity.

"The focus of this is that we need to make it easier to get rid of the bad police officers. It shouldn't be as hard as it is," Weaver said.

Nearly every Fortune 500 company CEO based in the Twin Cities signed a letter to legislators asking for the reforms, as well as leaders from private companies and public organizations.

Among them are Best Buy Co. Inc. CEO Corie Barry, Ameriprise Financial CEO James Cracchiolo, 3M Co. CEO Michael Roman, Cargill CEO David MacLennan, CH Robinson CEO Robert Biesterfeld, CHS Inc. CEO Jay Debertin; Ecolab CEO Doug Baker; General Mills CEO Jeff Harmening, Land O'Lakes CEO Beth Ford, Polaris CEO Scott Wine, Target Corp. CEO Brian Cornell, Taylor Corp. CEO and Star Tribune owner Glen Taylor, U.S. Bancorp CEO Andrew Cecere and Xcel Energy CEO Ben Fowke.

Activists have called for the defunding or disbanding of the ***Minneapolis Police Department***, and nine City Council members publicly supported that position without saying what exactly that would entail.

"It's certainly reasonable to say that the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** needs reform," Weaver said. "I don't know many people who don't agree with that. But I think ending the police department, as some City Council members want to do, would be a disaster for the city."

"The number one issue and concern for businesses downtown is keeping their employees safe. And the number two issue is keeping customers safe. And if they can't do that, they aren't going to stay in Minneapolis."

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Mpls. officer investigated for posts about 'thug,' encouraging looting

ARTICLE DIV. **[MPLS. OFFICER INVESTIGATED FOR POSTS ABOUT 'THUG,'
ENCOURAGING LOOTING](#)**

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Minneapolis police have opened an internal affairs investigation after a string of recent Facebook posts purportedly from a police officer mocked protesters and encouraged looting in a neighborhood that is home to much of the city's Somali population.

The Facebook posts, first reported by City Pages, are shared under the name "Dave Rock." The newspaper reported that the account belongs to Officer David Peña.

Asked about Peña's current status or whether he was placed on leave, police spokesman John Elder said the internal affairs investigation has been opened "to find the origins of these posts."

"This behavior does not align with the vision, mission, values and goals of the **Minneapolis Police Department**," he said.

The posts on the Facebook profile, which show Peña in his police uniform, references an article about a man killed by police and reads "Good riddance!! One less thug!" Another depicts the high-rise apartments in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood where thousands of Somalis live. "To all the rioters & looters in Minneapolis: Ya missed one," it reads.

That posting triggered a call for Peña's firing by the Council on American Islamic Relations-Minnesota (CAIR-Minnesota).

"Officers promoting white supremacist threats and violence against communities of color should be disciplined swiftly through official action up to and including termination," said Jaylani Hussein, CAIR-Minnesota executive director. "The actions of this officer were dangerous and could have cost the lives of law-abiding citizens."

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From the tee: U.S. course is changing

ARTICLE DV. **[FROM THE TEE: U.S. COURSE IS CHANGING](#)**

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Body

Harry Davis Jr. was on the phone with Printice Gary in Dallas last week. They were discussing the epic response to the death of **George Floyd** at the knee of a Minneapolis cop on May 25.

Gary and Davis were part of Minneapolis Central's Class of 1964, which included tremendous athletes who became very successful adults. Davis was known as "Butch" to that group and speaks with love and pride of teammates and classmates of 56 years ago.

For instance: Emerson Carr, one of the first two black football players at the Naval Academy, Marine fighter pilot, industry executive. Eric Eversley, Ph.D., Harvard. And Gary, Carleton grad and MBA from Harvard, one-time member of the University of Texas Board of Regents.

"Printice is a smart guy and said to me, 'What has happened since the death of Mr. Floyd in Minneapolis, the reaction around the globe ... our grandchildren are going to grow up in a different world than we did, Butch.'

"This time is different for sure. What we've known as black Americans now everyone has seen. Forming committees and words are not enough.

"The eyes of younger generations, black and white, were opened by that video. They realize the same opportunities for black Americans are going to have to come."

This conversation was taking place Tuesday morning at Hiawatha Golf Course, 2 miles southeast of the street where Floyd was killed two weeks earlier. A loose organization of black golfers has gathered for league play at Hiawatha for decades.

There were 20-some players, with tee times starting at 10 a.m. I attended one of these outings in June 2019, to write a column on Bob Shelton, the ageless wonder (now 87) of the group.

No celebration this time; just a search for perspective on where we are, where we could be going, in a city and a state these older black men have made home.

From the tee: U.S. course is changing

Brett McNeal was the first Minnesota basketball player to be coached by Clem Haskins when he was recruited from Minneapolis North to Western Kentucky in 1985.

McNeal is now the athletic director at Minneapolis Edison.

"We are all human beings," McNeal said. "We all are capable of love and compassion for one another. Wise counsel should be the first response for adults, not punishment. There are certain individuals that don't believe that. Their immediate reaction is to punish."

McNeal paused, took a sweeping lefthanded swing on the driving range and said: "All change comes from power. The alt-conservative groups have been telling us how they came to power. You can get mad about it, but they are correct.

"And those that are strongly committed to change after George Floyd's death ... the only answer is to take the power."

Change will come, McNeal said, if not now, eventually.

"The younger generations that I work with are a mixed society," he said. "Absolutely, things will be different when they have power."

As Printice Gary said to Butch Davis: Their grandkids will live in a different world.

Which isn't soon enough as the video of Floyd's killing continues to create outrage around the world.

"I saw video of a man in Syria who had drawn an image honoring George Floyd on a wall," Davis said. "Even in Syria this was deemed terrible."

John Henry, an instructor and inventor in technology and electronics, moved to Minneapolis in the '70s, getting bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Minnesota.

I was talking with Henry before he teed off and suggested the reaction "seemed different" this time because of the clear, gruesome video.

Henry shook his head slightly and said: "The reaction from some is starting to look very familiar to me. We're hearing about George Floyd's fentanyl, this and that about the victim, as though that made him a threat, down on the pavement in handcuffs.

"What concerns me is what I would hope concerns reasonable people: a license to kill with impunity."

John Henderson, the former Vikings receiver, is a regular on Tuesdays. He brought along his grandson Noah Layton, a Benilde-St. Margaret's graduate headed to Columbia University to play football and get an Ivy League education.

"Younger people see race differently," Layton said. "Look at 18-to-25 voting. We believe in equality. Look at the peaceful protests with thousands of blacks and whites marching together. I have confidence in us."

Davis' father, Harry, ran for Minneapolis mayor vs. incumbent Charles Stenvig in 1971 and was decisively defeated. As the first black candidate for the office, there were enough threats that the Davis family home had security from the city leading up to the election.

From the tee: U.S. course is changing

"As baby boomers, what we went through with the assassinations, and in the '70s, I thought we had seen it all," Harry Jr. said Tuesday. "I thought we might be turning the corner. But the ***George Floyd*** tragedy tells me we have a long way to go."

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'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress

ARTICLE DVI. ['STOP THE PAIN,' A BROTHER OF GEORGE FLOYD TELLS CONGRESS](#)

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Body

WASHINGTON - Philonese Floyd challenged Congress on Wednesday to "stop the pain" so that his brother George wouldn't be just "another name" on a growing list of those killed during interactions with police.

Floyd's appearance before a House hearing came a day after funeral services for his bother, the 46-year-old Minnesota man whose death has become a worldwide symbol in demonstrations over calls for changes to police practices and an end to racial prejudices.

"I'm here today to ask you to make it stop. Stop the pain," Philonese Floyd told the silenced hearing room.

Choking back tears, he said he wants to make sure that his brother, whom he called "Perry," is "more than another face on a t-shirt. More than another name on a list that won't stop growing."

Floyd directly challenged lawmakers to step up. "The people marching in the streets are telling you enough is enough. Be the leaders that this country, this world, needs. Do the right thing."

Here are Philonise Floyd's remarks in their entirety:

"Thank you for the invitation to be here today to talk about my big brother, George. The world knows him as George, but I called him Perry. Yesterday, we laid him to rest. It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do. I'm the big brother now. So it was my job to comfort our brothers and sisters, Perry's kids, and everyone who loved him. And that's a lot of people. I have to be the strong one now, because it's what George would have done.

"And me being the big brother now is why I'm here today. To do what Perry always did for us -- to take care of the family and others. I couldn't take care of George the day he was killed, but maybe by speaking with you today, I can help make sure that his death isn't in vain. To make sure that he is more than another face on a T-shirt. More than another name on a list that won't stop growing.

'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress

"George always made sacrifices for his family. And he made sacrifices for complete strangers. He gave the little that he had to help others. He was our gentle giant. I was reminded of that when I watched the video of his murder. He was mild mannered; he didn't fight back. He listened to the officers. He called them 'sir.' The men who took his life, who suffocated him for eight minutes and 46 seconds. He still called them 'sir' as he begged for his life.

"I can't tell you the kind of pain you feel when you watch something like that. When you watch your big brother, who you've looked up to your whole life, die. Die begging for your mom.

"I'm tired. I'm tired of the pain I'm feeling now and I'm tired of the pain I feel every time another black person is killed for no reason. I'm here today to ask you to make it stop. Stop the pain. Stop us from being tired.

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"George's calls for help were ignored. Please listen to the call I'm making to you now, to the calls of our family, and to the calls ringing out in the streets across the world. People of all backgrounds, genders and race have come together to demand change. Honor them, honor George, and make the necessary changes that make law enforcement the solution -- and not the problem. Hold them accountable when they do something wrong. Teach them what it means to treat people with empathy and respect. Teach them what necessary force is. Teach them that deadly force should be used rarely and only when life is at risk.

"George wasn't hurting anyone that day. He didn't deserve to die over twenty dollars. I am asking you, is that what a black man's life is worth? Twenty dollars? This is 2020. Enough is enough. The people marching in the streets are telling you enough is enough. Be the leaders that this country, this world, needs. Do the right thing.

"The people elected you to speak for them, to make positive change. George's name means something. You have the opportunity here to make your names mean something, too.

"If his death ends up changing the world for the better. And I think it will. I think it has. Then he died as he lived. It is on you to make sure his death isn't in vain.

"I didn't get the chance to say goodbye to Perry while he was here. I was robbed of that. But, I know he's looking down on us now. Perry, look at what you did, big brother. You're changing the world. Thank you for everything. For taking care of us when you were on Earth, and for taking care of all of us now. I hope you found mama and can rest in peace and power."

Graphic

Philonise Floyd, a brother of ***George Floyd***, arrives to testify before a House Judiciary Committee hearing on proposed changes to police practices and accountability on Capitol Hill, Wednesday, June 10, 2020, in Washington. (Michael Reynolds/Pool via AP)

'Stop the pain,' a brother of George Floyd tells Congress

Philonise Floyd speaks at a memorial service for his brother, ***George Floyd*** at North Central University Thursday, June 4, 2020, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

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Vikings to donate \$5 million to various social justice causes

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Body

In the wake of *George Floyd*'s death while in custody of Minneapolis police, the Vikings are donating \$5 million donation to social justice causes throughout the country.

Vikings Chief Operating Officer Andrew Miller announced the donation during a video call on Wednesday in which he, general manager Rick Spielman, co-defensive coordinator Andre Patterson, linebacker Eric Kendricks, safety Anthony Harris and running back Ameer Abdullah spoke with members of the media.

"We understand as leaders and an organization that it's going to take more than money and more than statements," Miller said. "Frankly, it's going to take action and we're committed."

Vikings owner/chairman Zygi Wilf and owner/president Mark Wilf told the team's Social Justice Committee this week that the contributions from this fund will be determined in part through collaboration with players and the funds will be directed toward organizations that fight racism and inequality.

"We continue to be inspired by these players as they advocate for transformational change in this very challenging moment," Mark Wilf said in a statement. "We are proud of their efforts to use their platform in an effort to end deep-seated social injustices."

This donation builds on a previous commitment of \$500,000 by the Wilf family to the Social Justice Committee over the past couple of years. Those funds have been directed toward scholarships for low-income students, school supplies, legal aid for disadvantaged and underrepresented populations, and law enforcement relations.

"We all know that economics is a big factor towards change," Abdullah said. "And I'm extremely grateful to play for ownership like the Wilfs who are so generous with their money and their time."

Vikings to donate \$5 million to various social justice causes

That said, the Wilf family also acknowledged that their efforts can't stop there. They know it's going to take more than simply writing a check.

"It can only be one piece of our overall work toward having a sustainable impact," Zygi Wilf said in a statement. "Our actions within our communities will be the driving force for creating profound change."

Additionally, the Vikings announced an endowment for the ***George Floyd*** Legacy Scholarship with an establishing gift of \$125,000. According to Patterson, the players on the Social Justice Committee came up with the idea, and it happened very quickly after its initial inception.

"They were very strong with, 'How can we help?'" Patterson said. "What they wanted to do was find a way to help his family and put something together so he would always be remembered. And so one of the things they brought up was trying to put a scholarship together in ***George Floyd***'s name. It only took one week and the Vikings came together and got that done."

All the players that addressed members of the media on Wednesday - Kendricks, Harris, and Abdullah - praised the Wilf family for their donation as well as the Vikings as an organization for supporting them as they speak up.

"I'm really, really proud to play for the organization that takes initiative," Abdullah said. "This has been something on the forefront for the Vikings years prior to even this conversation and that makes me proud to call myself a Minnesota Viking."

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Watch: George Floyd's brother, others testify at House hearing on police violence

ARTICLE DVIII. **[WATCH: GEORGE FLOYD'S BROTHER, OTHERS TESTIFY AT HOUSE HEARING ON POLICE VIOLENCE](#)**

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Byline: Pioneer Press

Highlight: ***George Floyd***'s brother, Philonise Floyd, testifies at a House hearing on racial profiling and police brutality.

Body

George Floyd's brother, Philonise Floyd, and others [testify at a House hearing](#) on racial profiling and police brutality.

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Journalist blinded during protest sues Minneapolis police, State Patrol

ARTICLE DIX. [**JOURNALIST BLINDED DURING PROTEST SUES MINNEAPOLIS
POLICE, STATE PATROL**](#)

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Byline: Josh Verges

Highlight: A journalist who was blinded by a rubber bullet while covering *George Floyd* protests in Minneapolis filed a lawsuit Wednesday in U.S. District Court against city and state law enforcement. Linda Tirado, a freelance journalist from Tennessee, says she was wearing a press credential May 29 when she stepped in front of a crowd of [...]

Body

A journalist who was blinded by a rubber bullet while covering *George Floyd* protests in Minneapolis filed a lawsuit Wednesday in U.S. District Court against city and state law enforcement.

Linda Tirado, a freelance journalist from Tennessee, says she was wearing a press credential May 29 when she stepped in front of a crowd of protesters and aimed her camera at a line of police officers.

Minneapolis police or state troopers first hit her with a green marker round, then shot her in the face with a foam bullet, breaking her goggles and leaving her permanently blind in her left eye, according to her complaint.

The complaint says city and state officials failed to act after other journalists reported being targeted and injured by law enforcement in the three days prior.

Tirado wants money and a judge's declaration that law enforcement used excessive force and violated her free speech rights.

The ACLU filed a separate lawsuit last week on behalf of freelancer [Jared Goyette and other journalists injured by police](#).

Minneapolis also faces a class-action lawsuit brought by protesters. [St. Paul man sentenced to 30 years for fatally shooting young father and injuring four-year-old](#) [Maplewood father charged with first-degree assault of 2-month-old son](#) [Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest](#) [Ex-Trump lawyer Michael Cohen back in federal prison](#) [Man shot dead in North Minneapolis Tuesday identified](#)

Journalist blinded during protest sues Minneapolis police, State Patrol

Graphic

A projectile fired by law enforcement during a May 30 ***George Floyd*** protest in Minneapolis left freelance journalist Linda Tirado permanently blind in her left eye. (Linda Tirado)

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Dozens of homeless people evicted from Minneapolis hotel

ARTICLE DX. [**DOZENS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE EVICTED FROM MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL**](#)

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - More than 200 homeless people have been evicted from a Minneapolis hotel that had become a refuge during protests against the death of **George Floyd** who died after a police officer kept his knee on his neck while he was handcuffed on the ground.

Body

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - More than 200 homeless people have been evicted from a Minneapolis hotel that had become a refuge during protests against the death of **George Floyd** who died after a police officer kept his knee on his neck while he was handcuffed on the ground.

Volunteers at the Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown Hotel say the owner, Jay Patel, ordered the eviction of all guests Tuesday after the hotel's fire alarm was pulled following a report of a drug overdose.

The hotel had been a source of stability and hope amid the civil unrest that followed Floyd's death on May 25, the Star Tribune reported.

Some residents say conditions at the hotel began to unravel in recent days with people injecting heroin and methamphetamine in the hallways and fights breaking out at night.

"It started out well, then descended into chaos," said Jennie Taylor, who had a room on the second floor. "People got the message that this was a place where you could use drugs freely and that attracted the wrong crowd."

Moon Beaumaster, another resident and volunteer at the hotel, agreed. "There were too many parasitic drug dealers who were using this place for the wrong reason," she said.

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Medical examiner faces challenge by board

ARTICLE DXI. [MEDICAL EXAMINER FACES CHALLENGE BY BOARD](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3B**Length:** 469 words**Byline:** DAVID CHANEN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Baker, who is up for reappointment, issued autopsy of [George Floyd](#).**Body**

Hennepin County Medical Examiner Andrew Baker, up for reappointment to his fifth term as the county coroner, faced a challenge Tuesday from a county commissioner unhappy over his recent autopsy of [George Floyd](#).

Commissioner Angela Conley voted against Baker's reappointment because of his findings on Floyd, whose death May 25 at the hands of Minneapolis police has sparked an international outcry for police reform.

Commissioner Irene Fernando also voted against Baker's reappointment because the board was given a short deadline to act. Baker's reappointment would take effect Friday, which Fernando said didn't allow time to evaluate his office's performance and get feedback from residents.

County Administrator David Hough said the vote was delayed for three months due to the pandemic. The board, acting in committee, approved Baker's reappointment on a 5-2 vote and is expected to ratify the committee vote Thursday.

Baker's report ruled Floyd's death a homicide and mentioned police restraint and underlying health conditions as causes. But Conley took exception to the report's mention of "potential intoxicants in his system," which she said criminalized him even in death. Floyd's toxicology report showed that he had fentanyl and methamphetamine in his system when he died.

"Why would this be listed?" said Conley. "The community lost trust in the system. That report was ultimately the catalyst of an insufficient [third-degree] murder charge by the county and later upgraded to [second-degree] murder by the state."

An independent autopsy by Floyd's family also listed his death as a homicide but said he died as a result of mechanical asphyxiation caused by the police officer kneeling on Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes. Conley said that report proved "what millions of people around the world saw with their own eyes."

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"Baker's report gave the very reason not to trust these processes that haven't brought justice in the past," she said. "With a good conscience, I can't approve this today."

Baker was first named the county's medical examiner in 2004. A former president of the National Association of Medical Examiners, he has been spearheading plans for a new medical examiner facility in Minnetonka.

Several commissioners agreed with Conley's concerns but said Baker has an excellent reputation. Commissioner Debbie Goettel said the county needs to revisit "how we do business" and how to improve its operations.

Board Chairwoman Marion Greene said one of the few things that County Attorney Mike Freeman and Chief Public Defender Mary Moriarity agree on is Baker's expertise.

Commissioner Jan Callison said she's worked with Baker for 12 years and said his list of credentials is impressive.

"In my experience, I find him professional, honest and trustworthy," she said.

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MLS will resume season with league-wide tournament starting July 8

ARTICLE DXII. **[MLS WILL RESUME SEASON WITH LEAGUE-WIDE TOURNAMENT STARTING JULY 8](#)**

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Length: 799 words

Byline: Andy Greder

Highlight: The 54-game tournament will be played outside Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and conclude with a championship game on Aug. 11.

Body

Minnesota United defender Chase Gasper has been thankful for the club's gradual return to training over the past month, but he needed something other than just practice to work toward.

He got it Wednesday when Major League Soccer announced it will be the first U.S. pro sports organization to resume play amid the coronavirus pandemic. The season was halted after just two weeks on March 12.

This framework was agreed to by the league and its players union last week.

"Everyone on our team has been working their tails off the past few weeks," Gasper said on Zoom call with reporters. "Now that we have concrete dates, I think everyone is going to be working even harder to be prepared."

Games will resume with what the league is calling the "MLS is Back Tournament," a 54-game World Cup-style tournament already approved by the players union. It starts July 8 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex near Orlando, Fla., and will conclude with a championship game on Aug. 11.

The league's 26 clubs will be broken up into six groups, determined by a draw at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, and start with 39 group-stage games that will count toward the regular-season standings. Sixteen teams will advance to knockout rounds, with a 2021 CONCACAF Champions League spot and \$1.1 million in prize money for players on the line.

Minnesota United will be in one of three Western Conference groups containing four teams; each will play at least three matches, and as many as seven if it reaches the final. The players, coaches and staff will be sequestered in a nearby resort and won't play in front of fans.

"The opportunity to have all 26 clubs in a controlled environment enables us to help protect the health of our players, coaches and staff as we return to play," MLS commissioner Don Garber said in a statement.

MLS will resume season with league-wide tournament starting July 8

MLS said it will use "extensive medical protocols and (a) comprehensive COVID-19 testing plan developed by infectious disease experts."

Wednesday's announcement comes as Orange County, Fla., the site of the Disney complex, reported 385 new COVID-19 cases over the past seven days, up from 202 the previous week.

[Loons clear of COVID-19, but Sunday's opponent has a positive case](#) [John Shipley: So far, nothing enjoyable about rebooting pro sports](#) [Loons goalkeeper Tyler Miller opens up about mental health struggles](#) [Loons' defense sees changes with potent Kansas City striker up next](#) [Gophers miss on Totino-Grace offensive lineman](#)

The group-stage matches will run for 16 consecutive days up to near the Round of 16 (July 25-28), quarterfinals (July 30-Aug. 1), semifinals (Aug. 5-6) and final (Aug. 11). All games will be at 8 a.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. CDT to try to avoid the Florida heat and will be broadcast on MLS partner networks.

Some MLS clubs have returned to full team training sessions, but the Loons are still doing small-group workouts as they seek state approval, a club spokesman said. Teams are expected to arrive in Orlando between June 24 and July 1 and the Loons are determining when they will travel to Florida and which clubs they might be able to scrimmage against.

United head coach Adrian Heath said all players are participating in workouts and the small-group activities have allowed them to work with patterns of play from the back-four defenders maintaining their line to varying attacking movements.

"It's getting a little bit more like it," Heath said. "We are hopeful by Wednesday of next week that we will be 11 (versus) 11."

Regular-season play will resume after the tournament under a format to be determined, but the goal is to end with the MLS Cup playoffs before the end of 2020. Gaber said he was "very optimistic" games could be played in home markets, potentially with fans in the attendance because franchises are reliant on gate revenues.

"When that will happen is still uncertain, and whether or not we will have any markets with fans is also uncertain," Garber said in a call with reporters. "But we are also hearing about different guidelines that have been established state by state where there is even a possibility that some fans might be able to attend games."

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MLS reiterated its stance in support of players who choose to demonstrate during the national anthem in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer on Memorial Day. This policy was first introduced by the league in 2017.

"We also recognize that the death of ***George Floyd*** and others has focused our country on issues of racial injustice, inequality and violence against black men and women," Garber said in a statement. "Together with our owners, players and staff, the League and its clubs are deeply committed to creating meaningful and impactful programs to address these issues that have plagued our society for far too long."

MLS will resume season with league-wide tournament starting July 8

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Bar off, back on tourism website

ARTICLE DXIII. **BAR OFF, BACK ON TOURISM WEBSITE**

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Length: 656 words

Byline: JOHN REINAN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Confederate flag drew objections in Sauk Rapids.

Body

A Benton County bar that displays an extensive collection of Confederate memorabilia was delisted from Explore MN, the state's official tourism website, after area residents objected to "glorifying" the Confederacy.

But the listing for Rollie's Rednecks and Longnecks in Sauk Rapids has been reinstated. And the head of the local tourism organization said nothing in the displays is against the group's policies.

"It's up to the business owner what they want to display," said Julie Lunning, executive director of Visit Greater St. Cloud. "Rollie's has a very eclectic mix of décor that the owner has collected from across the country.

"I wouldn't assume it's intentional to hurt anybody," she said. "Our position is, we remain neutral. It's a successful business, and customers can choose to frequent that business if they want."

Explore MN allows local promotion agencies to maintain listings on the statewide site for businesses in their area, a spokeswoman said. After receiving about 30 complaints from area residents about Rollie's, Visit Greater St. Cloud took down the listing and reviewed it, Lunning said.

"We very quickly found that there was nothing that goes against any of [our] policies," she said. "We did resubmit it to be back-listed on the website." The reinstated listing appeared on Explore MN Tuesday night.

Rollie's touts itself as "Minnesota's No. 1 honkytonk." Photos on the bar's website show a variety of Confederate memorabilia on display, including flags, signs, posters and items related to "The Dukes of Hazzard," a popular 1980s TV show set in the southern United States.

The bar is owned by Roland Hogrefe, who did not return a phone call and a text seeking comment Tuesday. Hogrefe was convicted of a felony in 2011 after he ran down a black man with his car on a St. Cloud street. According to Benton County court records, Hogrefe was sentenced to a year and a day in state prison after

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pleading guilty to a felony charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident. His prison sentence was stayed, and he was ordered to serve 90 days in the county jail.

Media reports at the time said Hogrefe drove by a group of African-American men and exchanged insults. He turned his vehicle around and drove back at the men, striking and injuring one, then drove away. He was arrested after police identified his distinctive truck.

Christopher Lehman, a professor at St. Cloud State University, was among those who sent letters objecting to the bar being listed on a state tourism website.

"As a taxpaying resident of Minnesota, I do not want my tax dollars to go towards promoting a business that glorifies the Confederacy, whose army fought against and killed thousands of Minnesotans," Lehman wrote. "As a taxpaying resident of Minnesota and a descendant of slaves, I do not want my tax dollars to go towards promoting a business that glorifies people who seceded from the United States to defend slavery.

"If, in this post-*George Floyd* climate, the former Confederate state of Virginia can remove its statue of Robert E. Lee, then the Union state of Minnesota, where Floyd was killed, can stop promoting a restaurant glorifying an army that killed thousands of Minnesotans in the name of defending slavery," he wrote.

In an interview Tuesday, Lehman said he wasn't trying to get the business shut down.

"All I wanted to do was get the government out of the way," he said. "What goes on in different businesses that are privately owned, they are free to do whatever they want. That's their freedom of speech. I'm not looking for anyone to get shut down or lose their business.

"Since there's some government involvement ... with something that has to do with promoting Confederate imagery during this time we're living in right now, I was greatly opposed to that," he said.

Lunning said her tourism group received about 30 messages opposed to Rollie's and received about the same number in favor.

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'Cops,' on air for 33 seasons, dropped by Paramount Network

ARTICLE DXIV. **'COPS,' ON AIR FOR 33 SEASONS, DROPPED BY PARAMOUNT NETWORK**

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Highlight: LOS ANGELES (AP) - After 33 seasons on the air, "Cops" has been dropped by the Paramount Network as protests against police proliferate around the world.

Body

LOS ANGELES - After 33 seasons on the air, "Cops" has been dropped by the Paramount Network as protests against police proliferate around the world.

"Cops is not on the Paramount Network and we don't have any current or future plans for it to return," a spokesperson for the cable channel said in a statement Tuesday.

The show had been pulled temporarily from the air in late May, when protests aimed at police over the death of **George Floyd** began to gain momentum. That move was made permanent Tuesday.

It's not clear whether the company that makes the show, Langley Productions, would try to find a new home for it. A voicemail at a company phone number was not accepting messages.

The reality show, with its widely known reggae theme song "Bad Boys," allowed viewers to ride along with police officers on patrol in various cities.

It ran on the Fox network for 25 years until 2013, when Viacom-owned Spike TV picked it up. The show remained on the air after Spike was re-branded as the Paramount Network in 2018. [Soap opera's kisses outwit virus with tests, spouses, dolls](#) [Hugh Downs, genial presence on TV news and game shows, dies](#) [You scared, bro? Yeah, me too! Here's some bromance-horror to watch with your buddy](#) [After 25 years, family and friends still wonder, where's Jodi?](#) [Q&A: Jon Stewart is still fighting for the middle ground](#)

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Dumba brings first-hand grasp of racism

ARTICLE DXV. [**DUMBA BRINGS FIRST-HAND GRASP OF RACISM**](#)

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Byline: SARAH MCLELLAN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Wild defenseman hopes to make difference in new hockey alliance.

Body

Increased participation in hockey.

Minorities or people of color making up at least half the team, or maybe even a majority.

And children only hearing of stories of racism in the sport rather than experiencing it firsthand.

That's what Wild defenseman Matt Dumba would like to be reality in 10 years.

"They can look back and see us and all the people who get involved with what we're trying to do and see us as kind of pioneers for the sport and people who got rid of something that was so negative in our game," he said.

But Dumba isn't just hoping for change. He's working to instigate it.

After being among the many NHL players to speak out against racial injustice following *George Floyd's* killing in Minneapolis police custody, Dumba continued to show his support by helping establish the Hockey Diversity Alliance (HDA) to demolish racism and intolerance in hockey.

"This has been an eye-opener for me as well, and an opportunity where I see that I can make a difference," Dumba said Tuesday. "I do have a voice in that community, and I want to be a leader. So I want to show those people that I'm willing to commit to that and commit to making a difference.

"So this is just the start for me. Putting myself out there and being a part of this alliance is a huge step."

Launched Monday by several pros, HDA plans to promote diversity at all levels of the sport while educating the hockey community on racism issues and advocating for acceptance and equality. While independent of the NHL, the group hopes to work with the league to accomplish its goals and already has received insight from Colin Kaepernick - a conversation Dumba said made everyone star-struck.

Dumba brings first-hand grasp of racism

The initial idea came after the players discussed the need for an initiative like this in the NHL and wanting to eradicate the experiences each has had with racism in the game.

"Hearing those stories is all I really needed to be on the board and know that we were doing the right thing," Dumba said.

Growing up in Calgary, Dumba recalled many times as a child that he and his family left the rink in tears. He said his mother is scared now, just as she was scared for Dumba to leave home for junior hockey.

"You're sitting in the car talking about what happened and seeing all the pain it caused," said Dumba, who described himself as probably the only kid or one of two "with any color" on his youth teams. "Just having the conversation of, 'Hey. You have to have to have tougher skin. You have to be able to take the high road on this. They are only saying that because you're playing so well.' When I think back about that, that's a conversation that white parents don't have to have with their kids nor should parents of color. That's what I want to eliminate."

Dumba remembers bottling up his experiences and using that as fuel to work harder and play better.

"Can you imagine that love for the game if you never had to fight with being discriminated against or feeling like you don't belong?" he continued. "That's what I want to promote for the youth because I think there's a generation of hockey players that can exceed all of our expectations and really change the game."

Engagement with youth and making hockey more accessible and affordable are also aims of HDA, an endeavor similar to the one Dumba is already involved in as an ambassador for Athletes Committed to Educating Students.

Some of the children from ACES live in the communities affected in the aftermath of Floyd's death, Dumba said, and it's been difficult for him to watch what's happened to Minneapolis from Calgary. But he's also proud of how the community has rallied together to take care of itself, and he and Iowa Wild forward J.T. Brown are working on a fundraiser.

"Just seeing the outreach I've had the past couple of days from teammates and other guys that have reached out has been so cool," said Dumba, who is skating in Calgary and said his return to the Twin Cities will depend on the NHL progressing to a potential training camp ahead of resuming the season. "We have already started a change."

Making an impact in the NHL first and then working on other leagues will make the most significant difference, Dumba believes. He said, "You'd be naive to say there's not racism in our game," but players are trying to listen and learn and can gain an understanding by having talks with their black or minority teammates.

Change is possible in Dumba's mind, but it's going to take everyone to make it happen.

"Younger players seeing not only their favorite black or minority players standing up but also their favorite white players also committing to this is going to go such a long way in bridging that gap and bringing everyone together," Dumba said.

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First hearing for suspect in precinct arson

ARTICLE DXVI. [FIRST HEARING FOR SUSPECT IN PRECINCT ARSON](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3B**Length:** 135 words**Byline:** DAVID CHANEN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Body**

A man charged with arson at the Minneapolis police Third Precinct building made a brief appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

Branden M. Wolfe, 23, admitted to authorities that he was involved in the fire that heavily damaged the Third Precinct building following the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody, according to a criminal complaint. It says Wolfe also acknowledged he stole equipment from the building, some of which was recovered from his person and his apartment. Thus far, he is charged only with aiding and abetting arson.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer found that Wolfe qualifies for a free federal defender. Prosecutors asked that he be held in jail pending further hearings. A hearing was scheduled for Thursday to determine if Wolfe will be eligible for release.

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Former Midtown Sheraton evicts homeless after reports of drug use

ARTICLE DXVII. **FORMER MIDTOWN SHERATON EVICTS HOMELESS AFTER
REPORTS OF DRUG USE**

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The former Midtown Sheraton Hotel's days as an ad-hoc homeless shelter - a role the property was pressed into during the unrest following the death of **George Floyd** - are apparently over.

The Star Tribune reports that Jay Patel, the owner of the Minneapolis property who last week allowed in homeless people to protect them from the riots along Lake Street, **on Tuesday ordered them all out**, according to the volunteers who were running the site.

More than 200 people had been staying at the hotel, and Patel told the Business Journal that a community organization was renting the rooms. Volunteers provided staffing and security, and the property became a hub for donations.

But the situation was apparently growing unwieldy. The volunteers operating the shelter allowed residents to bring in drugs and alcohol, leading to reports of widespread drug use and overdoses.

Former Midtown Sheraton evicts homeless after reports of drug use

Minnesota Public Radio [also has a report](#), noting that the eviction decision came after Ryan Cos. US Inc., the property's management company, informed the owner about drug violations, piles of garbage and no effort to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

In a statement, Minneapolis-based Ryan said, "The letter we sent to Mr. Patel was to remind him of his commitments to his neighbors and to highlight specific issues of safety and public health that are putting people - including residents - at risk. In no way did we request, demand or support today's action; in fact, we closed our letter with an offer to work with him to address those concerns as well as other outstanding issues between us. We strongly believe that the people currently residing in the hotel who are experiencing homelessness deserve - and require - action that engages resources at all levels of government, community organizations, philanthropic organizations and the private sector."

It's not clear whether all the homeless residents have vacated. One of the organizers told the Star Tribune and MPR that "I don't know if the owner has the power to evict us."

Patel, who owns several hotels in Minnesota and South Dakota, [acquired the 136-room hotel at 2901 Chicago Ave. on Feb. 3](#). Ryan built the hotel in 2005 as part of the larger Midtown Exchange project that turned the former Sears into a Global Market, corporate offices for Allina Health System, and apartments.

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Gov. Tim Walz hopes coronavirus outbreak has 'plateaued' in Minnesota as more businesses reopen. Time will tell.

ARTICLE DXVIII. **GOV. TIM WALZ HOPES CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK HAS 'PLATEAUED' IN MINNESOTA AS MORE BUSINESSES REOPEN. TIME WILL TELL.**

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Highlight: Minnesota health officials will be closely watching the trends of the state's coronavirus outbreak to see if the recent loosening of restrictions will result in a spike of COVID-19 cases. COVID-19 hospitalizations, deaths and positive tests have all been trending down in recent days. If those trends hold in spite of the recent lifting of [...]

Body

Minnesota health officials will be closely watching the trends of the state's coronavirus outbreak to see if the recent loosening of restrictions will result in a spike of COVID-19 cases.

COVID-19 hospitalizations, deaths and positive tests have all been trending down in recent days. If those trends hold in spite of the recent lifting of limits on businesses, Minnesota might soon be able to move even closer to normalcy.

"It feels to me like this thing has plateaued," Gov. Tim Walz said at a Wednesday news conference. Although moments earlier he announced a 30-day extension of the current peacetime emergency because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Again, it is going to be dependent on where the numbers are," Walz said of future decisions to ease restrictions on businesses and gatherings. If infection trends continue downward, the next steps could be announced by July 4.

Minnesota moved into "Phase III" of its coronavirus response Wednesday. Albeit with limited capacity, restaurants are now allowed to serve indoor diners, athletic facilities can reopen and other personal services are more available.

Minnesota didn't experience a significant spike in cases after Walz lifted his nearly two-month-long stay home order May 18.

Jan Malcolm, Minnesota health commissioner, said state officials will be closely watching COVID-19 infection rates over the next three weeks to see if the recent loosening of restrictions results in a significant

Gov. Tim Walz hopes coronavirus outbreak has 'plateaued' in Minnesota as more businesses reopen. Time will tell.

changes in the outbreak. She encouraged residents to continue community mitigation practices, like social distancing, to limit the risk of infections.

"For this reopening to work, we must rely on each other," Malcolm said. "We must continue to wear masks, to wash hands, to stay six feet apart, to work from home when possible. Those practices have been the underpinning of all of the efforts that have helped us to slow the growth of the epidemic."

The state Department of Health reported 346 new laboratory-confirmed coronavirus cases Wednesday bringing the state total to 28,869. Another 19 Minnesotans have died from COVID-19 putting the death toll at 1,236.

The patients whose deaths were reported Wednesday ranged in age from one patient in their 30s with underlying health conditions to several people in their 90s.

More than 85 percent of the state's confirmed cases, 24,675 people, have recovered enough they no longer need to be isolated. There are 427 people hospitalized and 193 of them are in critical condition.

Coronavirus testing continues to be come more available with the state reported the results of 8,804 diagnostic tests Wednesday. Since local testing became available, Minnesota has screened more than 369,000 patient samples.

Health officials are encouraging anyone who participated in demonstrations protesting *George Floyd*'s death at the hands of Minneapolis police to get tested, regardless if they have symptoms.

Gov. Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan both recently tested negative after attending community events.

Health commissioner Malcolm acknowledged there were risks to easing measures now in place to slow the spread of the virus. Her hope is increased interaction won't spur a new wave of infections if people behave appropriately.

"Though we don't know the shape the pandemic will take in the days and weeks to come...We really to find a way to live with this," Malcolm said. "To assume we will face the likelihood of many more months of the disease being very prevalent in our communities."

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Gov. Tim Walz seeks action on police reform as he calls Legislature back in to session

ARTICLE DXIX. **GOV. TIM WALZ SEEKS ACTION ON POLICE REFORM AS HE CALLS LEGISLATURE BACK IN TO SESSION**

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Walz revealed his intentions Wednesday at a Capitol news conference where he announced that he is extending his peacetime emergency powers for another 30 days. That action triggers a special session of the Legislature, starting Friday.

The lawmakers' first task will be to vote on whether to extend or end the governor's emergency powers.

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka of East Gull Lake has said the Republican majority in that chamber will vote to strip Walz of his unilateral power to dictate state public health policies. That move is likely to be blocked by the governor's fellow Democrats who control the House.

Walz said his top priorities for the special session are "police reform and accountability and economic recovery" after the death two weeks ago of ***George Floyd*** while in Minneapolis police custody and the devastation caused by the rioting that followed.

He cautioned lawmakers against stripping him of emergency powers. Those who want to end those powers, he said, should explain how they would continue testing for the virus, what would they do without the \$50 million a month in federal aid that the state gets as a result of declaring an emergency and how the state could deliver services quickly without waivers from federal requirements.

"What happens if that system collapses underneath because it was only through emergency powers, and that's the way it was structured?" Walz asked. "There is no one yet that has figured out how to do that."

Walz said he expects to end the emergency when the virus is under control, but he did not say when he expects that to happen.

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In a prepared statement Wednesday night, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown called Walz's moves to extend his emergency powers "a major setback."

"The time for emergency powers has long passed," Daudt said in the release, then noting the state's virus model, from which Walz made many of his decisions to battle the virus, suggested the number of deaths would be much higher than what's transpired.

AN EYE ON THE VIRUS

Walz said he expects to know within 10 days whether the virus has leveled off or is trending down, which would allow him to shift to Phase IV of the state's "Stay Safe at Home" reopening plan. That would further ease restrictions on restaurants and gyms and allow more sports events, summer camps and other public gatherings to resume.

Minnesota moved to Phase III on Wednesday, which allowed, among other things, restaurants to offer indoor seating and gyms and exercise centers to reopen.

Walz said the crises caused by the pandemic, economic decline and outrage sparked by Floyd's death present him and the Legislature with a unique opportunity to act.

"This moment will not be upon us again," he said. He encouraged legislators to take "bold, aggressive, transformative action" to make changes that the public is demanding.

Special sessions are typically one- or two-day affairs, but Walz said he wants lawmakers to stay at the Capitol as long as it takes to act on his agenda. "We can leave when we get the people's work done," he said.

CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED

The governor did not propose a list of police reforms. Instead he endorsed a package of more than 20 recommendations that the legislative People of Color and Indigenous Caucus (POCI) announced last week, plus changes proposed earlier by a task force headed by state Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington and Attorney General Keith Ellison.

Those proposals include moving investigations and prosecutions of officer-involved deaths to the attorney general's office, increasing police accountability and transparency, raising officer standards of conduct and providing incentives for officers to live in the communities they serve.

Democrats at the Capitol said they were ready to quickly pass them this weekend. But Republicans, who hold a majority in the Senate, have said the state should take more time to assess alterations that could last a generation and had few examples of proposals they would support. The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association also asked for a seat at the table and asked that decisions not be rushed.

Dozens of Minnesota Fortune 500 business leaders on Wednesday joined the Minnesota Business Partnership in urging lawmakers to approve the proposals as part of the special session, according to Forum News Service.

"Minnesota's business leaders are united in a commitment to address not only policing reforms but also the broader need to advance social and racial justice in our society," Minnesota Business Partnership Executive Director and former Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Charlie Weaver said in a statement.

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REBUILDING FROM THE RIOTS

Regarding help for businesses damaged or destroyed by recent rioting, Walz said he does not have a plan of his own but wants to work with business owners, communities and foundations to find ways to finance repairs and rebuilding, especially for small businesses.

He expects the Legislature to pass a public infrastructure construction bill, known as a bonding bill. He and House DFLers proposed borrowing about \$2 billion for those projects, while Republican senators proposed one just under \$1 billion. Negotiators for the two chambers say they're working on a compromise.

But Walz noted that general obligation bonding money can only be used for public or government-sponsored projects, not for private businesses. So he expects public and private entities to develop other funding mechanisms.

Forum News Service contributed to this report.

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Gyms, theaters next as state seeks new normal

ARTICLE DXX. [**GYMS, THEATERS NEXT AS STATE SEEKS NEW NORMAL**](#)

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Body

Minnesotans on Wednesday will once again be able to drink in bars, go to movies, work out and swim at clubs - as long as they keep their distance from others due to the continued threat of COVID-19.

Health officials believe the COVID-19 pandemic has either plateaued or is on a downward wave in Minnesota, making the resumption of more everyday activities OK with the caveat of maintaining a social distance of 6 feet from others in public.

Infections with the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 could increase under the relaxed restrictions announced Friday by Gov. Tim Walz, but health officials will be monitoring case numbers for any spikes that would be concerning, said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

"The logic would say that if people are free to interact more, then we will likely see more cases," she said. "So we're watching for that."

Restaurants and bars as of Wednesday will be able to seat up to 50% of their indoor capacities, and fitness clubs, theaters, bowling alleys and other entertainment venues will be able to serve up to 25% of their capacities - with hard caps of 250 people in any of these indoor businesses.

Social gatherings of 10 people will be permitted indoors and 25 outdoors, but in all cases the need for social distancing of 6 feet will apply.

State disease investigators consider people to be at moderate risk of COVID-19 if they spent 15 minutes face-to-face in that proximity with others who have the infection.

"Six feet is the distance in which you would expect the respiratory droplets from someone who has sneezed or coughed to have settled before they get to that next person," Ehresmann said.

The addition of 20 deaths and 307 new lab-confirmed cases on Tuesday brought the toll of the pandemic in Minnesota to 1,217 deaths and 28,523 illnesses so far, but case growth has been steady or declining since an apparent peak around Memorial Day weekend.

Gyms, theaters next as state seeks new normal

The Minnesota Department of Health also reported 455 people with the infectious disease in hospital care, including 199 who needed intensive care due to severe respiratory or other symptoms, as of Tuesday. At peak demand on May 28, there were 606 such patients hospitalized.

Case growth has ebbed even as other restrictions have been eased. Walz ended a statewide stay-at-home order at 51 days on May 18 and allowed outdoor restaurant services and limited indoor religious services on June 1. Churches under the latest order can expand attendance from 25% to 50% of their capacity.

Minnesotans have been moving around more for weeks - as measured by traffic levels and mobile device tracking - than they did in March and April, and the recent protests over the death of George Floyd in police custody brought thousands of people shouting and singing together in proximity.

States with earlier peaks in the COVID-19 pandemic offer some guides for Minnesota. Wisconsin reported zero COVID-19 deaths on Tuesday - a first since May 13 in that state - and declining growth in cases despite a court order throwing out its statewide restrictions last month.

Republican leaders in the Minnesota House seized on this zero-death announcement Tuesday, challenging the Democrat Walz and health authorities to address why Minnesota has seen more COVID-19 deaths than Wisconsin, which has more people and fewer restrictions.

On the other hand, a reopening of activities in Los Angeles County in California has reportedly this week come with an increased COVID-19 infection rate - a cautionary tale against moving too quickly to restart businesses and activities amid the pandemic.

Ehresmann said state officials have concentrated more on in-state statistical indicators of COVID-19 to weigh the need for restrictions and social distancing.

A high per capita testing rate, and a low percentage of those tests being positive, will be a strong indication that the pandemic is well-monitored and under control, she said.

Testing numbers will likely gain a boost from free clinics on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the next three weeks at four sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul where protests took place. The state has recommended that all people who participated in the mass demonstration events seek COVID-19 testing due to their exposure risk - whether they have respiratory symptoms of COVID-19 or not.

Testing appointments for this week filled up quickly, and the state on Tuesday afternoon announced it would be expanding capacity for these clinics next week.

Not all businesses were set to bounce back just because the state gave them permission. While several bowling alleys are reopening, most movie theaters in the Twin Cities have yet to announce plans. The St. Anthony Main Theatre in Minneapolis announced on Facebook that it plans to open June 19, with reduced ticket sales and staggered seating between rows to keep groups 6 feet apart.

Jester Concepts isn't quite ready to open its restaurants - Monello, P.S. Steak, Borough and Parlour in Minneapolis, and Parlour in St. Paul, said owner Brent Frederick. Reopening in mid- to late June following staff training is more likely, he said.

"Patio at full capacity and indoor dining at 50% is the best we could hope for right now," he said. "Looking forward to pandemic trends flattening more to where we can get full dining capacity once again."

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W.A. Frost is serving on its patio only for now due to continued COVID-19 concerns but would at best reach 25% capacity if reopening indoors due to the constraints of 6-foot spacing, said co-owner Stephanie Laitala-Rupp. "The 6-foot rule is the real hitch in the giddyup, for us, based on how our tables lay out ... more so than the 50% rule."

Health officials aren't certain why COVID-19 case growth is ebbing in Minnesota, though weeks of social distancing and a stay-at-home order likely played a role. Recent state modeling had suggested that the order reduced face-to-face contact and disease transmission by 55%.

The decline has coincided with warmer and more humid weather, but Ehresmann said there is no scientific proof, yet, that climate has played a role in slowing the pandemic.

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

28,523 -- Total cases

307 -- June 9 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,217 -- Total deaths

20 -- June 9

U.S. cases, new daily

1,970,613 -- Total cases

17,475 -- June 8

U.S. deaths, new daily

110,966 -- Total deaths

544 -- June 8

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Hernandez, Mowry Voss, Swift: If you're serious, St. Paul Council, approve these housing protections

ARTICLE DXXI. **[HERNANDEZ, MOWRY VOSS, SWIFT: IF YOU'RE SERIOUS, ST. PAUL COUNCIL, APPROVE THESE HOUSING PROTECTIONS](#)**

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Body

As community-based organizations with deep relationships in neighborhoods across St. Paul, particularly in low-wealth communities of color most affected by economic inequality, we have always understood the inextricable links between housing equity and racial justice. Now more than ever, as St. Paul city leaders show up to rallies and profess a commitment to justice in response to police brutality, their action on the S.A.F.E. Housing ordinance is a direct reflection of whether they are making good on that commitment or co-signing the continuation of a fundamentally unjust housing system that is built on the same structural racism that killed ***George Floyd***.

For years, we have engaged with constituents, city staff and council members around housing issues. The policies before them are not new. They are modest changes that have been proven legal and effective in cities across the nation. Especially in this moment of historic societal change, as countless St. Paul residents call for a future that honors Black life and our communities of color, our city leaders' choice is clear: stay the course of the well-worn grooves of racist policies that have brought us to this moment or take the first, small steps in a new direction by passing the S.A.F.E. Housing ordinance.

Here are its key provisions:

Tenant rights and responsibilities: Information on tenants' rights and responsibilities will be provided to all tenants and landlords.

Security deposit limit: Currently, there is no limit to the amount a landlord can charge for security deposit. The proposed security deposit limit would mean landlords can't charge more than one month's rent.

Tenant screening reforms: Proposed adjustments to what types of information landlords can use to screen applicants seek to address longstanding inequities that were created and are perpetuated by the public and private sectors (disparate policing and incarceration, economic marginalization, to name a few).

Hernandez, Mowry Voss, Swift: If you're serious, St. Paul Council, approve these housing protections

90-day advance notice of sale: Landlords would be required to let their tenants know that their building is being sold 90 days in advance of the sale so that tenants can have time to search for already scarce available housing.

Just-cause notice: Landlords would be required to provide a stated cause, like non-payment of rent or breach of lease terms, to end a lease. This does not impact the formal eviction process.

In the face of a global pandemic that is devastating communities of color and unspeakable police violence that has inflamed the daily trauma of systemic oppression, we are quite frankly shocked at the time and effort we've had to invest in advancing the S.A.F.E. Housing ordinance, especially the just-cause component. We have reached out to every single one of our city leaders. We have conducted research for them and engaged legal experts. We have shared deeply personal stories of the pain and fear renters are enduring because of the city council's inaction on tenant protections. We have stood shoulder to shoulder with them in press conferences where they have preached their commitment to renters and posed with residents they are now poised to abandon - yet again.

From the conversation our member organizations have had, we now know that there are only three St. Paul City Council members willing to support the ordinance in its full form - Mitra Jalali, Nelsie Yang and Dai Thao. Though deeply disappointing, it comes as no surprise to us that, while the council members of color are committed to moving this ordinance forward without amendment, the white members of the council continue to question just-cause and waver in their support of a fully vetted, publicly proven first step toward housing justice even as they espouse their support of affordable housing.

Over the past two weeks, thousands of residents have rallied for justice, making clear that the status quo is an unacceptable continued state of oppression for our communities. If you refuse to see the deep connections between housing discrimination and racial inequity in the city you lead, you do not value Black lives. To act in true solidarity means passing policies that proactively shift generations of discrimination and exclusion that have locked our communities into endless cycles of housing instability.

Housing justice is racial justice. By Friday, June 12, we demand that council members publicly share whether they will vote yes or no on the S.A.F.E. Housing ordinance in its current form, without amendment or implementation delay. Unless they are willing to act on what communities of color have been telling them for years, their hashtags and speeches about how much they care about Black lives are meaningless.

Martin Hernandez chairs the board of the West Side Community Organization. Betsy Mowry Voss is executive director of the Southeast Community Organization. Danielle Swift is a community organizer with the Frogtown Neighborhood Association.

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Jobs commissioner plans to 'get this right'

ARTICLE DXXII. [**JOBS COMMISSIONER PLANS TO 'GET THIS RIGHT'**](#)

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Body

It had been more than two months since the coronavirus pandemic threw Minnesota's economy into chaos, and only days before *George Floyd's* death would introduce a new sort of tumult to the Twin Cities. Weekdays and weekends were blending into each other, all consumed by work. Steve Grove needed a break.

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in late May, Grove, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, hopped on his bicycle in Linden Hills and, with his 3-year-old twins towed in a bike trailer, went for a ride. Near the Lake Harriet Band Shell, they paused for ice cream and cheese curds. His wife, Mary, watched the twins throw flower petals into the lake while Grove made a few phone calls in advance of the governor's announcement of a phased reopening of churches that afternoon.

However briefly, it felt like they were human again.

Then they loaded the kids back up. Mint chocolate chip ice cream fell to the ground. Their bike fell over, twice. And on the ride back home, the skies opened up, a colossal downpour drenched Grove and his wife from head to toe as the kids screamed in delight from the shelter of their trailer.

This was not the plan.

For the former Google executive, who took over as the state's economic czar in 2019 after returning to his home state the year before, not much has been going according to plan these days. It certainly was not the plan to, in a few chaotic months, shift from near record-low unemployment and a focus on the "innovation economy" to a time where the state's and nation's economies resemble the Great Depression more than any time since World War II.

"The idea that anybody who's here to help grow the economy would have to focus on pausing the economy for the sake of public health is really unfathomable," Grove said. "But it's what this time required, and ultimately it's what we needed to do to keep our economy safe. It's not just public health or the economy on an either-or spectrum. It's all interrelated. And that's what makes this so challenging."

Jobs commissioner plans to 'get this right'

It also was never the plan to, in the midst of this pandemic, be visiting with Lake Street businesses destroyed by fires and looting that caused an estimated \$100 million to \$150 million in damage to buildings in Minneapolis alone, according to preliminary city numbers. In person and on Zoom calls, Grove has spoken with business owners affected by the destruction when protests after Floyd's death turned violent, as well as legislative and city leaders.

He asks what the businesses need. At first, the most pressing need was security. Eventually, they say, they'll need funds to rebuild, and assurances that the rebuilding process will not gentrify these economically diverse neighborhoods. The message: "You better get this right this time."

There's been the same feeling with the economic fallout of the pandemic: The Walz administration better get it right, though there are no obvious solutions.

Since the virus paralyzed America in March, the ongoing discussions in the Walz administration and in state governments throughout the country have been a push-pull between the desire to restart an economy that locked down for much of spring and the pressing public health concerns over the spread of a mysterious new virus.

In Walz's cabinet meetings on Zoom, Grove tends to be more aggressive on the economy than Jan Malcolm, public health commissioner. But there have been plenty of times when Grove makes public health arguments while Malcolm makes economic arguments.

Grove started having weekly calls in March with a dozen or so economic leaders - heads of large corporations, owners of smaller businesses, labor leaders - to get their unvarnished (and confidential) thoughts on the state government's latest moves. In these calls, he tries to take a weekly temperature from business leaders and present those thoughts to the governor.

"You need to hear the good, the bad and the ugly, otherwise you're the emperor with no clothes on," said Mark Urdahl, president and CEO of Red Wing Shoe Co. "And nobody wants to be that."

According to those on Grove's weekly calls, the commissioner mostly just listens. Before the June 1 reopening of restaurants and hair salons, he asked for input on the state's plan. It was too cumbersome and detailed, business leaders told him, and needed to be pared down for overwhelmed business owners. So the state revised it to be more straightforward.

"I don't hear political rhetoric, but I do hear an increasing urgency from people and a concern for the communities they live in," said Traci Tapani, co-president of Wyoming Machine, a contract manufacturing company in Stacy.

"People realize we can't stay locked down forever," said Rod Young, CEO and president of Delta Dental of Minnesota, a dental insurance company. "They also realize that coming back too soon could be a challenge."

What Grove and others in state government know is there are no perfect decisions with COVID-19. That's why Walz refers to it as a dial; it's a delicate balance of slowly reopening the economy while minding public health concerns. And when nationwide protests over Floyd's death have their epicenter in the Twin Cities, and bring thousands of people in close physical contact, that delicate balance can burst in a matter of days.

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The most difficult decisions have had to do with small businesses; when Grove was growing up in Northfield, his dad owned a landscaping company with a half-dozen employees. Decisions about shutting down small businesses have been excruciating.

"For a business that's not open, these are their lives for them, food on their table," Grove said. "To say you're a noncritical business - noncritical? Noncritical to who?"

"There are lots of fairness questions there are not good answers to," he continued. "This whole issue for several weeks, small retailers saying to us, 'I don't understand why Walmart is cranking in the revenue and I can't be open.' They're 100 percent right. In the bigger picture, there's a reason. ... But there's no perfect decision."

Grove kept hearing complaints about Minnesota's Largest Candy Store in Jordan. It stayed open because it sells food - but as the huge sign says next to the highway, it's a candy store.

As the pandemic has worn on, the definition of what is "critical" has crumbled, Grove said, as many businesses permanently shuttered and the national unemployment rate skyrocketed. Last week, nearly 2 million Americans filed new claims for unemployment. But some hopeful notes came Friday, when the Labor Department announced improving unemployment numbers - from 14.7% in April to 13.3% in May - and that employers had added 2.5 million jobs in May.

The June 1 phase of the economy's reopening was disrupted by the violence. But state government remains on edge to see if Minnesota has struck the right balance. Another marker comes on Wednesday, when the dial increases again: limited indoor dining, indoor entertainment at movie theaters and other venues, fitness club usage, and outdoor entertainment of up to 250 people.

"When I say getting it right, if we open retail and the whole state decides there's no reason to take precautions, that's our biggest concern," Grove said. "It's summer. We're trying to loosen this. [The June 1 reopening] is really tough because it's no longer a stay-at-home order."

"Did we nail the decision right, so that people can get back to it but do it in a safe way, where we don't get overwhelmed?"

This time, Grove hopes things go according to plan.

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Legislature gets \$13M bill for Guard deployment

ARTICLE DXXIII. **LEGISLATURE GETS \$13M BILL FOR GUARD DEPLOYMENT**

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The Minnesota National Guard's mission to respond to civil unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul cost \$12.75 million, state officials said Tuesday.

Minnesota Management and Budget Commissioner Myron Frans spelled out the Guard's reimbursement request in a letter to the chairs of the House and Senate budget committees.

"The funds will be used for payroll, vehicles, and sustainment activities for this mission," Frans wrote in the letter to Sen. Julie Rosen and Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Under state law, the Legislature is required to reimburse the Guard for the mission.

Public outrage following the killing of ***George Floyd*** in police custody on May 25 prompted large demonstrations in the following days that in some parts of Minneapolis and St. Paul turned into looting, arson and vandalism. Gov. Tim Walz activated the Guard by executive order on May 28; by May 30, it had become the Guard's largest deployment ever for civil unrest.

It was also the Guard's first deployment for a civil disturbance in Minnesota in 34 years.

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MN Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan tested for coronavirus

ARTICLE DXXIV. [MN GOV. TIM WALZ AND LT. GOV. PEGGY FLANAGAN TESTED FOR CORONAVIRUS](#)

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The Democratic governor's test results were negative, according to a Twitter post by Walz. Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan also tweeted that she tested negative.

After spending significant time out in our communities the past two weeks, [@LtGovFlanagan](#) and I each got a test yesterday (they turned up negative). It was quick and painless and we urge any Minnesotan who has spent time in a crowd or has symptoms to do the same. <https://t.co/Rz5xzyHt0l>

- Governor Tim Walz (@GovTimWalz)

Gov. Walz already isolated himself once during the pandemic after a member of his security detail tested positive for the coronavirus.

State leaders and health officials are urging anyone who attended demonstrations protesting the death of **George Floyd** at the hands of Minneapolis police to get a coronavirus tests.

There are free testing sites in St. Paul and Minneapolis, but all the appointments are booked this week. Residents can learn more about how and when to get tested visit: www.mn.gov/COVID19/ [#COVID19 June 10, 2020](#).

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New coalition to help small businesses survive virus

ARTICLE DXXV. [**NEW COALITION TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES SURVIVE VIRUS**](#)

Finance and Commerce

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From Watertown to Stillwater, chambers of commerce and community groups are coming together to help Twin Cities small businesses get through the COVID-19-induced economic downturn.

More than two dozen organizations, including the Minneapolis and St. Paul chambers of commerce, make up the new Business4Business Minneapolis-St. Paul coalition, which was unveiled this week.

Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington counties are part of the coalition.

Among other things, the coalition aims to connect small businesses to financial and technical resources during the pandemic and beyond, with special emphasis on help for poor communities and minority-owned businesses.

Coalition backers say small businesses are the foundation of the local economy. Businesses account for 64.5% of jobs in the state, and 83% of businesses in the region have fewer than 20 employees, according to the coalition.

One challenge: Many small businesses don't have experience navigating the system to gain access to resources such as the federal Paycheck Protection Program, so they often miss out on those benefits, coalition backers say.

"Certain groups do tend to have less access to capital," Patricia Fitzgerald, Hennepin County's director of economic development, said in an interview. "In addition, as some relief funds have been delivered on a first come, first served basis, the most established businesses with the most resources tend to see those resources and then the funds have run out. And so we are really looking at Business4Business as yet another way to further the reach of some of these relief funds. "

Fitzgerald said the pandemic's financial impact on small businesses is difficult to quantify. But she said national surveys have shown many small businesses have less than two weeks of reserves to weather an economic downturn.

Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter said it's "imperative" for the region to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the civil unrest stemming from the death of ***George Floyd***.

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Small businesses, especially those owned by people of color, “have told us and have shown us that they have not received the relief and assistance” available through existing programs, Carter said in an interview. A centerpiece of the coalition is technical support. Through initiatives like the Pay IT Forward program, a joint effort of the city of St. Paul, Ramsey County and other partners, small businesses that need help applying for financial aid can be matched with a range of volunteers.

“We are doing our best -- and doing so in a coordinated fashion -- to bring resources and assistance to businesses,” B Kyle, president of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, said in an interview.

“The least expensive service to a business is a check. The most expensive service to a business is the mentoring, the technical support, because it’s a one-on-one relationship and that’s always more time-consuming and frankly in many ways it’s more valuable,” Kyle said.

Insurance experts, attorneys, accountants and others have stepped up to offer their support, she said.

“Large companies and small companies have called me saying, ‘We have capacity, we have team members looking for a place to be plugged in. They are saying, ‘Put me in, coach,’” Kyle said.

One of the challenges, she said, is gaining the trust of the small businesses that may be wary of receiving help from an outsider. Kyle said that’s where it helps to have support of smaller community-based organizations and chambers of commerce, which are valuable liaisons.

The Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce, LatinoLEAD, Midway Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce, the East Side Area Business Association and the Center for Economic Inclusion, are among the coalition members.

Other members include the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, Greater MSP Partnership, Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce, SPEDCO, Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce, Metro North Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce, Watertown Chamber of Commerce, Waconia Chamber of Commerce, White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce, Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce, Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce, Norwood Young America Chamber of Commerce, Payne-Arcade Area Business Association, Ham Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Quad Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Reflections among the raindrops

ARTICLE DXXVI. **REFLECTIONS AMONG THE RAINDROPS**

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Above, 8-year-old Sabrina Smith of New Hope visited the ***George Floyd*** memorial site in Minneapolis on a rainy Tuesday afternoon. Haley Alexis King of Kenosha, Wis., knelt in prayer at right at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and 38th Street, where a memorial has expanded in all directions with installations, flowers, and an outpouring of grief and of support for the movement ignited by Floyd's death. Part of the site is now dedicated to naming other people of color who have been killed because of racism.

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Sudden eviction from hotel

ARTICLE DXXVII. [SUDDEN EVICTION FROM HOTEL](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 981 words**Byline:** CHRIS SERRES; MIGUEL OTAROLA; STAFF WRITERS, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Drug overdose leads owner to empty rooms that sheltered homeless**Body**

A report of a drug overdose led to the eviction Tuesday of more than 200 homeless people from a hotel in south Minneapolis that had become a refuge during protests that erupted in the wake of [George Floyd's](#) killing in police custody.

Residents of the former Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown Hotel, tucked just north of Lake Street on Chicago Avenue, awoke to reports that the hotel's fire alarm was pulled after 6 a.m. following an overdose. The hotel owner, Jay Patel, has ordered the eviction of all the guests, according to volunteers at the site.

The sudden eviction marks the second time in two weeks that large numbers of homeless people have been forced to vacate a temporary site, and could hamper efforts by a team of volunteers to find them more permanent housing.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought a heightened level of urgency to these efforts. Homeless outreach workers fear that people who are cleared repeatedly from shelters and other sites will scatter and become more difficult to reach with aid.

"It's not that people don't want to help, it's just that right now there are no physical beds," said Sheila Delaney, who acted as a liaison between volunteers, the building owner and other partners. "There is no 'Plan B,' except for back out."

Since May 29, the hastily arranged shelter had been a source of stability, even hope, amid the chaos and destruction that followed Floyd's death on May 25.

Unlike traditional homeless shelters, people who stayed at the hotel were allowed to bring drugs and alcohol on-site. Volunteer medics were focused on preventing overdoses and helping people access health services, rather than enforcing rules that would result in people being forced back onto the streets.

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But some residents at the hotel said conditions had begun to spin out of control in recent days, with people injecting heroin and methamphetamine in the hallways, and fights breaking out at night. Volunteers became overwhelmed.

"It started out well, then descended into chaos," said Jennie Taylor, who had a room on the second floor. "People got the message that this was a place where you could use drugs freely and that attracted the wrong crowd."

Moon Beaumaster, another resident and volunteer at the hotel, agreed. "There were too many parasitic drug dealers who were using this place for the wrong reason," she said.

The scene Tuesday outside the hotel was chaotic. Homeless people, some with children in tow, could be seen pouring out of the hotel lobby with their belongings piled in shopping carts. One angry resident was darting around the parking lot, screaming at people. Many sat on curbs and said they had nowhere to go.

In an emotional news conference outside the hotel, residents and volunteers decried the eviction and demanded permanent housing. A few people insisted they were not going to leave. Volunteers said many people likely would remain at the hotel overnight, as they continued to negotiate with the building owner.

"I don't know if the owner has the power to evict us," said Rosemary Fister, an organizer at the hotel, drawing cheers from residents.

The hotel is on a stretch near Lake Street that was badly damaged during last week's protests, and it quickly became a sanctuary for people trying to avoid the riots. In less than 48 hours, the building had come to resemble a large homeless cooperative, with the residents handling many of its core functions, from serving meals to security. Organizers had raised over \$100,000 on GoFundMe and carloads of donations poured in. Even people who were not staying at the hotel would drop in to get food, medical care and other services.

"It was beautiful in its way," said Alexis Kramer, a volunteer at the hotel and organizer with Freedom from the Streets, an advocacy group for the homeless. "I mean, we have children here. Where are they going to go?"

Some of those who arrived at the hotel had migrated from a large homeless encampment near the light-rail line along Hiawatha Avenue, which was cleared by the Metropolitan Council two weeks ago. Most of those at the encampment were offered and accepted rooms at other hotels with support staff.

By last weekend, all the rooms in the four-story hotel were filled, yet people kept arriving. Other areas of the hotel, including the lobby, were converted to sleeping spaces to accommodate the new arrivals. As of Tuesday, the hotel-turned-shelter had a waiting list of about 450 people.

But in recent days, Patel and a team of volunteers had grown increasingly stressed and exhausted accommodating guests, many of whom were dealing with mental illness and substance use problems, Delaney said.

Kat Eng, a volunteer and community liaison at the site, said volunteers have reached out to government agencies and nonprofits for help in finding people housing, but those displaced currently have nowhere to go. She put out a call for more tents early Tuesday.

"We have reached out through every single possible channel and there is no alternative," she said. "Residents are traumatized, scared and we need solutions."

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As people poured out of the hotel, Taylor sat on a nearby bus bench and contemplated her options. The night she moved into the hotel last week marked the first time in nearly four years that Taylor had a private room, a bathtub and a place to sleep without fear of having her belongings stolen, she said. "It was wonderful, like a dream," she said of the week she spent there.

Most likely, she would pitch a tent along the Midtown Greenway near the hotel, Taylor said. Because of the coronavirus, she was afraid to stay in a crowded shelter, where people sleep close enough to hold hands.

"It's unfortunate that a few people appear to have ruined it for everyone," she said, gazing out over the damaged buildings on Lake Street. "There are some of us who do have hope for sobriety and housing."

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ARTICLE DXXVIII. [TOM JOHNSON 1945 - 2020](#)

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Former Hennepin County Attorney Tom Johnson, a pioneering criminal justice advocate and most recently ombudsman for victims of Catholic clergy abuse, lost his six-year battle Monday with advanced prostate cancer.

Johnson, 75, died at his Minneapolis home surrounded by his wife, Victoria, and his four adult children. Though he hadn't held public office since stepping down as county attorney after 12 years in 1991, he had remained a public force for justice reforms through both public advocacy and personal relationships, serving as a mentor to many state leaders.

"His influence went way beyond any office that he held," said David Lebedoff, who met Johnson in 1972 when both were young lawyers working on the presidential campaign of U.S. Sen. George McGovern.

It's significant that Johnson died amid the recent upheaval in Minneapolis, Lebedoff said, referring to the unrest in the wake of the killing of ***George Floyd*** by a police officer. Johnson "was with us at a time when no one else was pointing out disparities in our justice system," he said.

Last Christmas, Johnson wrote his own obituary. His tone was lighthearted, but he also wrote that none of his jobs gave him more satisfaction than "calling attention to the unacceptable racial disparities in the justice system and their cost to society."

In an interview with a Star Tribune editorial writer in 2015, Johnson lamented his shortcomings in meeting the challenges faced by black Americans. "On a number of occasions I thought about plunging in and figuring out what could be done to change a particular situation," he said. "Too often, I didn't, at least not with the vigor I typically try to bring to resolving an issue."

But his accomplishments were substantial. In 1989 he founded CornerHouse, a nationally recognized advocacy center for children who are victims of sex abuse. He founded and sat on the board of the Minnesota

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Justice Research Center, which seeks fair and humane treatment for those in the criminal justice system. Last week he participated in his last board meeting online.

Johnson led the now-shuttered nonprofit Council on Crime and Justice (CCJ) from 1998 to 2007 and directed groundbreaking research on racial disparities in the criminal justice system. He also practiced environmental law at Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis, where he fought the Southwest light-rail line.

Johnson grew up on a farm in Brookston, Minn., and graduated from Duluth Central High School. He earned degrees in physics and law from the University of Minnesota and a master of laws degree from the London School of Economics.

At age 28, he was elected to the Minneapolis City Council. In his self-written obituary, he said he walked around City Hall thinking, "If the public only knew how little I know."

But Johnson learned quickly. He fought for truth-in-housing inspections and campaign finance disclosures, and prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation. He also got passed a ban on plastic milk cartons, though the ban lasted only a few months.

Within hours of his death, Gov. Tim Walz, U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Archbishop Bernard Hebda posted tributes to Johnson on social media. Walz called Johnson "a voice for the voiceless, a passionate pursuer of justice, a loving husband, and a wise and good-humored father," and Klobuchar, herself a former Hennepin County attorney, said Johnson "always did good."

Hebda wrote that Johnson's "compassionate work on behalf of victims of clergy sexual abuse was inspiring. We are a better church and a better community because of Tom."

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said he met Johnson in 1978 and remained a lifelong friend. Freeman said Johnson recruited him to run for county attorney in 1990 and that the two met regularly. The last time was six weeks ago, when Johnson gave Freeman a written agenda for reform.

"Tom never stopped thinking and being an activist," Freeman said.

Mark Haase, ombudsman for the state Department of Corrections, also considered Johnson a mentor. Haase, who ran unsuccessfully against Freeman in 2018, first met Johnson when he was a law student and intern at CCJ in 2005. "He treated me like I knew exactly what I was doing, like an equal," Haase said.

The Rev. Daniel Griffith, pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Minneapolis, met Johnson through Victoria, a parish administrator. "In 18 years in the priesthood, I'm not sure I met someone who was a better human being," Griffith said. "His sense of justice was off the charts."

Two days after Johnson's final birthday in April, his son Hunter took him for a Ferris Bueller-style tour of the Twin Cities in a borrowed green 1974 Triumph Spitfire convertible.

"Everywhere we drove in the Twin Cities, my dad had a significant memory or story to share with me about his life; his first campaign headquarters, his old running route, a favorite cafe," said Hunter, of Minneapolis.

Besides his wife and son Hunter, Johnson is survived by his daughters, Jill Steigauf of St. Paul, and Kayla Johnson Castañeda of St. Paul, communications director for Walz; son Ben, of New Haven, Conn.; brothers, Jerry and Warren; and sister, Susan Henderson.

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Hebda will lead a livestreamed service for Johnson at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes. Due to COVID-19, only family and some close friends will attend.

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WHO's fumbled COVID-19 message

ARTICLE DXXIX. [**WHO'S FUMBLLED COVID-19 MESSAGE**](#)

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Don't shrug off your risk of COVID-19, especially if you've been in large crowds or other high-risk settings recently, simply because no symptoms were apparent in those nearby. This is an important public health message, one that needs amplifying in Minnesota and elsewhere, after a World Health Organization (WHO) communications fumble early this week.

On Monday, WHO epidemiologist Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove generated controversy when she responded to a question at one of WHO's routine news conferences. Her answer lacked clarity and context. Reports afterward misleadingly summarized that transmission by asymptomatic people is "very rare." Coverage also wrongly suggested that this was a new WHO position.

Medical experts in Minnesota and elsewhere responded with alarm and disbelief because the agency appeared to ignore accumulating research about COVID-19's transmission by people before they develop symptoms. The statement also seemed to blow up one of the key rationales for social distancing. Indeed, some social media users quickly jumped to this simplistic conclusion: Since only those with COVID-19 symptoms are contagious, sick people can just stay home and no one else needs to worry about contracting it.

If only it were that easy. "WHO says asymptomatic transmission of COVID is very rare. Just ignore this. It is not true," Mayo Clinic Dr. Vincent Rajkumar posted on Twitter.

In an interview with an editorial writer, renowned infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm also expressed concerns about the WHO statement and underscored the continued importance of social distancing. In addition, he said that the WHO effectively "walked back" its statement Tuesday morning.

The organization livestreamed a follow-up question-and-answer session with Van Kerkhove and another scientist, Dr. Michael Ryan, an Irish surgeon who heads the WHO's emergency programs. Van Kerkhove swiftly clarified that people without symptoms can transmit the virus and that models show it plays a significant role in fueling COVID-19 transmission, though further study is needed.

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Ryan pointed out that the Monday "statement" by Van Kerkhove was only a response to a reporter's question. It did not represent an institutional shift in policy on asymptomatic spread or reverse any WHO position on population-wide mitigation measures needed to control COVID-19.

Much of the confusion appears rooted in what Van Kerkhove originally meant by "asymptomatic." Some people infected do not go on to develop any symptoms. It's not clear how unusual this is. Others may be "pre-symptomatic," meaning they're infected and later go on to develop symptoms. Van Kerkhove did not adequately distinguish between those groups in her original remarks.

It's difficult to track infections spread by those who are asymptomatic. That may explain why these individuals rarely appear to be a source of infection (our guess is that Van Kerkhove may have been trying to say something like this initially).

At the same time, a small yet growing body of research has documented spread by pre-symptomatic individuals. An April 15 study in the prestigious journal *Nature* estimated that "44% ... of secondary cases were infected during the index cases' presymptomatic stage." The researchers call for mitigation measures reflecting this.

Testing and social distancing remain vital. The Twin Cities were the epicenter of the *George Floyd* protests. Thousands marched. Those who did have no way of knowing if people around them were contagious. State health officials recommend participants get tested for COVID-19, preferably five to seven days after exposure even if they don't feel sick.

Said Osterholm: "This is not a time to let down our guard."

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One of four charged in Floyd's death posts bail

ARTICLE DXXX. [**ONE OF FOUR CHARGED IN FLOYD'S DEATH POSTS BAIL**](#)

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Body

One of four fired Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of **George Floyd** posted cash bail and was released from jail Wednesday afternoon.

Thomas Lane, 37, who had been held in lieu of \$750,000 bail, was freed shortly before 4:10 p.m. from the Hennepin County jail, a Sheriff's Office spokesman said.

A fundraising website on his behalf has since been taken down. The site solicited money through PayPal donations, while decrying the bail amount as unfairly high and also declaring that Lane "did everything he could" to save Floyd's life.

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, confirmed that the website was legitimate, but he did not know how much money it had raised on his client's behalf or who was behind the effort. The site did say that "Lane and his family appreciate your support and prayers during this time."

Lane is one of three charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter in connection with the pavement restraint of Floyd on May 25 before he died. Gray said Lane accepted bail with conditions.

He is currently with his wife, although Gray would not disclose where out of concern for his safety. In the meantime, Lane's next hearing is scheduled for June 29, and Gray said he is planning to file a motion to dismiss the charges.

"Now we can watch what happens next from outside," he said. "We will bring a motion to dismiss and hopefully it will be granted."

The other co-defendants remained jailed as of 4:35 p.m. Wednesday: **Derek Chauvin**, who is charged with second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter; and **Tou Thao** and **J Alexander Kueng**, who face the same charges as Lane.

According to charges, Lane, who initially took Floyd into custody, held down the 46-year-old man's legs while Kueng held his back and **Chauvin knelt** on Floyd's neck as he pleaded to breathe before he died.

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Chauvin's bail is \$1.25 million, \$750,000 each for Thao and Kueng.

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Vikings unveil social justice plan

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 1C**Length:** 865 words**Byline:** BEN GOESSLING; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Team to make \$5 million commitment to fight racism**Body**

The Vikings unveiled plans to increase social justice work in the Twin Cities on Wednesday, with a scholarship in [George Floyd](#)'s name and a \$5 million commitment from ownership to fight racism and inequality.

The Vikings' three-year-old social justice committee, led by co-defensive coordinator Andre Patterson and a half-dozen players, established the [George Floyd](#) Legacy Scholarship with a \$125,000 gift in the days after police killed Floyd in south Minneapolis. The endowment is expected to generate \$5,000 annually for a black Twin Cities high school graduate pursuing post-secondary education.

The committee distributed \$250,000 to organizations around the metro area in both 2018 and 2019 after gifts from the Wilf family. This year, it will help Vikings ownership make decisions about how to use the \$5 million donation across the U.S.

"When the tragedy happened a couple of weeks ago it was real easy for [General Manager] Rick [Spielman] and I to get the committee together, and they were very strong with, 'How can we help?' " Patterson said Wednesday. "And what they wanted to do was find a way to help his family or put something together so he would always be remembered. And so one of the things they brought up was trying to put a scholarship together in [George Floyd](#)'s name. It only took one week and the Vikings came together and got that done."

In an 83-minute conference call Wednesday, Vikings players and executives told emotional stories about their own experiences with [systemic racism](#)

and shared candid thoughts on how the NFL can drive change on issues ranging from food insecurity to education and criminal justice reform.

Linebacker Eric Kendricks, who challenged the NFL to take action with a series of June 2 tweets and appeared with teammate Anthony Barr and 17 other players in a June 4 video asking the league to condemn racism, discussed how his initial trepidation about speaking up gave way to a realization he couldn't stay silent. Running back Ameer Abdullah, who'd knelt during the national anthem while with the Lions in 2017,

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talked about his father's participation in the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery march and the Vietnam War and his own experiences in Alabama as a "double minority" growing up black and Muslim.

And Spielman teared up as he shared how one of his adopted sons was once pulled over for driving an expensive car, having to call home so Spielman's wife, Michele, could tell a police officer the driver was her son and the car was hers.

"When I'm able to go out in the community with my wife and we have our kids with us, they see a whole different world," Spielman said. "But when they go out on their own, one of my sons gets pulled over because he's driving my wife's car that's a really nice car. And he gets pulled over because of the color of his skin. To think that black man can't be driving that car, he must've stolen that car. ... I struggle to try to explain to our kids why they have to live in two different worlds."

Kendricks said Roger Goodell's June 5 video response - during which the commissioner said, "***Black lives matter***," and admitted the league had wrongfully discouraged players from peaceful protest - was "what we wanted," adding he expects to talk with the commissioner in the next few days.

"We want to try to keep it to football as much as possible, but these are issues that are facing the majority of the players' communities," Kendricks said. "For us to feel like we can't speak up about it, it just didn't feel right."

The linebacker said the NFL's gesture could give more players the freedom to protest during the 2020 season, though he added the Vikings - who haven't publicly protested since linking arms during the national anthem for much of the 2017 season - have recently spent more time discussing community efforts than protest plans. Spielman said the 2017 decision reflected the team's belief in doing things together, adding, "I just think it's so important [to realize] the message gets lost sometimes, what the actual problem is."

The general manager demurred when asked about former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's continued unemployment, saying, "Down the road, if there's an appropriate time, we can address things, but I want to keep the football-related stuff out of this, because I don't want the message to get diluted from what we're trying to accomplish today."

Vikings Chief Operating Officer Andrew Miller called Floyd's killing "a tragic and senseless act" that "highlighted a number of facets of our society that are broken, including law enforcement. And that's led to a culture of ***systemic racism*** that needs to be fixed."

Players, Miller said, have led efforts to have conversations with Minneapolis police chief Medaria Arradondo; 10 of them, including Kendricks and Barr, met with Arradondo last weekend.

The Vikings, Miller said, are "still talking through" whether to end their relationship with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

"We're trying to understand the different perspectives that people have, and trying to make the best decision possible," he said. "There's complexities to any relationship, and ultimately we want to do what's best for our organization and for our fans."

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Anytime Fitness apologizes for Wisconsin franchisee's 'I can't breathe' workout

ARTICLE DXXXII. [**ANYTIME FITNESS APOLOGIZES FOR WISCONSIN FRANCHISEE'S 'I CAN'T BREATHE' WORKOUT**](#)

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Highlight: WAUWATOSA, Wis. - A Twin Cities-based health club company is apologizing on behalf of a franchisee who posted an "[**I can't breathe**](#)" workout at a gym in suburban Milwaukee. Photos of the workout instructions drawn on a dry erase board at Anytime Fitness in Wauwatosa were shared widely on social media and generated critical comments. [...]

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WAUWATOSA, Wis. - A Twin Cities-based health club company is apologizing on behalf of a franchisee who posted an "[**I can't breathe**](#)" workout at a gym in suburban Milwaukee.

Photos of the workout instructions drawn on a dry erase board at Anytime Fitness in Wauwatosa were shared widely on social media and generated critical comments.

The "[**I can't breathe**](#)" workout included burpees, or squat thrusts, and the instructions "don't you dare lay down." It also showed a person in a kneeling position, the Journal Sentinel reported.

The words "[**I can't breathe**](#)" have been chanted at hundreds of protests and rallies, echoing some of the final words of [**George Floyd**](#), a black man who died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer held his knee against his neck as he was handcuffed face-down in the street.

The Woodbury-based company said it was "profoundly sorry" that the workout was posted.

"No matter what the intent, we absolutely do not condone the words, illustrations or actions this represents. One of our publicly-state commitments to antiracism work is to bolster training efforts for our franchise owners to lead with empathy, love and respect. This incident makes it clear we have more work to do in this space," a statement from the company read.

The workout instructions at the Wauwatosa gym have since been removed.

[*Feds deny Minnesota request for aid after **George Floyd** unrest. Walz has 30 days to appeal. Police reforms among the issues legislators expected to take up when they return to the Capitol. NYC mayor helps paint 'Black Lives Matter' outside Trump Tower. Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest. 'We don't think we did this all right': State leaders weigh in on response to Minneapolis riots*](#)

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ARTICLE DXXXIII. **LETTERS: 'THIS IS NOT A TIME TO SIT AROUND IN WELL-STOCKED KITCHENS AND SHAKE OUR FINGERS AT THE POLICE ...'**

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Highlight: Don't let fear beget more fear Over the past several days, some residents in the Twin Cities have been receiving threatening letters demanding them to remove their Black Lives Matters signs or their homes will be "torched." In response, some of my own white neighbors have taken down their BLM signs for fear of becoming [...]

Body

Over the past several days, some residents in the Twin Cities have been receiving threatening letters demanding them to remove their Black Lives Matters signs or their homes will be "torched." In response, some of my own white neighbors have taken down their BLM signs for fear of becoming a target.

I'm not taking my ***Black Lives Matter*** sign down. It's been up ever since Philando Castile lost his life at the hands of the police, and it's staying up now. Taking down the sign is a privilege. Just as black and brown people will always be black and brown, allies should always show their support, not just when it is safe or convenient.

I know parents are worried. We don't want our kids to be harmed for the sake of "politics." But, let's be clear: every black mother and every black father fear for the lives of their children, every day, always. The fear that white allies might be feeling now is a droplet of the fear that black parents have felt for decades, if not centuries.

Imagine if everyone in our neighborhoods proudly displayed their ***Black Lives Matter*** signs. The perpetrators would have to try and take us all down. Thinking back to when the KKK was even more active, it was the "N-- lovers" alongside the black people who were targets. We didn't have enough white allies willing to speak out. This time, be on the right side of history. Don't let fear beget more fear.

This is not a time to quietly support black lives. This is not a time to sit around in well-stocked kitchens and shake our fingers at the police and stop at that. This is a time to visibly support our black communities. This is a time to use whatever privilege any of us might have to make a difference.

Protest, give what money and food you can, be there for your neighbors, work to change structural racism. Also and at the very least: Lift your ***Black Lives Matter*** signs high.

Letters: 'This is not a time to sit around in well-stocked kitchens and shake our fingers at the police ...'

Mimi Iimuro Van Ausdall, Minneapolis

As I watched the state I love burning, and the neighborhoods I used to run around in as a teenager erupt in protest over the death of George Floyd, I understood the outrage of our communities of color. I understood that they have been subjected to the scenario of a police officer killing a black man time and again. I understood that these slayings never seem to result in any real change and that our criminal justice system favors the lives of police officers over the lives of the men they have killed.

As a white man, however, I do not understand what it is like to be a black man in America. I have never experienced the fear for my life when getting pulled over by a police officer. I have never experienced the despair of losing a family member to race-based violence. I have never experienced the hopelessness of systemic poverty promulgated by those in power.

Many of those protesters want a revolution, which happens when one group of people oppresses or exploits another. Our American Revolution started with a Declaration of Independence stating that all men are created with inalienable rights, including Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. The sad irony is that it did not include the black population, most of whom were slaves at that time. What we witnessed with Mr. Floyd's death was partially the result of 400 years of oppression of the black race by the white race.

We need a new revolution - a revolution of heart. Each of us should ask ourselves, "What can I do to help change this situation?" My own responses are as follows: I can empathize with those of color. I can recognize racism and call it out. I can support political platforms that work to remedy this situation. I can vote my conscience.

If we all do what we can, change will happen. This revolution of heart will recognize that we are all equal in the eyes of our Creator. Only then will Minnesota and our country be able to recover and truly become one nation under God.

David A. Johnson, Highland Park, Illinois

After 33 years of teaching in St. Paul Public Schools, I can say without qualification that the SPPD school resource officers are an asset to our community.

Several of the SROs have been former students of mine and understand St. Paul kids well. Several times a year students would come to me to talk about a crime committed against them or someone close to them and we would go talk to our SRO together.

Most St. Paul students feel safe in our schools, often safer than they are at home. The SROs I have worked with are compassionate and reasonable. The school board needs to be very careful not to throw the baby out with the bath water.

Do what's best for our kids and keep the people who want to help them.

Susan Armstrong, St. Paul

Letters: 'This is not a time to sit around in well-stocked kitchens and shake our fingers at the police ...'

I didn't know about the Tulsa massacre of 1921 until a few days ago. And if you also have never heard of it, that's part of the problem. We need to educate ourselves to understand how we got to today and how to move forward to a better tomorrow.

Gail Mullaney, Woodbury

I'm sorry but I did not get the memo about using white privilege in America. Being white, the privilege I saw was money is power. My privilege growing up on the east side of St. Paul was work, family, church and education. I worked at a young age to help my family, worked to pay for my post education along with other family members, not unlike my mother who worked three jobs to keep our family together.

I suspect most people were out there were going through the same thing. Yes, during these times it wasn't always easy to stop and help everyone who needed it, but like my mother who worked hard to keep food on the table also delivered meals on wheels and taught us to do what we could. My greatest privilege of all has been watching my children and grandchildren grow and carry on with those same life and work ethics.

Julie Weier, Woodbury

This is what happens when voters/ community members are too busy to pay attention to what is happening in their own back yard.

Voting statistics for school board elections are abysmal in terms of turnout. As a result, it is very easy for single-issue, tunnel-visioned, "impassioned" individuals to get elected. They know little or care not for the big picture.

We, the residents of the Stillwater school district, are now reaping the benefits of our negligence, that is, a Board of Directors incapable of "directing" for the benefit of the entire community. Shame on us! Shame on them!

Wake up people. It's your civic responsibility.

Richard Edstrom, Stillwater

Apparently, some people in the North End neighborhood of Saint Paul are concerned about an infestation of ghosts and evil spirits if a vacant warehouse in their area were to be used to store bodies in the event that funeral homes and hospitals run out of space during the Covid pandemic. Allow me to assure them that their fear is unwarranted. Psychics are available for hire who can patrol the neighborhood on unicorns (available on-line at Amazon) while reciting incantations to ward off those spirits and ghosts.

And now, if you'll let me, I need to catch the next astral plane back to the 21st century and check my horoscope.

Sandy Beitsch, St. Paul

Letters: 'This is not a time to sit around in well-stocked kitchens and shake our fingers at the police ...'

President Trump says he is the "law and order" president. I wonder when the "law" part is going to take effect for him.

Don Albright, Shoreview

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Minneapolis police officers sign open letter condemning Chauvin

ARTICLE DXXXIV. [**MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS SIGN OPEN LETTER
CONDEMNING CHAUVIN**](#)

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Highlight: A group of Minneapolis police officers on Thursday condemned the former officer charged with murder in ***George Floyd***'s death, and said they're ready to back the police chief's promised overhaul of the department. Fourteen officers signed an open letter Thursday addressed to "Dear Everyone - but especially Minneapolis citizens." The letter says officer ***Derek Chauvin*** [...]

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The letter says officer ***Derek Chauvin*** "failed as a human" and "stripped ***George Floyd*** of his dignity and life."

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder in Floyd's May 25 death. Bystander video shows Chauvin, who is white, pressing his knee into the neck of Floyd, a handcuffed black man, and ignoring his cries for help, even after he eventually grew still.

The letter makes no mention of three other officers charged with aiding and abetting. All four were fired the day after Floyd's death on a South Minneapolis street.

The officers who signed the letter say they represent "hundreds" of other officers and that they are ready to embrace Chief Medaria Arradondo's plans to change the department. Arradondo on Wednesday announced the department was pulling out of contract talks with the union and promised other major changes are to come.

The fourteen officers signing the letter were mostly sergeants and lieutenants. The department currently has about 850 officers.

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ARTICLE DXXXV. [**READERS WRITE NEUTRALITY HAS NO PLACE HERE**](#)

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ANTI-RACISM

I've been listening and so far, this is one thing I've learned. There is no such thing as neutral when it comes to racism. I was raised a privileged white woman in an overwhelmingly white suburb of Minneapolis. I prided myself on "not seeing color," yet I did not understand justice. I later learned about cultural competence. This was harder, and the humility taught me how to be an advocate. But I didn't really do anything except feel a little smug. Last week, I learned about being anti-racist, which is to take action against racism. This comment from the executive director of Visit Greater St. Cloud about a Sauk Rapids, Minn., bar owner's display of the Confederate flag: "I wouldn't assume it's intentional to hurt anybody. Our position is, we remain neutral," is a perfect example of racism cloaked in ignorance ("Bar off, back on tourism website," June 10). It is time to listen and learn how to be allies against *systemic racism*.

Barb Mager, West St. Paul

POLICING

Crisis intervention training brings safety, empathy to the scene

Mindy Greiling's June 8 commentary is heartbreaking ("Separating policing, mental health response isn't easy"). Her disturbing description of a dangerous interaction with the police involving her and her mentally ill son is all too familiar. It raises a question - why wasn't a crisis intervention team (CIT) officer at the scene?

The CIT concept has been around for more than 30 years, but like many progressive police initiatives, it's taken root more in some jurisdictions than others. This is a pity, because the purpose of CIT is to provide a safer (including for the police), more effective way to deal with the mentally ill in crisis. What's often missed in speaking about CIT is that the training also results in officers who are more able and willing to show empathy in all types of public interactions.

It's the antithesis of what so tragically happened to *George Floyd*. He encountered officers either totally lacking in empathy (former officer *Derek Chauvin*) or with an insufficient level.

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Andrew Rosenzweig, White Plains, N.Y.

The writer has served in several high-ranking law enforcement positions in major East Coast cities.

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Abolish the police? Why bother? ("New flash point: Police reform," front page, June 9.) The profession has been so grotesquely and gleefully maligned that it's a wonder anyone stays on the force, let alone joins it.

Through two whiplash weeks we have seen the police damned as much when they don't as when they do. When the angels of anger torched Lake Street, but the police stood back - even sacrificed their station - to avoid creating any more George Floyds, where did the media fix its glare? Not on the rioters. It blamed the police, for showing exactly the restraint that everyone had accused them of not showing.

But when the cities did decide to stop the havoc, the police were then promptly denounced for enforcing curfew against marchers who used the word "peaceful" as a license to flaunt the curfew, protest trolls who know how to suffer for news cameras and shrill reporters describing tear gas as gravely as napalm in Vietnam.

And of course the wind farms of academia had to pitch in with the same old rap that racism centuries ago proves racism today. Culture isn't fate except when it's a handy brickbat.

So, did some tempers snap, as in Buffalo, N.Y.? How angry would you get if you were told that you must do your job - but can't?

Angry enough to quit?

Charles Jolliffe, Edina

VOTING RIGHTS

Georgia's election issues are a glimpse into our future

During the Georgia primary election, there were problems with voting machines, thus creating long lines and wait times for voters (" 'Chaos in Georgia': Is messy primary a November harbinger?," StarTribune.com, June 10). I believe it will happen again. Why, after all the years that this nation has held elections, have we not figured out how to build and ensure the proper operation of these machines? I can order food from my phone, get a confirmation of the order and receive a pickup time within seconds. I get a "thank you" on my phone after I've picked up my order. It can be done! And why is voting such a politically divisive issue? It's apparent that not everyone wants to: 1) Ensure that every eligible citizen has a good opportunity to vote; 2) squelch the attempts by some to deny the right to vote to certain others; 3) quiet the voices of those who spread false information about voting methods and fraud, and 4) prevent legislators and other public officials from tinkering with district boundaries in an attempt to get desired voting outcomes. The Constitution guarantees the right to vote to all eligible citizens. I'd like to hear our politicians talk more about protecting that right.

Loren W. Brabec, Braham, Minn.

COVID-19

Protesters should get tested, but their privacy is at risk

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The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has very wisely advised all Minnesotans who participated in recent large-group activities to be tested for COVID-19 regardless of symptoms ("Protesters should get a COVID-19 test," editorial, June 8). Many people in our community have been exposed to higher risk of COVID-19 infection by engaging in protests, cleanups, vigils and distribution of food and basic supplies. However, in order for people get tested, they first need to feel safe doing so. Right now, many do not.

With executive order 20-34, Gov. Tim Walz directed MDH to share the addresses of all people considered contagious with COVID-19 with the Department of Public Safety (tinyurl.com/yavqdnaf). The goal of this order was to protect first responders and conserve personal protective equipment. However, this policy should now be revoked.

Though the right to protest is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, there is a long history in our country of retaliation by law enforcement against protesters. Minnesotans, especially those who have been protesting the killing of *George Floyd* by Minneapolis police officers, are not wrong to mistrust the system. While the governor's intentions may have been good, this order now poses a significant barrier to adequate and recommended medical care for Minnesotans and should be revoked.

Hannah Lichtsinn, M.D, Mendota Heights, Minn.

TIRE-SLASHING

Who are the real criminals here?

This is absurd and reckless on multiple levels. Here we have law enforcement officers, sworn to uphold the law, destroying private property in the name of the state with no due process and on the wild speculation that the property may be use to commit a crime ("Tires slashed by officers in Mpls. unrest," June 9).

When did we start destroying property and/or locking up folks over what may happen? Where does that end?

Looks like the destruction just created a massive case of eminent domain, maybe a class-action lawsuit to recover the value of all of this property.

Or is this just an illegal act of punishment by property damage perpetrated by the Minnesota law enforcement crowd on people who dared to show up to exercise their right to protest?

Here in northwestern Montana, we had armed citizens show up at peaceful protests to protect businesses and property. Maybe we should offer the armed members of the Montana militia to the good citizens of the Twin Cities to take on these thugs destroying private property?

Jim Cossitt, Kalispell, Mont.

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Tomorrow's headline in the paper should read "Cops run amok in Kmart parking lot vandalizing automobiles." It's like they don't care what they do, or even if they are being filmed in the act. Seriously, the police scare me more than the worst of the rioters.

Thom Jesberg, East Bethel, Minn.

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Illinois man indicted in Minneapolis riots; third suspect charged in St. Paul arson

ARTICLE DXXXVI. [ILLINOIS MAN INDICTED IN MINNEAPOLIS RIOTS; THIRD SUSPECT CHARGED IN ST. PAUL ARSON](#)

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Highlight: A federal grand jury has charged a 28-year-old Galesburg, Ill., man with civil disorder, rioting, and arson in connection with the violent protests stemming from the death of [George Floyd](#). Matthew Lee Rupert was previously charged by federal prosecutors. U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald's office provided details of Rupert's indictment Wednesday along with announcing that a [...]

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Matthew Lee Rupert [was previously charged](#) by federal prosecutors.

U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald's office provided details of Rupert's indictment Wednesday along with announcing that a third person from the Twin Cities had been charged in connection with a May 28 arson fire at the Great Health and Nutrition store on University Avenue in St. Paul.

According to the criminal complaint, McKenzy Ann Degidio Dunn, 19, of Rosemount was charged with conspiracy to commit arson. Her co-conspirators, Brooklyn Park resident Samuel Elliott Frey and Ramsey resident Bailey Marie Baldus, both also 19, [had previously been charged](#) with one count of conspiracy to commit arson.

In the indictment against Rupert, authorities said he posted videos and details about his actions on his Facebook account. In one post he said, "I'm going to Minneapolis tomorrow who coming only goons I'm renting hotel rooms."

On May 29, he posted a "self-recorded cell phone video" on Facebook saying he was in Minneapolis. In the video, he "can be seen passing out explosive devices" and "encouraging others to throw his explosives at law enforcement officers, actively damaging property, appearing to light a fire in a building and looting businesses in Minneapolis," according to the indictment.

In other Facebook videos he posted, he talked about heading to Chicago to loot. On May 31, he posted several more videos from the Chicago area talking about starting a riot, looting and "doing some damage."

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Chicago police arrested him for violating curfew and found "several explosive devices, a hammer, a heavy-duty flashlight, and cash" while searching his vehicle.

The FBI and ATF urge the public to report suspected arson, use of explosive devices, or violent, destructive acts associated with the recent unrest.

Anyone with information related to business fires in the Twin Cities can call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), email ATFTips@atf.gov or submit information anonymously via ReportIt.com.

In addition to fires, the FBI is looking for people who incited or promoted violence. Anyone with digital material or tips can call 1-800-CALLFBI (800-225-5342) or submit images or videos at FBI.gov/violence.

[*Feds deny Minnesota request for aid after **George Floyd** unrest. Walz has 30 days to appeal. Police reforms among the issues legislators expected to take up when they return to the Capitol. NYC mayor helps paint 'Black Lives Matter' outside Trump Tower. Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest. 'We don't think we did this all right': State leaders weigh in on response to Minneapolis riots*](#)

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Politicians struggle to explain pandemic protest contradictions

ARTICLE DXXXVII. [POLITICIANS STRUGGLE TO EXPLAIN PANDEMIC PROTEST
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Highlight: In New Hampshire, Republican Gov. Chris Sununu says his executive order banning gatherings of 10 people or more is still in place. He also simultaneously - and very publicly - encourages the ***Black Lives Matter*** protests in his state, with thousands crowded together on public streets. In Pennsylvania, with one of the harshest lockdowns in [...]

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In Pennsylvania, with one of the harshest lockdowns in the country, Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf has demanded strict adherence to his stay-at-home edicts, which still ban restaurant dining or groups of 25 or more. But last Wednesday, he joined arm-in-arm with hundreds of protesters on the streets of Harrisburg, in apparent defiance of his own order.

Pressed about his apparent hypocrisy, Wolf acknowledged: "It was inconsistent, I acknowledge that. But I was trying to show support for a cause - the eradication of racism - that I think is very, very important, and I was trying to show my support for that effort."

These two governors are hardly alone. Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, whose state has been hit harder by the horrors of the coronavirus than any other, also went out of his way to praise ***Black Lives Matter*** protests - despite both the massive crowds of people in close quarters and the destructive violence that followed some of the protests in New York City.

The risk is so great, Cuomo says, people who attend the rallies should get tested. "I would act as if you were exposed, and I would tell people you interacted with, 'Assume I'm exposed to the virus,'" Cuomo said of the protesters. "If you were at a protest ... act responsibly, get a test."

The tidal wave of political two-stepping - decrying a family trip to the beach as potentially fatal, then urging families to flood into the streets for political protests - is feeding public cynicism about the true danger of the coronavirus. It's also raising questions about whether the severe stay-at-home strategy, which put millions out of work and cost the nation an estimated \$500 billion in GDP per month, was necessary.

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Even more problematic, some social observers say, is the damage this is doing to public trust in government health experts.

Former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director Tom Frieden, for example, spent months opposing desperate business owners and their attempts to reopen the economy and save their jobs. Now, he's publicly supporting mass protests involving large crowds of shouting and chanting strangers.

Meanwhile, other health experts weigh in, such as former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb, who says, "We're certainly going to see transmission" of coronavirus due to protests, noting a German study found 250% increase in transmission after "large outdoor gatherings."

As Jeffrey Flier, the former dean of Harvard Medical School, told Politico: "At least for me, the sudden change in views of the danger of mass gatherings has been disorienting, and I suspect it has been for many Americans."

And what will those Americans do if there's another surge in COVID-19 cases this fall or winter and the same health professionals who told them it was OK to protest suddenly announce they have to go back into lockdown?

Many observers believe Americans will simply refuse to comply.

As author and social commentator J.D. Vance puts it: "In a country of 330 million people, many will have their own causes for violating guidelines. And you can't just tell them, 'Well, you have to follow the rules because your "worthy" causes are stupid and bad.'"

Data show that the COVID-19 virus, and the lockdowns in response to it, have disproportionately hurt people of color. Black Americans have been more likely than their white counterparts to die of the virus, and they've also been more likely to lose their jobs during the shutdown.

If that trend continues - but public trust in public health policy is so eroded that it undermines future efforts to turn back another severe outbreak of the coronavirus - the tragic and unintended consequence of the protest hypocrisy could be that communities of color will suffer yet again.

Michael Graham is political editor at InsideSources.com

[Adam Schuster: Public pensions are at risk of insolvency, but COVID-19 is not to blame](#) [John Kass: When Black children are killed, where's the outrage from the white and the woke?](#) [Andrea Gabor: U.S. schools must reopen - safely](#) [Noah Smith: Pandemic aid helps make the case for basic income](#) [Doyle McManus: To judge monuments, think about their meaning](#)

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Dane Mizutani: Why is the NFL still so afraid to talk about Colin Kaepernick?

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DANE MIZUTANI: WHY IS THE NFL STILL SO AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT COLIN KAEPERNICK?

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Highlight: The NFL, including the MN Vikings, are making an effort to join the wave of Americans speaking out about racial discrimination. So why is the league hesitant to talk about Colin Kaepernick, who shone a light on the same issues in 2016?

Body

From the comfort of his basement last week, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell admitted he was wrong. He offered condolences to the families of ***George Floyd***, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, and actually used the words "police brutality" in talking about their deaths.

It was a stark contrast to the stance the NFL has long taken on the social issues of racism and inequality that continue to consume parts of the country.

"It has been a difficult time for our country, in particular black people in our country," . "We, the National Football League, condemn racism and the systematic oppression of black people. We, the National Football League, admit we were wrong for not listening to NFL players earlier and encourage all to speak out and peacefully protest. We, the National Football League, believe ***black lives matter***."

At no point did Goodell mention former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, the man who tried to shine a light on the same social issues in 2016 by kneeling during the national anthem. He was released after the season and hasn't played in an NFL game since.

Most supporters argue that Kaepernick was absolutely good enough, and might still be good enough, to merit a spot on an NFL roster. He emerged as a star when he led the 49ers to the Super Bowl in 2012, and while his play declined in the following seasons, he still threw for 2,241 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2016, his last season in the league.

That's something the NFL is still doesn't want to talk about.

While the Vikings have emerged as a progressive team focused on pushing the conversation forward, general manager Rick Spielman had no interest in talking about Kaepernick this week.

He tried his best to sidestep the question during a Zoom call that also featured co-defensive coordinator Andre Patterson, linebacker Eric Kendricks, safety Anthony Harris and running back Ameer Abdullah.

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According to Spielman, he wanted to keep the focus on the things the Vikings were doing to combat racism and inequality above anything else.

"I want to keep the football-related stuff out of this," Spielman said. "Because I don't want the message to get diluted from what we're trying to accomplish."

That answer was instantly met with a follow-up question: Isn't Kaepernick related to this, though?

"It's related, but again, our point of this conversation with everybody, and us having this press conference, is to really acknowledge what is going on in this world and why it is going on," Spielman said. "You hear the message over and over again about having difficult communications, about educating, about sitting there and listening to everybody."

That was about as far as Spielman was to go on the topic as he hurriedly finished his answer before trying to shift the conversation in a different direction. Kendricks, meanwhile, commended Kaepernick for the bravery it took to make a public stand when not many were unwilling.

"He had a much deeper understanding than even I had at that time," Kendricks said. "He put himself out there, and now it's time for everyone else to do their part. That's how I feel and that's how I am moving forward. This is something that is on my mind constantly."

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer in the past has set an expectation of standing for the national anthem. As a team, rather than kneel as a way to show solidarity following [a tweet from President Donald Trump Goodell said in a video statement the Vikings decided to lock arms](#) in which he criticized protests during the national anthem.

It raises the question: What if a Vikings player decides to kneel this season?

"Internally, we haven't even discussed anything like that," Spielman said. "I know that our ownership, coach Zimmer, myself, and our entire staff have this type of relationship where we can work side by side with each other because the common goal is the same."

While the Vikings haven't talked about anything as a team yet, Kendricks said he anticipates more NFL players protesting in some capacity this season.

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As for Abdullah, he knelt during the national anthem when he was a member of the Detroit Lions, describing it as a way to raise awareness. The key, he said, is following raising awareness with taking action.

"There's a difference between knowledge and wisdom," said Abdullah, likening knowledge to knowing a tomato is a fruit, and wisdom is knowing not to put one in a fruit salad. "It's time to turn our knowledge into wisdom, which is application toward really changing systems, toward changing the minds, and toward educating people."

That's what Kaepernick was trying to do all along.

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Rosario: To make things better, we need to see ourselves or our loved ones in George Floyd

ARTICLE DXXXIX. **[ROSARIO: TO MAKE THINGS BETTER, WE NEED TO SEE OURSELVES OR OUR LOVED ONES IN GEORGE FLOYD](#)**

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Highlight: The ping from the phone, which came in at 9:36 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, May 26, 2020, woke me up.

Body

The ping from the phone, which came in at 9:36 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, May 26, 2020, woke me up.

"Good morning," began the text from Tony Spencer, a retired St. Paul police officer. "You tracking this video out of Minneapolis from yesterday. Ugly and tragic results."

I had no clue.

"What video?" I texted back.

He texted moments later a video clip. I then saw what we all have seen - ***George Floyd*** dying as a Minneapolis police officer kept his left knee on the handcuffed, face-down, prone 46-year-old man's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds at the corner of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue while bystanders pleaded for Floyd's life.

No words.

"The video is disgusting," texted Spencer, a veteran cop who left the force he loved after calling out and then testifying against fellow cops involved in injuries sustained by Frank Baker of St. Paul. Baker, then 52-years old, suffered two collapsed lungs, seven broken ribs and police-dog bites in 2016 after he was mistaken for an armed black suspect.

"That suspect (Floyd) is in his custody and CARE," Spencer added in his text the morning of May 26. "When cops lose the ability to see the humanity in the work they do, they need to get out of that line of work ... "

Floyd died and those moved and angered by what they saw took to the streets to demand change. His death sparked weeks of angry protests as well as riots and looting in the Twin Cities, the nation and other parts of

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the world. We saw the Twin Cities first in righteous anger and mourning. We then saw the Twin Cities burning in the aftermath, the work of arsonists and rioters mostly tied to political extremists and agitators.

There were 41 shots in the Bronx in 1999, 16 shots in Chicago in 2014. Now, in 2020, another tragic number - 8 minutes, 46 seconds - was added to mark the death of another black man at the hands of police. Murals and paintings bearing George Floyd's face sprang up, from the Minneapolis street corner where he was killed to his likeness drawn on the wall of a destroyed home in Idlib, Syria. It bears the words: "I cannot breathe."

Derek Chauvin, the 19-year veteran who ignored pleas by bystanders to get off Floyd's neck, is now facing second-degree murder charges that carry up to 40 years in prison if he's convicted. Three other officers on the scene who did nothing to prevent Floyd's death have been charged with aiding and abetting felony murder.

Sources said there was preliminary discussion on a proposal that would have had Chauvin plead to a murder-related charge. In return, the feds would drop any prosecution. But federal authorities ultimately balked at such a deal the Thursday following Floyd's death.

"I can neither confirm nor deny," said Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office is prosecuting the officers.

Minneapolis civil rights attorney Robert Bennett believes there is a decades-long entrenched police culture - enabled by its police union - in Minneapolis that has resisted true reform in how it polices communities of color. It is a cancer he feels needs to be excised before another George Floyd happens.

"They haven't learned a goddamn thing," said Bennett, who has successfully represented in civil court a long string of lawsuits about police excessive force and wrongful deaths filed on behalf of surviving family members who felt they were denied justice in the criminal justice system.

"It's been a problem department since before I started practice in 1976," the former college wrestler told me recently. "It goes back through all the chiefs from Bouza, Laux, Olson, McManus, Dolan, Harteau and they weren't able to control or stop it. And (St. Antonio police chief William) McManus, the only one that came from outside, they ran him out of town on a rail ... "

Bennett won a \$3 million settlement in 2013 for the family of David Smith, a mentally ill man who died of asphyxia in police custody after he was restrained face down with a knee to his mid-back at a downtown Minneapolis YMCA facility.

Watching the Floyd video was "like deja vu all over again," Bennett said.

In April 2017, he won a record \$2 million settlement against the city of St. Paul in the Frank Baker case, though he praises its current police chief, Todd Axtell, for his leadership in disciplining cops who have broken the law or violated policy. The Sainly City's force has enjoyed a kinder and gentler reputation than its contemporaries across the river.

Two months later, Bennett secured a \$2.995-million settlement with the city of St. Anthony, a St. Paul suburb, in connection with the 2016 fatal shooting of Philando Castile during a traffic stop, an incident that was live-streamed on Facebook by Castile's girlfriend.

Rosario: To make things better, we need to see ourselves or our loved ones in George Floyd

The settlement was reached less than two weeks after a St. Paul jury acquitted Jeronimo Yanez, the St. Anthony police officer who killed Castile, of manslaughter and other charges.

Bennett, however, is better known as the attorney who won a record \$20 million settlement against the city of Minneapolis on behalf of the family of Justine Ruszcyk. The unarmed, pajama-clad white Australian woman was fatally shot by Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor after she approached a police squad car to report a possible sexual assault in the alleyway behind her fiance's home.

Noor, who is of Somali descent, became the first police officer in Minnesota history to be convicted of murder and sentenced to prison. The first was an officer of color, a reality not lost on black community advocates who have seen a string of white officers either not charged or acquitted in controversial cases over the years.

It is likely that unrest could also follow if the Floyd family receives significantly less than the amount negotiated in the Ruszcyk case.

"They should get no less than that (\$20 million)," Bennett said. "That should be the floor. That police department needs to be dismantled. But I don't know how it can be done. The culture there is screwed up. It's like their DNA is missing a few genes."

It is ironic that the city's current police chief, Medaria "Rondo" Arradondo, may be its most progressive and reform-minded yet, a Minneapolis native and police veteran who has received praise from black community leaders and others for rebuilding trust.

Back to Spencer.

I texted after watching the Floyd video that morning that I strongly believe that if Floyd looked like someone in Chauvin's family or someone he could relate to, the arrest for the alleged crime of passing a \$20 counterfeit bill at a grocery store would not have resulted in a death sentence.

"Sadly, you are correct," the 20-year police veteran replied. "When I first started as a reserve officer at SPPD that was drilled into your head by the Vietnam vets - treat people here as you would want your family members treated in similar situations."

Significant change will not take place until all of us - particularly those we put in power to tackle racial disparities in policing, education, housing, employment - really see themselves or their loved ones in Floyd.

We need to feel in our hearts and minds what it is like to be handcuffed, lying face down, helpless, a knee to our neck for nearly nine minutes, pleading that we cannot breath, crying out for our mothers as our life agonizingly leaves us on a street corner that is now considered revered ground.

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Minneapolis police early warning system stumbles

ARTICLE DXL. [**MINNEAPOLIS POLICE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM STUMBLES**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3B**Length:** 573 words**Byline:** LIBOR JANY; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** The program has been revived, however, as part of a series of MPD reforms.**Body**

When former Minneapolis police chief Janeé Harteau invited the U.S. Justice Department to review her department in 2014, the resulting report proposed developing an early warning system to flag problem officers and get them help before they misbehave.

Harteau characterized its findings as "progressive steps we can take to enhance our community relationships and increase public trust and accountability." But the effort, called the Early Intervention System, or EIS, had fallen off course and appeared to be an afterthought.

But some version of it appears to be revived in the wake of *George Floyd's* killing, raising questions about whether the former officer charged with Floyd's death should have been on the department's radar.

On Wednesday, as part of two new reform initiatives, Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said the department will evaluate officer performance data "so that department leaders can identify early warning signs of misconduct and provide proven strategies to intervene." He said similar efforts haven't worked because studies found that supervisory action regarding problematic officers "is very rare and significantly absent" in large departments."

To create its early warning system, the city will likely work with Chicago-based Benchmark Analytics. CEO Ron Huberman said he began speaking with Arradondo close to a year ago, but their discussions about becoming partners accelerated after Floyd's death.

Details of the agreement are still being finalized, Huberman said.

The program's relaunch is the latest in a series of internal reforms since the launch of a state civil rights investigation of the MPD's policies and practices.

Since Floyd's death, Officer *Derek Chauvin's* 19-year MPD career has been dissected and his actions leading to the May 25 death examined in part to determine whether authorities had missed warning signs. Personnel records and past news accounts show he was involved with several police shootings and had

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accumulated both commendations and more than 15 conduct complaints in his time with the department. Almost all the complaints were closed without discipline, records show. Whether Chauvin or the three other officers present during Floyd's death might have come to the attention of supervisors is not known.

Retired assistant police chief Kris Arneson doubts it, saying that even if the EIS were up and running, it wasn't intended to be retroactive and thus might not have flagged an officer like Chauvin, whose last complaint was lodged in 2015.

"If an officer was flagged for having so many punches in a year, or slaps or whatever it is, or if it was a critical incident, then we would set up tools to help that employee," said Arneson, the former assistant chief. "It could be training, a performance improvement plan, mentoring, any kind of mental or psychological testing, counseling, peer support."

The MPD continues to deal with the fallout from Floyd's death, which resulted in widespread protests, looting and arson.

In an e-mail to officers over the weekend, Arradondo commended his officers, saying they had "experienced more in the past two weeks than probably at any other time in the history of the MPD or arguably policing in our nation." He also sought to soothe concerns about growing calls for "defunding" the police department, while adding that more changes were on the way.

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MPD chief targets needed reforms

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Declaring that "race is inextricably a part of the American policing system," Minneapolis police chief Medaria Arradondo on Wednesday announced the first in a series of smart, major changes in the way his department operates.

"We will never evolve in this profession if we don't address it head-on. Communities of color have paid the price for this, especially with their lives," Arradondo said during a news conference that drew national attention.

Arradondo wisely targeted provisions in the city's contract with its police union and expressed well-placed frustration with an arbitration system that makes it so difficult to weed out problem cops. "... There is nothing more debilitating to an employment matter from a chief's perspective, that when you have grounds to terminate an officer for misconduct and you're dealing with a third-party mechanism that allows for that employee to not only be back at the department, but to be patrolling in your communities," he said.

Arradondo's call for much-needed change comes following the Memorial Day death of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody. Officially ruled a homicide, the killing has resulted in widespread peaceful protests following rioting in Minneapolis and St. Paul and other U.S. cities. Officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who was captured on video with his knee on Floyd's neck, has since been charged with manslaughter and murder, and three other officers are charged with aiding and abetting.

Arradondo said he is determined to get back to community policing and rebuild citizen trust to be on the "right side of history." Rightly recognizing that some contractual arbitration provisions are barriers, the chief said he is withdrawing from current contract negotiations with the Minneapolis Police Federation, the union that represents about 800 officers.

Instead of continuing talks, he will bring in advisers to help restructure the contracts for greater transparency and major changes - such as including an early warning system to flag officer misconduct using real-time data and research. The city's most recent three-year contract with officers expired on Dec. 31, 2019, but until there is a new pact terms remain in place.

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Salary and benefits are not at issue. Rather, Arradondo said, major change is needed in supervisory roles, use of force and the disciplinary processes, including grievances and arbitration. He added that he will continuously roll out more plans for reform and hold additional news conferences to discuss them.

Mayor Jacob Frey told reporters Wednesday that he supports the chief's new approach. He said outside advisers will review the existing contract and suggest amendments. And, "if there are road blockages that are extra contractual, like state law," they can help identify those as well, Frey said. The MPD is being investigated by the state Human Rights Department. As part of that probe, the state has given the city until July to provide a list of laws or other factors that are impeding its ability to discipline officers.

Meanwhile, one of the major obstacles to needed reform and contract changes has said little publicly in recent days after sending a letter to union members. Union president Lt. Bob Kroll told officers that they were being made "scapegoats" for rioting and that he was working with the union's attorney to help the four fired officers get their jobs back.

That response is in keeping with Kroll's record. He has consistently exercised poor leadership and been more harmful than helpful to police-community relations for years. Kroll's members should finally recognize his shortcomings and find a new leader.

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Mpls. pulls back from talks with its police union

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Body

The city of Minneapolis is withdrawing from labor negotiations with the powerful police union, the latest step by officials to restore faith in the beleaguered department as demands for law enforcement accountability and reform sweep the country in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo revealed the move before talks were scheduled to resume after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's among the first steps he pledged to take to restore community trust, along with renewing an initiative to identify potentially problem officers in time to intervene.

"I need to, as chief, step away from the table with the Minneapolis Police Federation and really take a deep dive in terms of how we can do something that has historically been something that is in the way of progress, that I've been hearing from many in our city," Arradondo said. "It's time that we have to evolve."

In a news conference Wednesday morning, Arradondo also made his most forceful comments yet about the role of race and the criminal justice system, saying leaders can no longer afford to shy away from difficult conversations.

"Race is inextricably a part

of the American policing system," he said, reminding reporters that he and several other black officers once sued the department for what they saw as unfair treatment. "We will never evolve in this profession if we don't address it head on. Communities of color have paid the heaviest of costs, and that's with their lives. And our children must be safeguarded from ever having to be treated to the horrific and shameful chapter in this country's history.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the normally outspoken president of the union that represents more than 800 Minneapolis and park police officers, has kept quiet publicly since Floyd's May 25 death, which sparked widespread unrest and new calls for racial justice and police reform. Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** has since been charged with manslaughter and murder, and three other officers present charged with aiding and abetting.

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But Kroll criticized the city's handling of the rioting that engulfed parts of the city for several days in a letter to his membership last week, telling officers they were being made "scapegoats" for the continued violence. He did not respond to messages seeking comment.

While Arradondo announced his intention to step away from the negotiating table, the exact mechanics of what that entails weren't immediately clear on Wednesday.

Gov. Tim Walz said last week that he sees the federation as "where a major problem in this issue lies." The governor announced that he supports a large slate of criminal justice reform ideas that the Legislature's People of Color and Indigenous Caucus has developed. They include changes to everything from law enforcement oversight to training to investigation of officer-involved deaths. Walz said addressing police use of force will be his top priority when legislators meet for a special session starting Friday.

"I think we have to tackle what scares people the most," Walz said. He also said the state needs to look at ending binding arbitration, which allows an officer who is disciplined to appeal that decision to an arbitrator. Some legislators have said it protects "bad apples" and prevents them from being fired.

Expired contract

For months, rank-and-file officers for the city and park police departments have been working under a contract that expired Jan 1. Negotiations were postponed when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, with the idea of resuming talks sometime in late spring or early summer.

Local reform groups such as Communities United Against Police Brutality have long maintained that hurdles to reform are baked into the union contract and argued that community members should have a seat at the negotiating table. Arradondo's comments signaled the city would consider that route, but he didn't offer further details on how such an arrangement would work.

Arradondo said he is not concerned about salaries and benefits but "significant" aspects of the contract like use of force, the role supervisors play, and the discipline process, including grievances and arbitration.

One of the more contentious clauses in the current contract is the provision that allows officers who are accused of on-the-job misconduct to go on paid administrative leave. The amount of time an officer is on leave varies, but some spend several weeks, and even months, at home, still collecting their paychecks, which critics say sends the message that officers accused of crossing the line won't face serious consequences. In one notable case, an officer who was initially suspended for improper behavior spent nearly 10 months on leave and was paid \$54,450.53, before being fired, city records show.

Arradondo on Wednesday declined to say whether Kroll's removal from union representation would affect his efforts toward reform, but he reiterated his frustration with the difficulty in firing problem officers.

He also promised a new internal "real time" data-based accountability system "so that department leaders can identify early warning signs of misconduct and provide proven strategies to intervene." He said similar efforts haven't worked in the past because studies found that supervisory action regarding problematic officers "is very rare and significantly absent" in large departments. His predecessor, Janeé Harteau, tried to implement a similar Early Intervention System in 2015, at the urging of federal authorities, but the effort appeared to never take off.

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Arradondo's announcement, which was followed by support and a similar pledge by Mayor Jacob Frey, inspired a fresh round of finger-pointing over who is to blame for the department's problems.

Council Member Steve Fletcher quickly criticized the two leaders' proposal, calling it an overstep of the city's authority and an effort by Frey to "grab some positive press."

"Announcing they're withdrawing from negotiations is what everyone wants to hear - but it's actually not within our legal right to do," said Fletcher, a longtime department critic. "As a public employer, we have a duty to negotiate. This subjects us to an unfair labor practices lawsuit."

In a statement, Frey responded, "There are valid reasons for a party to step away from bargaining." He added, "I'm not going to engage in mudslinging and finger-pointing while I'm focused on helping our city move forward and deliver meaningful, structural reforms." Over the past week, nine council members have called for the dismantling of the beleaguered police force, starting with scaling back its \$194 million budget.

Wednesday's announcement was the latest in a series of proposed internal changes since the launch of a state civil rights investigation of the Police Department's policies and practices. Last week, Minneapolis banned chokeholds and neck restraints and strengthened requirements for officers to intervene if they see a colleague use improper force, under a deal negotiated between the city and the state. The agreement has since been signed off on by a judge.

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REDEFINING PUBLIC SAFETY

ARTICLE DXLIII. **REDEFINING PUBLIC SAFETY**

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During my career as a police officer, I responded to numerous calls for service that made me question why a police officer was the appropriate resource assigned to respond and intervene. I was expected to be a medic, a counselor, a mediator and a street lawyer, among many other things.

The unfortunate truth is that people call the police when they don't know who else to call. As noble as it may be for our front-line officers to try and fulfill all of society's needs, it isn't practical or appropriate. Before we become divided about the controversial efforts to defund the *Minneapolis Police Department*, let's delve into what the effort could actually look like in practice.

Defunding the police should be referred to as refunding the community. It is not intended to be an overnight process. Reallocating resources, rethinking criminal-justice structures, and more accurately defining the role of a police officer, while differentiating it from the numerous other critical support roles in the community, is an opportunity to develop a sustainable model for both public safety and social support.

As our community continues the discussion about defunding the police, here are three important questions we must ask ourselves in order to both redefine the role of a police officer and identify resources better suited to address community concerns that fall outside the purview of the police.

First, what role do we want police officers to play in our day-to-day lives? This is a question of balancing resources. What services are indispensable? What police functions could be done more efficiently? Could we capitalize on technology to assist in gathering crime data, freeing up officers to focus on community engagement, abandoning an outdated "broken windows" theory of policing?

Second, and more broadly, we must consider what responsibility police officers have to provide public safety. There are certainly times when we need police officers to ensure safety and security. What does that look like for each community? Do the police officers who respond to a neighbor dispute need to be the same police officers who respond to an active-shooter situation? Could we specialize small groups of officers with very limited and well-defined authority to use force? How can we visually and psychologically

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differentiate between officers serving in a safety and security function, and those serving in a community-support function?

Third, for each function we remove from police authority, we must identify a suitable replacement. In a world of limited resources, smart and strategic investment is crucial. Some agencies have taken important first steps. In St. Paul, the Police Department engaged in a pilot program teaming up social workers and patrol officers to respond to calls in teams. The St. Cloud Police Department has started positioning community outposts in high-crime areas. These types of community police reform strategies could be taken a step further to build community-support structures that provided needed access to independent resources.

It's worth noting these three questions are not independent of one another. For instance, traffic enforcement is a major focus of many police agencies. It serves a public-safety purpose, but also is the most frequent type of police-citizen contact. There is overlap, but recognizing and identifying what role we want police officers to fulfill, and what role is necessary, is an important first step in developing novel police practices.

Finally, aside from reconstructing the policing machine, we cannot discount the good police officers in our community. These officers are uniquely aware of the intricacies of the communities they serve. There must be partnership with police departments because, at least initially, police officers will continue to be the default eyes and ears of our communities. Long-term changes will be incremental and take a generation or more to fully take hold. A strong partnership with good cops, coupled with access to additional and diverse resources, will help facilitate the transition.

Peter Butte, of Forest Lake, is a criminal prosecutor and former Minnesota police officer.

BETTER TO OUTSOURCE MINNEAPOLIS POLICING?

A commentary published as an online extra on Wednesday explores the idea. To read it, see startribune.com/opinion.

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Legislators announce police reform priorities, including changes to use of deadly force law

ARTICLE DXLIV. **LEGISLATORS ANNOUNCE POLICE REFORM PRIORITIES,
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Body

Minnesota legislators on Thursday announced a set of police reform and accountability measures as the world's attention has been focused on the state since the death last month of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody.

The proposals include changes to the state's law for when officers can use deadly force and more oversight of police.

"Minnesotans have raised their voice - the last three weeks have been some of the most tumultuous and painful in Minnesota's history," said Gov. Tim Walz on Thursday. "They have come to the Capitol with the expectation of change."

[A special session of the Legislature starts on Friday](#). Democratic proposals are based on (POCI), and a [state working group on police-involved deadly force encounters](#).

For years, POCI legislators have been calling for "the systemic changes where the angst and the pain that came out of **George Floyd**'s murder could have been prevented," Walz said.

"They're not new, but they carry the weight of this historic moment," added Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. "I hope that this time is different and that our legislators not only hear these proposals, but finally act on them."

The House of Representatives is Democrat controlled; leaders in the Republican-majority Senate plan on Friday to preview bills that are being introduced.

There were nearly 20 proposals, as of Thursday, scheduled to be heard in the on Saturday.

"We can't just ban chokeholds and make the duty-to-intervene (for officers) that's already policy in 81 of 87 counties the law of the entire state and then pat ourselves on the back as though we've done something,"

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said House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park. "Minnesotans are asking us to be big and bold and make systemic change."

Among the matters that legislators are slated to discuss during Saturday's House committee hearing:

A proposal would change state law to say police can use deadly force to protect an officer or others from death or great bodily harm when it's "imminent" versus the current wording of "apparent."

New language would be added to say it's the Legislature's intent "that peace officers use deadly force only when necessary in defense of human life," among other modifications.

There would be an independent investigation unit created in the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for police-involved cases.

The Minnesota attorney general would have independent jurisdiction to make decisions about charging officers and prosecuting them, [*rather than county attorney's offices recommendations from the Minnesota People of Color and Indigenous Caucus House public safety committee.*](#)

The Department of Public Safety would create an Office of Community-Led Public Safety Coordination to administer grants "to community-based violence-intervenors and problem solvers to intercept violence and reduce interactions with law enforcement," according to a summary.

The office would also provide funding for policing that pairs officers with social workers to respond to crisis calls.

"What we're trying to envision is what does public safety look like?," Walz said. "What we want to see is that people are safe in their community, what we want to see is that crimes are reduced. ... A lot of this happens on the front end, it happens with economics, it happens with education."

There would be more civilians and diverse people added to the membership of the Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST).

A Police-Community Relations Council would be formed that would review civilian-initiated police misconduct complaints filed to the board, and make disciplinary and policy recommendations.

Law enforcement agencies would submit information about complaints and discipline of officers, which would be monitored for patterns of misconduct.

"We have this incredible power of a licensing board," said Rep. Carlos Mariani, DFL-St. Paul, who chairs the public safety committee. "... If you're a teacher in this state and you do something bad to a young person, your license is gone, like fast. ... We have almost the opposite here. ... Our goal is to be able to create that within the existing structures and strengthen them."

Officers would be mandated to get more training in the areas of de-escalation and mental health crisis intervention. Training would be added that would focus "on ensuring safer interactions between peace officers and persons with autism," according to a proposal.

"Warrior-style" training would be prohibited.

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"Many of us find it an incredibly insidious approach to the professional policing that basically encourages and condones deadly force," Mariani said, pointing out that former St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez, who fatally shot Philando Castile, [*had taken a "warrior-style" training class*](#).

St. Paul and Minneapolis would be allowed to add residency requirements for officers.

"I think we want to have law enforcement officers that know our community, I think that we want them to be active in our community," said Assistant Minority Leader Sen. Jeff Hayden, DFL-Minneapolis.

A person convicted of a felony would have their right to vote restored when they complete incarceration or after sentencing, if they're not locked up.

Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn, DFL-Roseville, said she's heard people ask how that fits in with police reform. She said it's key because the work that's underway is dependent on government, boards and commissions.

"The way that we hold government accountable is through our votes," Becker-Finn said. "Voter disenfranchisement is a way of allowing some folks to have power at the expense of others."

House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, said in a Thursday statement: "Democrats added felon voting to the agenda for Saturday's eight hour hearing, but have so far ignored Rep. Pat Garofalo's bill that would help Police Departments get rid of bad cops. If Democrats are serious about working on real reforms, they need to put every option on the table - even ones that might make their union campaign contributors uncomfortable."

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For Somali-owned businesses damaged in riots, relief effort takes off

ARTICLE DXLV. **[FOR SOMALI-OWNED BUSINESSES DAMAGED IN RIOTS, RELIEF EFFORT TAKES OFF](#)**

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Body

Mowlid Jigre heard gunshots as he left Jigjiga Business Center two days after the killing of **George Floyd**. He worried the chaos that had swallowed a stretch of East Lake Street less than a mile away would reach Jigjiga soon, and he was right: When he returned the next morning the building had been ransacked.

Jigjiga houses a number of Somali-owned businesses that saw substantial looting in the riots, including Z Dress Fashion, Kollege Koffee, the Somali Museum of Minnesota and Ace Insurance Agency. Jigre, whose father owns Jigjiga, created a GoFundMe page in the days that followed aimed at supporting them, saying he believes the Somali community is integral to the city of Minneapolis and ought to be protected. So far the effort has raised more than \$100,000.

When Jigjiga was hit early in the morning May 28, Z Dress Fashion and Kollege Koffee, both owned by Ziyad Abdi, had their windows and doors broken and goods stolen, costing Abdi an estimated \$150,000. As his businesses are uninsured and his savings were depleted during the Covid-19 crisis, it'll take him five

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to seven years to get his businesses operating at pre-pandemic capacity, he said. While the GoFundMe page won't make him whole, he appreciates it.

The Somali Museum of Minnesota had all of its windows smashed and many items stolen from its gift shop. These items weren't run-of-the-mill souvenirs - they were handmade by Somali weaving artists and were uninsured. The damage is particularly stinging because the museum is the only one in the United States exclusively dedicated to Somali history and culture, said Director of Communications and Media Amal Mohamed.

The losses could have been worse. The museum's staff removed some of its most valuable artifacts before Jigjiga was hit, and those that remained were left unmolested.

Though a major setback for the museum, Mohamed said the damage is relatively insignificant considering Minneapolis's current climate. "I believe that lives aren't replaceable, things are," Mohamed said.

Ace Insurance Agency also had its windows smashed, Jigre said. Its owner could not be reached for comment.

Jigre's GoFundMe page has received donations from Minneapolis's Somali community, but also from non-Somali Minneapolitans. It's even received donations from abroad, which has helped lift Jigre's spirits, he said.

"At first I was kinda ticked off," Jigre said. "But the more days that went on, I realized there's a lot of good people still left. Of course there's always bad people out there, but I feel like the good people outweigh them by a lot."

Originally, Jigre was planning to equally distribute donations to businesses, but is now trying to determine how to distribute funds according to the extent of damage each business sustained, he said. He is in the process of looking for more Somali-owned businesses in Minneapolis that need help.

While the riots damaged Jigjiga and the businesses it housed, Jigre, who participated in the protests himself, believes the majority of protestors weren't trying to damage property, but simply advocate for a better Minneapolis, a cause worth fighting for, he said.

"Don't look at us like we're all in the same boat and don't look at us like we're supporting the riots - we were supporting *George Floyd*," Jigre said. "I feel like Minneapolis came together as a community after *George Floyd*, and I'm hoping to see change now."

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A low-key opening day for MOA

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Body

Raekwon Martin of Bloomington drove to Mall of America on Wednesday morning to be part of its reopening after 11 weeks of being closed because of COVID-19 and then the unrest after **George Floyd's** death in Minneapolis police custody.

"I wanted to catch my shopping before everyone else," he said. "I'm used to coming here every week, but during the last few months, I have grown used to disappointment. It feels good to be here again and beat the wave."

With only about 150 of the mall's 500 stores open on Wednesday, many customers were likely to find favorite stores still closed. Macy's opened last week and Nordstrom opens Thursday, but Nickelodeon Universe, many food-court restaurants, Sea Life and CMX movie theaters remain closed. An increasing number of retailers are expected to open each day.

On a normal day, the mall would expect about 150,000 visitors, but Jill Renslow, senior vice president of business development, expects far fewer than that initially.

"Parking spaces have been reduced by 50%, and that should keep the number of mall visitors at about 35% capacity," she said.

Ramp spaces on levels five through seven have been closed in some wings. The east surface lot on 82nd Street and 24th Avenue is closed. The south-side surface lot and a part of the north-side lot near Ikea is closed.

Face masks are not required to enter the mall, but some retailers in the mall are requiring them before entry.

The most popular destinations were easily discovered. Many shoppers thought the mall opened at 10, but stores did not open until 11. Mall doors open at 8 a.m., and stores close at 7 p.m. daily.

The line at JD Sports stretched to about 50 people as it opened at 11. Andrew Tran of Eagan got in line at 8 a.m. to nab a pair of just-released athletic shoes, the Air Jordan 1 Royal Toe.

A low-key opening day for MOA

"With so many stores closed, I have a good chance of finally getting them," he said. "It helps to be first in line."

JD store employees were distributing slips of paper for customers to write down their shoe size. Only two customers were allowed in the store at a time for safe distancing.

Martin Hallkvist, owner of Scandinavian North, couldn't open his store Wednesday because he couldn't round up enough

employees to work. The mall gave store owners only a few days' notice regarding the reopening.

"All of my five employees are eager to come back, but they needed more than five days' notice," he said. "Our customer demographic is a bit older so I think our traffic will be down 80% initially. I feel blessed for the government assistance to be able to reopen."

MOA neighbor Ikea reopened earlier in the week.

Several shoppers in line to check out said they had tried to "click and collect" their order at Ikea's website, but the time slots were always full. The company has become a target of social media complaints about its slow adoption of e-commerce.

Orders have been canceled, phone lines are busy and home-delivery waits are three to five weeks. With slots opening up for click and collect at midnight, only night owls were able to nab time slots for pickup.

To check to see if a Mall of America retailer is open, go to MallofAmerica.com. The site also lists retailers offering curbside pickup, which has moved to level one east and west parking ramps. About 25 retailers participate.

Malls were able to open in mid-May, but because of its size, MOA was planning to take some extra time to figure out the logistics. The week before the planned opening *George Floyd* died in Minneapolis police custody, and the ensuing protests and unrest had MOA postponing opening plans again.

The Twin Cities metro's other malls are open as well.

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Feds offer \$10K reward for couple who fled after being ID'd in St. Paul arsons

ARTICLE DXLVII. [**FEDS OFFER \\$10K REWARD FOR COUPLE WHO FLED AFTER BEING ID'D IN ST. PAUL ARSONS**](#)

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A man, Jose Felan Jr., was identified by the public when the ATF first offered a reward last week in fires that included one at Gordon Parks High School on University Avenue. A video identifying Felan caused him and his girlfriend, Mena Dyaha Yousif, to evade law enforcement. They are believed to be traveling south.

Felan has previously been convicted of drug offenses, burglary and assault.

"We're asking the public to be on the lookout for the couple along the Interstate 35 corridor," Special Agent William Henderson said in a statement. "If you see them, contact ATF with their whereabouts."

Anyone with information regarding the location of Felan or Yousif is asked to contact the ATF by emailing ATFTips@atf.gov or through www.ReportIt.com. Information can also be submitted by calling 1-888-283-8477.

ATF has partnered with the St. Paul Police Department, Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division, FBI and District of Minnesota U.S. Attorney's Office to resolve this case.

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Jose Felan, Jr., left, and Mena Dyaha Yousif. (Courtesy photos)

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From points far and near, donations surge to state

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Donations from outside of Minnesota are flooding Twin Cities nonprofits in a surge of giving after the death of ***George Floyd*** and the riots that destroyed parts of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Organizations that were looted or burned, or that work with racial justice issues, have seen an unusual uptick in out-of-state donations as the Twin Cities remain the epicenter of a global outcry over Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Local foundations and nonprofits also have launched rebuilding funds. On Wednesday, the Pohlad family, the owner of the Twins, announced it was dedicating \$25 million to racial justice, partnering with organizations to address inequities.

More than \$8 million has streamed in on the fundraising website GiveMN, mostly from out-of-state donors - more money in the past two weeks than all the money

given during March, April and most of May to help nonprofits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's incredible that the support is coming in and it's going to need to continue," said Jake Blumberg, who heads GiveMN. "It's really heartening ... the response has been so significant."

But about 85% of donations on GiveMN's site the past two weeks are from outside of Minnesota - the opposite of what the site typically sees. The average donation is smaller, about \$45, three times less than the average amount on GiveMN's Give to the Max Day, the largest giving day in the state each year.

Like the influx of giving for COVID-19 relief, Blumberg said, the increase in giving to organizations such as the Little Earth Residents Association, which is providing food and resources to the American Indian community, and media organization Unicorn Riot is a "disaster reaction, too."

The Minnesota Freedom Fund, which pays bail bonds, didn't do any organizing campaign, and yet the small Minneapolis nonprofit has drawn \$30 million from more than 900,000 donors, mostly outside of Minnesota thanks in part to celebrities such as Justin Timberlake and Steve Carell promoting it. The average donation: just \$41.

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One of those distant donors is Lea Klein of Los Angeles. Though far from the Minnesota protests, she was moved to help, contributing to the Minnesota Freedom Fund.

"It's the heart of the George Floyd protests," Klein said of Minnesota. "If there's any injustice in the U.S. it affects everyone."

Steve Boland, treasurer for the nonprofit, said "It's stunning to see that kind of thing. Donors ... came to us."

At one point, the nonprofit was so overwhelmed by donations that it asked people to send money to other groups. Boland said people across the country have felt compelled to do something to create change in Minneapolis after Floyd's death. Since arrests have subsided, he said the Minnesota Freedom Fund will use donations for a campaign to end cash bail in Minnesota.

In St. Paul, the Hamline Midway Coalition and Union Park District Council also received a burst of donations, with about \$500,000 given over two weeks to help damaged businesses.

"There's some hope; people want to build something better," said Brandon Long, executive director of the Union Park District Council. "We're showing the community can lead itself."

Communities of color have been hit especially hard.

Arson destroyed the building housing the American Indian nonprofit Migizi, and it will take several million dollars to rebuild. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations have come in, mostly from outside Minnesota. Kelly Drummer, who leads the nonprofit, credits Indian news coverage and help from the state's 11 Indian communities in spreading the word.

"I didn't expect this at all," Drummer said. "It really puts Migizi and the urban Indian community on the map. Out of this, there is a lot of light."

At the Northside Funders Group, executive director Sarah Clyne hoped to bring in \$1 million after West Broadway Avenue businesses were destroyed. Within days, donations poured into the site from all over, pushing their goal to \$5 million.

"I don't think anybody expected the incredible amount of support we've received," Clyne said. "I think all eyes are on our city right now."

However, Clyne said, it will take much more than \$5 million to rebuild the North Side. North Minneapolis was already dealing with disparities such as higher business vacancy rates. Some businesses were still recovering from the 2011 tornado. Then the pandemic shuttered businesses, and arsonists hit.

North Siders quickly mobilized to create a temporary food shelf and start the rebuilding process.

"This is actually what north Minneapolis does; we're constantly in triage," said Felicia Perry, executive director of the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition, which will disburse the donations. "It's really a show of what grassroots compassion can do."

Dozens of GoFundMe sites have also drawn thousands of dollars for businesses and local efforts, and more than \$14 million for Floyd's family.

At the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue intersection that's turned into a massive memorial to Floyd, Valerie Quintana, 51, and Mary Claire Francois, 18, saw some needs that weren't being addressed. So they organized

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street cleanups, put up port-a-potties and provided hand sanitizer, garbage bags and canopy tents for those handing out water and food thanks to a fundraiser that's topped \$12,000.

The St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation has given \$100,000 to nonprofits to heal racial trauma. More than 40 foundations - from Target to the Vikings - are giving \$2 million to organizations helping black and Indigenous communities.

The Greater Twin Cities United Way, Minneapolis Foundation and St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation teamed up with a fund to aid small minority-owned businesses and also started an initiative to reform the criminal justice system.

The Headwaters Foundation for Justice is looking at both short- and long-term needs with a new fund to support both rebuilding businesses and pushing for racial justice.

"People are feeling really inspired," said Maria De La Cruz, the executive director, adding that donations have come from as far away as the United Kingdom. "What's really interesting is how much money is flowing into Minnesota during a pandemic."

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Lake Street Council: welovelakestreet.com or givemn.org/organization/Lake-Street-Council

North Side Funders/West Broadway Business and Area Coalition: northsidefunders.org

Migizi: migizi.org

Midway United Fund: Support the Hamline Midway neighborhoods at midwayunited.org or at givemn.org/story/Nufc

Longfellow Community Council: gofundme.com/f/rebuilding-longfellow-amp-lake

Little Earth Residents Association: givemn.org/organization/Littleearth or paypal.me/LittleEarthResidents

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Minnesota adds 20 deaths to the tally of those suspected to be caused by COVID-19

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The state Department of Health has now identified 31 fatalities likely caused by COVID-19, but these are patients who did not have a positive coronavirus test. These are separate from the state's death toll from confirmed cases, which stood at 1,249 as of Wednesday afternoon.

State health officials say the sudden increase in suspected COVID-19 deaths was the result of a regular review of death records by the Office of Vital Records. In order to officially be counted among the state's coronavirus deaths a patient needs to have tested positive for the virus.

Death records reviewed by the Pioneer Press show that doctors and pathologists can record as many as four conditions that directly contributed to a person's death. They can also list multiple underlying health conditions that also may have played a role.

About 97 percent of those who've died from COVID-19 had underlying health conditions that made them more susceptible to serious infections. Heart and lung disease and neurological conditions like Alzheimer's disease were among the most common.

Deaths are listed as suspected to be caused by COVID-19 often because the patient was unable to get tested or health officials fear the results of a test were inaccurate.

The state Department of Health reported 13 more deaths Thursday known to be caused by COVID-19. Those who died ranged in age from their 50s to their 90s.

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Minnesota now has 29,316 laboratory confirmed coronavirus infections, but health officials say the virus is likely more widespread. The 447 new infections reported Thursday was a five-day high, but the daily number of new cases has been on the decline overall since the beginning of June.

Health officials are closely monitoring trends in coronavirus infections, hospitalizations and deaths to see if the recent loosening of restrictions to slow the spread of infections, as well as mass protests over the death of ***George Floyd***, will have an impact on the state's outbreak.

Key indicators about the pandemic have largely been on the decline in recent days. Minnesota recently entered Phase 3 of its coronavirus response - most businesses are now allowed to reopen, albeit at a limited capacity.

Officials' understanding of Minnesota's coronavirus outbreak has become more clear largely thanks to ongoing increases in testing capacity. State officials reported the results of more than 12,000 tests Thursday, the second largest daily testing volume since local screening began in March.

Health officials are urging anyone with coronavirus symptoms to contact their health provider to get tested. Protesters who demonstrated after ***George Floyd***'s death at the hands of Minneapolis police have been recommended to get tested regardless of symptoms.

All of the tests results the state has been reporting daily are diagnostic tests that search for active coronavirus infections. Health officials haven't yet begun to analyze the results of serologic tests that search for virus-fighting antibodies.

Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director, said that's because many of the serologic tests have questionable accuracy. Researchers also don't know what level of antibodies a person would need to have immunity from the coronavirus and how long that immunity would last.

State Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said state officials are confident in serologic tests being used by the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic. Those institutions have partnered with the state and other health care providers to widely expand screening with both diagnostic and serological tests.

Malcolm said in the coming weeks she hopes state health officials will be able to analyze the results of reliable serological tests to get a better idea of the extent of the coronavirus pandemic in Minnesota.

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Minnesota's startup boosters and venture capitalists pledge to 'wire and hire' black founders

ARTICLE DL. [**MINNESOTA'S STARTUP BOOSTERS AND VENTURE CAPITALISTS
PLEDGE TO 'WIRE AND HIRE' BLACK FOUNDERS**](#)

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Minnesota's startup organizations and venture capitalists are going beyond the often vague statements issued by businesses in response to the killing of [**George Floyd**](#) while in Minneapolis police custody. They're committing to specific goals and expectations, and they say they plan to put their money where their mouth is.

Venture capital funds like Matchstick Ventures are pledging to "[wire and hire](#)" black founders. The "wire" refers to "wiring money," or making investments in black entrepreneurs and their companies.

Meanwhile, startup nonprofit and accelerator Beta has pledged to [add a black board member](#) and include at least one black founder in all of its future accelerator cohorts while encouraging cohort companies to diversify their hires. If those conditions aren't met by the end of the year, the three white men on Beta's board will resign.

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Both organizations want to address a stark venture capital funding gap. An [oft-quoted study](#) by RateMyInvestor and DiversityVC concluded that only about 1% of founders who received venture capital in the past five years were black; white founders, meanwhile, made up over 77% of venture capital recipients.

"There are systemic issues within venture capital, clearly," said Ryan Broshar, a founder and partner at St. Paul-based Matchstick Ventures and a Beta board member.

Matchstick committed to the "wire and hire" framework because those are the things over which investors have direct control, he said. The firm has committed to developing five new relationships with networks or groups that can put them in touch with black founders within the next year. It also plans to add a black member to its advisory board and help at least 30% of its portfolio companies do the same.

"This is something that's been core to our beliefs since day one," Broshar said. "It was one of those things where we couldn't just stand by and let [this moment] pass."

Forge North, a startup nonprofit that prioritizes diversity and inclusion, issued [an open letter that](#) has already been signed by over 100 CEOs and business leaders from the startup community and technology industries.

Forge North's open letter is less specific, but that's by design, said Damola Ogundipe, CEO of St. Paul-based legal tech startup Civic Eagle and a member of the Forge North leadership council, which wrote the letter.

The organization will reach out to each signee to develop individual plans to meet the letter's goals, which include hiring more diverse boards and supporting groups that are helping to rebuild areas damaged by civil unrest after [George Floyd's](#) killing.

"We're going to hold people's feet to the fire," Ogundipe said.

Simple statements of support for the black community aren't helpful without action, he said. The easiest action that he recommended for Twin Cities companies is to assess and diversify their leadership teams.

He pointed to Broshar and Brett Brohl, founder of St. Paul-based venture capital firm The Syndicate Fund, as examples of white investors who demonstrated what a good ally looks like.

"It's not that they're perfect, it's that they're good listeners. What makes white folks good allies is their ability to listen, reflect, and then decide that they're going to take action to make things better," Ogundipe said.

Broshar is also a founder and board member at Minneapolis-based Beta, which hosts startup events and two startup accelerators each year. The organization was challenged by black founders who were part of its network to create something that was meaningful with goals that were specific and measurable.

Fellow Beta board member Reed Robinson said Beta's pledge came from phone conversations with Upsie founder and CEO Clarence Bethea. They identified the area where Beta could most improve was in its decision making, and that the best way to fix that was to find new decision makers.

"I am encouraged by those organizations that are willing to step up and participate in diversity and inclusion in a real way. Now is a pivotal moment, and we have an opportunity to drive sustainable change," Bethea said in an email to the Business Journal.

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The point of setting a deadline was to make sure that failure to act would have consequences, Robinson said. Working in venture capital and living in one of the [least racially integrated states](#) in the nation mean that organizations have to work harder to be welcoming to entrepreneurs of color.

"You just have to be that much more intentional," Robinson said. "Just because you open your door doesn't mean everyone's going to feel comfortable walking through it."

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Highlight: An Arizona resident, Tom Lehman has been able to continue playing golf regularly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. So, the University of Minnesota graduate has been playing and practicing "a lot." It showed Thursday. The 61-year-old fired a 5-under-par, 65 in the first round of the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, [...]

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The 61-year-old fired a 5-under-par, 65 in the first round of the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas - the first PGA Tour event since the Tour was suspended in March.

"My game feels pretty good," Lehman, who grew up in Alexandria, told reporters in a virtual post-round press conference Thursday.

Lehman is just two shots off the lead held by Justin Rose and Harold Varner Jr. Lehman qualifies for the event each year by virtue of his victory at this same course at the Colonial National Invitation in 1995. He loves the "great, old course" and no more than it benefits those who keep the ball in the fairway.

Lehman said he hit it straight Thursday and made a few putts.

Still, a 65 on the PGA Tour from a 61-year-old is unexpected - in doing so, Lehman became the oldest player to shoot a 65 on the PGA Tour since 1980 - especially considering Lehman has just one top-30 finish in five starts this year on the Champions Tour. While he did make the cut at last year's inaugural 3M Open, Lehman rarely plays on the PGA Tour - usually just competing in The Open - and hasn't finished inside the top 50 on the top tour since 2012.

"Do I feel like I'm capable of shooting a 65 out here at Colonial? Well, for certain I do," he said. "Did I expect to do it today? Well, I would be probably lying if I said I fully expected to play and shoot such a low score. But I did expect to play well."

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"To me, I kind of felt like if I could just finish out 2-under, 3-under, I would have been really happy with that. To get a couple more is definitely frosting on the cake."

Lehman also plans to play the Memorial in Ohio in July - a tournament he won in 1994 by going a tournament-record 20-under par - and noted he's up to play PGA events for which he is qualified, provided he's not taking the spot of a young, deserving player. Such is the case this week, as the tournament's field was expanded from 120 to 144. Plus, it's an invitational with no qualifying spots up for grabs.

This week marks the first PGA Tour event of four set to be played without fans, which Lehman said creates a "lower-pressure atmosphere." There's always internal pressure, he said, but certainly not the nerves that come with a traditional PGA Tour atmosphere.

"Believe it or not, there's been a few Champions Tour events that kind of felt like this, where you kind of played maybe later in the day and there are not a lot of folks around. Maybe not quite this few," Lehman said. "But I played with two guys today who just came off the Korn Ferry Tour and we were reminiscing about my days on the Hogan Tour and their days on the Korn Ferry, and this kind of looked pretty familiar."

The action at the course Thursday went from quiet to silent at 8:46 a.m., when the tournament paused and all on the course participated in a moment of silence to honor the memory of George Floyd, who died at the hands of police in Minneapolis last month.

In that moment, Lehman said he prayed - for Floyd's soul, for his family and for the country.

"I just prayed that the chaos that we live in can be wisely moved forward so that decisions are made that actually are meaningful and helpful," Lehman said.

As a Minnesota native, Lehman was asked what his reaction has been to Floyd's killing.

"There's so much to say about that. But what I would say is this: I think everybody needs to feel deeply what happened and to hurt deeply because of what happened to George Floyd," he said. "I think everybody needs to understand that when you have an absolute disregard for the suffering or pain of somebody else, or the death that you cause on somebody else, if you have no regard for that, you are a part of the problem and you need to get your (expletive) together."

"I would say that's probably the thing I took away from it, is let's just understand that we're all human beings and need to care about each other. If you can't do that, then I feel sorry for you."

Varner Jr. is one of just a handful of black golfers on the tour, and has been one of the tour's key figures in recent weeks, speaking out against social injustices and calling for unity in the wake of Floyd's death. He reportedly had a long conversation recently with PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan, where they discussed the tour's "potential role in the national conversation and solution."

But, when he got on the course Thursday, Varner insisted he was just trying to play well.

"The reason I have a platform is because I'm really good at golf," he said. "I just need to focus on that, and to be honest with you, being on the golf course, it helped me. It's my getaway, I guess. But I didn't think it would be like that until I got on the first hole and I hooked one super far left and I was [ticked], like it was good. Those juices are awesome."

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Trudy Rubin: Are there lessons for this moment from Tahrir Square and Hong Kong?

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From "people power" in the Philippines in 1986, to the Eastern European revolts against Soviet rule in the late-1980s; from mass protests against Kremlin repression in Moscow over the past three decades to the popular ouster of a Kremlin clone in Kyiv in 2014; from the Arab Spring rebellions, to the French Yellow Vest upheavals, to the pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong: I watched individuals express outrage over arrogant rulers, police repression, official corruption and indifference to the will of their people.

Of course, comparisons with the current U.S. protests have severe limits. In most of these revolts, the aim was to topple oppressive rulers or systems at a historic moment when these regimes had weakened.

But despite the many cultural, historical and political differences, two of these revolts haunted my thinking over the past week. Both of them were organized by young activists via social media: first, the Tahrir Square rebellion in Egypt that began in 2011, and second, the ongoing protests in Hong Kong.

The Egyptian revolt, in one obvious comparison, was sparked in 2011, when police beat to death a 28-year-old blogger named Khaled Said, who had been protesting police corruption in Alexandria.

Brilliant organizing tactics by a group of young Egyptian techies via Facebook - including a memorial page called "We are all Khaled Said" - led to the peaceful toppling of President Hosni Mubarak.

It was fascinating to watch how these young leaders mapped out a strategy to disperse police forces and coax Cairenes from working- and upper-class districts to join marches. They used this moment to unite Egyptians fed up with regime corruption and nepotism, rising food prices and heavy-handed behavior by police for which citizens had no recourse.

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And it was astonishing to watch Egyptians of different classes, educations, religions and skin colors march beside each other by the tens of thousands into Tahrir Square in the name of dignity and justice. I will never forget a taxi driver telling me he had felt like "a donkey" before the upheaval, but standing with fellow Egyptians, he finally felt proud to be an Egyptian.

Yet, the Tahrir Square revolution failed, and Egyptians are now ruled by a military dictator, President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, who is worse than Mubarak. And the young leaders of Tahrir Square are either in jail, exile or trying to keep out of sight.

Several of the revolt's leaders told me their biggest weakness was their inability to translate their organizing skills into political impact. They were unwilling or unable to organize the poor and less educated in rural and urban Egypt into a movement.

Instead of uniting behind one presidential candidate, they split their support between several, which enabled the Muslim Brotherhood candidate, Mohamed Morsi, to narrowly win the presidency in 2012. One 25-year-old leader later told me, over coffee in the legendary intellectuals' Cafe Riche in Cairo, "The Muslim Brotherhood succeeded in reaching power because of liberals' mistakes."

When Morsi became repressive, young activists again tried to unseat his government with a massive demonstration, gathering hundreds of thousands of signatures demanding his ouster. Again, they failed to organize those signatories into a political movement. Military officials took advantage of public weariness with continued upheavals and staged a coup.

In Hong Kong, the protests also revolved around police violence and legal injustice. The spark was Beijing's attempt to curb the independence of the territory's courts, which operate under a "one country, two systems" framework. This system allows Hong Kong to maintain freedoms (until 2047) that are denied to Chinese on the mainland, including the right to assemble and limited suffrage.

Under pressure from Beijing, the Hong Kong police cracked down hard on the protests, with thousands of arrests along with beatings. Protesters then demanded an investigation into police brutality, along with long-promised universal suffrage. But a minority of angry young people also began using violence, smashing stores whose owners were sympathetic to Beijing and throwing Molotov cocktails at police cars.

Falsely tarring all demonstrators as violent, and aided by the shutdown during COVID-19, Beijing has now endorsed draconian security legislation that will expose Hong Kong demonstrators to serious punishment. "One country, two systems" is almost dead.

Again, the context and politics in Cairo and Hong Kong are very different from the protests here. Yet, when I think of what young people achieved and lost in Cairo and Hong Kong, here's what comes to my mind: The Egyptian tragedy reminds us of the need for focused, coherent political demands, with as much unity as possible, at a historical moment when a nation is open to change.

And the Hong Kong struggle should remind us that our flawed and stressed system - which supposedly includes universal suffrage (if we can keep it) - still holds out the possibility of change, including an overhaul of policing.

We are not Egypt or Hong Kong, and this is the moment to prove we are still the United States.

Trudy Rubin: Are there lessons for this moment from Tahrir Square and Hong Kong?

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3rd person charged in health store fire

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Body

Federal authorities charged a third person Wednesday with arson in connection with fires set at a St. Paul health store during protests over the Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd.

McKenzy Ann Degidio Dunn, 19, of Rosemount, is accused of conspiracy to commit arson at the Great Health and Nutrition store at 1360 W. University Ave. on May 28. Dunn made her first court appearance Wednesday in St. Paul.

According to the criminal complaint, Dunn was recorded by security cameras while holding a bottle of flammable hand sanitizer, and Samuel Elliott Frey, 19, can be seen dousing a shelving unit with sanitizer and setting it ablaze. Dunn, Frey and Bailey Marie Baldus, also 19, have all been charged with conspiracy to set fire to the store.

Also Wednesday, Matthew Lee Rupert, 28, of Galesburg, Ill., was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of civil disorder, rioting, and arson in Minnesota during the aftermath of Floyd's killing.

Rupert was charged in a complaint June 1 after he was picked up by Chicago police for violating the city's curfew order. The complaint alleges that he set fire to a Sprint phone store in Minneapolis and looted an Office Depot.

According to charges, he allegedly posted a self-recorded cellphone video on Facebook depicting him handing out explosive devices and encouraging people to throw them at officers.

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Abolish police? In St. Paul, it's unlikely

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Highlight: Council members say they want to continue to invest in the community.

Body

Despite pressure from constituents and activists, a majority of the St. Paul City Council say they don't favor dismantling the capital city's police department.

Hundreds of e-mails have urged St. Paul leaders to do so in the wake of *George Floyd's* killing by a Minneapolis police officer last month. The majority of the Minneapolis City Council pledged this week to "begin the process of ending" their police department.

In interviews, most St. Paul council members said they recognize the need for swift action on public safety reform, but want to continue to make investments in community-based alternatives to traditional policing, rather than get rid of the police force altogether.

"If we had a department that had not been willing to engage on improvements and innovations and new strategies to work more closely with community as Minneapolis has had, then I might need us to go further right now," said Council Member Jane Prince. "But our department, at the leadership level, has been extremely open and welcoming of ideas, of any opportunities to work with community to make our community safer."

Council Member Nelsie Yang, is the only one of the seven calling for outright abolition of the St. Paul Police Department. Council Member Mitra Jalali said she also supports abolition, but emphasized that such a change won't happen overnight.

When asked whether he would support defunding or abolishing the police department, Mayor Melvin Carter pointed to what the city has already done - including embedding social workers with police, limiting the use of police dogs and rewriting the police department's use-of-force policy.

"My response when people ask, 'What is St. Paul going to do?' is, 'We're already doing it,' " he said.

Last year, the council approved a 2020 budget that eliminated five police officer positions and allocated \$1.7 million for "community-based public safety" measures such as youth employment and outreach,

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streetscape improvements and incentives for landlords to rent to people with criminal histories. Carter proposed the supplemental budget in response to a rise in gun violence.

Council Member Rebecca Noecker said she has "a lot of concerns" about the supplemental public safety budget, and wonders why the initiatives it's supposed to pay for didn't launch in the first few months of 2020, before the COVID-19 pandemic derailed much of the city's work.

Carter said creating and funding new programs takes time.

"If we pass a budget on Dec. 11 or whatever it is, we're not expecting a whole staff and program to be implemented and operational Jan. 3," he said.

The community-first public safety plan is underway, he said - mental health workers are currently undergoing training, for example - and will continue to roll out through the summer.

Though St. Paul leaders have already invested in many of the alternatives to policing that activists are now calling for, Noecker said, they haven't done so with specific results in mind. Moving forward, that will need to change, she said.

"I think we need to show people that we're serious," Noecker said. "If we don't start with a shared vision it'll be really hard to know what we're doing is the right thing to do."

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Alarming rise in virus cases as states roll back lockdowns

ARTICLE DLV. [**ALARMING RISE IN VIRUS CASES AS STATES ROLL BACK LOCKDOWNS**](#)

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Body

By MIKE STOBBE

NEW YORK (AP) - States are rolling back lockdowns, but the coronavirus isn't done with the U.S.

Cases are rising in nearly half the states, according to an Associated Press analysis, a worrying trend that could intensify as people return to work and venture out during the summer.

In Arizona, hospitals have been told to prepare for the worst. Texas has more hospitalized COVID-19 patients than at any time before. And the governor of North Carolina said recent jumps caused him to rethink plans to reopen schools or businesses.

There is no single reason for the surges. In some cases, more testing has revealed more cases. In others, local outbreaks are big enough to push statewide tallies higher. But experts think at least some are due to lifting stay-at-home orders, school and business closures, and other restrictions put in place during the spring to stem the virus's spread.

The increase in infections pulled stocks down sharply Thursday on Wall Street, dragging the Dow Jones Industrial Average more than 1,800 points lower and giving the S&P 500 its worst day in nearly three months. The infections deflated recent optimism that the economy could recover quickly from its worst crisis in decades.

The virus is also gradually fanning out.

"It is a disaster that spreads," said Dr. Jay Butler, who oversees coronavirus response work at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's not like there's an entire continental seismic shift and everyone feels the shaking all at once."

That is also happening globally. Places that suffered early on such as China, Italy and Spain have calmed down but Brazil, India and other countries that were spared initially are seeing large increases. The world

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is seeing more than 100,000 newly-confirmed cases every day, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

The virus first landed on the U.S. coasts, carried by international travelers infected abroad. For months, the epicenter was in northeastern states. More recently, the biggest increases have been in the South and the West.

The AP analyzed data compiled by The COVID Tracking Project, a volunteer organization that collects coronavirus testing data in the United States. The analysis found that in 21 states as of Monday, the rolling seven-day average of new cases per capita was higher than the average seven days earlier.

Some worry the situation may get worse as social distancing restrictions lift and more people gather. One concern is that large recent racial justice protests across the country might spark at least some spread of the virus.

Another: President Donald Trump this week said he's planning to hold rallies that may draw thousands of people. He will hold them in four states - Arizona, Florida, Oklahoma, and Texas. All of them are among the states with rising cases identified in the AP analysis.

Here's what's driving increases in some of the states with notable upticks:

ARIZONA

Republican Gov. Doug Ducey ended Arizona's stay-at-home order on May 15 and eased restrictions on businesses. Arizona residents who were cooped up for six weeks flooded Phoenix-area bar districts, ignoring social distancing guidelines.

The state began seeing a surge of new cases and hospitalizations about 10 days later.

"It seems pretty clear to me that what we're seeing is directly related to the end of the stay-at-home order," said Will Humble, executive director of the Arizona Public Health Association.

It wasn't just that the order ended: There were no requirements to wear face masks, no major increases in contact tracing to spot and stop evolving outbreaks, and no scale-up of infection control at nursing homes, he said.

"Those are missed opportunities that, if implemented today, could still make a big difference," said Humble, a former director of the state Department of Health Services.

Democratic Rep. Ruben Gallego has criticized the governor for failing to highlight the "seriousness of the growing public health emergency."

Testing has been increasing in Arizona, which raises the chance of finding new cases. But the proportion of tests coming back positive has also been on the rise.

The AP analysis found Arizona had a rolling average of fewer than 400 new cases a day at the time the shutdown was lifted, but it shot up two weeks later and surpassed 1,000 new cases a day by early this week. Hospitalizations have also risen dramatically, hitting the 1,200 mark last week.

The state also passed another grim milestone last week, recording its 1,000th death.

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Meanwhile Arizona hospitals reported they were at 83% of capacity Tuesday, which could force the cancellation of elective surgeries. An executive order Ducey issued in April said hospitals wanting to resume elective surgeries had to have at least 20% of their beds available.

NORTH CAROLINA

In North Carolina, more testing plus more people out and about during reopening seem to be the main drivers of recent case upticks, said Kimberly Powers, an associate professor of epidemiology at the University of North Carolina.

On Saturday, the state recorded its highest single-day increase, with 1,370. While testing has grown in the last two weeks, so has the rate of tests coming back positive.

"These trends moving in the wrong direction is a signal we need to take very seriously," said North Carolina's top health official, Mandy Cohen, who along with Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper has urged the public to take precautions to protect themselves.

But some state residents are not on board.

"I think they should start opening stuff a little bit more," said Jason Denton, an electrician from Greenville who said one of his main concerns was getting to the gym.

"That's like my therapy," he said.

TEXAS

Few states are rebooting faster than Texas, where hospitalizations surged past 2,100 on Wednesday for the first time during the pandemic. That's a 42% increase in patients since Memorial Day weekend, when beachgoers swarmed Texas' coastline and a water park near Houston opened to big crowds in defiance of Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's orders.

Texas' percentage of tests coming back positive has also jumped to levels that are among the nation's highest. State officials point to hot spots at meatpacking plants and prisons in rural counties, where thousands of new cases have cropped up, but have not offered explanations for a rise in numbers elsewhere.

Abbott, who has recently begun wearing a mask in public, has shown no intention of pumping the brake on reopening a state where protesters in May pressured him to speed up the timeline on getting hair salons back in business.

On Friday, Texas is set to lift even more restrictions and let restaurant dining rooms reopen at nearly full capacity.

ALABAMA

In Alabama, outbreaks in nursing homes and poultry plants helped drive state numbers upward. On Wednesday, the state recorded its largest number of new cases in a day, 849. The previous high was 640 on June 5.

The capital, Montgomery, has become an emerging hot spot, said State Health Officer Scott Harris.

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"I think reopening the economy gave a lot of people the wrong impression ... that, 'Hey everything is fine. Let's go back to normal,'" Harris said. "Clearly, it is not that way. Really, now more than ever we need people to stay 6 feet apart, wear face coverings and wash their hands."

Montgomery hospital intensive care units are as busy as during flu season.

"I can assure you that Montgomery's cases are not going down, and if our community does not take this seriously, the virus will continue to spread, and at some point, our medical capacity will reach its limit," Dr. David Thrasher, director of respiratory therapy at Jackson Hospital, said in a statement.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas has also seen increases - in cases, hospitalizations and the percentage of tests that come back positive. But the state's situation is a complicated story of different outbreaks at different times, said Dr. Nate Smith, director of the Arkansas Department of Health.

After a peak in April, levels were low until spikes began about three weeks ago - mainly in the cities of Rogers and Springdale in the northwest and in De Queen further south. The cases have been concentrated among Hispanics and those who work in chicken production facilities, which never were closed.

Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson on Wednesday said the state will move into a new phase of reopening, starting Monday.

LOOKING AHEAD

Experts are wondering what will happen in the next week or so, in the wake of nationwide protests following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police.

The protests were outdoors, which reduces the likelihood of virus spread, and many participants have worn masks and taken other precautions. But it's a lot of people close together, chanting, singing and yelling.

"Hopefully we won't see a big spike. But those data aren't in yet," Humble said.

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Drivers with slashed tires can seek redress

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Highlight: Officers acknowledged puncturing tires during unrest. Victims can fill out a form for reimbursement.

Body

Motorists whose vehicles had their tires punctured by State Patrol troopers during recent street unrest in Minneapolis can claim they were mistakenly targeted and pursue reimbursement for the damages.

The state Department of Public Safety and an assisting agency acknowledged this week that parked and unattended vehicles in at least two locations had their tires deflated. They defended the tactic as necessary to protect officers and others from being run over during the sometimes-violent upheaval on May 30-31 in connection with the death of ***George Floyd***.

Video and photos of damaged vehicles in the Kmart parking lot on Lake Street and at an intersection west of the University of Minnesota circulated widely on social media. Many vehicles had all four tires punctured. Replacing all the tires would cost several hundred dollars.

One of the motorists estimated that 30 to 40 vehicles in the Kmart lot had their tires deflated, while DPS spokesman Bruce Gordon put the total across the city at no more than 20, "some of which were stolen [and] were being used as weapons against law enforcement during violent protests."

The state said claimants should request a form by sending an e-mail to risk.management@state.mn.us, then fill out the three-page document, which includes details about the person making the claim and the circumstances leading to the damage.

Gordon said he did not know how long claimants should expect to wait before receiving a determination.

Deputies from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office cut holes in the tires of two vehicles that were abandoned in the street on S. Washington Avenue over Interstate 35W.

Sheriff's Lt. Andy Knotz said that "our Office will not be compensating for damages as a result of the vehicles being left on the Washington bridge."

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Knotz went on to explain, "These particular two vehicles were illegally abandoned on the roadway and a potential hazard that could have been used as mobile weapons."

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Facing criticism, Walz vows 'consequences' for those who toppled Columbus statue

ARTICLE DLVII. **[FACING CRITICISM, WALZ VOWS 'CONSEQUENCES' FOR THOSE WHO TOPPLED COLUMBUS STATUE](#)**

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Highlight: "We have to have a society that functions in a peaceful manner," Walz said at a Thursday news conference.

Body

Gov. Tim Walz vowed "there will be consequences" for those who tore down a statue of Christopher Columbus that stood on the grounds of the state Capitol in St. Paul for nearly 90 years.

"We have to have a society that functions in a peaceful manner," Walz said at a Thursday news conference.

Those responsible for tearing down the 10-foot bronze statue Wednesday afternoon could face destruction of public property and other charges.

But Walz rejected the notion that tearing down the statue was equivalent to the arson and looting that happened during demonstrations protesting the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Walz noted that [*Native American groups have repeatedly tried unsuccessfully to have the statue removed.*](#)

Resorting to tearing it down? "That's a very different thing," the Democratic governor said.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said allowing the statue to be torn down was the latest in a series of "failures of leadership" by Walz. He's criticized the governor for his response to the coronavirus pandemic as well as this reaction to unrest following Floyd's death.

"They knew there was a threat to the Christopher Columbus statue, and he failed to adequately protect it," Gazelka said in a statement. "The mob mentality to do whatever people want without repercussion has got to stop."

"The Governor didn't protect the Third Precinct, he didn't protect businesses on Lake Street, and the Lieutenant Governor condoned the destruction on public property," Gazelka concluded.

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan made it clear she "would not shed a tear" over the statue of Columbus being removed. The monument wrongfully elevated a man who "by of his own admission sold 9- and 10-year-old girls into sex slavery," she said.

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Flanagan, who is a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, said it was "long overdue" that the artwork and symbolism that adorns parts of the state Capitol be reconsidered. She acknowledge that there was a process for doing so, but criticized it as not being well defined, accessible or expedient.

"In terms of the statue of Christopher Columbus, I wish we had a better process that had been followed," Flanagan said. "I am not sad it is gone. Columbus' legacy was setting in motion generations of violence, rape and genocide against indigenous people who were already here when he arrived."

John Harrington, commissioner of the state Department of Public Safety, disputed claims that law enforcement did too little to protect the statue. A large police presence was on the scene to take the sculpture away after it was toppled from its granite base.

Harrington said they knew about the planned protest ahead of time and took the proper precautions to gauge whether it would be peaceful or more volatile. A leader of the State Patrol and a member of Harrington's staff were talking with the leaders of the protest when others who had gathered pulled the statue down.

"They were not able to get out there in time," Harrington said of the 25 state troopers and other law enforcement officers who later arrived on the scene.

The Columbus statue was a gift to the state from Minnesota's Italian-Americans. Installed in 1931, it was located near the southeast corner of the Capitol building.

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FAQ

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The May 25 death of *George Floyd* has resulted in criminal charges against four Minneapolis police officers and triggered calls for reform and abolishment of the department. On Wednesday, Police Chief Medaria Arradondo revealed the first steps he plans to take.

Q: What are they?

A: Arradondo said he is stepping away from contract negotiations with the Police Officers' Federation of Minneapolis, the union representing about 800 rank-and-file officers, to bring in advisers and determine how negotiations can take place with greater community transparency. He also plans to implement a system using real-time data and research on police behavior to detect early warning signs of officer misconduct.

Q: What changes does he want to make to the contract?

A: Arradondo said he is not concerned about salaries and benefits but "significant" aspects of the contract such as use of force, the role supervisors play, and the discipline process, including grievances and arbitration.

Q: How will this work?

A: Mayor Jacob Frey said outside advisers will review the contract and suggest amendments. And, "if there are road blockages that are extra contractual, like state law," they can help identify those. The city's agreement with the state Department of Human Rights gives the city until July to provide a list of state laws that are impeding the city's ability to discipline officers.

Q: What's the status of the contract?

A: The Minneapolis Police Federation labor agreement lasts three years, with the most recent running from Jan. 1, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2019. The terms of that contract remain in place.

Q: What about intervention?

FAQ

A: Arradondo provided few details, but it may be similar to a 2014 effort by Chief Janeé Harteau, who tried to create an "early intervention system" under federal recommendations. It appears to have never been implemented. Arradondo said such reform hasn't worked in the past because academic experts found that supervisory action alone to problematic officers "is very rare and significantly absent" in large departments.

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ARTICLE DLIX. **[GOV. TIM WALZ'S AUTHORITY, CORONAVIRUS AID, POLICING LAWS ALL ON THE TABLE FOR MN SPECIAL SESSION](#)**

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Highlight: Minnesota lawmakers on Friday are set to return to the Capitol to take up reforms to the state's policing laws and weigh next steps in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Their actions could end Gov. Tim Walz's peacetime emergency declaration spurred by the pandemic and limit the governor's vast executive authority. Legislators could pass more than [...]

Body

Minnesota lawmakers on Friday are set to return to the Capitol to take up reforms to the state's policing laws and weigh next steps in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their actions could end Gov. Tim Walz's peacetime emergency declaration spurred by the pandemic and limit the governor's vast executive authority. Legislators could pass more than \$1 billion in local construction projects and green-light millions of dollars in COVID-19 aid for businesses, families and local governments.

And they could take up a slate of changes to the state's policing laws in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death last month in Minneapolis police custody.

Leaders in the divided Legislature appeared to have different priorities for the overtime session. And partisan disagreements threaten to again block the passage of several bills.

As lawmakers return to the Capitol, here's what you need to know:

WHY ARE THEY COMING BACK?

Walz on Wednesday announced he would again extend his peacetime emergency another 30 days because of the COVID-19 pandemic and that triggered legislative action. The House and Senate will vote on whether to block the extension of the emergency and by extension additional executive authority for the Walz administration.

Both chambers need to vote down the extension to block it. GOP lawmakers, who hold a majority in the Senate, have signaled they'll vote to end the peacetime emergency while Democrats who control the House have said they'll vote to allow the extension.

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Republicans said they oppose the governor's continued peacetime authority because they feel he hasn't adequately consulted with the Legislature and they think his executive actions have gone too far. Some have said the extension signals an unwillingness to work with lawmakers and have said they won't work on other priorities until Walz drops it.

"The time for emergency powers has long passed," House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, said.

The peacetime emergency lets the administration activate the National Guard to help respond to the pandemic and pull down federal disaster funds. Walz and Democrats in the Legislature said those abilities, as well as the option to more quickly issue executive actions, remain important in dealing with the pandemic.

"I would caution against that," Walz said of ending the peacetime emergency. "We are still in this."

WILL THEY TAKE UP OTHER ISSUES?

There were a variety of issues that went unfinished in the regular legislative session. Lawmakers are set to consider a borrowing bill to fund public construction projects around the state, the next round of aid for businesses, homeowners and others affected by the pandemic and a tax bill.

Following the death of Floyd, Walz has also called on lawmakers to take up a slate of police accountability and criminal justice bills. The governor and Democratic leaders said the policing reforms will be their top priority.

WHAT ARE THE POLICING PROPOSALS THEY'RE CONSIDERING?

Walz and members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus on Thursday put forth a set of proposals aimed at re-writing policing laws to adjust officer training and accountability. Among the proposals were plans to ban chokehold and warrior training, boost mental health and de-escalation training, fund community responders to work alongside officers and fund community healing initiatives and create an independent office to review instances of deadly force.

"It's up to us in the Legislature to make transformative change," Sen. Jeff Hayden, DFL-Minneapolis, said.

The lawmakers also said they would push forward a bill that would restore the right to vote to felons who've completed their jail sentences.

That proposal and the slate of ideas put forth by DFL lawmakers of color drew a rebuke from Daudt, who said GOP ideas should also be included in conversations about criminal justice reform.

WHEN WILL THE SPECIAL SESSION END?

There's no clear end date and lawmakers can remain in session as long as they see fit. Walz on Wednesday said they should stay as long as it is needed to advance police accountability bills, a bonding bill, COVID-19 aid funding and other legislation that didn't get done during the regular session.

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can't pay rent due to the pandemic and the state response and outline ways to transition away from his broad executive authority under the peacetime emergency.

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, said the Legislature would work until it passed proposals that could address Floyd's death and prevent future instances of police deadly force.

"We will take as long as it takes to address that injustice," Hortman said.

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Gov. Walz announces special legislative session for relief funding, police reform

ARTICLE DLX. **GOV. WALZ ANNOUNCES SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR
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Gov. Tim Walz announced Wednesday that he'll convene a special legislative session starting on Friday. The session will focus on helping Minnesota's economy recover from Covid-19 and damages caused during protests stemming from the killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police.

Walz also hopes to pass a version of his \$2.6 billion bonding bill, the Local Jobs and Projects Plan, in addition to relief for businesses effected by Covid-19 closings and those that were damaged during the protests. Money for repairing commercial hubs like Lake Street and University Avenue could come from the bonding bill or from other sources, he said.

The Minnesota Legislature also has to figure out how to distribute \$667 million in federal relief that was not assigned before the end of the regular legislative session in May.

"We're in an emergency and the money needs to be out there now," Walz said.

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The Legislature will vote on a several police reform bills that will be introduced by the Minnesota People of Color and Indigenous Caucus and the Attorney General's Police-Involved Deadly Force Encounters Working Group. Those bills will include reforms to the allowable use of force; Walz praised the New York state legislature for passing a statewide ban on chokeholds, a move that Minneapolis made earlier this month.

"Minnesota is at a turning point. This is our chance to take strong action to combat persistent structural inequities, pass substantive police reform, and build a stronger economy," Walz said in a statement.

"This moment will not be upon us again," he said in a press conference.

Walz will also extend the peacetime state of emergency related to Covid-19 for another 30 days. Without the order, the state would lose out on \$50 million of federal assistance each month.

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Omar Ansari on Surly Brewing Co.'s 'lost year'

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Minneapolis-based Surly Brewing Co. had a hit on its hands with Grapefruit Supreme, a crowd-pleasing tart ale introduced last spring, and founder Omar Ansari thought his summer 2020 would be about getting that beer into as many hands as possible.

The coronavirus pandemic had other plans.

Bars and restaurants closed to dine-in customers March 17, forcing breweries like Surly to take back kegs and dump hundreds of barrels of their beer. Yes, package sales in liquor stores have been strong during the shutdown, but they don't make up for the revenue lost when Surly had to close the beer hall inside its massive destination brewery for nearly three months.

"I never thought we had a lot of debt until we didn't have any income," Ansari said.

Income isn't all the owner of the state's third-largest craft brewer is thinking about right now. The recent police killing of ***George Floyd*** prompted a reevaluation of the fundraising priorities of Surly Gives a Damn,

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the brewery's nonprofit arm, and the company has [pledged to continue a conversation about diversity, equality and inclusion](#).

Ansari recently spoke with the Business Journal about navigating his business through these uncertain times. The conversation has been edited and condensed.

As we speak, you're preparing to reopen the beer garden for the first time since the pandemic shutdown. How does that feel?

Oh, man. Like everything in our new Covid era, it comes with a lot of different emotions.

We got the news on Friday that the governor was opening up the full thing on Wednesday. I had to tell our team, "Guys, I can't ask you to open it up to that many people." To staff up a restaurant that big, it's hard.

So, it's great that we're open, but this week we're just going to stick with our 50 people outside.

You said you could have 5,000 people a day coming through the taproom last summer. Under the restrictions you're looking at, how do you think that affects revenue for the rest of the year?

I think the way I explained it to my banker is that it sucks.

The model isn't built to serve this few people, which is why this year, I think, for a lot of businesses, it's kind of a lost year. You get through it, and maybe 2021 will be a little bit more like we hoped 2020 would be.

Obviously, it's a huge hit. [The beer hall] is a third of our business, so not having that is pretty huge. In the summer, it's an even bigger percentage. It's a big loss.

In terms of Minnesota's craft brewers, Surly has as fairly large distribution footprint. Do those package sales become even more important as bars and restaurants struggle during the pandemic?

For sure. You focus on what you can, and if there's fewer bars, obviously, you're not going to sell more beer as a whole. One of the things you can affect is trying to get more beer into liquor stores or trying to get your product in front of more people or front-of-mind.

But, also, for us, expansion won't solve those issues. Selling beer to another state doesn't make it up anymore. That's kind of the nature of craft beer now. No one goes into a market and sells a crazy amount of beer.

It's also just readjusting to what the new world is. If we're down 15% in 2021, that's what we manage to and not pretend we're where the brewery was three years ago.

Those are tough choices, because a lot of those are people, which stinks. But like a lot of businesses that have been affected, none of the options are great.

The brewing industry has a diversity issue. Does Surly have a role in helping to bring more diversity to the industry?

That's one of those questions that has to be answered. I don't know.

Omar Ansari on Surly Brewing Co.'s 'lost year'

A lot of our brewing positions, we don't hire entry-level jobs. Everyone has had experience. We don't get many minority candidates applying.

What do we do? How do we make that change? I don't know.

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Pardon may fix 100-year-old injustice

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Highlight: Black man convicted of rape in case that led to 1920 Duluth lynchings may be exonerated.

Body

DULUTH - Max Mason was the only person sent to prison for the reported rape of Irene Tusken, an unproven allegation that resulted in a white mob lynching three black men in downtown Duluth 100 years ago next week.

On Friday, as the state continues to confront the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death and calls for racial justice, Mason could become the first person granted a posthumous pardon in Minnesota's history.

"It is not surprising that Mason, a poor black laborer from the South, was convicted of a fictitious charge of raping a white woman by an all-white jury in the 1920s in Duluth," reads his pardon application. "There is also no question that now, one century after the horrors of Duluth in 1920, the time has come for Max Mason to receive that pardon."

If the members of the Board of Pardons - Gov. Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison and Lorie Skjerven Gildea, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court - find they have the legal authority to grant a posthumous pardon, they could vote to grant one Friday morning.

The application has the backing of numerous former state leaders and current Duluth officials, who have submitted letters in support of the pardon.

"A pardon reminds all of us that the lynchings and circumstances giving rise to them were a stain on the history of Minnesota and do not reflect who we are as a state," wrote nearly a dozen former pardon board members, including former Govs. Arne Carlson, Tim Pawlenty and Mark Dayton and former attorneys general Walter Mondale, Skip Humphrey and Lori Swanson.

"The historical record clearly reflects that Mr. Mason was investigated, charged and convicted because of his

race and not because of the strength and sufficiency of the evidence," St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin wrote.

Pardon may fix 100-year-old injustice

Jerry Blackwell, a Minneapolis lawyer who drafted Mason's pardon application, said he's hopeful the application will get the unanimous vote needed to grant the pardon.

"I'm simply hopeful they will see this is the right thing to do," Blackwell said. "Any time is the right time to do justice. This is a wrong that can be righted."

Mason's case

After word traveled around town 100 years ago that Tusken had been raped by black circus workers, the six suspects who were being held at the Duluth jail were ripped from their cells by a mob of thousands on June 15, 1920. The mob held a mock trial, then quickly moved to lynch three of the men - Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie.

Mason, meanwhile, had traveled with the circus north to Virginia but was later arrested and tried as "a scapegoat to exculpate the actions of the mob," Blackwell wrote in the pardon application.

"Few if any residents ... questioned whether Irene Tusken had been raped," he wrote. "To do so, of course, would have meant that the lynch mob had not murdered rapists, but innocent men."

Tusken's doctor found no evidence of an assault.

In the prosecutor's closing argument in November 1920 he told the jury: "We have mobs because people think the Negroes won't be convicted. That's why they take the law into their own hands. People of Duluth and St. Louis County want to know through your verdict that when a white girl is ravished by a black or white man, and the man is proven guilty, the man is going to be found guilty."

Mason was sentenced to 30 years in prison. His appeals and initial pleas for a pardon or commutation of his sentence were all denied.

In 1925 the parole board released Mason from prison on the condition he stay out of Minnesota, noting that "there has always been considerable mystery and doubt in the minds of the Duluth people about this case."

Mason died in Memphis, Tenn., in 1942 at the age of 43.

Commemoration canceled

Mason's case first returned to the pardon board, which meets twice a year, in December 2019. The board voted then to clear the way for this week's vote on a pardon.

Blackwell took on the case on behalf of Duluth activist Jordon Moses and the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial committee, which has been planning a variety of events to mark the centennial of the lynching.

Though COVID-19 caused the cancellation of the mass gathering planned, Blackwell said that the pardon could be "a commemoration for all the lessons that history has to teach.

"This is an opportunity for the state to look at this ugly history unvarnished and say, 'We are better than this.' "

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Still high on the 'Hog'

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A planned Lowertown building renovation has left two St. Paul restaurants without a home, but one will find new life in Cathedral Hill.

The Park Square Court building on E. 6th Street across from Mears Park is being converted to an apartment building, and construction would have shuttered two of chef Justin Sutherland's restaurants, Handsome Hog and Public Kitchen + Bar, for up to 16 months, Sutherland said.

Instead, Sutherland is closing Public permanently, and moving the neighboring Handsome Hog to the home of another of his projects, deep-dish pizzeria the Fitz (173 N. Western Av., St. Paul).

The takeover of the Fitz was practical, Sutherland said. "It was just beginning when the COVID stuff happened, so it wasn't a good time to go shopping for a new restaurant space."

Handsome Hog's original space, which hugged the corner of the building, wasn't large enough to adapt to social distancing once the state allowed dining rooms to reopen. The new space is far larger, giving Handsome Hog a chance to survive at reduced capacity.

In addition, a newly constructed patio will begin seating customers as early as June 16, though the date is not yet firm.

The Southern-style restaurant's decor will carry over, as will the menu, although Sutherland says he is going to "lighten it up a little bit," to better match tastes in the new neighborhood.

A new smoker will allow him to smoke seven times the amount of brisket he could do in Lowertown. There will also be a few of those Fitz pizzas - the pizza oven is still there, after all - incorporating some of Handsome Hog's signature items, such as a low country boil and that brisket.

Sutherland says the Fitz could return in another time and place, but "I had to make the decision of preserving a brand, and Handsome Hog is a no-brainer."

Still high on the 'Hog'

Another of Sutherland's brands is also saying goodbye for now. The oyster-and-whiskey spot Pearl and the Thief, which first opened in Stillwater in 2018, closed months later to relocate to a new building in Minneapolis. The building faced delays in 2019, and now the plan has been put on hold indefinitely, Sutherland said.

"It is such an interactive concept, especially with the oyster bar - so much touching of things, and human contact," he explained. "Focusing on an oyster bar didn't seem like the best move right now."

In brighter news, another restaurant in the group Sutherland manages is reopening for outdoor dining this weekend, Ox Cart Rooftop (255 E. 6th St., St. Paul, 651-528-6171).

Sutherland stayed active during his restaurants' COVID-related closings by co-founding the North Stands, an organization supporting hospitality workers. Since *George Floyd*'s death in police custody, the North Stands' mission has been refocused to support businesses rebuilding from damage.

Sutherland has been providing free meals to cleanup crews, and has spoken at the State Capitol.

"It's important to be out there doing it," he said. "It wouldn't be right if I wasn't there putting my money where my mouth is."

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St. Paul group calls on mayor, city council to cut \$20M from police budget

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Body

As a community group calls on the city of St. Paul to cut about 20 percent of its police department budget to invest elsewhere, many elected officials say they're already committed to that work and want to do more.

But they're facing a multi-million dollar budget shortfall due to the coronavirus pandemic.

A majority of [Minneapolis city council members announced on Sunday they support disbanding](#) their police department in the wake of the death of **George Floyd** in police custody, which is not the sentiment among most of St. Paul's seven city council members concerning their police department. Two St. Paul council members say they support abolishing the police.

[Root & Restore St. Paul](#) recently began calling for Mayor Melvin Carter and council members to cut \$20 million from the police department. The community group has been working since 2018 to highlight that about one-third of the city's general fund goes to the police department's \$105 million budget.

"Now, in Minneapolis and around the nation, we are seeing a broad uprising of people and politicians who are acknowledging our system of policing is not reformable," members of Root & Restore said in a Wednesday statement. "We are seeing an unmistakable demand to begin the work of a different safety paradigm immediately. So we're asking that our leaders in St. Paul move beyond the lip service and funding scraps we've seen in recent years and commit to defund SPPD to refund significant resources to community based programs and leaders."

More than 1,300 people had signed the petition in support of defunding as of mid-day Wednesday, according to Root & Restore.

BUDGET SHORTFALL IN MILLIONS PROJECTED

St. Paul group calls on mayor, city council to cut \$20M from police budget

St. Paul is shortfall of \$19 million to \$34 million due to COVID-19. They're exploring how to manage the impacts in the current budget and the 2021 budget, which will be presented to the city council in August, according to Peter Leggett, Carter's communications director. St. Paul is seeking state and federal funding to ease the situation.

"While it's premature to determine what those impacts for each department will be, the police department is ... the single largest city department by budget, meaning the proportional impact to that department may be the greatest by virtue of its size," Leggett said.

All city departments have been asked to prepare budget reduction scenarios. The police department, in developing a preliminary 2021 budget, was told to determine how it would cut \$7 million, if it comes to that.

City Council President Amy Brendmoen said Wednesday the city council remains committed to a "community-first" public safety model.

In the midst of a spike in gun violence last year, [Carter proposed a public safety initiative an online petition anticipating a budget](#) that did not add officers, but instead added a public health project for violence prevention and intervention. The focus was also on adding community ambassadors to connect with young people and expanding a youth employment program.

The [city council approved \\$1.7 million](#) in city funds for the supplemental "community-first" budget and though the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed implementation, they're getting to work on a variety of projects, Leggett said.

"In the face of almost certain cuts across the board in the city next year, I know the council is going to continue to invest in those programs and those priorities because we all know ... that we can't police our way out of the problems that are facing our society," Brendmoen said.

Root & Restore said making up for the budget shortfall cannot come at the expense of reducing library hours, recreation center programs or across-the-board cuts.

Council Member Dai Thao said Wednesday it's the right time to look at the work of all the city's departments, including police.

ALTERNATIVES TO POLICING

According to Root & Restore, based on information from the [Mapping Police Violence website](#), the St. Paul department's fatal use of force is almost double the national average and nearly three times the national average for black people.

St. Paul officers have not been criminally charged in shootings. In 2016, a St. Anthony police officer was the first officer in modern Minnesota history to be charged in a fatal on-duty shooting.

"Ultimately, we want to see a city where there are no police officers and we have public or community-based systems that respond to crisis and emergency in culturally appropriate and life-giving ways," Root & Restore said in its statement.

City Council Member Nelsie Yang supports defunding and abolishing the police.

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Yang said she sees alternatives to policing, such as having "community leaders who are trained in protecting people, who actually know the community and live in the community, be the ones out there on the ground and responding to emergencies, as well." She also wants to see people who are deeply trained in mental health and able to respond to emergencies.

Council Member Mitra Jalali said it's been an uphill climb since she took office in 2018 to convince other council member to reduce the size of the police department. Just keeping the police department's funding level for this year "was a pretty big battle" in discussions last year, Jalali added.

"I think you have to defund the police to make money available to fund the things that keep us safe," said Jalali, who supports defunding the department over time to reach abolition. "I hear very overwhelmingly from my ward and other parts of the city that folks want to be safe. They don't equate that with wanting more police."

MAYOR: WORK OF BUILDING TRUST CONTINUES

Carter said Wednesday that he and Police Chief Todd Axtell agree the "work of building trust is never done."

The mayor said he ran on a campaign of needing "a much broader set of investments" and "a public safety framework that centers not on just racing to the scene as fast as possible after a crime has occurred, but that centers around investing to promote security and stability in individuals and in neighborhoods."

Carter said that's the work he's done since he took office in 2018, including immediately working with Axtell and the community to rewrite the police department's use-of-force policies.

Meanwhile, Council Member Jane Prince said many of the reforms being sought in Minneapolis and nationally have already happened in St. Paul. She pointed to all St. Paul officers receiving crisis intervention team training, Axtell's success in [diversifying the department](#), and social workers who have been embedded with police to respond to some crisis calls.

Still, Prince said there's more work to be done in the police department and there should be a community conversation "about where we go and what it's going to look like."

Prince also said she continues to be concerned about gun violence in St. Paul. There were 53 people shot as of the end of May; the number was 70 through June last year. The city has seen 15 homicides this year.

PUBLIC INVITED TO VIRTUAL TOWNHALL

Council Member Rebecca Noecker said she's been hearing from her constituents that "incremental acts of change are not going to be enough."

"Rather than talking about sums of money that we should or should not invest in the police department or elsewhere, I would like to talk about: What is the purpose of taking that money and where is that money going instead?," Noecker said. "How many officers do we want to have? What kind of calls should they be answering?"

People can take part in a virtual townhall with Noecker, Sen. Sandy Pappas and Rep. Carlos Mariani on Thursday, June 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at [facebook.com/SenatorPappas](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorPappas).

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Council Member Chris Tolbert said Wednesday he's seen the police department make structural changes over the years and believes that work should continue.

He said St. Paul has been able to invest in community-first public safety, while "continuing to invest in the things that really get at the core of systematic racism or inequality that we've had for centuries - we've had historic investments in housing, investments in jobs and investments on the front end with people and community." [Ethiopia announces arrests in singer's killing that prompted Twin Cities protests](#) [Feds deny Minnesota request for aid to rebuild after unrest](#) [Working from home, Securian Financial employees donate monthly parking fee to local nonprofits](#) [City of St. Paul offers moderate-income homebuyers up to \\$40,000 in downpayment assistance](#) [After complaints about 'chaos, disorder' at St. Paul's Mears Park, police arrest/cite 10](#)

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The ones we didn't protect or serve

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Body

Once upon a time on Lake Street, there was a sanctuary.

While the city burned and police rounded up people without homes for violating curfew, a group of volunteers stepped in to protect and serve.

They cut a deal with the owner of the former Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown Hotel to get nearly 200 vulnerable people off the streets and into a safe space with soft beds and hot showers.

In the heartbreak and havoc of the past two weeks, the story of the Sanctuary Hotel was a bright spot; an uplifting story of a community taking care of its own.

And then it was gone.

Crowds milled outside the hotel Tuesday, after the safety and vandalism complaints, after the overdose, after the eviction order. Some people were moving on. Some stayed nearby, unsure where to go next. Many were elderly or visibly unwell. Some were children.

"We literally have nowhere else to go," said Jamie, a small woman with graying hair and a bruised face.

Her voice was hoarse, she said, from sleeping on the streets and out in the elements. She said her bruises came from an assault while she was sleeping at a bus stop. Someone tried to rob her and when she didn't have anything worth stealing, they hit her in the face with a gun.

"Just three days ago," she added, "I was asleep in Peavey Park."

Minneapolis police knelt on ***George Floyd***'s neck until he died, crying out for his mother.

Police attacked unarmed protesters, slashed car tires, and denied any wrongdoing unless confronted with video evidence of what they'd done wrong.

If this is policing, people started to say, stop policing.

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There must be a better way to protect and serve.

City officials are talking now about pulling apart the police department and reassembling it into a force that lives up to the motto painted on the squad car doors. While they talk, the scene outside the Sanctuary Hotel is a reminder of how far this city falls short of that promise every day.

"Don't look at the people in the situation," said Desmond Carthron. "Look at the situation the people is in.

Police arrested him during the unrest, he said, released him at 1 in the morning, in the middle of curfew, with nowhere to go and no way to get there. In the middle of the night, in defiance of curfew, volunteers were waiting outside the police station with food, drinks and the offer of a ride back to the Sanctuary Hotel.

"It was supposed to be a sanctuary," said Vaughn Yaints, who found three or four nights of rest there, reveling in a quiet room, a private bathroom, cable TV and air conditioning when the temperatures outside soared into the 90s. He repaid the kindness by volunteering and helping out around the hotel.

There should have been more security, he said, but the volunteers did their best. More than most of us do for the people sleeping in parks, on public transit and in tent encampments all over the metro area.

If Minneapolis is going to build a public safety system, it would be nice to start here, with people who need safety and security the most.

A handful of volunteers stood in a cloud of smoke and tear gas and figured out how to save 200 people for two weeks.

Minneapolis can figure out how to save Brooke Flying Hawk, who sat outside the Sanctuary Hotel in her mobility scooter, clutching the camping gear she'd just been given, fighting tears.

"I've been homeless for the last two years. Sleeping on the streets. Sleeping in bus stops," she said. "I'm so grateful they gave us this place. A whole five-star hotel. ... I love you all. God bless Minneapolis."

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'We're going to be OK'

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Highlight: Shuttered by COVID-19. Damaged by riots. But this Minneapolis man pledges to rebuild.

Body

Chris Montana thought the biggest hurdle he would face in 2020 was a cross-country move with his family.

His wife, Shanelle, had accepted a job in renewable energy and moved to California with their three boys, ages 2, 4 and 6. The plan was for Montana to keep his distillery, Du Nord Craft Spirits in Minneapolis, and split time between an apartment on Lake Street and their new home on the West Coast.

Five months later, Montana can add one global pandemic and one devastating warehouse fire to the list of hurdles he's had to overcome. To his résumé, he also can add Hand Sanitizer Producer and Food Bank Operator.

"There's been so much change going on, there is no normal," Montana said. "But I think it's OK for now. It always could be worse."

Du Nord, which opened in 2013, had grown to be a part of the neighborhood in south Minneapolis with a small but popular cocktail room tucked away in a largely industrial area off S. Snelling Avenue.

It had the distinction of being one of the first distilleries in the Twin Cities and the first black-owned craft distillery in the country. From its modest warehouse, it produced award-winning L'Etoile Vodka and Fitzgerald Gin and offered tours to the public. Its unfussy cocktail room was a place to sample the spirits, straight or mixed into a signature drink.

With the help of Shanelle, Montana had built the business from scratch in the neighborhood he was raised in. He knew there were easier places to open a cocktail room, neighborhoods with more foot traffic and younger residents.

"But I know the people of south Minneapolis," he said, "and all of my suspicions have been confirmed: They come out to support you."

The business wasn't just doing well, it was growing via a restaurant in partnership with local nonprofit Eat for Equity. From the commercial kitchen in an adjacent building, Eat for Equity planned to hire community

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chefs to provide food for the cocktail room. They would recruit chefs who were underrepresented in the Twin Cities dining scene. The menus would change, reflecting a diverse cast of cooking talent.

By mid-March, those plans evaporated.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a state order shut down all nonessential businesses, including Du Nord's cocktail room. The Eat for Equity restaurant was put on hold indefinitely.

Losing the cocktail room wiped out the bulk of Du Nord's revenue, but Montana was able to quickly shift the company's focus to making hand sanitizer, which was suddenly in short supply nationwide. Within weeks, the business settled into a new role as "hand sanitizer factory," and Montana prepared to rejoin his family in California.

"I thought that having switched to hand sanitizer we knew a little bit more about what we were doing and I wouldn't have to be here as much," said Chris. "But then this hit."

In the early morning hours of May 29, the Du Nord warehouse building was damaged in a rash of fires and looting that followed the killing of George Floyd.

The sprinkler system came on in time to stop the flames from ripping through pallets full of apple liqueur and vodka. But the warehouse building was flooded. The cocktail room, with "Black Owned" signs in its windows, was untouched.

By a stroke of luck, much of the ethanol, a highly flammable alcohol used as the base of many hand sanitizers, had already been removed from the warehouse. Just weeks earlier, sensing they needed more space to mix and bottle the hand sanitizer, Montana had decided to move the entire operation to a rented space in St. Paul.

Montana pivoted once more. Several local grocery stores and essential businesses had been damaged in the riots. By Sunday, he and volunteers had converted his warehouse to a fully operational food bank.

Today, people stream in and out of the building at 32nd Street and Snelling Avenue, carrying bundles of necessities: milk, diapers, soap, water. Donors pull up and drop off carloads of bread, canned goods and feminine hygiene products.

Montana often would be at the center of it all, next to a truck loaded with donated goods, its driver's side window still smashed from the night of the attack.

Paying the price

The fires damaged more than his business. Just 24 hours after the distillery was set on fire, Montana woke up in his rented Lake Street apartment to the sound of a fire alarm. As he evacuated, he saw that someone had set the bottom floor of the building on fire.

"There were fires across the street from us, but I thought we'd be OK," Montana said. He spent the next four nights in a hotel in Bloomington.

Still, he understands why the riots happened, how the peaceful protests turned destructive.

"Yes, it hurts, when you come in and say, 'We've tried to do good here' and you see that someone set your stuff on fire," Montana said. "That hurts, it's going to hurt. Anyone who says it doesn't is lying."

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"But the story here is the protest. The story is all the people who got together. The story is the latent anger that runs into the propellant of fatigue caused by watching this happen over and over again.

"I remember being a kid marching in a protest for Rodney King. And then here I am at another protest and the chant is exactly the same: 'No justice, no peace.' "

The same day they started the food pantry, he and Shanelle launched a fundraiser to support rebuilding brown- and black-owned businesses damaged in the riots. The Du Nord Riot Recovery Fund has so far raised nearly half a million dollars.

As for Du Nord's recovery, Montana hopes that the insurance coverage as well as the support they've received from the national distillery community will help them come back "better than ever."

"We're going to be OK. Du Nord is the first black-owned distillery in America," Montana said. "We need to keep this thing. We need to build it. And it needs to be something that sticks around that I can hand off to my kids."

For now, Du Nord will continue running its food bank and producing hand sanitizer from its St. Paul facility. As soon as possible, they want to get back into distilling, making the craft spirits that their business is built on. But it will take time.

The space they would normally use for distilling is occupied by the food bank. Their bottling machine, destroyed in the fire and flooding, is now, as Montana described it, an "expensive paperweight."

"What would make it all worth it is if this were a turning point" in race relations, Montana said. "If that's what it took so that my kids would grow up and not have to have 'the conversation' with their kids, telling them about how things would be different for them because of the color of their skin? Then it would absolutely be worth it. I'd pay that price any day. I would pay it over and over again."

Two weeks after he was supposed to reunite with his family, Montana finally boarded a plane heading west. Talking to him from the runway, his voice sounded softer, more tired. What had he told his boys about Minneapolis, about the business, about why he'd been away so long?

"Nothing," he said. "They're too young. They don't know that the color of their skin matters yet. I'd like to keep it that way as long as I can."

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Officers condemn Chauvin, salute chief - Correction Appended

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Several Minneapolis police officers issued a public letter Thursday condemning the killing of ***George Floyd***, embracing Chief Medaria Arradondo and vowing to work toward regaining public trust.

The letter, obtained by the Star Tribune, begins, "Dear Everyone - but especially Minneapolis citizens," and says it represents how the "vast majority" of Minneapolis police officers feel.

"We want to work with you and for you to regain your trust," it read, while also making clear that the letter is not representative of the Police Officers' Federation of Minneapolis, with which Arradondo said Wednesday that he was halting contract negotiations.

The writers "wholeheartedly condemn" fired officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who is in jail awaiting trial on a second-degree murder charge in Floyd's death. Chauvin was captured on video pressing his knee into Floyd's neck on a south Minneapolis street on May 25 as Floyd pleaded for breath before losing consciousness. Two other officers, ***J Alexander Kueng*** and ***Thomas Lane***, held Floyd down, and a third, ***Tou Thao***, kept onlookers at bay. They were also fired and are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

"Like us, ***Derek Chauvin*** took an oath to hold the sanctity of life most precious," the officers wrote. "***Derek Chauvin*** failed as a human and stripped ***George Floyd*** of his dignity and life. This is not who we are."

The four officers involved in Floyd's death were fired by Arradondo the next day. The crime ignited days of protests and led to the current movement to defund or disband the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. Mayor Jacob Frey has said he supports reforms in the department, not a wholesale deconstruction, while nine members of the City Council have said they want to "begin the process of ending" the department.

The letter writers declined further comment, saying the letter speaks for itself. But their action marked a rare example of officers taking a stand outside their ranks.

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The signees include some of the department's most prominent and respected officers, including Cmdr. Charlie Adams, who now runs its community engagement efforts.

Lt. Mark Klukow, who now works in the First Precinct in downtown Minneapolis, provided security for former Mayor R.T. Rybak, as did officer Mike Kirchen. The two also worked as "Bike Cops for Kids" for years in north Minneapolis, delivering donated bicycles to children and taking them to Twins games.

Other names on the letter are Lt. Rick Zimmerman, who runs the homicide unit, and Sgt. Darcy Klund, who commands the First Precinct community response team, two of the most experienced homicide investigators in the past three decades. John Delmonico, the former head of the union that represents the police, also was a signee.

"We are leaders, formal and informal, and from all ranks within the *Minneapolis Police Department*," the letter said. "We're not the union or the administration. We are officers who represent the voices of hundreds of other Minneapolis Police Officers. Hundreds. We acknowledge that Chief Arradondo needs each of us to dutifully follow him while he shows us the way."

The others who signed the letter include officers Christie Nelson, Nick Torborg, Pete Stanton, Gary Nelson, Rich Jackson, Mohamed Abdullahi, Molly Fischer and Steve McCarty.

Also Thursday, a group of community civil rights activists expressed support for Arradondo and slammed Frey and the City Council for what the activists called political grandstanding on national media.

The group of more than two dozen, led by Nekima Levy Armstrong and the Rev. Brian Herron, also called for the police union to prove it's on the side of public safety by ousting elected union chief Bob Kroll.

Levy Armstrong said council members who called for disbanding or defunding the police are trying to make political points without offering specific proposals. None of the activists was informed or consulted about the ideas before nine council members endorsed them last weekend, she said.

"They're usurping the will of the people by jumping so far ahead without actually" consulting activists, Levy Armstrong said.

Arradondo, however, immediately fired the four officers involved in Floyd's death and moved to sever discussions with the union, she said.

After the news conference, some members of the group were upstairs in a large conference room talking candidly to Frey about wanting to be involved in community building, bringing in jobs and keeping out crime.

"No one's attacking you, but we're at you because you're the man," said Alfonzo Willis, a contractor who lives in the city. "The world is watching; we need to send the right message."

V.J. Smith, president of the Minneapolis Chapter of MAD DADS, a nonprofit that fights drug abuse and social destruction, said the right people are present and willing to do the work, but they also need access to good jobs with benefits and help from the city. "We have the greatest opportunity, mayor, to change the community," he said.

Frey listened intently and thanked everyone for their leadership and commitment. "As we move forward, it will be black voices, it will be your voices, at the center of this change," he said.

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Later Thursday, several hundred people gathered at a rally outside the Hennepin County Government Center. Wearing masks and holding signs, the crowd listened as speakers took the stage for more than an hour.

Michelle Gross, president of Communities United Against Police Brutality, said a year is too long to wait to reform the Police Department - an allusion to City Council President Lisa Bender saying a pledge to begin the process was the start of a "yearlong conversation."

"We're not waiting a year for justice," Gross said. "There are things they could have been doing all along the way."

"Now is not the time to be quiet," said Minneapolis NAACP President Leslie Redmond. "Now it's time to get loud. It's time to represent. Now is the time to activate like we've never activated before."

Staff writer Eric Roper contributed to this report.

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Correction

This story incorrectly attributed criticism of Mayor Jacob Frey at a news conference to an entire group of activists and community faith leaders. Not everyone held the same position and the faith leaders said they support Frey.

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Floyd's death spurs question: What is a black life worth?

ARTICLE DLXVIII. **FLOYD'S DEATH SPURS QUESTION: WHAT IS A BLACK LIFE WORTH?**

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MINNEAPOLIS - For 12-year-old Tamir Rice, it was simply carrying a toy handgun. For Eric Garner, it was allegedly selling untaxed cigarettes. For Michael Brown, Sandra Bland and Ahmaud Arbery, it was the minor offenses of jaywalking, failing to signal a lane change and trespassing on a residential construction site.

And for ***George Floyd***, it was an accusation he used a fake \$20 bill at a grocery store. While in police custody on May 25, Floyd repeatedly pleaded "***I can't breathe***," as a white officer in Minneapolis pressed his knee into the black man's neck for nearly nine minutes.

"George wasn't hurting anyone that day," his brother, Philonise Floyd, said Wednesday in testimony to a House Judiciary Committee hearing on policing practices and law enforcement accountability.

"He didn't deserve to die over \$20. I am asking you, is that what a black man's life is worth?"

Twenty dollars: To some, that's chump change. But ***George Floyd*** was not a chump, family and friends in Houston, where he grew up, asserted when they laid him to rest this week in a golden coffin. Those who mourned him at memorials held across three states said the value of the 46-year-old's life far surpassed that.

In death, Floyd has created an invaluable and, some say, unprecedented moment for the national struggle against institutional racism and inequality.

In Minnesota, across the nation and around the world, outrage turned into action as protests grew, propelled by the reality that African Americans become martyrs of the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement over such trivial activities - in circumstances where their rights are discarded, their liberty deprived, their lives devalued. And where they're far more likely than whites to die at the hands of police.

"What's exposed in this moment is something black folks have always known: How quickly we can be killed by law enforcement over the most trivial things," said Chelsea Fuller, spokesperson for the Movement

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for Black Lives, a national coalition of more than 150 black-led grassroots organizations seeking the liberation of black people.

"This is now clear as day to everyone, including white people, and we all need to face that the solution to this endemic problem won't be quick or easy, but it is urgent and necessary," she said in a statement.

For some who now seek change, the fix starts with reforming police departments and the U.S. criminal justice system. Others favor a deeper reckoning to address centuries-old assumptions that black lives hold only a fraction of the value placed on the rights, liberty, lives and property of the white majority in America.

"Human life (does not equal) 20 bucks," read a protest sign during a rally last week at the Minnesota Capitol in St. Paul.

A week after Floyd's death, Miski Noor, an activist with the Twin Cities-based Black Visions Collective, visited the area around Cup Foods, the grocery store at Chicago Avenue and 38th Street where an employee called police to report a man who allegedly bought cigarettes with a counterfeit \$20 bill.

The intersection has become a makeshift memorial, where flowers, teddy bears, candles, artwork and protest signs surround the spot where Floyd breathed his last breath. Floyd's younger brother, Terrence, stood there on June 1 to urge calm after protests turned to looting and vandalism in cities that included Los Angeles, New York City and San Francisco.

The circumstances of Floyd's death are "the reason why we have to get at the conversation around anti-blackness," said Noor, who lives just blocks from the grocery. Noor said the Floyd arrest started over a "store owner in a majority black and (nonwhite) neighborhood who decides a counterfeit 20 is enough to call the police."

But Jamar Nelson, a spokesman for the owners of Cup Foods, said it was important to recognize who is responsible for Floyd's death.

"We do our community a huge disservice if we continue to focus on the call and not how police officers have a reckless disregard for the lives of black and brown men," he said.

Echoing that sentiment, Mahmoud "Mike" Abumayyaleh, co-owner of the grocery, attended the Minneapolis memorial for Floyd wearing a T-shirt that read, "We can't breathe," a reference to the man's last words under the knee of Officer **Derek Chauvin**. The officer, who has since been fired, is charged with second-degree murder.

Various studies of criminal justice data show that African Americans are far more likely than whites to be pulled over by police, and are as much as three times more likely to be searched. Black people are roughly 13% of the population, whereas the white population is about 60%.

Black men were about 2.5 times more likely than white men to be killed by police between 2013 and 2018, according to an August 2019 study published by the National Academy of Sciences. Black women were 1.4 more times likely than white women to be killed by police, according to the same study.

The Movement for Black Lives is behind a push for local communities to **defund police** departments nationwide, and reinvest in struggling black communities to address economic inequality and disparities in education and health care.

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Though the Minneapolis City Council recently announced intentions to disband and re-purpose the police department in the wake of Floyd's death, such efforts have drawn strong rebuke from President Donald Trump.

"There won't be defunding, there won't be dismantling of our police," Trump said this week, adding that police were doing a "fantastic" job.

The response to the outrage over Floyd's death doesn't have to be defunding police, said Arthur Rizer, who directs the criminal justice program at R Street, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit that favors limited, effective government. The response could instead be to reform laws and policies that disproportionately criminalize black people, he said.

"There's so many nickel-and-dime laws around that we really have to review what we have, what we need and then get rid of some of these things," said Rizer, who is white and previously worked as a patrol officer in Washington state and as a federal prosecutor in California.

Under Minnesota law, the counterfeiting charge that cost Floyd his life carries a jail sentence of up to a year, or a maximum of five years of imprisonment for a repeat offender. Even if there was probable cause to investigate Floyd, the law doesn't require "a very intense arrest on the spot," Rizer said.

"If I would have been (Floyd), they would not have assumed that I was trying to do something bad," he said. "They would have probably assumed that it was some type of accident. That is a big piece that I think we need to focus on."

[*Deals remain elusive as Minnesota special session approaches. Feds deny Minnesota request for aid after George Floyd unrest. Walz has 30 days to appeal. Police reforms among the issues legislators expected to take up when they return to the Capitol. NYC mayor helps paint 'Black Lives Matter' outside Trump Tower. Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest*](#)

Last week, Floyd's family forwarded their pleas for racial justice to the United Nations. It's at least the third time in the last six years that black American families made appeals for the U.N. to intervene to hold police accountable.

During Floyd's funeral in Houston on Tuesday, Rep. Al Green of Texas called for the creation of a federal "Department of Reconciliation" to address systemic racial inequity that dates back to the abolition of slavery.

"This country has not reconciled its differences with us," said Green, who is black. "We survived slavery, but we didn't reconcile. We survived segregation, but we didn't reconcile. In the highest land, the highest office, it's time to have someone who's going to make it his or her business to seek reconciliation for black people in the United States of America."

Nekima Levy Armstrong, a civil rights lawyer and former president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said the demand that black lives are valued like white lives must begin at the community level.

"I know that if **George Floyd** were alive today, he would want us to continue this fight, continue holding the powers that be accountable, and remembering all of those who are not here to speak for themselves," she said.

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Experienced judge assigned to officers' cases in Floyd death

ARTICLE DLXIX. [**EXPERIENCED JUDGE ASSIGNED TO OFFICERS' CASES IN FLOYD DEATH**](#)

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Judge Peter Cahill has been assigned to oversee the cases of **Derek Chauvin**, J. Kueng, **Thomas Lane** and **Tou Thao**. All four are scheduled to appear before him at 12:15 p.m. on June 29, according to a court filing Friday.

Defense attorneys have 10 days to file a request to remove Cahill as the judge. They would have no say in who replaces him and they could not remove his replacement, the Star Tribune reported.

Earl Gray, Lane's attorney, told The Associated Press he wouldn't think of removing Cahill. When asked if all four officers will face trial together or ask to be tried separately, Gray said that issue hasn't been discussed yet, but it will be now that a judge has been assigned.

Attorneys for Chauvin and Kueng had no comment. Messages left with Thao's attorney were not immediately returned Friday.

Floyd, a black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after Chauvin, a white officer, used his knee to pin Floyd to the ground. Chauvin, who kept his knee on Floyd's neck even after Floyd stopped moving, has been charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter.

Lane, Kueng and Thao have been charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers have been fired.

Cahill began his career in the county public defender's office in 1984, the Star Tribune reported. He also worked for 10 years in the county attorney's office, serving as the top advisor to Sen. Amy Klobuchar when she was the county's head prosecutor.

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He has been a judge since 2007 and has experience in high-profile cases. He has also served as the county's chief judge.

Meanwhile, the Minneapolis City Council members took a first step Friday toward changing the City Charter to allow for abolishing the police department and replacing it with something else.

Five of the 12 council members said Friday that they'll formally introduce a proposal later this month to remove the charter's requirement that the city maintain a police department and fund a minimum number of officers. Voters would have to approve the change if the proposal makes it onto the November ballot.

The Star Tribune reported the announcement came as council members face increased pressure to further define what they meant when a majority of them pledged to eliminate the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** following Floyd's death.

Council Member Jeremiah Ellison said he still expects to spend a year seeking feedback from the community about how to change the department, but he fears that if they don't remove that charter provision, it will hamper those efforts. He said removing the language alone won't eliminate the department.

Some business groups and Mayor Jacob Frey have said they prefer changing the department over eliminating it completely.

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Doyle McManus: Defund police? Let's start with reform

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But Joe Biden, the leading moderate in the race, refused to get near the idea. Eventually, "Abolish ICE" disappeared - and Biden won the nomination.

Now, after ***George Floyd***'s death under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, progressive groups have raised a new banner: "Defund the police."

It may be the worst political slogan ever coined.

For one thing, its proponents say it doesn't mean what it sounds like - the abolition of police departments, a proposal that would be an election year gift to President Donald Trump.

The defunders say they want to trim police budgets and redirect the money to social services, and let cops go back to solving crimes and other core functions. Even then, the idea is massively unpopular.

A Yahoo News/YouGov poll last week found only 16% of Democrats favor cuts in police funding. Republicans are even less enthusiastic.

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"Abolish ICE" was more popular than that.

Biden's response was crisp. "I don't support defunding the police," he said Monday. "I support conditioning federal aid to police based on whether or not they meet certain basic standards of decency."

That's no surprise. Biden is a man of the center - the center of the Democratic Party, that is. He built his Senate career as a "law-and-order" candidate during the high-crime era, with strong support from police unions.

He's moved left since then, but "Defund the police?" His 77-year-old political antennae are too well-tuned for that.

More striking were the similar reactions of most other Democrats, including leading progressives. Sanders said he wants to pay well-trained police officers more, not less. Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, said the slogan was "a distraction."

Instead of defunding police, House Democrats plan to pass a sweeping police reform bill with a long list of sensible proposals: a ban on federal aid for police departments that use chokeholds, mandated use of body cameras for police, a change in qualified immunity laws to let people seek civil damages against abusive police, and a national misconduct registry to track bad cops.

Biden has endorsed the bill, which is similar to criminal justice proposals he has outlined.

"Let us vow to make this, at last, an era of action to reverse *systemic racism*," he said in a speech in Philadelphia last week. "Bad cops should be dealt with severely and swiftly. We all need to take a hard look at the culture that allows for these senseless tragedies to keep happening."

And here's what may be the most important development: Most of the public agrees.

A series of public opinion polls found that the wave of overwhelmingly peaceful protests that followed Floyd's death crystallized a remarkable shift in public opinion - in favor of reform.

The Yahoo/YouGov poll, for example, found that fully two-thirds of Americans want to ban police from using chokeholds, including 48% of Republicans.

A Monmouth poll found that 57% of Americans believe police officers are more likely to use excessive force in a confrontation if the target is black; four years ago, only 34% gave that answer.

What provoked the huge change in public sentiment? I'll nominate an obvious cause: ubiquitous cellphone cameras, which enable protesters and bystanders to record police misconduct and upload it to social media.

In an earlier era, the Minneapolis police could claim - as they tried to do this time - that Floyd died in a violent struggle with officers. But we know otherwise, because we watched him die after nearly nine agonizing minutes with an armed officer pressing his weight on his neck and others holding his legs.

As the protests swelled, Trump resorted to the age-old playbook of "law and order," charging that the problem was violent agitators running amok. But anyone with a smartphone could see that wasn't true.

He tweeted that a 75-year-old protester who suffered serious head injuries after being shoved by police in Buffalo, N.Y., had faked his fall and might have been "an *Antifa* provocateur." That one didn't fly, either.

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Trump normally displays a canny sense of the public mood. But he has put himself squarely on the wrong side of this issue - not only morally, but as a matter of practical politics.

He doesn't seem to have noticed that most voters think he's dead wrong.

Suddenly, thanks to the tragedy of Minneapolis, Democrats have an opportunity to build a majority - perhaps even a bipartisan majority - in favor of criminal justice reform.

It's too late for ***George Floyd***, but just in time for the November election.

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Minnesota United's Jacori Hayes adds voice for justice: 'Enough is enough'

ARTICLE DLXXI. [MINNESOTA UNITED'S JACORI HAYES ADDS VOICE FOR JUSTICE: 'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'](#)

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Body

Jacori Hayes' personal experiences with racism as a black man in America have not received headlines. One encounter with police in Chicago overshadowed a pizza dinner with friends as he had to prove he wasn't someone cops were allegedly pursuing.

Hayes has taken precautions to avoid other incidents. While casually perusing items in a store, he has felt the need to buy a pack of gum so as not to give employees the impression he's stealing. While on the street at night, he's cognizant of the distance he keeps between other walkers. He leaves his hooded sweatshirt at home, so he doesn't appear "menacing."

"There are so many micro ones that you shouldn't really have to think about," Hayes told the Pioneer Press this week.

A new midfielder on Minnesota United, Hayes started journaling this year. It could be jotting down whatever happened that day or organizing his thoughts on a subject.

In the wake of *George Floyd's* death while under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer on May 25, Hayes had an old friend from their youth soccer club in Maryland suggest he write about race. Then a United official checked in on Hayes and said the club would amplify a message if he wanted to share.

At the end of May, Hayes penned a nearly 1,000-word [essay on mnufc.com](#), touching on his personal anecdotes, the numbness he felt watching the video of Floyd's death and the path he sees toward substantial cultural changes. He quoted W.E.B DuBois' "double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others, of measuring one's soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity."

Hayes' essay noted the root cause of protests have not been addressed in the past, and cited how President Trump called protesters in Minneapolis "thugs."

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"When I finished writing, I said, 'Maybe this is helpful for someone else reading it,' " Hayes said. "They might be thinking the same thing and they might not be as lonely or not as confused."

Hayes, 24, grew up in the affluent, primarily African-American community of Prince George County, Md. His parents are engineers, and he earned a physics degree while playing soccer at Wake Forest.

Hayes was the 18th overall pick by FC Dallas in the 2017 MLS draft and played 38 games over three seasons before being traded to Minnesota in January. He had never spoken out about race before last month.

"You don't really want to speak out on it," Hayes explained. "We all know what happened with (former 49ers quarterback) Colin Kaepernick, and you feel like maybe it's not the time or place. You don't want to jeopardize your own personal career doing it. That has always been in the back of my mind. At some point, it's got to be enough is enough. It's bigger than soccer or a personal career; it's about helping out other people.

"I think the world is changing, and the fact that you are allowed to speak on it a lot more and hopefully not get blackballed like Colin Kaepernick was. It is unfortunate that he was the martyr that he is, but he started something. I'm sure he's very proud of what he started. Hopefully, he and many other athletes are able to speak up and not have their personal lives or personal careers affected."

Hayes - who said hasn't, to his knowledge, experienced racism in MLS - has thought about demonstrating during the national anthem before future matches. MLS said this week games at their tournament in Orlando, Fla., in July won't include the "Star-Spangled Banner" because with no fans in attendance, pregame events will be stripped down. Proposed games in home stadiums like Allianz Field later in 2020 could provide another opportunity.

Loons teammate Ike Opara, the MLS defender of the year in 2019, has tweeted snippets of his views. "You can choose to be blind about the injustices, broken systems and privileges ... or choose to educate yourself and overcome your biases," he said.

Hayes and Opara, a North Carolina native who joined the Loons before last season, each visited the corner of Chicago Avenue and 38th Street in South Minneapolis. "Going to George Floyd's murder site yesterday still has me (expletive) up on deeper levels," Opara tweeted June 3.

Last weekend, Hayes went to the Cup Foods where Floyd had been arrested for allegedly passing a counterfeit \$20 bill. His visit was short.

"I ended up staying one or two minutes and walked away," he said. "I have mixed feelings about going down there just because I saw him die. Part of me didn't want to make it feel like a tourist event, like I'm going down there to take photos and say, 'Yeah, I went there.' Personally, I didn't want to be insensitive."

"It was a lot of things going through my mind and just didn't want to keep revisiting the video that I saw," he added. "Now, I'm seeing the Speedway across the street; I saw that in the video. So, it was bringing up a lot of trauma from the event."

Loons defender Chase Gasper also visited the growing memorial to Floyd, and the white Maryland native said he is proud of his black teammates for their "bravery" making their voices heard.

"It was truly moving to go to the site," Gasper said this week. "It's sad that it's taken this long for such an important subject as race relations and race equality in this country to be on the forefront of everyone's

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minds. ... But there is a lot of positivity coming from it and momentum for the movement, which is good to see.

"That is because of the likes of Jacori Hayes, Ike Opara and many others throughout the league. They all know that every one of their teammates and coaching staff and the entire club has their back 100 percent. We are going to help them and help for positive change in whatever way we can."

Hayes and white teammates have talked about them educating themselves through reading and understanding *white privilege* and other topics. "It's been enlightening," Hayes said. "It's things they wouldn't know about because it's not in the popular mainframe."

While the current conversation has been on police brutality and reforming police departments, Hayes noted "there are a lot of layers and different avenues that *systemic racism* has touched," mentioning demographic gaps in health care and wealth, mass incarceration, and voter suppression.

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Hayes is a big proponent of education and brainstorming ways to use his platform.

"It's not like everything is going to be fixed in weeks after hundreds of years of it being a certain way," he said. "It's going to take a lot of in-depth planning and serious thought. I don't want, and nor should the solutions be a band-aid. It can't be, 'Let's just throw money at it and it will just fix itself.' It's got to be a well thought out and it will be lasting that way."

Hayes' younger brother, Braxton, turned 13 this month and recently went their parents to the new *Black Lives Matter* Plaza in Washington, D.C.

"What he is experiencing and witnessing now is more than I ever did at his age," Hayes said. "I am hoping he is taking it all in and learning. For the most part, these more in-depth conversations I hope to have with him in the future when he's ready for it; I don't want to spring it on him too soon. But I feel like as a black kid, you kind of learn these things quickly."

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Walz: Reform of police now session priority

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Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz laid out a wide-ranging overhaul of law enforcement Thursday as lawmakers return to the State Capitol for a special session shadowed by the memory of [George Floyd](#), a black man who died in the hands of Minneapolis police.

Walz, accompanied by DFL leaders, challenged the Legislature to meet calls for action sparked by his death and the protests in Minnesota and across the nation. The DFL plan would reform use-of-force standards, increase oversight of police discipline and encourage community-based alternatives to traditional law enforcement.

But addressing racial inequities in policing will be only a part of the complex and fast-paced work of the Legislature that convenes Friday, as lawmakers forge ahead on a list of unfinished business left behind when they wrapped up the regular session in May.

Topping the list is a massive public works borrowing bill that fell apart amid partisan sniping over Walz's emergency powers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Walz's declaration of another 30-day extension of those powers - the act which

triggered the special session - remains a potential roadblock as lawmakers in both parties seek to attach conditions to a public works bonding package expected to top \$1 billion.

Lawmakers also need to agree on distributing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal assistance to local units of government from the CARES Act, one of the last major initiatives of Congress before Floyd's death turned the nation's attention from the pandemic to issues of race and police behavior.

Legislators expect to pass a tax relief measure and grants to help businesses recover from the shutdowns prompted by the pandemic. And there are discussions about helping Minneapolis and St. Paul recover from the damage wrought by several days of violent protests following Floyd's death.

Walz: Reform of police now session priority

While the pandemic dominated the closing days of the regular session, the mood of the state and the nation has changed palpably since Floyd's death on Memorial Day, with swelling demand for state leaders to reform police practices with regard to people of color.

"This call to a special session is not a call just from me. It's that primal scream you heard from people on the streets demanding justice, demanding it now and demanding us step into this moment," Walz said Wednesday as he announced the new session.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have proposed changes, though it is unclear how much common ground may emerge. Amid a fast-changing political landscape, legislative leaders say they could pass some changes in the next week or two, and they plan to dive into more in-depth measures after that.

GOP Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said last week that he thought criminal justice changes need to be vetted and should not be made too quickly. But this week he said he has had many conversations on the topic and changed his mind.

He said he now believes Republicans could agree to ban chokeholds, eliminate binding arbitration for public employees, put the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in charge of investigating use-of-force cases and make it the duty of officers to intervene and report unauthorized use of force.

There seems to be bipartisan support for some of those proposals, though a couple of public employee unions that largely support Democrats have said they oppose ending binding arbitration.

Walz and a group of DFL leaders laid out more details on their police accountability and reform plans Thursday, saying the world is watching and legislators need to capitalize on the moment to change state laws. Some of their key measures would change the standards for use of deadly force, mandate more training, enhance the power of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board and make the board more diverse. The plan would specifically ban "warrior style" police training backed by the Minneapolis police union.

House Republicans criticized aspects of the plan Thursday for not eliminating binding arbitration and for adding felon voting rights into the mix.

Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn, DFL-Roseville, called felon voting rights a key part of the DFL plan. "Giving folks the ability to vote is the most core thing we could possibly do right now to give folks a voice in what their government is doing and how we move forward," she said.

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, said legislators are gathering community input to identify short-, medium- and long-term priorities. In all, the Democratic-controlled House plans to introduce about 20 bills related to criminal justice reform.

DFL Rep. Carlos Mariani, chairman of the House public safety and criminal justice reform committee, believes increasing POST Board diversity is one of the changes that could happen quickly. He said the office of Attorney General Keith Ellison could quickly be made the default organization to prosecute police-involved deaths, instead of county attorney offices.

Gazelka said county attorneys have raised concerns with that, and he opposes the idea. Gazelka also said he opposes any effort to *defund police*, an idea raised by *Black Lives Matter* activists and a majority of Minneapolis City Council members.

Walz: Reform of police now session priority

It remains unclear whether the push for police reform will be tied politically to other bills. The infrastructure bonding bill requires a supermajority to pass, making it one of the few points of leverage for the minority party in each legislative chamber. House GOP leaders sought to tie the bonding bill to an end to Walz's emergency powers during the regular session in May.

Republican House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, said while he still opposes the extension of the powers, he is "very willing to be flexible" on a bonding bill during the special session. His caucus wants to see a borrowing package that includes important projects that would spur economic growth during the coronavirus outbreak, Daudt said. But he also said Republicans have "grave concerns about increasing our spending during a time of deficit."

Since Floyd's death, Sen. Jeff Hayden, the assistant DFL minority leader in the Senate, has talked about linking the bonding bill to police reform instead. "If it's up to me, you're not going to get our votes for a bonding bill until we pass significant law enforcement reforms," he said.

But DFL leaders such as Hortman and Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, DFL-Woodbury, have not taken that hard of a line. The House's People of Color and Indigenous Caucus, which is leading the DFL work on police reforms, is not talking about holding up bonding right now, Mariani said. He described blocking the bonding bill as pulling "a nuclear switch."

The debate over the bonding bill also is playing out against the backdrop of a projected \$2.4 billion budget deficit. Daudt said if the Legislature agrees to new spending during the special session, such as additional debt payments for a bonding bill, the costs should be offset by state budget cuts.

The special session, anticipated since May 18, has taken on new urgency since the protests after Floyd's death. State general obligation bonding could include money for a library and career development center damaged during protests, Hortman said. But state leaders are discussing a separate appropriations bonding bill to help private businesses. The time frame to get all this work done remained unclear. Gazelka said they could finish the bills they agree on in less than a week, then other items could take all summer. But he said, "I don't see being in session unless we agree."

Hortman said she doesn't think they should leave until their work is done.

Every time Walz opts to extend his emergency powers for another 30 days, he needs to call the Legislature back into session. So even if lawmakers do end the session quickly, they could be back in a month.

"I anticipate that this is going to be a summer where we're pretty much in session," Walz said this week.

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Bremer CEO Jeanne Crain takes stock of a world in turmoil

ARTICLE DLXXIII. **BREMER CEO JEANNE CRAIN TAKES STOCK OF A WORLD IN
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Body

Bremer Bank was in a legal battle for its future over the winter. Then the coronavirus hit and the death of **George Floyd** while in police custody rocked the Twin Cities.

This week, Bremer Financial Corp. CEO Jeanne Crain spoke to the Business Journal about navigating remote work while also pushing for systemic changes in how police and minority communities interact. Here's an edited version of that conversation.

This interview was scheduled before **George Floyd**'s death, but we need to start there. In general on that topic, what do you want to say?

Well, we don't have any contracts with the **Minneapolis Police Department**, and I'm thankful for that. It's painful to see what **systemic racism** looks like. As a white person, I cannot truly understand what people of color go through everyday. It's just no longer an option just to talk about this. Inaction is not an option. It

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starts with listening and learning. We're going to work over the next few weeks to define Bremer's role in the movement.

Regarding the coronavirus, how has the bank changed?

Overall, the change has gone extremely well. We committed to paying all of our employees, no layoffs. We're paying our frontline branch personnel a weekly bonus. Around 90% of our workforce is working remotely.

What do you think has changed forever with the bank?

We already had workplace flexibility and had people working from different states; granted that was a small percentage. Going forward, we're going to be thoughtful about how we explore offering working remotely for new hires. I will say there's so many of our employees who are ready to come back to work. There's something to be said for team culture.

What's opening for the bank in terms of office functions?

We haven't opened any of our lobbies yet, and meetings are by appointment only. Right now, we're talking about how to reopen our locations. We have plexiglass ordered and coming and personal protective equipment. We were going down a digital transformation and Covid-19 has fast-tracked that.

How did the Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program work for the bank?

We're really proud of our work. We have done \$1.5 billion in loans for about 7,000 applications. Roughly 170,000 people were kept on the payroll for these customers as a result.

Which clients have been hit the hardest by the coronavirus?

Hotels are certainly one. We have hotels that reported 5% of the revenue they're used to having. We've seen some climb to 20%, but that figure is still really challenging. Hospitality sectors in general have been hit hard. Our investor real estate portfolio and multifamily housing have done really well.

Regarding the [*lawsuits the bank is dealing with over its future*](#), how has the coronavirus impacted that?

I would just say the litigation is ongoing. We're confident in our legal position.

You used to spend a lot of time on the road driving and visiting branches, employees and customers. What are you doing now?

I'm working from home and on video and calls all day long now. The challenge is I'm on a call from 8 to 9, then 9 to 10 and then 10 to 11. In the past I had a half hour to drive and regroup. All that being said, I'm extremely grateful. I'd much rather be sitting across from someone. It's harder looking at a video screen.

What are you doing right now to relieve stress?

My dog has gotten more walks recently than ever before. I try to exercise, either on a treadmill or some light weight lifting. I like to get out on the bike.

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Lynx will keep issue at forefront

ARTICLE DLXXIV. [LYNX WILL KEEP ISSUE AT FOREFRONT](#)

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Highlight: Cheryl Reeve said she and team will work for social justice and change.

Body

For Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve, it was a watershed moment.

Watching the video of [George Floyd](#) with a policeman's knee on his neck. Seeing how the city of Minneapolis, the state, the nation, the world, reacted to his death. Feeling the energy of the protests that ensued.

"When this happened," Reeve said, "if it didn't affect you in a negative way, you don't have a pulse, you don't have a heart."

On a Zoom conference call with her players and coaches, everyone agreed: On the court the Lynx will play to win. Off the court they'll work for change, together. The system needs changing.

Reeve and her players are still talking about how best to keep this issue at the fore front and to change the status quo. The Lynx and Wolves partnering with the Minneapolis Foundation was a first step; Reeve and Wolves coach Ryan Saunders will serve on one of two advisory committees with the foundation.

"We won't let the conversation die," Reeve said. "We will do our part to see that [systemic racism](#), particularly with the police, remains a topic of conversation until it leads to meaningful change."

Just how far the Lynx will take that mission remains to be seen, but they will be talking about social justice and backing it up with action. It's clear Reeve and her players don't think basketball is more important than the issues - with the culture of policing at the top of that list.

"Thankfully it's being recorded now," Reeve said of videos capturing police using excessive force. "Those who didn't believe it before, now you have no choice but to believe. So this will be our approach."

History repeating

Reeve said the footage of Floyd's death "took me right back to that morning in Connecticut."

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That was 2016, and the news Philando Castile had been shot during a traffic stop in Falcon Heights. The day before, outside a store in Baton Rouge, La., that was close to where former Lynx star Seimone Augustus grew up, Alton Sterling had been shot by police.

Back in 2016, after the morning shootaround, Reeve asked captains Augustus, Maya Moore, Rebekkah Brunson and Lindsay Whalen what they wanted to do.

Two days later, at a home game against Dallas at Target Center, the Lynx captains donned T-shirts for a pregame news conference.

"Change starts with us," the T-shirts said. "Justice and Accountability." On the back were Sterling and Castile's names along with the emblem of the Dallas Police Department, whose members had been ambushed that week. And: "***Black Lives Matter***." Lynx players wore the T-shirts during warmups.

There was pushback then, when four off-duty police officers walked out of the arena. At the time Reeve felt it was the right thing to do, and the players appreciated a coach who cared about their feelings.

"It came from our hearts being broken," Moore said in 2017, recalling the event. "And she let us focus on it. She let us be human."

As Reeve noted this week, it was a commitment to this cause that caused Moore to leave the game. She is about to enter her second year of sabbatical, having spent much of that time working for the release of Jonathan Irons, a Missouri man she and others feel was wrongfully convicted and jailed for burglary and assault more than two decades ago.

Whalen has retired and become the coach of the Gophers women's basketball team. Augustus signed with Los Angeles during the offseason. Brunson is now one of Reeve's assistant coaches.

Lasting change needed

What strikes Reeve now is how little things have changed when it comes, as she said, to police reform and a two-tiered justice system.

How the team had taken a stand, then stopped talking about Castile. Everyone moved on, Reeve said, but nothing changed.

Not this time. This time around the Lynx don't want this issue to fade away with time. There likely will be some pushback this time around, too.

Reeve is OK with that.

The WNBA appears to be closing in on a shortened season that could start in late July, with playoffs carrying into October, with a potential base at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

One of the benefits of the WNBA and NBA potentially coming together in one place for the season would be the opportunity for players from around the league to talk and strategize on how best to deliver their message.

"This is a tipping point in our society," Reeve said. "We feel making sure it tips in the right direction, finally, after hundreds of years in our country, is important."

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Highlight: Small-business owners are wary of the radical notion favored by Minneapolis City Council members.

Body

Small-business owners in Minneapolis who lost everything in the riots don't want to lose their police department, too. But nobody thinks it should be business as usual, either.

That view is shared by large and small companies, according to an informal survey conducted by the Star Tribune, which asked dozens of business owners if they support the recent pledge by a City Council majority to dismantle the *Minneapolis Police Department* in response to public furor over the death of *George Floyd*.

"What I feel in my heart, and what millions of people feel, is that there is a young girl without a dad who should still be on the planet," said restaurant owner Charles Stotts, whose Town Talk Diner & Gastropub was destroyed in the riots. "There needs to be a fix to this, whatever that fix is."

Jonathan Weinhagen, president & CEO of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber, said the group's members believe the city must reach out to "communities of color" and deliver "significant reform" to the department. After years of complaints, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights recently launched an investigation of the police department to determine if its officers have engaged in discriminatory practices toward people of color.

"We stand with Chief [Medaria] Arradondo and his efforts to hold officers accountable and dramatically overhaul policing in Minneapolis," Weinhagen said in a statement. "Businesses are

concerned about calls for abolishing or eliminating the police department. We believe it is important to maintain and improve public safety. And the necessary changes for the MPD will take consensus from the community and continual work from leaders across Minneapolis."

The business community was rattled when nine of 12 seated council members told protesters in Powerderhorn Park on Sunday that they will soon "begin the process of ending the *Minneapolis Police*

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Department. "The announcement came one day after Mayor Jacob Frey told a crowd of protesters he does not support abolishing the MPD.

"We recognize that we don't have all the answers about what a police-free future looks like, but our community does," the council members said in a joint statement. "We're committed to engaging with every willing community member in the City of Minneapolis over the next year to identify what safety looks like for you."

The nine members offered no details on the proposal, but some business owners seized on the phrase "police-free."

"I was already kind of fed up with a lot of the lunatic ideas that have come out of the City Council, even before this," said Don Blyly, who is facing \$2 million in losses from the destruction of Uncle Hugo's and Uncle Edgar's bookstores on Chicago Avenue. "The police department needs to be fixed. But if they do the kind of things they are talking about now, then I will not rebuild in the city of Minneapolis."

The council's lack of specifics is infuriating to many business owners, some of whom accused the council of pandering to the mob.

"They are just looking to please some people," said Khaled Aloul, owner of two GM Tobacco stores that were heavily damaged during the riots. "We don't even know what it means: dismantle the police department."

Like other business owners, Aloul was frustrated when he turned to the police for help during the riots. After looters broke into his store on Lake Street, he said he spotted several officers and asked for help.

"They said we have instructions from the mayor not to interfere," said Aloul, who lost an estimated \$800,000 in tobacco products to looters. "I understand they were overwhelmed, but I think if they had fired off a couple of shots they could have scared people off."

Despite the experience, Aloul doesn't like the idea of disbanding the department.

"How do you know the new thing is going to be better?" he asked. "Can you imagine a town without police? Look at what happened when the police didn't come. The whole area is a disaster. It looks like we had a civil war here."

Some business owners said they would like to see the department relinquish some duties to others, such as dealing with mentally ill individuals or the homeless. The Minneapolis Downtown Council has recommended that mental health professionals "co-respond" to police calls involving emotionally distraught residents.

Some business owners believe that violent outcomes could be avoided if police were better trained. In Floyd's case, things spiraled out of control when officers responded to a complaint that Floyd passed a counterfeit \$20 bill, a minor crime. The Minnesota Business Partnership, which represents some of the largest companies in the Twin Cities, has called for increased training on "interactions with African Americans and people of color."

"Getting rid of crime fighters won't eliminate crime," said Charlie Weaver, executive director of the Partnership, whose members include U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo and the Star Tribune. "So we support that crime fighters get good training and that they be held accountable if they exceed the rules."

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The partnership is asking state lawmakers to make it easier to get rid of problem cops, including the repeal of laws requiring binding arbitration for law enforcement officers accused of misconduct. The group also is calling for a change in collective bargaining rules that impede discipline of officers who "seriously betray the public trust."

That doesn't go far enough for some business owners.

"I definitely want the city to defund them and start over," said Ray James, whose Fade Factory Barber Shop on West Broadway was destroyed during the rioting. "I think we need to start letting people from our community police our own community, because we all love each other and we kind of know the problem people. And sometimes, problem people ain't really problem people."

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"[If I were white] the cops wouldn't always be pulling me over ready to whip out their guns even if I just blink. I've been pulled over just for the color of my skin many times, too many times."

Jim, teenager, Minneapolis, American Indian, June 13, 1990

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"If a black person cussed out a teacher, they would get sent to the office so fast it wouldn't even be funny. If a white person cussed out the teacher, the teacher would say, 'I'll excuse that one.' "

Shana, 13, Minneapolis, black, June 13, 1990

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"I wish I had been a different race than white, for mostly whites are racist."

Anne, 11, Minneapolis, white, June 13, 1990

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"Changing races would be like changing lives and worlds."

Bridget, 15, West St. Paul, white, June 13, 1990

Those words were printed in the Star Tribune 30 years ago this week in a special Mindworks package that was part of the newspaper's "race project." Mindworks no longer exists, but from 1983 until 2001, when I moved to Virginia, I was the editor. Every month during the school year, I would present a topic and young people from first grade through senior high would respond. On average 5,000 to 10,000 mostly handwritten responses were received each month.

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For a special Mindworks for the race project, I asked: Imagine that you **MUST** choose to become another race. Which race would you choose and why? What do you think would be the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a member of that race?

Thirty years later, the responses remain provocative.

The basic question, which was suggested by a writer who understood the power of imagination, was inspired. I had learned through years of posing questions about sensitive issues that often the truth comes out sideways. Answers to direct questions (Are you racist?) are often self-serving lies; indirect, multilayered questions can elicit more subtle, revealing responses.

This was not, however, the view of a couple of well-meaning administrators from the Minneapolis Public Schools who told me they would ban Minneapolis schools from participating. I don't have a tape of the phone conversation, but I remember feeling as if I were Alice down the rabbit hole. One administrator told me that he was white but loved all things Asian, so why should he have to define himself as white? Another said I should consider expanding the options to include students who might want to be French.

That the questions were irrelevant because "there is no race but the human race" was also offered.

This might be scientifically true, but if this had been the prevalent attitude in 1990, I would not have needed to ask the questions. If this were true in 2020, ***George Floyd*** would be alive and Minneapolis would not have burned.

That I was requiring the writers to identify their race was an especially sensitive issue. I doubt very much this topic or the identification would be allowed today, and I do not see that as progress, especially in light of recent events.

I understood the naysayers' impetus. This was a time when Minneapolis was striving to be "colorblind," a policy rife with good intentions and riddled with ignorance. For a while, if I remember correctly, crime suspects were identified in the media without regard to their skin color, as if a victim wouldn't notice if her assailant was white or black or Asian or Native American.

I thought at the time, and still do, that humans are observant creatures who notice the colors of birds, flowers, cars. Of course humans notice another's skin color. The observation isn't wrong; it's the racist attitudes formed and racist actions taken on the basis of that observation that are wrong.

The context at the time

Fortunately, Minneapolis students did respond. Unfortunately, the numbers were lower than expected. Only about 3,600 responses were received from the entire state, and the preponderance were from white students.

Social context matters. The students were writing before the now-ubiquitous social media, smartphones, Google and 24-hour news, and before the first black president, so the primary influences on these young people were relatives, neighborhoods, schools, TV and movies.

Cultural context is critical as well. According to movie listings, on June 13, 1990, Minneapolis moviegoers could see "Another 48 Hrs." featuring Eddie Murphy as an ex-con teaming up with a white cop; "Driving Miss Daisy," about a white Southern woman and her black chauffeur, and "Glory," an account of an all-black regiment in the Civil War, which was led by a white officer.

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That night after watching "Brewster Place," about a black inner-city neighborhood in 1967, TV viewers could tune in to the black-hosted "Arsenio Hall Show." A showcase of African music was featured that night at First Avenue.

Clearly, blacks and black culture were highly visible in that era, and yet the racism was palpable. Thirty years later, despite an exponential increase in black visibility - even a black president - that racism remains.

Racial attitudes had appeared in previous Mindworks. Students said they were hurt by being called "niggers" or "chinks" on the playground when the topic was about feelings. To improve education, a Native American teen from Minneapolis suggested eradicating the racism between teachers and students, and a 10-year-old from Minneapolis wanted the whites and blacks to play together at school.

In this particular Mindworks, a common perception was that changing races would come at a social and economic cost for those choosing a minority race, especially black, but also Asian and Native American. They would lose opportunities, power, friends and security.

Ann, 11, of Blaine, wrote, "If I was black ... I would be sad because all my friends that were white would hate me and wouldn't want to play with me."

For those choosing to become white, a bittersweet option for some, the change would offer an easier life filled with better jobs, more money, political power, social acceptance, and homes in which children had their own bedrooms and puppies.

Jane, 14, of Burnsville, who described herself as mulatto, wrote, "I would be white because I have been made into nothing. ... It seems like you are never good enough unless you are white."

However, disadvantages of such a transformation were noted as well.

"I would choose white," wrote Vang Yee, 10, Asian, of Minneapolis. "The advantage is that you can do more things and the disadvantage is that you are not nice."

The power of privilege

What most struck me then and strikes me now is how much what is now called "white privilege," the unconscious sense of white power, ran through the submissions.

Large numbers of whites assumed that if they became black, they would be the leaders - the next Martin Luther King Jr., or maybe the first black president. They believed they were the ones who would finally bring respect and equality to the black race. The same was true of some white students choosing to be American Indian. They would be powerful chiefs or, in one case, an Indian princess. A white teen said he would become an Indian activist and start a movement that addressed native issues.

A white teen from Grand Rapids said she "wouldn't mind going back in time a little ways" and being a slave because after that experience, she would write a book about the experience and change everyone's attitude.

Because his school and community had no African-Americans, Patrick, 14, of Arlington, wrote that he would choose to become black. "People are often afraid that what they don't know can hurt them and this fear can lead to ... prejudice. I could teach everyone that blacks really are the same as whites. ... Maybe I wouldn't be able to stop prejudice entirely, but I'm sure that I could help."

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This attitude that if white people were a different race, the only change would be cosmetic was not limited to those young people. I've had conversations about this topic with white adults who say, almost glibly, they would choose to be black. They seem to think that nothing would change, the 400 years of racist history would leave them personally unscathed. They would still have their college degrees, their occupations, their lovely homes in nearly-all white neighborhoods, their power.

It is a failure of imagination.

Another revelation was that for many of the Mindworks writers, regardless of race, the word "American" was synonymous with "white." It still is.

I recently retired after 15 years of teaching higher-level ESL reading and writing at a college in northern Virginia, where I taught students from more than 110 countries. My classes met for two hours a day five days a week, so I knew my students well.

About midsemester, I would ask, "Would you marry an American?" All or almost all hands would shoot up without hesitation. Then I would ask, "Would you marry an African-American?" and the hands would go down.

Perceptions then and now

This Mindworks was filled with perceptions beyond those I've mentioned. For instance, stereotypes abounded - to be Asian would bring an increase in intelligence and academic success or the ability to be a ninja. To be black would mean being more athletic, being able to dance, having soul.

Also, some white writers clearly understood the inequalities between the races, including Arika, 13, of Plymouth. She wrote, "In our Constitution it says, 'All men (people) are created equal.' Well, maybe they are created equal, but that's where it stops. After they're created, it all changes."

Many said they were proud of their race. Black 12-year-old Wali of Minneapolis wrote, "Once I really wanted to be a different color, but my mom talked me out of that nonsense. Since then, I never wanted to be a different color."

It isn't just rereading this Mindworks that is unsettling. The other article published in the Variety section that day was about how to talk to children about race, in which Frederick Jefferson, an education professor in New York, said, "One of the first things that needs to be learned is that to ignore racism is to allow it to continue."

Thirty years later, whether it be a "Sesame Street" CNN special or innumerable articles in virtually every medium, including this newspaper, the exact same question is being addressed. When does it end?

I was anxious the day the Mindworks on race was published, cognizant of the rawness of some of the responses and of the enormity of the responsibility. What sustained me was the reaction of an African-American editor before it was published. He wrote that this Mindworks would make some people gasp and other people cry.

What happened on a Minneapolis street on May 25 made people all over the world gasp and cry.

I now live in Virginia, the birthplace of the Confederacy. When the white supremacists marched in Charlottesville, less than a three-hour drive from my home, the world took notice but did not erupt.

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What set the world on fire was a video of a black man being murdered in slow motion in a city not in the South but in the Midwest, in a city with a reputation of being progressive and "nice," a city that a white Minneapolis school counselor with a history of civil-rights activism always told me was far more racist than I or most white Minneapolitans could - or wanted to - imagine.

The writers in the long-ago Mindworks are now in their 30s and 40s, some the same ages as *Derek Chauvin*, 44, and *George Floyd*, 46.

I wonder how they would answer the question today.

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THEN AND NOW?

If you recognize yourself as one of the children whose essay response to the original Mindworks query was quoted in today's article, we'd like to hear from you. How you would answer the same questions today?

For reference, the original prompt was: "Imagine that you MUST choose to become another race. Which race would you choose and why? What do you think would be the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a member of that race?"

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Charting Minnesota's wide racial gaps: A look at disparities in five areas

ARTICLE DLXXVII. [CHARTING MINNESOTA'S WIDE RACIAL GAPS: A LOOK AT DISPARITIES IN FIVE AREAS](#)

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Body

The May 25 death of *George Floyd*, a black man, in Minneapolis police custody has again generated international scrutiny of Minnesota's racial disparities.

The state generally ranks highly in numerous quality of life indicators, but a closer look reveals glaring differences in the experiences of its white and black residents. Here's how those disparities look in five areas:

When comparing Minnesota and United States median incomes, Minnesota whites tend to be paid more than white Americans as a whole, who have a median income of \$65,902. Meanwhile, black Minnesotans tend to be paid less than black Americans as a whole, who are paid \$41,511, according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#).

When comparing Minnesota and United States average poverty levels, more Minnesota whites fare better than white Americans as a whole, of which, 10.9 percent are below poverty level. Meanwhile, black Minnesotans fare worse than black Americans as a whole, of which 22.5 percent are below the poverty level, according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#).

Both Minnesota whites and blacks fare better than their national counterparts when it comes to health insurance coverage. The national average for whites who are uninsured is 8.0 percent, while it's 10.1 percent or U.S. blacks, according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#).

Black Minnesotans were about twice as likely as white residents to be unemployed, both before and after the coronavirus pandemic struck in March 2020.

Black Minnesotans are more likely to have died from COVID-19 than their white peers and far more likely to have tested positive on a per-capita basis.

Charting Minnesota's wide racial gaps: A look at disparities in five areas

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POLICE OFFICERS

I'd like to thank Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo for withdrawing from negotiations with police union boss Bob Kroll and to write this letter, actually, to him ("Mpls. pulls back from talks with its police union," front page, June 11). Thank you for talking as a black man about the need for reform in the department - transformational reform. I am listening. With urgency.

I am not particularly comforted by the idea that officers are telling you former officer *Derek Chauvin* "isn't who we are." That's nice to say. But it seems it would be more comforting to hear a commitment on the part of any good officers to look at how they are like Chauvin.

Indeed, that is the work a lot of us are doing right now within ourselves. We have collectively allowed this to happen over and over - and no one is more complicit than white people (myself included) who have said, "I am not a racist," and people within MPD who have done nothing even though they understand intimately the ins and outs of how policing works, its weak points and the biggest roadblocks to change.

Questions for us white folks and for every good officer: Where have we been? Where have you been? I appreciate the chief's showing up, speaking out and promising justice and accountability. It's beyond overdue. Arradondo, you must lead this work and insist that your officers do the hard work of introspection.

It's not enough to say, "I'm not like him." They are. We are. Start there.

Tonya Tennessen, Minneapolis

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President Donald Trump says that 99% of police are great people. Assume, for a moment, that this is true. Amazon's Alexa tells me that there are about 900,000 police officers in the United States. This leaves at least 9,000 bad cops across the country waiting to have their own moment of infamy.

Joseph Maddison, Minneapolis

RACIAL JUSTICE

READERS WRITE Some reflection is in order

To make change, we must be heard

Can we all take a tiny step back from yelling at each other? Racial injustice is outrageous. It's unacceptable. Killing of black people at the hands of police cannot continue. The fury is justified right now, and in fact would be justified for another four centuries to make up for what this country has done to people of color. But then what? Eventually, we have to soften, listen and talk. Because the point of all of this isn't just to get consensus from people who already agree with each other. The goal of achieving racial, social and economic equality has to be a shared goal. There's a reason we aren't there yet, and the verbal equivalent of smacking someone till they agree with you isn't a workable strategy.

It's not fair that the work has to be this hard. It is absurdly unfair, because it runs counter to the foundational promises of this country. But the civil rights movement of the 1960s showed us that you change more hearts and minds when conduct and behavior are unimpeachably respectful. That extends to dialogue as well. The dialogue around completely reshaping the police force is essential. But we need to engage respectfully with those who don't share our viewpoints, or all we do is further entrench extreme perceptions on both sides. Is that completely unfair and infuriating? Yeah, because equality should be a no-brainer. But at the moment, it's not. I don't challenge anyone's anger or its legitimacy, but I'll respectfully ask: Is it better to be scream and be right, or to talk and actually be heard?

Travis Anderson, Minneapolis

COLUMBUS STATUE

That statue gave no history lesson

Some are concerned that removing statues of Christopher Columbus (or Confederate generals) will destroy our history ("Capitol's Columbus statue toppled," June 11). I disagree, believing the statues themselves have destroyed history. Let me be specific.

Columbus was not Italian. Italy did not exist - he was born in the Republic of Genoa.

Columbus was a pioneer slave-trader, writing that he captured six peaceful "Indians" as slaves on his very first day in the "New World." He brought thousands of peaceful Tainos from their home to Spain as slaves, many of whom died en route. Only a few hundred Tainos were alive on Hispaniola 60 years later, out of what may have been a population of 250,000, due to the brutality of slave work on plantations, demand for gold and disease. The colonists also killed with impunity, slicing up random bodies and parading mutilated corpses through the streets.

Columbus also began the exchange of plants, animals and goods between East and West, which historians have traditionally called the "Columbian exchange." Not all of this was bad, but the importation of European disease to indigenous peoples is often described as genocide, as opposed to the cultural genocide of forced conversion to Christianity.

So there you have it: Columbus as advocate of slavery. Columbus as importer of genocidal diseases. I think we have all the connections we need to ***Black Lives Matter*** and COVID-19. Did you learn any of that from the statue? Do you know anyone who learned that from the statue?

Perhaps we should read a few history books instead of erecting statues honoring genocidal, slave-promoting conquerors. Those statues tend to tell lies.

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Charles Underwood, Minneapolis

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I am proud that Minnesota made history by electing the highest-ranking Native woman to executive office in the country. We need more diversity at all levels of government.

But Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan's statement in support of the illegal destruction of property on the Capitol grounds is one of the most irresponsible statements I have seen in my many years observing politics ("GOP says Gov. Tim Walz shouldn't have let Columbus statue topple," StarTribune.com, June 11).

Whether or not the Columbus statue should remain is a fair question for the people of our state to decide, and there is a legal process to follow for its removal should they determine that the answer is no.

But a top member of the executive branch charged with enforcing state statutes applauding vigilantism and vandalism is reprehensible, particularly during this time of unprecedented and dangerous lawlessness in Minnesota.

Andy Brehm, Minneapolis

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The St. Paul statue of Columbus is a piece of art produced by an artist and should not be damaged or disfigured just because he may be disliked as a person.

State officials were warned about the protesters' intentions and the patrol officers on the scene did nothing to stop them. And why did 40 officers gather only after the statue was torn down?

We should not turn our back on history but keep it in public view and learn by it so we do not perpetuate the sins of the past.

Norman Holen, Richfield

The writer is a professor of art.

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I have felt for years that the Columbus statue on the Capitol grounds should be moved elsewhere and replaced with a statue of Dred Scott holding his pleadings. I respect those who donated the statue, as well as the immigrant families who, a century ago, campaigned to create Columbus Day. But the reality is that Christopher Columbus doesn't really have much to do with Minnesota.

Scott, on the other hand, has everything to do with Minnesota. His legal argument formed the unrealized aspiration that should inspire our state. And because the pedestal is located by the Supreme Court building, it is a proper place for our most famous litigant.

I do not like seeing destruction of public property. But the unlawful destruction of the Columbus statue should not impede us from lawfully replacing it with something more fitting.

Michael Walters, Rochester, Minn.

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Baker is reappointed as Hennepin County's chief medical examiner

ARTICLE DLXXIX. **BAKER IS REAPPOINTED AS HENNEPIN COUNTY'S CHIEF
MEDICAL EXAMINER**

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Highlight: One commissioner raised concerns about his autopsy of **George Floyd**.

Body

The Hennepin County Board reappointed Dr. Andrew Baker as the county's chief medical examiner, despite some controversy over his recent autopsy report on **George Floyd**.

Commissioners on Thursday voted 5-2 to reappoint Baker, replaying a committee vote taken by the same margin Tuesday. One of the dissenters, Commissioner Angela Conley, had raised concerns that the autopsy report - which ruled Floyd's death a homicide - mentioned fentanyl and methamphetamine in his system, which she suggested downgraded the severity of the crime. The other vote against Baker came from Commissioner Irene Fernando.

"Everybody is watching this case like a hawk," said Conley. "Institutional racism is embedded in all levels of government. Once again, we have to understand why people don't trust this system and the process."

Floyd, a black man, died May 25 at the hands of Minneapolis police. Officer **Derek Chauvin**, who is white, restrained Floyd for more than eight minutes and has been charged with second-degree murder.

Other commissioners, including Mike Opat, said it was misleading to say that listing Floyd's toxicology results in the autopsy report damaged the public trust.

"Toxicology is often listed in autopsy reports," he said. "It's obvious Floyd died by the hands of Officer Chauvin. I believe in Baker as a leader."

Baker has been the county's chief medical examiner since he was first appointed in 2004. The National Association of Medical Examiners, of which Baker has served as president, released a statement Thursday calling him "one of the most highly regarded and esteemed forensic pathologists in the United States ... known for his expertise and integrity." Listing drug intoxication in the autopsy report "provides a more comprehensive statement of the cause of death," the statement said.

In other action, the board approved funding for several projects related to COVID-19, including:

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- \$3.5 million to encourage absentee voting amid the pandemic;
- \$1.7 million for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing at long-term care facilities and in neighborhoods disproportionately hurt by the virus;
- \$1.5 million for distance learning for children involved with the county;
- \$1 million for summer youth programs and organized sports.

Funding came from more than \$93 million in federal money designated for COVID-19 projects.

The board also passed a resolution supporting state, regional and local efforts to secure state and federal aid for emergency protective measures relating to civil unrest and for disaster relief for properties that were damaged during the unrest following Floyd's death.

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Early test results show few protesters caught COVID-19

ARTICLE DLXXX. [**EARLY TEST RESULTS SHOW FEW PROTESTERS CAUGHT COVID-19**](#)

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Highlight: Early data from coronavirus tests of Minnesotans who participated in demonstrations after the death of [**George Floyd**](#) suggests the mass gatherings may not result in a spike in COVID-19 infections.

Body

Early data from coronavirus tests of Minnesotans who participated in demonstrations after the death of [**George Floyd**](#) suggest the mass gatherings may not result in a spike in COVID-19 infections.

More than 3,300 people who participated in protests and community events after Floyd's death were tested for the coronavirus this week at four community testing sites. Floyd died on Memorial Day after [**Derek Chauvin**](#), at the time a Minneapolis police officer, knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

Results from about 40 percent of the coronavirus tests done in St. Paul and Minneapolis this week show 1.4 percent of participants who were tested had contracted COVID-19. Health officials are awaiting the rest of the test results and are encouraging anyone who participated in mass gatherings to get tested - regardless of symptoms.

The 1.4 percent positivity rate is lower than the 3.7 positivity rate of the more than 13,000 test results reported Friday. It is lower than the current seven-day average rate of positive tests, which is also 3.7 percent.

Kris Ehresmann, state Department of Health director of infectious disease, said there were not enough results to draw firm conclusions about the impact of the mass gatherings on Minnesota's coronavirus outbreak. She said the rate is expected to be somewhat lower than other large-scale testing because there wasn't initial evidence that a lot of the people who attended the protests were already sick and would spread the coronavirus.

"Our testing is a bit pre-emptive, if you will," Ehresmann said. "It is a different situation."

State health officials hope to test more attendees of mass gatherings in the coming weeks to see how the events impact the outbreak. There is limited availability on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the sites in the Twin Cities.

Other information about testing can be found at www.mn.gov/COVID/.

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The Minnesota Department of Health reported another 25 fatalities Friday caused by COVID-19 and 479 more laboratory-confirmed infections. That brings the state total to 1,274 deaths and 29,795 cases statewide.

There are 25,028 patients who've recovered enough that they no longer need to be isolated. There are 403 people sick enough to need hospital care, with 191 in critical condition.

Twenty-two of those whose deaths were reported Friday were residents of long-term care. They ranged in age from their 60s to their 90s.

About 80 percent of the Minnesotans who've died of COVID-19 have been residents of congregate care settings like nursing homes, assisted living and rehabilitation centers.

Ehresmann and Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner, said that while the toll on long-term care facilities continues to be deeply concerning, the state is making progress on its efforts to lessen the impact.

[California shuts bars, indoor dining and most gyms, churches](#) [Virus spread, not politics should guide schools, doctors say](#) [MN Republicans cry foul as Walz extends executive powers to deal with COVID-19](#) [MN State Fair Fine Arts show will open for limited viewing at the Fairgrounds; artists can still register](#) [This one California county has zero coronavirus cases. What's its secret?](#) About 9 percent of the facilities have serious outbreaks, Ehresmann said. More than half of the facilities with cases only have one or two residents or staff who are infected.

About 30 percent of facilities that have reported an infection since the outbreak began have not had a case in four weeks.

With the help of the Minnesota National Guard, health officials have tested all the residents and staff at more than 200 facilities. The state Department of Health's goal is to eventually test every long-term care center in the state.

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Teen is lauded for George Floyd video

ARTICLE DLXXXI. [**TEEN IS LAUDED FOR GEORGE FLOYD VIDEO**](#)

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Highlight: Chief Medaria Arradondo praised her quick thinking.

Body

The Minneapolis teenager whose video opened the world's eyes to the death of ***George Floyd*** wasn't looking to be a hero when she coolly documented 10 minutes of history unfolding before her eyes, her lawyer said Thursday.

"She had no idea she would witness and document one of the most important and high-profile police murders in American history," Darnella Frazier's attorney, Seth Cobin, said. "If it wasn't for her bravery, presence of mind, and steady hand, and her willingness to post the video on Facebook and share her trauma with the world, all four of those police officers would still be on the streets, possibly terrorizing other members of the community."

Cobin said Frazier wasn't looking to be a hero but is "just a 17-year-old high school student, with a boyfriend and a job at the mall, who did the right thing. She's the Rosa Parks of her generation."

The imagery of the white officer's arrest of an unarmed and handcuffed black man played a crucial role in Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** being charged with murder and manslaughter, as well as three officers who were with him being charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter. All were quickly fired.

Frazier is not ready to speak publicly about her role in telling the story of Floyd's death beyond what she told the Star Tribune the next day. "The world needed to see what I was seeing," she said. "Stuff like this happens in silence too many times."

The benefits of Frazier's quick thinking drew praise and gratitude from Police Chief Medaria Arradondo during a nationally telecast news conference Thursday.

While "we should never have to rely upon" witness video to keep police accountable, the chief said, "I am thankful, absolutely, that this was captured in the manner that it was."

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He went on to encourage others to do the same when confronted with such a scene involving officers' actions.

"Record. Record, absolutely," Arradondo said. "Record, call. Call a friend. Yell out. Call 911. We need a supervisor to the scene. Absolutely. I need to know that. We need to know that. So the community plays a vital role and did two weeks ago."

In the moments before Frazier found herself feet from where Floyd was being pinned to the pavement, her 9-year-old cousin asked to go from the family's apartment to nearby Cup Foods at the intersection that now serves as a shrine to the 46-year-old native of Houston.

"When she was a few storefronts from the shop," Cobin said, "she saw four officers roughly removing a black motorist from his vehicle. Because police brutality is so common in that neighborhood, and the officers rarely face consequences, she pulled out her iPhone and started recording."

Frazier is "doing well in terms of her outlook and attitude," said Cobin, who is based in Minneapolis. "She's staying positive and avoiding the drama on social media."

Cobin said Frazier "hasn't received threats or anything like that" but acknowledged she's been the target of "trash talking and 'shade' " on social media since her cellphone video May 25 showed Chauvin using his knee to pin Floyd to the pavement at the intersection of E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue.

Many people have been inquiring about how to help Frazier and say thank you for her role in the saga.

Cobin verified the legitimacy of a GoFundMe page that has been established by two women who previously had no connection to Frazier. They wrote that the teenager "deserves peace and healing [as] she has had to deal with trolls, bullies and ignorant people harassing her online."

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Special session shouldn't be wasted

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Highlight: Legislature has a chance to make progress on police reforms and economic recovery.

Body

Minnesota lawmakers are getting a rare opportunity for a do-over, starting Friday. They should make the most of it.

After a disappointing session that was partly derailed by the pandemic, Gov. Tim Walz is calling legislators back to St. Paul. In a break from recent past practice, there is no pre-negotiated agenda nor a set end date. Instead, Walz is laying out an ambitious agenda that features police reform, bonding, rebuilding areas damaged by violent protests, and addressing economic and educational inequities.

It's unlikely all of those will get done, but legislators would be remiss if they did not tackle most of those issues and seriously commit to the rest. The top of that list must be police reform, and they should not leave until that work is done.

Meaningful, statewide reform of policing need not require endless analysis. Most of the solutions have been long-studied, as the Star Tribune Editorial Board pointed out Thursday. Deliberation is worthwhile, but too often it can become weaponized as a means to obstruction. New York state, for one, has shown it is possible to move with alacrity. Two weeks after the civil unrest that was sparked by *George Floyd's* public murder and quickly spread across the country, New York legislators met with their governor over the weekend and by Wednesday passed a comprehensive set of reforms.

They know it is only a beginning. New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins acknowledged as much during the final vote: "Make no mistake, we know that what we did is not a cure." But, she said, "It begins to root out injustice and to bring justice to our justice system. It is a step and it is a path to equality."

Legislators here will differ on what that path should look like, but they must find a way to bridge those differences. This is a statewide issue of urgent importance. Cities, counties and officers alike need help if they are to combat entrenched interests led by the likes of Minneapolis police union leader Bob Kroll.

There are good officers out there watching their profession besmirched by those who refuse accountability. We applaud the courage of those Minneapolis police officers who broke ranks on Wednesday with a signed letter condemning former officer *Derek Chauvin*, now accused of Floyd's murder. Chauvin, they said,

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stripped Floyd of his dignity and life. "This is not who we are," they wrote. "We stand ready to listen and embrace the calls for change, reform and rebuilding."

There is much more to be done in a special session. The state remains in the grip of a pandemic. Walz is seeking an extension of emergency powers that assures continued emergency aid from the federal government, speedy procurement and protections against eviction for those affected. Republicans attempting to characterize this as a power grab should instead offer their plans for dealing with such issues.

The bonding bill, a victim of regular session gridlock, is needed now more than ever as the state grapples with a recession and double-digit unemployment. Legislators have a second chance to show themselves equal to the moment, capable of bold action that tackles this state's biggest problems.

They shouldn't waste the opportunity.

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It doesn't exactly sound like a picturesque setting, but in quarantine it will have to do. The Diamondhead Education Center parking lot in Burnsville will become another place for Twin Cities music lovers to catch outdoor gigs this summer, thanks to a new drive-in concert series being launched by veteran rocker Mick Sterling. Starting June 26 with the Johnnie Brown Experience, Sterling and the city of Burnsville will co-host the Relief Sessions every Friday night through July, featuring two shows per night. Other performers include GB Leighton, Joyann Parker, Sterling's own Stud Brothers and the popular tribute bands Stealing Dan, Hornucopia and Shabby Road Orchestra. The shows are modeled after the drive-in concert series started by Crooners in Fridley last week, but with a few variations: Alcohol will not be sold. Food will be served from food trucks and can be ordered ahead of time to deliver to your parking space. A large LED video screen will be hoisted next to the stage. Also, attendees will be allowed to sit in lawn chairs alongside their cars. Tickets are being sold via Ticketworks.com at \$20 apiece, with the option of adding additional adults per ticket order. Kids under 15 get in free.

CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER

The pride of Lake City

Veteran actor Mary Pat Gleason, a native of Lake City, Minn., passed away earlier this month from cancer at 70. Gleason, who got her start doing theater in the Twin Cities, had more than 150 film and TV credits, most of them small - but often scene-stealing roles, like the AA member in "Mom" who always got bullied by Allison Janney's character or the nurse who taunted an injured Ross on "Friends." She appeared in a number of hit films, including "Basic Instinct," "Traffic" and "Bruce Almighty." Gleason also contributed behind the scenes, sharing a Daytime Emmy in 1986 as part of the writing team for "The Guiding Light," and wrote and performed a one-woman show in New York about her struggles with bipolar disorder. "I can honestly say that I have never met a person that was ALL goodness and kindness like she was," said "Mom" cast member Beth Hall on Twitter. "RIP my dear friend. You will be sorely missed but never forgotten."

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NEAL JUSTIN

New boss in Rochester

Rochester Art Center just hired its sixth executive director since 2008. "It's a crazy time to start a new job," said Pamela Hugdahl, whose family - including a 3-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter - is making the move from Port Washington, Wis., in multiple trips. A Duluth native who worked her way up from guard to assistant registrar during 13 years at Walker Art Center, she takes over from Brian Austin, the marketing executive who led the RAC back from the brink of insolvency. After leaving the Walker in 2013, Hugdahl honed her upper-level management skills at Wisconsin art centers, spending three years as director of the Cedarburg Art Museum followed by a three-year stint as administrative director at the Port Washington Saukville Arts Council. The RAC is on target to reopen July 1, and is moving forward with summer camps, using social distancing precautions, while artistic director Sheila Dickinson is planning exhibitions relating to health care workers and how kids are responding to COVID-19 through art.

ALICIA ELER

A 'Breath' for the community

New Dawn Theatre is raising funds and honoring the memory of *George Floyd* with "A Breath for George," a collection of songs, interviews and poems that will be screened outdoors June 14-21 at a variety of locations. Aimee Bryant, Thomasina Petrus, T. Mychael Rambo and Regina Marie Williams are among the performers lending their talents to the free program, which is designed to give hope, as well as address *systemic racism* and police violence. Contributions at the screenings, taking place at Pillsbury House, Mixed Blood, Gremlin and other theaters, will be donated to charity. "There is value in people knowing that they are not alone in the way that they are feeling right now," said Austene Van, New Dawn's artistic director. "There is also value in speaking truth to people who have never heard our stories or ever been in position to hear our stories." For venues and a link to stream "A Breath for George," visit newdawntheatre.org.

CHRIS HEWITT

Accordo reloads

After a pandemic-shortened season, Twin Cities chamber music collective Accordo aims to relaunch beginning Oct. 12 with a recital pairing familiar pieces by Ravel (Sonata for Violin and Cello) and Mozart (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik) with works by Lourié, Devienne and Françaix. Mozart is a constant presence in a season which Accordo violinist Steven Copes said he envisions as bringing "renewal, healing and hopefully celebration." Mozart's String Quartet in D, Piano Quartet in E flat and "Kegelstatt" Trio all feature in Accordo's 2020-21 season, but there is a strong focus on contemporary music too, with works by Stephen Hartke, George Tsontakis and Paul Wiancko. A total of four concerts will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, with further dates at Icehouse bar to be announced later. In addition, the popular "Accordo with Silent Film" returns next April at the Ordway. Subscription packages are on sale now at schubert.org.

TERRY BLAIN

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North Central University establishes scholarship in George Floyd's name

ARTICLE DLXXXIV. [**NORTH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP IN
GEORGE FLOYD'S NAME**](#)

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Highlight: North Central University in Minneapolis has established a scholarship in *George Floyd's* name and is urging other colleges to do the same. The scholarship, which was announced at Floyd's memorial service on June 4 by University President Scott Hagan, will contribute toward "the educational promise of aspiring young black American leaders," per the university. Floyd [...]

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Floyd died last month after a Minneapolis police officer, who has since been fired and arrested, knelt on Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes as he pleaded for his life.

Hagan has challenged other universities across the country to establish their own *George Floyd* Memorial Scholarship Funds. Since then, more than 15 other schools have followed suit, including the University of Arizona, Missouri State and Alabama State.

"It is time to invest like never before in a new generation of young black Americans who are poised and ready to take leadership in our nation. So, university presidents, let's step up together," Hagan said in a prepared statement.

[*Four pro bono attorneys join Keith Ellison's prosecution team in George Floyd case*](#) [*Fired Minneapolis cops in George Floyd case want gag order lifted*](#) [*Deals remain elusive as Minnesota special session approaches*](#) [*Feds deny Minnesota request for aid after George Floyd unrest. Walz has 30 days to appeal.*](#) [*Police reforms among the issues legislators expected to take up when they return to the Capitol*](#)

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Dahleen Glanton: Don't let Candace Owens dictate how we feel about George Floyd

ARTICLE DLXXXV. **[DAHLEEN GLANTON: DON'T LET CANDACE OWENS DICTATE
HOW WE FEEL ABOUT GEORGE FLOYD](#)**

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Highlight: Minutes before he encountered police on a Minneapolis street, ***George Floyd*** was just another flawed human being. To some, he was even less than that because he was black. Nothing about him - not the way he looked or the way he carried himself - offered a clue that he could become one of the [...]

Body

Minutes before he encountered police on a Minneapolis street, ***George Floyd*** was just another flawed human being. To some, he was even less than that because he was black.

Nothing about him - not the way he looked or the way he carried himself - offered a clue that he could become one of the biggest social justice symbols of our time. Few would have noticed this large black man, wearing a black sleeveless T-shirt and sweatpants, walking toward them and decided that he was worthy of knowing.

In fact, some would have crossed the street to get away from him.

But his death transcended his faulty life. This flawed man became a martyr.

Memorial services were held in three cities, drawing celebrities, politicians and civil rights leaders. People of all races lined the streets of Houston on Tuesday to get a glimpse of his final journey to the cemetery in a horse-drawn carriage.

Some say he did not deserve it.

Far-right conservatives, in their desperate quest to thwart the social justice movement sweeping our country, want to remind us of who we were before we heard of Floyd.

They want us to remember how we used to feel about flawed black men like him and that, in life, Floyd was far from the image we have created of him in death.

They want us to return to our old ways, when not too long ago we allowed our perceptions about people to become our reality. They are hoping that we will remember how angry and frightened we were of the looters, and recognize that Floyd, with his disturbing criminal history, was more like them than like us.

Dahleen Glanton: Don't let Candace Owens dictate how we feel about George Floyd

The messenger is Candace Owens, the black woman they anointed as their right-wing darling because of her willingness to demean her own race the way most white people never would have the guts to do.

In an interview last week with conservative commentator Glenn Beck, Owens said that Floyd was not a good person. She pointed to his criminal record and the autopsy report showing that he had drugs in his system.

"The fact that he has been held up as a martyr sickens me," Owens said. "Was he really going to change things around? It's just not true," she concluded.

In other words, Floyd was unworthy of being the catalyst for such a massive social justice movement because he was imperfect.

President Donald Trump retweeted the video. Vice President Mike Pence invited Owens and other black conservatives to the White House to help the Trump administration get a handle on this unusual national display of unity.

Owens doesn't have a clue about what African Americans want. She should not be speaking on our behalf. But the Trump administration loves her because she reaffirms their preconceived notions about black people by saying exactly what they want to hear.

Owens likes to quote great writers and orators, but clearly she has no real sense of history. If she did, perhaps she would quote the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s most famous words, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

King did not say injustice to any "perfect" person anywhere, because he knew that the most flawed among us often are the most vulnerable to social injustices.

He understood that perfection is illusive. He knew that those who opposed equality would use it as a standard for determining who is worthy of equal rights and who is not. King was certain that black people would always be held to a higher standard than whites, and that in the end, they always would be deemed undeserving.

Owens misses the point of the marches that have caused millions across the country to pour into the streets and demand change. She doesn't seem to understand that movements are never about a single person. This one certainly is not.

Yes, Floyd is the face of the movement. But the movement itself is about the collective understanding that any black man or woman's face could be painted on a mural on any street any America where police killed an unarmed black person.

This movement is about changing an imbalanced system that too often allows police to kill imperfect people like Floyd on a whim. And it is about ensuring that it does not continue to happen.

Owens is trying to sidetrack us with minutia. She pointed out every bad thing Floyd ever did in his life as a reason for us to marginalize his death.

She seems to think that black people are idiots and white people have been duped. We are not fooled by Floyd's reality, and Owens does not fool us either.

Dahleen Glanton: Don't let Candace Owens dictate how we feel about George Floyd

We know exactly who Floyd was, and we chose to accept him as a human being who did not deserve to die for an infraction so minor as passing a fake \$20 bill.

If we are to condemn Floyd for having fentanyl and other drugs in his system, we must also condemn every white kid who overdoses after shooting up and has to be brought back to consciousness with Narcan. If Floyd didn't deserve a second chance, then they don't either.

If we are to continue looking down on Floyd long after he paid his debt to society for committing a crime, we must do the same for Malcolm X, Martha Stewart and legendary NASCAR driver Junior Johnson.

If anything, Floyd reminds African Americans of our fragility in this nation. He had tested positive for COVID-19. He was laid off as a restaurant bouncer because of the pandemic. With his criminal record, his prospects of finding a new job were slim.

Yes, we embraced Floyd in spite of his flaws and maybe even because of them. We lifted this ordinary man to a status he never could have achieved on his own because he forced us to open our eyes.

We made him a martyr because social justice reform is all about giving flawed people an opportunity to turn their lives around.

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U.S. seems ready for change, and Vikings hope to help make it happen

ARTICLE DLXXXVI. [**U.S. SEEMS READY FOR CHANGE, AND VIKINGS HOPE TO HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN**](#)

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Highlight: The death of *George Floyd* while in police custody showed the world what many in the black community had been trying to say, and the MN Vikings plan to seize the moment to create change.

Body

Andre Patterson watched the horrific video of *George Floyd* gasping for air before dying under the knee of a former Minneapolis police officer. All 8 minutes, 46 seconds of it.

He couldn't help but think of the countless other African-Americans who had died at the hands of police, a list too long to memorize that in the Twin Cities notably includes Jamar Clark and Philando Castile.

Whether it was Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., Tamir Rice in Cleveland, or Eric Garner in New York, each senseless death is a blunt reminder of a broken system.

"I'm a child of the '60s, OK?" said Patterson, recently promoted to co-defensive coordinator for the Vikings. "This has been going on my whole life."

You could hear the fatigue in Patterson's voice as he uttered those words, even as he offered some hope that maybe this time is going to be different.

Why?

"Because the whole world got to see life leave that man's body," Patterson said. "That changed everything. Not only did they get to see him lose his life, they got to see it from start to finish."

Floyd's death was a brutal illustration of something Patterson said the black community has long been trying to tell the world, and while it has fallen on deaf ears time and time again, it finally seems to be sinking in with protests that started in the Twin Cities and quickly sprouted throughout not just the nation, but other parts of the world.

The general population has started to take a stand against racism and inequality in a way never seen before, and that Vikings are trying to be a vessel for change. They put their money where their mouth is this week and donated \$5 million to various social justice causes, and the team on Wednesday held a nearly 90-minute video call during which members of the organization spoke with reporters to push the conversation forward.

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That call featured Patterson, chief operating officer Andrew Miller, general manager Rick Spielman, linebacker Eric Kendricks, safety Anthony Harris and running back Ameer Abdullah, all of whom talked about their experiences with racism and inequality, and how they want to go about evoking change.

For Spielman, the issue is extremely personal. He recalled a scenario in which his son, who is black, was pulled over because he was suspected of stealing the car he was driving.

"My son actually had to call home and get my wife on the phone to explain that this is our car," said Spielman, who talked about the various other hard conversation he's had to have with his six adopted children, none of whom are white. "It just tears me apart that we have a society that is still like that."

Those incidents of racism are far too familiar for the black community, including the many Vikings players who live it every day. It's something the team acknowledges and will fight moving forward.

"I'm thankful for 2020 because everyone's had a chance to sit down at home and watch from the outside what's going on, and these types of incidents are under the biggest of microscopes," Abdullah said. "Now it's like, 'Whoa, it's a big division. The people who stand for it are standing for it. The people who stand against it are standing against it.' "

Floyd's death, Abdullah said, has forced people to confront things they might have ignored in the past. That could go a long way in evoking change.

"This is a time for us to reconnect, and I think 2020, it's no coincidence with 20-20 vision," Abdullah said. "I think a lot of people are seeing a lot clearer right now."

SPEAKING UP

Usually quiet by nature, Kendricks felt the need to speak up a couple of weeks ago. He was disgusted by the emptiness of the NFL's statement following Floyd's death, 150 words that at no point mentioned racism.

In response, Kendricks called the NFL out on Twitter, imploring them to take action. As much as it made Kendricks uncomfortable, he leaned into it, knowing that sometimes it takes being vulnerable to make things happen.

"I felt like I had to speak up, whereas times before I might have been more timid," Kendricks said. "This was an issue that we continue to face. It wasn't going to change. I decided to use my platform."

Since then, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has issued a new statement in which he admitted he was wrong, condemned racism and systematic oppression, and vowed to stand with the black community moving forward.

"Finally, having him say those things and having our back, I feel like we can all move forward now," Kendricks said. "We all can take a deep breath and really go after these issues that are plaguing our country."

After seeing the impact he can have, Kendricks said he is committed to using his platform even more. He understands he can evoke change by speaking up.

There might not be a player on the Vikings that understands that more than Abdullah. His father, Kareem, marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Ala., to help secure voting rights for African-Americans.

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"I come from a family that lived through the Civil Rights Era," Abdullah said. "All the stories that I've kind of gotten as a young man stick with me because they embody my entire character, to fight through things, to always listen, and to try to make the best of situations."

Sometimes speaking up is easier said than done. Just ask Harris, who wanted to have a conversation with a police officer driving through his neighborhood earlier this week and couldn't help but feel a little tense in the moments leading up to the exchange.

"Just being an African-American man, sitting on the side of the road with my flashers on waiting for them to come out of the one-way street where I live, flag them down and have a conversation with them, it crossed my mind that I could be potentially shot or viewed as a threat just for what I was trying to do," Harris said.

"I made sure I proceeded with extra caution so I didn't surprise them. With everything going on in the world, I tried to make them feel comfortable. It kind of just kept things in perspective of, no matter where I go or no matter what I'm really doing as an African-American man, that's something that I can't shake."

LISTENING MORE

With the rest of the NFL speaking up, Vikings coach Mike Zimmer knew he needed to say something to his team. He wanted his players to know he was there for them. He just didn't want to say the wrong thing.

He spoke at length with Patterson before talking to the team. More than anything else, Patterson wanted Zimmer to speak from his heart.

"My conversation with him was, 'Tell them how you feel,' " Patterson said. "They are going to listen. There is no right or wrong. The worst thing you can do is stay silent."

It wasn't a prepared statement, and while Zimmer might have stumbled on his words here and there, his players appreciated his authenticity.

"It was a big thing because he communicated to us that he does not understand," Kendricks said. "He is not from the same background. He does not share the same skin. He can't begin to relate with us, but he hears us and he is there for us."

"He expressed that if we want him to get involved with anything that we have going on as a committee, that he's right there with us. That's the thing that we all need to start is having that dialogue."

That message had a profound impact on Abdullah, an African-American Muslim who referred to himself as "a double minority" while growing up in the south. He's rarely had people that look like Zimmer stand up for him.

"He humbled himself greatly and said, 'Man, I don't understand, and even though maybe I haven't given this as much attention, I know I love every single last one of you guys in this room, and I'll fight for you guys just like you were my sons,' " Abdullah said. "To have him come out and humble himself and say, 'I don't understand and I stand with you' was powerful for me."

Spielman held a meeting with the entire personnel department earlier this week and got choked up when relaying what happened.

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"We have a great group of guys that truly care for each other as a family," Spielman said. "To sit there and listen to one of our minority scouts tell us that when they travel around this country and they get pulled over, they don't know if they're going to get to go home and see their families. 'Is this the last time I had a chance to talk to my family?' That's something our white scouts who were on there can't understand that because they've never been in that situation."

Those instances are a microcosm of some of the hard conversations happening right now on a much larger scale. They also serve as a perfect example of the Vikings' understanding that they have a responsibility to push the conversation forward.

"We talked about internally maybe hosting (through) our space with the Vikings, maybe our auditorium, something to bring in officials, people from all walks of the community, to talk about these issues," Abdullah said. "To unclot a lot of the internal things. Because who we are externally as people is predicated on who we are inside. And no matter how much we try to put paint over rusted metal, that rust is always going to burn through that paint, eventually. We have to heal from the internal before we can really talk about reform."

TAKING ACTION

While the Vikings are at the forefront of some of the hard conversations, they are also doing tangible things in the Twin Cities as a way to evoke change.

The team already had formed a Social Justice Committee dedicated combating racism and inequality and making a difference in the community. Recently, members came up with the idea to establish the ***George Floyd*** Legacy Scholarship so that his memory lives on.

Additionally, the Vikings have done work with [Project Success](#), an organization that inspires young people to dream about the future, and , an organization designed to help those that have been convicted of a crime get the opportunities they need.

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The latter is something Kendricks, who has done work at the juvenile detention center in Minneapolis, feels particularly passionate about. He feels like the justice system is fundamentally flawed about the way those with convictions, especially juveniles, are treated after serving their time.

"How are they supposed to get off probation if they can't get a job and can't get housing? They can't. It's a trap," Kendricks said. "These are some of the things where I personally see the impact. I see these kids, and they're good kids, and they get stuck in the system, and they're there forever. It infuriates me because I feel like there's no one else that's looking out for them. I feel like they're abandoned."

This is an example of something Kendricks wants to bring more attention to, and he's thankful the Vikings are giving him a platform.

Now the hope, according to Abdullah, is that the NFL as a whole follows suit. If it does, through raising awareness and taking action, change can come.

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"Just with our voice and obviously with a lot of the campaigns that we can start and a lot of things with the player coalition putting together in terms of funds, shifting economics, everything down the whole line," Abdullah said. "I think the NFL can be a huge catalyst for change in the future."

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Minneapolis Walgreens use temporary trailers to provide prescriptions

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Body

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Although most of the more than 100 Twin Cities Walgreens are open, the company's website lists six as still closed. All are in Minneapolis.

In all, about 25 were damaged during the looting and vandalism that followed protests of Floyd's death.

In Minneapolis, the Walgreens at 2650 Hennepin Avenue has set up a temporary pharmacy trailer in the parking lot. A similar operation will open today at the 4547 Hiawatha Avenue location.

Customers can still waive delivery fees on eligible prescriptions, and contact a Walgreens pharmacist through online chat features. As stores begin to reopen, Walgreens offers customers an in-store discount on regularly priced items.

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MUSICIANS PLUGGED INTO THE TUMULT

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Body

One was arrested while manning a first aid station for protesters. Another went on CNN and CNBC to talk about his troubled city and his legendary bar.

One sang at the memorial service for the man whose death sparked international cries for justice. And another did what musicians do best: use their talent to try to make a difference in the world.

These are just some of the many Twin Cities musicians heavily involved in the crises that overtook their hometowns over the past 2 ½ weeks, starting with the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody through the protests and riots that followed.

We spoke to these vital scene makers about their experiences at this historic time, as well as their thoughts on what the Minnesota music community can do to bring about positive change.

Matt 'Nur-D' Allen

The arrested first-aid provider

The Rosemount-reared, comic-book-loving rapper, 29, spent four long days and nights after Floyd's death providing first-aid care, supplies and water to protesters around south Minneapolis. He had no prior medical training; he just happened upon a station abandoned by trained medics the first night and "just did what we could from there."

They formed the Justice Frontline Aid Crew and enlisted support from Modist Brewing and other donors to provide aid and supplies over the next few days. On the fifth night, June 1, Allen and other members of his team were arrested near the State Capitol just after 10 p.m. for breaking curfew. He is awaiting a court date and expecting a \$1,000 fine.

Looking back: "Me and my team saw things I don't think any of us will ever forget. The chemical eye damage from tear gas was horrible, people coming in with red, ripped-up eyes. We saw a girl who got hit in the face with a rubber bullet; her teeth were broken and she was spitting out bits of teeth.

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"On Saturday, the scariest day, the police came through and fired on our medic station deliberately. One girl got hit with a rubber bullet at point-blank range, and our nurses had to try to save her eye and face in the basement of a home by cellphone light. We couldn't go anywhere because we would've been arrested. Anytime we called for an ambulance they wouldn't send one.

"As the curfew neared [that Monday], my team and I made the decision to stay with the protesters because we had seen in prior events that the police were using extreme force to silence every kind of protest. Just after 10 p.m., there were maybe 50 kids seated on the Capitol grounds singing 'Stand by Me.' This militarylike police force surrounds them in full riot gear, lights blazing, jumping out of the bushes and all that. We were blessed that violence didn't occur, but we felt like we had to be there if it did."

Going forward: "Justice Frontline Aid is transitioning into more food-shelf service, taking donations and distributing them. But we know there are going to be more protests, and we want to be ready. If not for *George Floyd*, there will probably be something else that triggers more protests.

"COVID had already given the music community a sucker punch in the gut, and this has kind of been another thing. We all want to help, but there are other things standing in our way. This would normally be the time musicians are throwing benefit concerts and special events. In the meantime, I'd like to see more musicians who are more established than I am take a more vocal and financial stance toward these communities as they rebuild."

Dua Saleh

The musical activist

Not surprisingly, the Sudan-born, St. Paul-raised rapper/singer/poet already had a song in the can related to police brutality. Just five days after Floyd's death, Saleh released the haunting track "body cast" as a stand-alone single to benefit the Minneapolis-based Black Visions Collective.

"There were already eyes on me prior to this, and on Minneapolis as a hub for transformative work and transformative artists," said Saleh, a nonbinary performer, citing write-ups for the song already from Rolling Stone, Pitchfork and even the Grammys website. "We didn't solicit any of it. I think that tells you how all eyes really are on Minneapolis right now."

Looking back: "I wrote 'body cast' in 2019. Like many of us in Minneapolis and St. Paul, I was still processing the murders of both Jamar Clark and Philando Castile, so I wrote it with them in mind. After [the Floyd tragedy], I just felt like I wanted to do something with the platform I've been given, and music is where I have the most visibility.

"So my idea was to release that song and put all the money toward Black Visions Collective, which is mobilizing around defunding MPD because of the violence they have enacted in the community and the murders they have committed. Alec Ness and Psymun [engineer and producer] worked together to master the song quickly. We are all community members, and we care about the black community in Minneapolis, so we wanted to get this out there fast."

Going forward: "I'm not going to lie, I feel kind of vulnerable about the media attention. There are many other people and artists that are working on the front lines that deserve attention. But I understand because of my higher visibility the media pays attention to me, and I want to use that to benefit the community.

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"I'm also going to train to be a medic to help at protests. That'll be how I can contribute immediately. I'll learn things like CPR, bandaging, removing tear gas from people's eyes. I understand in doing that, I'll be at risk of being arrested or shot at with tear gas or rubber bullets, but I'm preparing my body and soul for that."

Tiwana Porter

The memorial singer

Porter arrived in Minneapolis just two years ago from Sacramento, Calif. Her husband, the Rev. Ellington Porter, is a professor at North Central University, where Floyd's memorial was helmed by the Rev. Al Sharpton on June 4. She had also previously worked with Sharpton's National Action Network.

Between those two connections, she earned what she called "an incredible honor" to sing "Amazing Grace" at the service alongside Darnell Davis & the Remnant (with whom she regularly performs around town). Surprisingly, she had endured neck surgery just two days earlier at the Mayo Clinic.

Looking back: "[The surgery] just added to it being a bittersweet moment full a lot of emotions. I still had a big bandage on the back of my neck. So I was careful, somber and nervous all at the same time. That song is like a national hymn to me, so I wasn't so nervous about singing it. My focus was more wanting people to be uplifted.

"My prayer was that it would bring hope and a sense of peace to everyone - not just his family, but everyone who'd felt pain and heartbroken over the past week. So much has happened since he was murdered, I wanted to let God's light shine through me to heal that pain."

Going forward: "The music community really has a powerful tool we can use to bring people together across racial lines, whatever kind of music it is. I truly believe there is healing power in music. I've seen it firsthand singing to Alzheimer's patients and others with medical needs. We're all hurting in one way or another. Music is one of God's gifts to heal us."

Tony Zaccardi

The bar owner

Already well known around town after years of playing bass in Romantica, Eleganza!, Kruddler and other bands, Zaccardi became even more of a local institution after buying the West Bank watering hole Palmer's Bar in 2018. He's still happy he made the leap, even after having to board up the place and worry about its destruction during the riots. He gained national media attention after he spray-painted "Black Owned Business" on the plywood over his windows.

Looking back: "I just threw that message up quick and didn't think much about it. It just seemed like maybe one little thing that might help protect the place. I painted it before I knew neo-Nazis were part of the mix. Once I learned that, I thought, 'Oh, great, I painted a bull's-eye on the place!'"

"And then it kind of went viral, starting with Newsweek, then CNN, then CNBC. I'm not much of a spokesman for anything, but I figured if I was going to be handed this platform, then I should definitely try to make something positive out of it and help my community.

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"Hell, yeah, I'm in support of the protesters, but not at the cost of somebody's dream. Seeing a building like Minnehaha Liquor destroyed - which had been in that family for decades - that place was somebody's dream. I certainly didn't want to see Palmer's destroyed. This place is my dream come true now."

Going forward: "I know so many people in bands who want to help. They'd be throwing up benefit concerts left and right, but nobody can do that because of the coronavirus. In the meantime, my biggest hope is some of the best songs of our generation come out of this."

"It really feels like we're in the middle of the biggest civil rights movement since the '60s, and our city is at the center of it. For me to be on CNN and CNBC just shows that's the case. These issues are back at the forefront, and we're seeing the best and worst of people at the moment."

"With the amount of people I'm seeing who are trying to make things right, trying to help each other and the community, I think we're mostly seeing the good in people here."

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Post offices burned in Floyd riots leave void

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Body

As fire consumed dozens of businesses along E. Lake Street in the unrest following the death of ***George Floyd***, the Minnehaha and Lake Street post offices were reduced to gaping, charred hulks.

Now the United States Postal Service (USPS) is "exploring many options" to re-establish itself in the south Minneapolis neighborhoods affected by the recent fires and looting.

"We are already moving forward to provide customers a local facility to call their own," said Nicole Hill, a USPS spokeswoman, in an e-mail. "It is too early in the process to provide a timeline."

But the simple scrawl on the remains of the Minnehaha post office seemed to reflect the neighbors' views: "Rebuild!!!"

"Tears came to my eyes when I watched [the Lake Street] post office go down in flames," said Tiwana Jackson, president of Tweak The Glam Studio, a small beauty business at Lake and Lyndale Avenue. "The whole community is crushed."

Jackson said she stopped by the Lake Street station every week to retrieve mail for her business, which was damaged by looting. "They need to bring it back," she said.

The 43-year-old Lake Street facility, which is owned by the USPS, spanned 80,000 square feet on nearly two acres of land at 110 E. 31st St. near Lake and Nicollet Avenue, according to Hennepin County property records. Because it is a federal property, no market value is listed.

The Minnehaha post office at 3033 S. 27th Av., built off

Minnehaha Avenue on nearly an acre in 1970, is owned by a Bloomington-based limited liability corporation and leased by the postal service. Its market value is just over \$1 million, county records state.

Local residents and business owners say the post offices not only provided a critical lifeline, they served as an impromptu meeting place for neighbors.

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"The post office is part of the fabric of the community," said Jane Aldrich, a Longfellow neighborhood resident who used the Minnehaha facility frequently, especially to send care packages to family.

Aldrich said she knows many of the postal clerks by name. "The post office is a great leveler. Everyone uses it and it's so representative of our community," she said.

That being said, she added: "Buildings can be replaced. George Floyd cannot."

As the community continues to recover from the unrest, mail delivery that lapsed on May 28 was restored by June 1, Hill said.

"We are happy to report that all of our customers are receiving mail to their homes and businesses," Minneapolis Postmaster William Jones said in a statement.

For the time being, mail service for the Minnehaha facility has been redirected to the downtown Minneapolis post office. Lake Street post office patrons should go to the Loring Park station on the western edge of downtown.

The Postal Inspection Service is investigating looting and fires at both facilities, a federal crime that could result in severe penalties should the perpetrators be charged.

About 70 employees worked out of both post offices, but no one was present or injured as the fires raged, said Brad Sandberg, president of Local 125 of the American Postal Workers Union in Minneapolis. Employees are now working in other facilities, he said.

Both post offices were very busy, he said. Several hundred P.O. boxes in the buildings were destroyed, too.

"Especially with COVID, a lot of people running small businesses went online to sell their products to survive," he said. "People would be in line with armfuls of boxes. They were so thankful we remained open."

Hill said the bulk of the deliveries had been made from both locations before the fires, though some mail and packages were damaged. "Due to the ongoing investigation, we are unable to address specific volume," she said. But if customers believe they are missing mail or packages, she said, they should contact the sender.

A third post office in the Lake Street vicinity, the Powderhorn station at 3045 Bloomington Av., sustained some damage but reopened Tuesday.

"We were very lucky," said Eduardo Barrera, manager of nearby Mercado Central on Lake Street. "The post office provides a critical service."

While other post offices nationwide were damaged in the riots and looting that followed Floyd's death, none were burned as extensively as those in Minneapolis, Hill said.

As the community rebuilds, the memory of the post offices lingers. Someone spray-painted on a partial brick wall left standing at the Lake Street post office: "We [heart] our postal patrons! We will be back to serve you!"

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Unrest unleashed, trauma relived

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As Twin Cities refugees watched the riots following George Floyd's killing, the violence triggered memories of chaotic scenes in the countries they fled for Minnesota.

"For the refugee population, witnessing police brutality and torture at the hands of an authority figure in broad daylight is going to be extraordinarily triggering," said Jill Davidson, a social worker with the Center for Victims of Torture. "This was something they thought they left behind."

Davidson said Minnesota, with its large refugee population, is home to an estimated 50,000 victims of torture - which typically occurred at the hands of a police officer or other authority figures. For her clients, "this [George Floyd] situation has caused a significant setback for, I would say, the majority of them."

They have been hurt physically or psychologically, sexually assaulted or had food and medical care withheld. Watching Floyd struggle to breathe churned up memories of similar experiences, she said.

Even if not torture victims, many refugees carry trauma from seeing conflict firsthand.

Siyad Farah, 90, was born in northern Somalia and grew up in Mogadishu. He came to the U.S. in 1999, fleeing war, and now lives near Minneapolis' Third Precinct police station.

When the rioting started, "The first thing I thought that was going to happen was a civil war," he said through an interpreter. Previously, he thought American police had the best training in the world, but watching the video of Floyd's last moments changed Farah's mind. Floyd's death looked like terrorism, he said, and reminded him of how feared police were in Somalia.

To cope, Farah has been reading the Qur'an and working to stay busy. "I hope things change," he said.

The blaring sirens, the smell of burning buildings and the sight of the National Guard patrolling the streets has been traumatic for first-generation Somalis, who experienced similar scenes during that country's civil war.

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"They were like, 'We can't believe it. This is America,' " said Fartun Weli, executive director of Isuroon, a nonprofit that helps Somali-American women and families.

While Weli was "freaking out" during the protests and the riots, many Somali elders were "incredibly calm," she said. Then she realized why.

"I was like, 'Oh, they are in that survival mode where everything is shut down,' " she said. For a refugee, it's an everyday instinct, she added.

Suud Olat, 29, grew up in a Kenyan refugee camp and has been in the U.S. for eight years. He's running for a seat on the Minneapolis City Council and has heard some Somali-American community members wonder if they will now have to flee their new home.

"They are asking, 'What is going to happen now?' " he said. "The emotional part is that this is in our neighborhood. That's shocked us and taken a big emotional toll."

When a person is reminded of past trauma, "even if a person is not in immediate danger, their body responds as if they are," Davidson explained. Cognitive functioning turns off and a "flight, fight or freeze" response sets in.

They are afraid to go to work or leave the house and are suddenly fearful of police, she said. Some are having intrusive thoughts, trouble sleeping or waking from nightmares. Others can't stop crying.

Compounding the problem, some lost access to basics like grocery stores and pharmacies when stores burned down or were looted, Davidson said.

When mayhem erupted on St. Paul's University Avenue after Floyd's death, many Hmong-American farmers were driving home from farm fields in rural areas. Most are in their 60s or 70s and have vivid memories of the Vietnam War. Others in the Hmong community tried to alert them to what was happening so they wouldn't have to see it.

"They escaped a war-torn country to come to America," said Bao Vang, executive director and CEO of the Hmong American Partnership. "They didn't expect that the looting, the rioting would happen in broad daylight with no police presence."

What they saw in St. Paul reminded them of being "hunted and persecuted" in Laos and Thailand, she said. Some took refuge at the suburban home of a family member. Others got back to their house, locked the door and lay awake all night. Still others froze up, focusing only on survival.

The Center for Victims of Torture teaches its clients strategies to calm themselves if they see or hear something that retraumatizes them. They may try to focus intently on one thing, such as a tree or bird outside their window, to ground themselves in the present. Medicine can help, especially if sleep is an issue, Davidson said.

"I am just amazed every day at the resilience of the people we're working with ... and how they still manage to find a way," she said. "Our community has a lot to learn from them."

Out of tragedy, Weli said, she sees hopeful signs in the Somali community. Many young people now want to register to vote or learn how to organize their communities. Others hope to become citizens. "Even though

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it's really a hard time, I also see opportunities for the community to become more politically active, with intention," she said.

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ATF looking for 2 in St. Paul fires

ARTICLE DXCI. [**ATF LOOKING FOR 2 IN ST. PAUL FIRES**](#)

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Body

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced Thursday that it is offering \$10,000 in reward money for information that can lead to the arrest and conviction of a man and a woman being investigated for fires that were set in St. Paul.

The ATF said it is trying to locate Jose Felan Jr. and Mena Dyaha Yousif, who are suspected of arson in connection with the protests that followed the May 25 killing of **George Floyd** while in Minneapolis police custody.

Felan and Yousif are believed to be traveling south, the ATF said, adding that the public should be on the lookout for them along the Interstate 35 corridor.

In a Sunday news release, the ATF said that the man, who had not yet been identified as Felan, had set fires in locations that included Gordon Parks High School, which serves disadvantaged youth. After its initial reward notice, the ATF said it received additional information from the public identifying Felan.

"We are grateful for the tremendous response," said William Henderson, special agent in charge of the ATF's St. Paul field division.

The ATF initially offered a \$5,000 reward to identify the man. It is now offering two more rewards of \$5,000 each for apprehending and convicting the man and the woman.

Those wishing to contact the ATF may do so by e-mailing ATFTips@atf.gov; by submitting information at ReportIt.com; or by using the Report It mobile app

When using Report It, select "ATF-St. Paul Field Division" as the reporting agency. The ATF asked individuals to report as much information as possible. Tipsters can also call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477).

The ATF said information can be submitted anonymously, but if a reward is sought, the agency will need contact information.

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Climate lessons in COVID response?

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Section: OUTDOORS WEEKEND; Pg. 1C**Length:** 1010 words**Byline:** DENNIS ANDERSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Relying on human behavior to change won't meet the crisis at hand.**Body**

Tucked away on an inside page of the Star Tribune last week was a short story noting that global surface temperatures in May were 1.13 degrees above average, topping the previous record for that month set in 2016. Also noted was that for the 12 months just concluded, global temperatures were 1.3 degrees above average, matching the warmest 12-month period ever, set between October 2015 and 2016.

It's possible if the coronavirus pandemic had never happened and if *George Floyd* hadn't been killed on the streets of Minneapolis, this latest Earth-is-heating-up story would have gained more prominent media display.

That it didn't doesn't alter the fact that our climate is changing relatively quickly and that the ramifications will be far-reaching.

Certainly, the nation's food-growing and livestock-rearing capabilities will be altered, as will wildlife and their habitats and, in fact, entire landscapes. It's possible, climatologists say, the northern coniferous forest and wetland ecosystem that have long dominated the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness will be replaced by oak savanna.

Yet the discussion today is less about the inevitability of an altered climate than about the sociology and psychology of human attitude change relative to behavior change, and especially the weak correlation between the two - a topic that, given the coronavirus pandemic and the recent tragic death of Floyd and all that has followed, might be the central issue of our time.

Try as they might, sociologists over many decades generally have failed to tie determinatively people's attitudes to their behavior. Some scientists, in fact, say people's attitudes don't consistently determine their behavior at all.

I've been intrigued about this topic since 1988, when I spent a year investigating the illegal killing of ducks.

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One morning near Culiacán, in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico, I watched an American kill about 80 redhead ducks while they were driven over his blind by a young Mexican man in an airboat. When I later asked the American why he shot so many ducks when doing so in the U.S. could land him in jail, he essentially couldn't explain it, except to say that shooting large numbers of birds was normal and expected in Mexico.

On another morning, also in 1988, the late U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agent Dave Hall, along with his colleague, Bill Mellor, and I paddled into a Louisiana coastal marsh about 2 a.m. to hide near a hunting blind the agents knew had been illegally baited with corn.

Just before sunup, the hunters arrived and when the birds started flying, their wariness was lost in their zeal to get the corn. When Hall and Mellor finally revealed themselves to the hunters, showing their badges, the hunters had killed more than 60 ducks, well over their limits.

To his credit, Hall had developed a "Poachers to Preachers" program in conjunction with federal judges in which convicted wildlife killers were required to appear in videos in which they confessed the sins of their ways.

Hall had a video camera with him that morning, and while he interviewed the leader of the violators, he asked me to do the filming.

"This is the third time I've busted you for baiting," Hall said to the violator. "Now you're out here teaching your kids to poach. What's it going to take to get you to come into the marsh and shoot a legal limit of ducks, and stop shooting when you do?"

To my surprise, the guy took the question seriously, furrowing his brow and stroking his chin. Then he said, "Raise the limit?"

Infuriating as the man's answer was, and, yes, in a way, funny, the response was nevertheless fascinating, suggestive as it was of the many ways we all resist behavior change.

Certainly, behaviors in the U.S. tied to cigarette smoking, seat belt wearing and drinking and driving have changed for the better due to persistent messaging.

But in each case, self-interest largely compelled the changes, e.g., if a person stopped smoking, wore a seat belt and didn't drink and drive, he or she was more likely, on average, to live longer (and in the latter case, stay out of jail) than if the change wasn't undertaken.

Yet absent such self-interest in the near or intermediate term, people oftentimes don't change their behavior, regardless of their perceived attitude.

Thus the difficulty, complexity and challenge of fighting global climate change: What, after all, can individuals do to effect positive global climate outcomes in their lifetimes?

The answer too often is "little" or "nothing."

The same matrix of human choices and their relationships to individual and societal benefits has been front and center during the past four months in the world's attempt to mitigate the coronavirus pandemic.

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Stay home, our leaders say. Keep your distance from others. Wear a mask when appropriate. Adhere to these behaviors, the message goes, and the individual and society at large will benefit in the near and long term.

Generally, but not universally, people have done pretty well. But their motivation (to stay alive) has been extreme, and the perceived benefit, immediate.

Unfortunately, because individual behavior change is far more loosely correlated, if at all, to solving climate change, in this and similar cases only behavior change compelled by legislation, regulation and the perceived negative personal consequences of each has the greatest chance of long-term, positive societal outcomes.

Hall's "Poachers to Preachers" program changed some poachers' behaviors through persuasion.

But it wasn't until Minnesota waterfowlers, among others, bought Fish and Wildlife Service agents a \$650,000 float-equipped helicopter to quickly and effectively locate and, when necessary, land on duck poachers, that the miscreants' behavior changed on a large scale.

Sometimes, it turns out, actions do speak louder than words

Or, as Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Morals cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated."

Absent such regulations, look for this month to be the hottest June on record, and perhaps July will be, too.

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Downplaying virus risk, Trump gets back to business as usual

ARTICLE DXCIII. [**DOWNPLAYING VIRUS RISK, TRUMP GETS BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL**](#)

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Body

By JILL COLVIN and ZEKE MILLER

WASHINGTON (AP) - At the White House, aides now routinely flout internal rules requiring face masks. The president's campaign is again scheduling mass arena rallies. And he is back to spending summer weekends at his New Jersey golf club.

Three months after President Donald Trump bowed to the realities of a pandemic that put big chunks of life on pause and killed more Americans than several major wars, Trump is back to business as usual - even as coronavirus cases are on the upswing in many parts of the country.

While the nation has now had months to prepare stockpiles of protective gear and ventilators, a vaccine still is many months away at best and a model cited by the White House projects tens of thousands of more deaths by the end of September.

Amid renewed fears of a virus resurgence, financial markets - frequently highlighted by Trump as a sign of economic recovery - suffered their worst drop since March on Thursday. The market opened on the upside Friday morning.

At the White House, though, officials played down the severity of the virus surge and sought to blame it on factors beyond Trump's forceful push to reopen the economy, which he's counting on to help him win reelection.

"I spoke to our health experts at some length last evening. They're saying there is no second spike. Let me repeat that: There is no second spike," Larry Kudlow, director of the National Economic Council, said Friday on "Fox & Friends."

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He said COVID-19 cases are increasing only in certain spots of the country, but that nationally, the rates of new cases and fatalities have flattened out. "There is no emergency," Kudlow said. "There is no second wave. I don't know where that got started on Wall Street."

Surgeon General Jerome Adams, who stressed the country has a positive testing rate under 6%, said the data on the virus show the nation is moving in the right direction. Still, Adams cautioned at a roundtable with Trump Thursday in Texas that while the country has flattened the curve on virus cases, "that doesn't mean that COVID has gone away, that it's any less contagious, that it's any less deadly to vulnerable communities."

The White House was a late adopter of many of the safety proposals it recommended, eager to project a sense of normalcy even as it relied on strong testing capacity not available to the rest of the nation. Now Trump, who watched the human and economic toll of the virus take the wind out of his campaign sails, sees even greater urgency in returning to how things were - no matter the state of the virus.

At the White House, the coronavirus task force has dramatically scaled back both its visibility and its operations. It now meets once or twice a week on an as-needed basis instead of every day.

White House officials say that, because response systems have already been put in place and a strategy developed, there's no longer a need for a whole-of-government response. Still, the president receives regular briefings, and the vice president gets briefed multiple times a day.

Yet Trump has taken to talking about the pandemic in the past tense - an "invisible enemy" conquered - rather than one still ravaging a nation that has, in recent weeks, also been consumed by mass protests following *George Floyd's* killing by police.

Within the White House complex, many staffers have been flouting directions issued last month to limit their entry to the West Wing and advising "everyone who enters the West Wing to wear a mask or facial covering" unless they are sitting at their desks and at least 6 feet (1.8 meters) away from colleagues. The directive came after two White House officials - the vice president's press secretary and a presidential valet - tested positive for the virus, sending panic waves through the building.

Weeks later, staff members are frequently seen walking around the West Wing without masks. That includes at meetings with the president, such as a Wednesday roundtable with African American supporters. White House staff have also declined to wear masks on Air Force One, even in close proximity to the president.

Vice President Mike Pence, for his part, tweeted - and then deleted - a photo of himself posing with staff huddled together at the reelection campaign's headquarters. No one appeared to be wearing a mask. The White House and campaign did not respond to requests for comment.

The visual return to normalcy comes as the country surpassed 2 million COVID-19 cases this week, with new hot spots emerging in battleground states like Arizona and cases rising in nearly half of states, according to an Associated Press analysis. Though some states that have moved quickly to reopen have not seen a surge, others have seen escalations.

Yet Trump has continued to travel - even to states that still have restrictions - and announced this week that he'll resume his signature campaign rallies beginning next Friday in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The state, which was among the earliest to begin loosening coronavirus restrictions, has a relatively low rate of infection but has seen cases rising.

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"They've done a great job with COVID, as you know, the state of Oklahoma," Trump said Wednesday.

Campaign officials chose the location knowing Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt would raise no objections. Stitt's most recent reopening phase places no limits on the size of group gatherings. The campaign hopes the location will all but guarantee a large crowd, since Oklahoma is one of the most Republican states in the nation and Trump has never held a rally there as president.

Still, the reality could not be completely ignored.

"By clicking register below, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present," Trump's campaign advised those signing up for the rally. "By attending the Rally, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold Donald J. Trump for President, Inc." liable for illness or injury.

Trump is also planning events in Arizona and Florida - states where cases are on the upswing. In Arizona, hospitals have been told to prepare for the worst as hospitalizations have surged.

Trump this month decided that he would no longer hold the marquee event of the Republican National Convention -- his acceptance speech - in North Carolina after the state refused to guarantee that he could fill an arena to capacity with maskless supporters. It's being moved to Jacksonville, Florida.

For the White House, the priority is regaining economic momentum.

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Associated Press writer Jonathan Lemire in New York contributed to this report.

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GOP criticizes Walz after Columbus statue toppled

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Gov. Tim Walz said Thursday that he doesn't condone protesters who tore down a statue of Christopher Columbus at the Minnesota Capitol, but that he understands why they did it.

"I won't condone the behavior. There will be consequences for it," Walz said at a news conference Thursday. But he also said the frustration of the American Indian Movement protesters who pulled down the statue were acting on legitimate frustration with Columbus' legacy.

Walz's remarks came after criticism from Republican legislative leaders of his administration's muted response to the statue's toppling.

"They knew there was a threat to the Christopher Columbus statue, and he failed to adequately protect it," Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said in a news release from his office on Thursday. "The mentality to do whatever people want without repercussion has got to stop."

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said a State Patrol captain and a state tribal liaison approached protesters on Wednesday to urge them to follow the official process of petitioning the state to remove a statue. Harrington said protesters felled the statue while that conversation was ongoing, and before a larger group of Patrol officers stationed nearby could reach the scene.

The State Patrol said Wednesday night that it had "identified the instigator who will face charges related to destruction of public property." Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon said Thursday that the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension had taken over the investigation, and that once complete it will be turned over to the Ramsey County attorney for consideration of charges.

Columbus, the 15th-century Genoese explorer who was an early European colonizer of the Americas, is a longtime source of ire to American Indians and others for his role in the killing and exploiting of Indigenous people. Protesters in Boston and Richmond, Va., also damaged Columbus statues this week.

GOP criticizes Walz after Columbus statue toppled

The episodes follow nationwide protests over the death of *George Floyd*, a black man who died in Minneapolis police custody on May 25. Some Republicans also were critical of the late police and National Guard response to the looting and arson in Minneapolis, which resulted in the destruction of a police station and dozens of businesses.

Walz said he believes it's wrong to draw an equivalency between pulling down the statue with recent looting and burning of local businesses.

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, the first Native American woman elected statewide in Minnesota, said Thursday that she's glad the statue is gone.

"I'm not going to perform for folks. I'm not going to feign sadness," Flanagan said, adding that "there is no honor in the legacy of Christopher Columbus."

Flanagan chairs the state government panel that makes decisions about the placement of statues and artwork in state buildings and property. She said that "the state is long overdue for a hard look at the symbols, statues and icons that were created without the input of any of our communities."

State Rep. Jim Nash, R-Waconia, said on Thursday that Harrington had a different version of the events leading up to the statue's toppling when they spoke on the phone Wednesday. Nash said Harrington told him he decided to not put Patrol officers between protesters and the statue.

"He said that they didn't want to incite people further," Nash said.

Gordon, the Department of Public Safety spokesman, did not respond to a request for comment on Nash's version of the exchange.

Nash said he understands why protesters don't like Columbus, and that he would have been open to considering the statue's removal through the established process.

"If you support what this group did, I guess I'd ask what you would think if Minnesota had a Republican governor who failed to intervene if a group of angry Republicans was trying to pull down the Hubert Humphrey statue," Nash said.

Asked the whereabouts of Minnesota's toppled Columbus, Gordon said that "in the interests of public safety, the statue is in an undisclosed location."

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Lawmakers want to enhance Mpls. transit corridors

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Body

State and local lawmakers who support transit vowed Thursday to improve bus service in Minneapolis, where much of the destruction occurred along Lake Street following [**George Floyd**](#)'s death.

Standing in the parking lot of the damaged Lake Street Target and Cub stores, and near other buildings that were burned, the elected leaders said they've requested \$55 million in the state bonding bill to help build out the D and B rapid bus lines.

"To rebuild and better serve this area, bus-rapid transit is going to be key to the reconstruction," said Rep. Jim Davnie, DFL-Minneapolis.

The \$75 million D line would link Brooklyn Center and the Mall of America by way of north and south Minneapolis, some of the most transit-dependent corridors in the state, and substantially replace the busy Route 5 bus line.

The request for D line state funding has lingered for years. To date, \$55 million from the Metropolitan Council and federal sources have been identified to help build the line.

The B line would substantially replace bus Route 21 between Uptown in Minneapolis to St. Paul's Union Depot, mostly along Lake Street and Marshall Avenue. The cost to build the line is estimated between \$55 million and \$65 million, with \$26 million coming from the Met Council and the federal government.

It's unclear whether Senate Republicans will support the bonding request, which includes another \$20 million for the E line rapid bus connecting the University of Minnesota and Southdale Center in Edina.

So far, two rapid bus lines have been launched in the Twin Cities, the A line in St. Paul and the C line in Minneapolis. Rapid buses operate much like light rail but for a fraction of the cost to build. Passengers pay before they board and, with fewer stops and signal priority at intersections, trips are speedier.

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Most of those in the D Line's service area, or 57%, are people of color. For the B line, it's 40%. Both the Route 5 and 21 bus routes serve communities heavily dependent on transit service, said Rep. Aisha Gomez, DFL-Minneapolis.

"People ask me, why do folks in the suburbs get big fancy buses while we get the local bus?" she said.

Rep. Paul Torkelson, R-Hanska, a member of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, toured the B and D line routes with his DFL colleagues Thursday.

"I'm here to get educated," he said. Rapid bus service "makes a lot more sense" than light rail in terms of flexibility and cost, he said.

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Senate Republicans plan to hold special session to one week and limit agenda

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Body

Gov. Tim Walz called the Minnesota Legislature into a special session on Friday and wants them to tackle an ambitious package of police reform and economic recovery measures.

But the governor can't keep lawmakers in St. Paul indefinitely, and just before the session started, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, announced senators would adjourn and go home next Friday, June 19, after addressing a limited agenda over the next week.

"We're going to do the things we can do now," Gazelka said. More complicated issues that require lengthier deliberations can wait until the next regular legislative session in January.

That means lawmakers likely won't pass a long list of police reform and accountability measures that Walz and DFL legislative leaders proposed Thursday. But in response to the death last month of **George Floyd** while in Minneapolis police custody, Senate Republicans said they would take up a handful of law enforcement accountability proposals.

GOP Sen. Warren Limmer of Maple Grove, the chair of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee, said those measures include:

A statewide ban on the use of chokeholds and neck restraints. A requirement that any use of deadly force by law enforcement be reported to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. More training for police officers. Background checks for law enforcement employees who are not licensed officers. Providing mental health services for officers after potentially traumatic events.

Limmer said other issues advocated by Walz and the legislative People of Color and Indigenous Caucus would require more extensive study and hearings.

House and Senate DFL leaders said the Legislature should be putting in the time needed to work on criminal justice reform. They expressed disappointment in measures the Republicans previewed.

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"A lot of these are pretty basic things that have been implemented throughout our communities and do not sound like they are going to be meaningful change," said Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, DFL-Woodbury.

Assistant Senate Minority Leader Jeff Hayden, a Democrat, lives eight blocks from where a Minneapolis police officer pinned Floyd under his knee for nearly nine minutes. He said three-quarters of the devastation on Lake Street is in his district, which legislators have visited.

"They've seen it, they've wept, they've expressed that they want to do something better but, as usual when the time comes, they come with flimsy ... not very serious proposals on criminal justice reform," Hayden said.

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, said legislators "should not be in any hurry to leave the state Capitol before our work is done. The people of Minnesota have demanded that we take action."

The House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Division has scheduled an eight-hour remote hearing for Saturday to consider what they're calling "the Minnesota Police Accountability Act of 2020, aimed at reimagining and reforming public safety in the state."

CAPITOL SCENE REFLECTS GRIM TIMES

Lawmakers got a graphic reminder of the Floyd killing and the rioting that followed when they returned to the Capitol. The building was surrounded by a six-foot fence erected in response to what state officials said were threats to damage or destroy the iconic building to protest Floyd's death. The fence kept the public out of the building, which was unusually quiet.

Members also were reminded that the pandemic continues. Only a handful of legislators obeying social distancing requirements were allowed on the House and Senate floors at the same time. Many of them, mostly Democrats, wore face masks, while most Republicans were unmasked.

WHAT ELSE SENATE REPUBLICANS WANT

In addition to police accountability measures, Senate Republican leaders outlined four other items on their special session agenda. They are:

A bill allocating \$841 million in federal funds to cities, counties and townships for COVID-19-related expenses. A bonding bill to fund infrastructure construction projects. Hazelka said Senate Republicans have agreed to borrow up to \$1.35 billion for those projects. The Senate approved just under \$1 billion in bonding in May, while Walz requested and the DFL-controlled House voted for more than \$2 billion. Some tax breaks, mainly for small businesses. State grants of up to \$10,000 to help small businesses "survive and reopen," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Eric Pratt, R-Prior Lake. WHAT HOUSE DEMS WANT

Meanwhile, House Democrats have four important areas to address, Hortman said in advance of the start of the special session. They are:

Helping local governments and small businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Taking up unfinished business from the regular session since the pandemic struck during the middle of it, most notably the bonding bill. Working on police accountability issues and criminal justice reform. "Repair the communities that were impacted by the civil unrest following" Floyd's death. [Walz's executive powers extended as Legislature comes up short of a veto](#). [MN Senate GOP leader says deal close on bonding, tax](#)

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Small-business owners seek road from ruin after riots

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The damage is still being assessed from riots and fires that spread throughout parts of Minneapolis and St. Paul following the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody. However, there's no doubt that areas along Lake Street in Minneapolis were devastated, as well as parts of North Minneapolis and the Midway area of St. Paul.

Early estimates for Minneapolis indicate nearly 1,000 commercial properties were damaged, 52 businesses completely destroyed and another 30 sustained severe damage, according to a Star Tribune report.

This week, we tell the stories of three minority entrepreneurs as they strive to recover from the damage, some of it extensive, and refuse to give up hope.

The stories were written by Iain Carlos, a freelance writer in the American City Business Journals/Dow Jones News Fund Business Reporting program who's assigned to write for the Minneapolis/St. Paul

Small-business owners seek road from ruin after riots

Business Journal for the summer with a focus on covering minority businesspeople. He is a recent graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield.

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Wearing circular spectacles and suspenders that held his loose trousers onto his bony frame, 90-year-old artist Aribert Munzner stood outside his studio at the Ivy Arts Building in Minneapolis, watching friends, colleagues, former students and strangers carry out paint supplies and soggy cardboard boxes.

The boxes contained more than 60 years of work, damaged in a single night.

In the early hours of May 29, the roof of the Ivy - a 120-year-old building on S. 27th Avenue that once fabricated ornamental iron and now is home to more than 70 artist studios and small businesses - was ignited by sparks from the nearby Hexagon Bar, set ablaze in riots after the death of [George Floyd](#).

Munzner, who goes by "Ari," explained the incident as if it were a scene from a comic book:

"One: Fire torch. Two: Big fire, spark, 150-year-old roof, wooden. Big fire. Fire people come, put out the fire. Big hole in roof. 1,000 gallons of beautiful Mississippi water came thundering down and I was at ground zero," he said, with an accent that sounded like a mix of New York, German and Irish.

Actually, the fire started around 4 a.m. Ten neighbors and Ivy janitor Damian Garner, who's had a studio in the building for more than 15 years, tried to put it out with buckets of water and fire extinguishers.

Overwhelmed with calls from around the city, firefighters didn't arrive until around 6 a.m.

Fire, water or smoke damaged about 40 studios in the Ivy, including the cozy ground-floor space housing about 500 works from Munzner's 60-year career.

"Once it hit those beams with the dried-out paint, it looked like you were looking into the chasm of hell," said Garner, whose own studio was spared. "I would've lost everything - there would've been no trace of my existence other than me."

While Munzner is grappling with the loss of his many artworks, his outlook on change is more fluid.

STARTING OVER AT 90

"I'm starting again because that's what I've been doing all my life," he said.

He was only 7 when his Jewish family fled Hitler's Germany in 1937 for Baghdad, where a family friend lived. In their new home, he learned Arabic from a Lebanese Jesuit priest. But when British forces invaded Iraq in 1941 to depose its Nazi-leaning regime,

the family took off again, this time to New York City.

Munzner has eidetic memory, also known as photographic memory - "I don't have the ability to play with words - they jump like squirrels," he joked - so when he came to America he taught himself English by reading comic books.

"I learned how to say 'WOW' and 'BANG!' " he said, making explosive motions with his hands. "Superman and Captain Marvel told me how to be an American."

He came to the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in 1955 for a short-term gig. Now he is an MCAD professor emeritus.

"We didn't have GPS back in '55, so I never found my way back to New York," he joked. "I ended up - gladly, actually - in the Upper Midwest."

Starting over

In the days after the fire, a rotating crew sifted through the mess of his studio, still full of puddles, deciding what could be salvaged and taken to temporary storage at Everest Arts and Science in St. Paul.

They found a box of unharmed panels from 1965, but most of the art had some kind of water damage. Still, he's optimistic about what's to come. He hopes to create a new body of work, and have an exhibition a year from now.

"The whole idea of starting over is a continuity, it is a going from one state of matter to another," he said.

He's looking for a new studio space closer to his apartment at Sholom in St. Louis Park, an assisted-living facility where he and his wife, Joan, moved after she broke her hip. She died in 2016. He has two daughters, Naomi, a grants administrator for the state of Minnesota, and Tamara, a computer scientist at the University of British Columbia who has set up a GoFundMe page for her dad.

For 50-some years, Munzner has referred to all of his paintings - large-scale works on rice paper, using computer-generated programs - as "Genesis," a study of the universe and the unknown. He paints galaxy-like explosions of color using tiny marks on canvas, as well as sparsely populated black-and-white drawings that look like close-ups of cells.

Not all those works survived the great flood.

Outside the studio, Michal Sagar donned a mask and sifted through moist cardboard boxes. "I just cried when I heard," said Sagar, an artist who also taught at MCAD. "Property is property, of course, but these are the stories that nobody is going to hear."

A former student, Nathanael Flink, inspected furniture and canvas stretchers. "It really breaks your heart to see whole portfolios of delicate rice-paper drawings lost," he said.

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As the circle of friends regrouped, Munzner stood outside, chatting with a Minneapolis city inspector, Joe Strohmeyer.

"I am going to count this as pretty much a total loss," said Strohmeyer, clipboard in hand.

He handed an official-looking paper to Munzner, who glanced at it, then gleefully thanked him in both German and English.

"I can't give you any answers because I am just one of thousands of tenants. Each one of us has a different view of the universe, and mine is not reality," said Munzner. "It's a fantasy."

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Pow Wow Grounds is well known for its wild rice soup and Indian tacos.

But now it's also known as the hub of an impressive community effort that saved Franklin Avenue businesses and nonprofits during the violence that erupted after the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police.

It started with three Indian leaders who saw the destruction unfolding on Lake Street and rushed to protect businesses at the heart of the Indian cultural corridor along Franklin Avenue.

Michael Goze, CEO of the American Indian Community Development Corporation, and Frank Paro, president of the American Indian Movement (AIM), sent out a call for volunteers as violence erupted in the streets.

Bob Rice, owner of Pow Wow Grounds coffee shop, opened his property as the staging area for AIM street patrols and offered other logistical support. Each night, 50 to several hundred community volunteers gathered in the Pow Wow Grounds parking lot for a meal, prayer and assignments from AIM to protect the area.

As the street patrols wound down last weekend, neighbors showed their appreciation. Librarians at the Franklin Library had a mural of the AIM flag painted on its boarded doors. The Native American Community Clinic had scrawled "Thank you AIM" on its window boards that were coming down.

"This could have been Lake Street," Goze said. "Now we can build up rather than rebuild."

"I'm in awe of what they did," added Will Delaney, co-chairman of the Franklin Area Business Association. "All of us were dealing with a lot of challenges at that time. To pull the patrol together and keep watch on Franklin Avenue ... I'm really appreciative."

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This week the organizers walked down Franklin, pointing out unharmed buildings and properties with glass windows intact. Buildings included the Minneapolis American Indian Center, All Nations Indian Church, the Mashkiki Waakaaigan Pharmacy, the Woodlands National Bank, the Dollar Store and Maria's Cafe.

The AIM patrols also were in the Lake Street area, they said, guarding the Division of Indian Work and Migizi Communications, the one building they were not able to save.

The men said they were relieved that the heart of the Twin Cities Indian community was spared and grateful that so many people offered to protect the area.

Rice gestured to a building of connected storefronts, noting that "if one of these buildings had gone up in fire, we'd have lost the whole place."

Paro said he was named president of AIM, the national American Indian civil rights group, succeeding Clyde Bellecourt just two days before the violence erupted. After hearing about looting and fires, he said he knew that law enforcement would not make Franklin Avenue a priority.

So he resurrected the citizen patrols launched by AIM when it was created in 1968 in this very neighborhood, to document and protect residents from police brutality. The recent patrols included children and grandchildren of that first group.

"My wife showed me a map of places in Minneapolis that were looted and burned," Paro said. "Around here, there were just two or three dots."

"We had a lot of people involved," he added. "Men. Women. People from age 16 to the 70s."

Last Friday, about 50 people gathered outside Pow Wow Grounds for ribs, donated by Famous Dave's restaurant, and grilled walleye. With curfew ending, it would be the last night on the streets.

Lisa Bellanger, executive director of national AIM, sat at a table with a paper grid showing the properties that needed protection. Volunteers signed up with their names and contact information. They guarded specific buildings but also kept an eye open for trouble anywhere.

"There were people on the rooftop here," said Goze, gesturing to the Minneapolis American Indian Center. "We had walkie-talkies. We used an app on phones. We texted."

Goze said some patrollers who had permits carried guns.

Their methods weren't always conventional. When they discovered four teenage boys trying to break into a neighborhood liquor store, patrol members apprehended them - and called their parents. A provision for release was that a parent in their hometown of Eau Claire, Wis., drive to Minneapolis and retrieve the boys.

The nightly send-off for the patrols included a traditional Indian ceremony and traditional medicine for protection on the streets.

While the group received city permission to patrol early on, there was some confusion after the Minnesota National Guard entered the scene. Just as neighborhood block clubs stood watch past curfews, so did the AIM patrols. This led to a clash with law enforcement at the Little Earth housing complex, when projectiles were fired, said Bellanger.

But night after night, the volunteers arrived, staying at their posts until 6 a.m.

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Aldi store manager Amanda Jerde recalled pulling up to her store to find several vehicles blocking the driveway entrance, protecting her business.

"It is truly amazing what they did," Jerde said. "I'd come to work at 5:30 or 6 in the morning, and they'd be camped out in the parking lot. And I don't have connections to the community. I just work here."

Across the street at the Franklin Library, the orange, yellow and black AIM flag is painted on the plywood covering the door, which has been closed since March because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We know how much AIM has protected our buildings and our communities," said librarian Becky Wolf, at a community gathering there last weekend. "The library staff wanted to do something to thank them."

Alex Buehler, branch manager of Woodlands National Bank, was handling customer requests that day, grateful for a patrol that earlier had stopped two young men who had threatened to torch the bank.

But when the AIM patrols packed up about 6 a.m., others bent on destruction had been watching for a chance to move in.

"They broke in about 6:30," Buehler said. "They trashed the lobby."

This week, life was getting back to normal. The Pow Wow Grounds parking lot now holds a tent where people can register for free groceries and supplies available next to the coffee shop. Goze had turned his attention back to developing affordable housing in the area.

But given the success of the AIM patrol, Paro said he'd like to help it continue, albeit as a smaller patrol. He is organizing a meeting this week to explore that.

Said Paro: "I think we did a heck of a job."

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'Vast majority' of charges related to curfew violations will be dismissed in St. Paul

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Body

St. Paul City Attorney Lyndsey Olson announced Friday that all charges against those protesters who did not participate in any acts of violence or destruction of property will be dismissed "in the interest of justice."

Nearly 100 cases were filed in St. Paul related to the civil unrest that broke out in the days following the death of ***George Floyd*** while in Minneapolis police custody on May 25. Olson says of those 100 cases, "the vast majority" likely will be dismissed.

According to Olson, 87 cases are curfew violations, while others are related to additional crimes.

The City Attorney's Office will offer alternatives to traditional prosecution for cases involving conduct that went beyond peaceful protesting, including the ETHOS program, which provides "compassionate accountability" through restorative justice principles for first-time or nonviolent offenders.

The ETHOS program, Olson said, would facilitate dialogue between participants and community members in order to "develop a unique plan to repair the harm to the victim and the community."

After the participant completes the program, their case will be dismissed and an expungement will be sent to the court for approval.

Charging decisions will be individualized case by case, however, and the City Attorney's Office will proceed with traditional prosecution if deemed appropriate.

"We support and encourage the exercise of free speech," Olson said. "We also recognize that we have a responsibility to our community to hold those who used violence to harm others accountable. These steps achieve this critical balance."

Olson says the City Attorney's Office is also reviewing evidence through police body camera footage, squad car footage, witness accounts and social media to determine the outcome of each case.

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"Those voices of peaceful protests have challenged and renewed our country's spirit in every single generation," St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said. "I fully support City Attorney Olson's approach, and appreciate that distinction between those that sought to build a better future and those who tried to tear us down."

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Cahill to oversee 4 ex-cops' cases

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The cases of four fired Minneapolis police officers have been assigned to Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill, who began his career as a defense attorney before serving as the top adviser to U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar when she was county attorney.

Defense lawyers have 10 days to file to remove Cahill as the judge, but they would have no say in who replaced him and they could not then remove that judge. Lawyers for the four did not return calls Friday. All are expected in court at 9 a.m. June 29.

The judge, who began his career in the county public defender's office straight out of the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1984, has extensive experience in high-profile cases. He has been a judge since 2007 when he was appointed by then-Gov. Tim Pawlenty, a Republican.

Cahill, who also served as the county's chief judge, is known for being decisive and direct. Last year, he sentenced Kenneth Lilly, of St. Paul, to seven years in prison for shooting a school bus driver on a snowy winter day in 2019.

Cahill told Lilly he didn't believe Lilly feared for his life when he was struck by a slow-moving bus and chastised him for not knowing a child was on board the bus.

"What else would a school bus be carrying?" Cahill asked.

Lilly was represented by Thomas Plunkett, who now represents [J. Alexander Kueng](#), one of the former officers charged with pinning Floyd to the street along with [Thomas Lane](#), and [Derek Chauvin](#), who knelt on Floyd's neck. Also charged is former

officer [Tou Thao](#), who kept concerned bystanders away from Floyd and the officers.

Last year, Cahill also sentenced Thomas Incantalupo, a former St. Louis Park ice skating coach convicted of repeated sexual assaults on a student between 14 and 16 years of age. After telling Incantalupo his

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apologies "ring hollow," Cahill sentenced him to 24 years. Incantalupo was represented by Earl Gray, who represents Lane.

Before becoming a judge, Cahill spent 10 years in the county attorney's office, seven of them as chief deputy, the top staff job to the county's elected prosecutor.

The cases against the four officers could be tried together or separately. The choice of a judge to manage them is significant because the judge sets the tone inside and the parameters for access to the courtroom. Incoming Chief Judge Toddrick Barnette assigned the cases to Cahill.

Interest in the cases could dwarf the global attention on the county courthouse for the trial of Mohammed Noor, the former Minneapolis police officer convicted in April 2019 of third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, an Australian, in southwest Minneapolis.

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Fact check: Trump's law and order and misinformation

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WASHINGTON - "Ugh," said a Republican senator. "How crude," said a Democratic governor.

President Donald Trump set off plenty of reactions like that when he peddled a baseless conspiracy theory about an activist who landed hard on the ground, and then in intensive care, in what prosecutors call an assault by police.

Trump's week of law and order rhetoric came with heavy doses of misinformation as he stretched to blame unrest on radical leftists and to put three loaded words - "defund the police" - in the mouth of a Democratic rival who doesn't support them.

Meantime, the coronavirus pandemic is still growing in nearly half the states. Trump and his aides said little about it except to keep up the push to reopen the country. The United States surpassed 2 million COVID-19 cases in the past week; more than 114,000 have died from it in this country.

A look at some claims and reality:

TRUMP: "Buffalo protester shoved by Police could be an **ANTIFA** provocateur. 75 year old Martin Gugino was pushed away after appearing to scan police communications in order to black out the equipment. @OANN I watched, he fell harder than was pushed. Was aiming scanner. Could be a set up?" - tweet Tuesday.

THE FACTS: There's no evidence that Gugino was an "**ANTIFA** provocateur" or that he was trying to "black out" police equipment. And Trump doesn't explain the physics behind his theory that Gugino fell harder than he was pushed.

Trump referred to a report from the One America News Network, which cited an uninformed blog arguing that Gugino was using **antifa**-like tactics, such as "a method of police tracking used by **Antifa** to monitor the location of police."

Top tech experts called that claim confounding.

Fact check: Trump's law and order and misinformation

It is possible to disrupt police radio - an illegal action often called "jamming" - but hackers do that by attacking receiving stations, not with handheld devices that target an individual police officer's radio, Matt Blaze, a professor of computer science and law at Georgetown University, told The Associated Press.

"Any radio system is subject to interference, but it doesn't work by pointing some sort of ray gun and interfering," Blaze said. "That just doesn't make any sense."

Gugino was hospitalized in the intensive care unit last weekend after being pushed by police. He was seen bleeding from his head as officers walked away. Friends say he's a retiree and a veteran peace activist - not an "*antifa* provocateur."

Two Buffalo, New York, police officers have been charged with second-degree assault. The officers, who could face prison sentences of up to seven years if convicted, pleaded not guilty.

Many Republican lawmakers averted their eyes, as is typical with Trump's rawest provocations. But for the wavering Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, it was another thing to consider as she mulls over whether she will support him in the election. "Oh lord," she said when shown the tweet. "Ugh." She added: "Again, why would you fan the flames? That's all I'm going to say."

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo had more to say: "How reckless, how irresponsible, how mean, how crude." He implored Trump to "show some decency. Show some humanity. Show some fairness." Like Murkowski, he spoke of flames being fueled.

TRUMP: "Domestic Terrorists have taken over Seattle." - tweet Wednesday.

THE FACTS: No they haven't.

After days of violent confrontations with protesters, Seattle police largely and temporarily withdrew from several city blocks and boarded up a precinct station, leaving protesters to set up a festive scene with speeches, activism, art and music. This was far from taking over a city, and authorities do not consider the protesters to be terrorists.

Gov. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., said Thursday that the zone was largely peaceful and "peaceful protests are fundamentally American."

As Trump has branded protesters "radical-left, bad people" engaging in domestic terrorism, he has frequently invoked "*antifa*," an umbrella term for leftist militants bound more by belief than organizational structure. Federal officials have presented scant evidence that such radicals were involved.

Some Democrats initially tried to blame out-of-state far-right infiltrators for unrest before backing down on that claim.

The AP found that the great majority of people arrested in Minneapolis and the District of Columbia in one weekend of protests were local residents and few were affiliated with organized groups.

TRUMP: "Sleepy Joe Biden and the Radical Left Democrats want to 'DEFUND THE POLICE'." - tweet June 7.

Fact check: Trump's law and order and misinformation

THE FACTS: No, Biden does not join the call of protesters who demanded "defund the police" after Floyd's killing.

"I don't support defunding the police," Biden said Monday in a CBS interview. But he said he would support conditioning federal aid to police based on whether "they meet certain basic standards of decency, honorableness and, in fact, are able to demonstrate they can protect the community, everybody in the community."

Biden's criminal justice agenda, released long before he became the Democrats' presumptive presidential nominee, proposes more federal money for "training that is needed to avert tragic, unjustifiable deaths" and hiring more officers to ensure that departments are racially and ethnically reflective of the populations they serve.

Specifically, he calls for a \$300 million infusion into existing federal community policing grant programs.

That adds up to more money for police, not defunding law enforcement.

Biden also wants the federal government to spend more on education, social services and struggling areas of cities and rural America, to address root causes of crime.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR, citing escalating protests outside the White House following George Floyd's May 25 death in Minneapolis: "The things were so bad the Secret Service recommended the president go down to the bunker." - Fox News on Monday.

THE FACTS: Here Barr is fact checking the president, who claimed a week earlier that he only visited the White House bunker to inspect it, not out of concern for his safety.

"I went down during the day, and I was there for a tiny little short period of time, and it was much more for an inspection," Trump told Fox News on June 3. "They said it would be a good time to go down - take a look because maybe sometime you're going to need it."

News organizations, including the AP, had reported that Secret Service agents rushed Trump on May 29 to a White House bunker, where he spent nearly an hour - not just a "tiny little short period of time" - as demonstrations outside the executive mansion intensified. The bunker is designed for use in emergencies such as terrorist attacks.

Trump had been unhappy with news coverage revealing that he had been spirited to the bunker, believing that it made him appear weak.

TRUMP, on veterans health care: "Before I came here, the vets would wait on line. ... And for years and years, they've been trying to get Veterans Choice. ... Now, most importantly, we take care of our vets." - Meeting with pastors, law enforcement officers and others in Dallas on Thursday.

THE FACTS: That is the latest iteration of his frequently told false claim to have achieved Veterans Choice when other presidents couldn't. President Barack Obama achieved it. Trump expanded it. The program lets

Fact check: Trump's law and order and misinformation

veterans, under certain conditions, get private health care at public expense. It has not eliminated waits for care.

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TRUMP: "This year has seen the lowest crime numbers in our Country's recorded history." - tweet Monday.

THE FACTS: Not so. First, this year's numbers are not compiled. Also, FBI statistics show the violent crime rate was lower in 2014 than in 2018, the most recent year recorded. Also, crime overall was substantially lower in the 1950s and 1960s, grew after that and has been on a downward trend since the 1990s, with variations along the way.

Police departments reported 368.9 violent crimes per 100,000 people in 2018, compared with 361.6 four years earlier.

The murder rate was 5 people per 100,000 in 2018. That rate was lower every year from 2010 to 2015.

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World joins US protests but leaders restrained about Trump

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Body

By DAVID RISING

BERLIN (AP) - People have taken to the streets of Berlin, London, Paris and other cities around the world to demonstrate in support of [Black Lives Matter](#) protesters in the United States and to vent anger over President Donald Trump's response to the police killing of [George Floyd](#) in Minnesota.

But at the top, the leaders of traditional allies of the United States have taken pains to avoid criticizing Trump directly, walking a fine line to reconcile international diplomacy with domestic outrage.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau let silence speak for itself when asked to comment on the decision to forcibly clear peaceful protesters outside the White House to make way for a Trump photo-op at a nearby church, standing pensively at his lectern apparently mulling his answer for more than 20 seconds before answering that Canada also suffered from "systemic discrimination" - never mentioning the American president.

"We need to be allies in the fight against discrimination, we need to listen, we need to learn, and we need to work hard to fix, to figure out how we can be part of the solution on fixing things," he said.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel sidestepped questions from ZDF public television about Trump last week, saying the killing of Floyd was "really, really terrible. Racism is something terrible, and society in the United States is very polarized."

When pressed, she conceded that Trump's "political style is a very controversial one" but would go no further when asked if she had confidence in him.

A combination of factors are at work, including diplomatic courtesy but also pragmatism based on the possibility that Trump will be reelected to another four years in November, said Sudha David-Wilp, deputy director of the Berlin office of the German Marshall Fund think tank.

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"It wouldn't be proper for his peers to criticize, especially when it's very obvious that they are concerned that the United States is going through an incredibly difficult time - you have the triple whammy of an economic depression, health crisis and now, of course, social unrest due to questions of racism," she said.

But she said it's difficult for leaders like Trudeau and Merkel, who "are seen as defenders of liberal democracy, and President Trump has trampled on many of the values that undergird liberal democracy, such as the protection of minorities, such as the freedom of assembly, such as the freedom of the press."

Merkel's verbal gymnastics could have been anticipated - in more than 14 years as chancellor, she has steered clear of ever critiquing allied world leaders - but even leaders who typically support Trump, like Hungary's Viktor Orban or Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu have stayed silent on this issue.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who has sought to cultivate close ties with Trump, called Floyd's death "appalling" and said people have a "right to protest to make their feelings known about injustices such as what happened to George Floyd" but urged peaceful demonstrations.

Britain has seen several protests turn violent, and last weekend demonstrators in Bristol toppled the statue of a 17th-century slave trader. They also spray-painted an iconic statue of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill in London, calling him "a racist."

Asked Wednesday in Parliament to name Trump's good qualities, Johnson stuck to generalities.

"Mr. Trump, he has, amongst many other things, he is president of the United States, which is our most important ally in the world today," Johnson said. "Whatever people may say about it, whatever those on the left may say about it, the United States is a bastion of peace and freedom and has been for most of my lifetime."

France's Emmanuel Macron, who has in the past steered clear of criticizing Trump specifically but has been vocal in speaking out against policies like the wine tariffs introduced by the administration, has not made a public appearance since Floyd was killed on May 25.

Floyd died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into his neck for several minutes even after he stopped responding. Three days later, another black man writhed on the street in Paris as a white police officer pressed a knee to his neck during an arrest.

France had several protests over the past week, with growing pressure on the government to address accusations of brutality and racism within the police force.

Macron's office said the president is closely monitoring the events in France and the United States but "he did not wish to speak for the moment." He's expected to address the nation Sunday but his office did not give further details.

A few leaders have spoken out more strongly, like Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, who criticized the response to the protests in the U.S. as "authoritarian" when pressed in parliament last week for an explicit response on Floyd's killing.

"I share and stand in solidarity with the demonstrations that are taking place in the United States," he said.

And Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg told the country's NTB news agency last week that she was "deeply concerned about what is happening in the United States."

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"The fundamental challenge of making minorities feel part of a society is essential. We must all work with that," she said. "One has to try to bridge the gap. It is not good for any society to be as deeply divided as the United States is now."

Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo said last week that it "cannot be right that, in the 21st century, the United States, this great bastion of democracy, continues to grapple with the problem of *systemic racism*." And South African President Cyril Ramaphosa noted the "naked racism in the United States," calling the protests a turning point. Neither mentioned Trump by name.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has not weighed in, but Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called the situation in the U.S. "ridiculous."

"I would like to believe that before showing their zeal in protecting the rights of the 'suppressed' and 'dissenters' in other countries, U.S. authorities will start to scrupulously observe democratic standards and ensure the freedoms of their citizens at home," she said.

Sylvie Corbet in Paris, Jill Lawless and Sylvia Hui in London, Aritz Parra in Madrid, Jan M. Olsen in Copenhagen, Cara Anna in Johannesburg and Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed to this report.

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Judge orders Seattle to stop using tear gas during protests

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Body

By LISA BAUMANN

SEATTLE (AP) - A U.S. judge on Friday ordered Seattle police to temporarily stop using tear gas, pepper spray and flash-bang devices to break up largely peaceful protests, a victory for groups who say authorities have overreacted to recent demonstrations over police brutality and racial injustice.

The liberal city with a lengthy history of massive, frequent protests has taken hits from all sides - from demonstrators, some city officials, the president and now a judge - over the way it's responded to crowds taking to the streets following ***George Floyd***'s death at the hands of Minneapolis police. Those on the right say the mayor and police chief aren't being tough enough on protesters who have taken over part of a neighborhood near downtown Seattle, while those on the left say police tactics have been far too harsh.

U.S. District Judge Richard Jones sided with a ***Black Lives Matter*** group that sued the Seattle Police Department this week to halt the violent tactics it has used to break up protests.

Last weekend, officers used tear gas, pepper spray and other force against crowds of protesters. Jones' order halts those tactics for two weeks, though demonstrations this week have been calm.

Mayor Jenny Durkan and Police Chief Carmen Best have apologized to peaceful protesters who were subjected to chemical weapons. But Best has said some demonstrators violently targeted police, throwing objects and ignoring orders to disperse. Both have faced calls to resign, which they have rejected.

The judge said those objecting to the police tactics make a strong case that the indiscriminate use of force is unconstitutional. Jones said weapons like tear gas and pepper spray fail to target "any single agitator or criminal" and they are especially problematic during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Because they are indiscriminate, they may even spill into bystanders' homes or offices as they have done before," Jones wrote.

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Durkan, a former U.S. attorney, "believes the court struck the right balance to protect the fundamental constitutional right to exercise protest, with the need to also ensure public safety," spokeswoman Kamaria Hightower said in an email.

Durkan also has requested reviews of police actions from the Office of Police Accountability and the city's inspector general. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste also said Friday the agency will stop using gas until further notice, particularly amid the pandemic.

This week, demonstrators have turned part of Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood into a protest center with speakers, drum circles and ***Black Lives Matter*** painted on a street near a police station. Police largely left the station after the chaos last weekend, when officers tear-gassed protesters and some demonstrators threw objects at them. Police sprayed tear gas just two days after the mayor and police chief said they were temporarily halting its use.

Durkan tweeted that on Friday she visited the so-called autonomous zone - which has been criticized by President Donald Trump and where people, including officers, come and go freely. She said she spoke with organizers about moving forward and noted that she's always known Capitol Hill as a place for people to express themselves.

Trump has slammed her and Gov. Jay Inslee for not breaking up the occupation by "***anarchists***" and threatening to take action if they don't. Both have assailed his comments and say they're focusing on a peaceful resolution. The demonstrations have been calm since police left the area.

Michele Storms, executive director of the ACLU of Washington, said the group was pleased with the judge's ruling.

"The city must allow for freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, and it must address police accountability and excessive use of force," Storms said in a statement.

The ruling came as massive crowds marched in the rain and some businesses temporarily closed in response to a call from ***Black Lives Matter*** Seattle-King County to launch a statewide general strike.

"As tens of thousands of people were gathering today to march silently and in solidarity against police brutality and misconduct, the U.S. District Court affirmed their right to protest, free from state violence. That is a victory for today," the group said in a statement.

Black Lives Matter encouraged supporters not go to work or to work from home Friday and to learn about local elected officials and issues. Organizers have demands for the city, county and state that include cutting at least \$100 million from the Seattle police budget, ending cash bail and declaring racism a public health crisis.

Durkan tweeted that she and the police chief participated in the march, saying Best and her Police Department leaders have been working "incredibly hard to adjust and improve every day."

Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste also said Friday his personnel will stop using gas until further notice, particularly amid the pandemic.

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Protests in Trump country test his hold in rural white areas

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By THOMAS BEAUMONT

In the lake country 200 miles (320 kilometers) northwest of Detroit, hundreds danced, prayed and demanded racial justice in Cadillac, a Michigan town that was long home to a neo-Nazi group.

It was not an isolated scene. In eastern Ohio, even more demonstrated in rural Mount Vernon, a town with its own current of racial intolerance, just as others did in Manheim, Pennsylvania, a tiny farming town in Lancaster County, with its small but active Ku Klux Klan presence.

The protest movement over black injustice has quickly spread deep into predominantly white, small-town America, notably throughout parts of the country that delivered the presidency for Donald Trump. Across Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, more than 200 such demonstrations have taken place, many in cities with fewer than 20,000 residents, according to local media, organizers, participants and the online tracking tool CrowdCount.

"That's what's so striking, that these protests are taking place in rural places with a white nationalist presence," said Lynn Tramonte, who grew up near Mount Vernon and is monitoring the ***Black Lives Matter*** demonstrations around Ohio.

The protests in these Republican-leaning areas offer a test of the president's ability to reassemble his older, white voting bloc. If he cannot replicate that coalition, it would leave Trump with few options, especially since he continues to lose support in suburbs.

"If President Trump cannot hold onto white, working-class voters in rural, small-town Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Ohio, I don't know how he wins the election," said Terry Madonna, director of the Center for Public Affairs at Franklin & Marshall College, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. "Can you rule out he won't have that same level of enthusiasm? No, you can't."

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Trump carried Pennsylvania by about 44,000 votes in 2016, in part with overwhelming support from a patchwork of rural, white counties.

The pattern also played out in Michigan and Wisconsin, where he won by even fewer votes. In Ohio, that coalition propelled him to an easy victory.

Trump's reelection campaign is working chiefly through online outreach to hold onto his largely white base and to identify new voters in rural areas as a defense against inroads by presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden.

Some polls suggest that, while white voters without college degrees are still a strong group for Trump, they could be more open to supporting Biden than they were to supporting Democrat Hillary Clinton four years ago.

Trump campaign spokesman Tim Murtaugh did not directly address the protests taking place in counties won by the president, but said more generally in a statement to The Associated Press, "President Trump expressed disgust and shock over what happened to ***George Floyd*** and praised the peaceful demonstrations, but also knows that Americans cannot live with riots and lawlessness in cities nationwide."

But the pace of change over racial justice after Floyd's death last month by police in Minneapolis has quickened and has sparked protests in hundreds of communities in every state, on a scale rarely, if ever, seen before. It is not that Biden will necessarily win rural counties that Trump carried easily, but he may be able to cut into Trump's margins enough to bring those states back to the Democratic column.

In Cadillac, branch home of the National Socialist Movement - among the nation's prominent neo-Nazi groups as recently as 2007 - black organizers were undeterred in staging their event at a lakeside pavilion even as armed opponents associated with the white nationalist group Michigan Militia parked nearby as a show of force.

Trump won Wexford County, home to Cadillac, with 65% of the vote, similar to neighboring counties in the lightly populated region, where unemployment has run higher than average in Michigan.

In neighboring Grand Traverse County, which Trump won by a smaller margin, more than 2,000 packed Traverse City's Lake Michigan shoreline park to hear protest organizer Courtney Wiggins. The 38-year-old black woman listed demands, including that police in the 95% white town of 14,000 end racial profiling, as armed protesters affiliated with the far-right ***Proud Boys*** dotted the perimeter.

Though similar events popped up in exurban Cedarburg and Grafton, keys to Ozaukee County in the GOP-leaning suburbs of Milwaukee, far more have materialized many miles from the major metropolitan areas in these four pivotal states, according to organizers and advocates who have tracked the protests.

In Mount Vernon, Ohio, the seat of Knox County where Trump received 66% of the vote, 700 people turned out on June 6 despite threats from opponents, who staged an impromptu rally later that day. It's the same small town where two years ago the local Christian college was vandalized when leaders put on a racial justice program, and where the Ku Klux Klan had been active in the area over the past century.

Dozens of protests have taken place in counties in these four battleground states that Trump flipped from Democrat to Republican. Among them were Macomb County outside Detroit, Portage and Mahoning

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counties in northeast Ohio, and - perhaps most notably - Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where voters swung dramatically from President Barack Obama in 2012 to Trump four years later.

Still, the vast majority have taken place in more than 200 small cities and towns across these four states, like Oconto, Wisconsin, Marietta, Ohio, and Meadville, Pennsylvania, all with populations under 20,000 and in counties Trump carried with at least 60% of the vote.

And while the battle for the White House will likely be waged most intensely in these states' diversifying suburbs, where Democrats made gains in 2018, even a slight uptick among Democrats or a softening of Trump support in the vast spaces between could be enough to alter the election.

If Biden carries every state Clinton did in 2016 and reclaims Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, he would win a majority of the Electoral College votes.

Of those states, none was as close as Michigan, which Trump won by 10,704 votes out of more than 4.7 million ballots cast.

A little more than 11,000 voters backed Obama in 2008 and either didn't vote or supported Trump in 2016 in Grand Traverse County and the five counties surrounding it, including Cadillac's home in Wexford County, according to state voting records.

"These marginal numbers, a few extra votes here and there, we're talking, like, a handful of votes per county, and they exist in my six-county region," said Betsy Coffia, a Democratic Grand Traverse County commissioner. "This can make a difference."

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1. How is a small-business person supposed to feel about being looted by members of their own community, not being protected by the police, not being allowed to protect their own property, then being financially victimized, when they have to take out a loan to pay for something that wasn't their fault? Will frequenting their businesses if they survive the financial consequences of the pandemic even scratch the surface of what needs to be done to restore their faith in humanity?
2. When looters were destroying the businesses large and small in south Minneapolis - destroying the hopes, dreams and life savings of businesses that are the economic lifeblood of the community, what should the police have done about it that would have met with the approval of the protesters?
3. If most cops are good cops, would dismantling or defunding the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) be an assault primarily on the bad cops, or on the good cops?
4. To what extent would dismantling or defunding the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) be a de facto but intentional victimization of the families of good police officers? What constructive value would there be in doing that?
5. In the sphere of public opinion of the voters across the state, will what happened in the Twin Cities during the protests increase or decrease the city-rural divide?
6. Did the protesters here and across the nation make a good impression on the National Guard and on the law enforcement officers who were called in to keep the peace? Does this matter? Yes, it does! The voting friends, neighbors and co-workers of the National Guard members and law-enforcement officers are going to want to know from the people they know - from the people who were actually there - what their impression was of the protesters and the way that they conducted themselves.
7. Did the echoing of protesters' inflammatory language by government officials to describe the officers involved in the [George Floyd](#) incident increase or decrease the odds that those officers will be convicted

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during a fair trial, anywhere in Minnesota? If they are convicted by a tainted jury, will that conviction be justice or retribution? If they are acquitted on appeal because it can be shown that the jury was tainted by inflammatory language, who will take responsibility for tainting the jury pool?

8. Could it be that what we are seeing in the nationwide protests the long-awaited awkward emergence of the younger generation, stepping up to take control and responsibility for the future of our nation? Can that possibly happen without a grand-scale revolution in the way we now view our world?

9. There is a world of difference between "we the people" empowering politicians with our vote so that they can do great things for us, and politicians empowering "we the people" so that we can do great things for ourselves. Will the obviously well-intended effort of Gov. Tim Walz and other politicians to bring about community and police reforms through legislation and programs result in a different outcome than past initiatives that followed that same path? Or, should we be trying new solutions that were created by "we the people" - solutions the likes of which no one has ever seen or tried before? Which is most likely to succeed?

10. In a crisis, some people turn their negativity inward and suffer a lot rather than risk hurting others with their anger. Some people, in need of an emotional punching bag and someone to blame for the way that they feel, release the wrath of their negative energy anger on to other people and other entities. Some people, like Gov. Walz and the volunteers who showed up to clean up afterward, convert their negative energy into positive energy in an effort to solve problems. Which use of negative energy is most likely to create constructive solutions that will fix the problems in the *Minneapolis Police Department* and in the communities they serve? What can be done to pre-emptively convert future negative destructive energy into constructive energy, so as to prevent dysfunctional consequences like the looting of neighborhood businesses?

11. Which is greater prejudice?

a) Painting all blacks with the same paintbrush, and claiming that "the blacks" all do this, or that "the blacks" all think that?

b) Lumping all the protesters who defied the curfew together with the looters, and calling them the "black community"?

c) Lumping all individual police officers together and saying that the police think this or that the police do that?

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I am a 70-year-old retired federal law enforcement officer who worked in a federal prison for 28 years. I was on the riot squad for 20 years. I was a Bureau of Prisons certified self-defense instructor who never taught a chokehold. I was a union official in various capacities for 25 years. I was in the Minnesota Air National Guard for six years.

Ah! That explains a lot, doesn't it? I'm a right-winger, and an unconditional supporter of the *Minneapolis Police Department*, right?

I have the better part of a master's degree in secondary education with a minor in psychology, and almost a minor in industrial arts. Married for 49 years to a schoolteacher. We have three grown adopted Korean

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children. I bought as a kit, built, then flew one of the first motorized hang gliders in the state of Minnesota back in 1980, back when these things were in their infancy. We have bicycled almost 125,000 miles.

Politically, on a left/right scale, I am a left-of-center moderate. On a vertical scale between progressive and regressive, I am an off-the-charts progressive. I am all about doing things that are experimental, in an effort to do things better than they have ever been done before.

Lumping people together and painting them with the same brush is prejudice personified. Prejudice is the gross failure of individuals to have the empathy and foresight to see, to value, and to tolerate the souls of others. People are prejudiced because being prejudiced is simple, convenient and easy, and because an emotionally satisfying "buzz" of passion binds them together with other like-minded people, in the belief that if they are all saying the same thing, that they all must then be "right."

Footnote: My wife and I have participated in five protests in the past four years.

John A. Mattsen lives in New Brighton.

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Minneapolis voters would decide in November whether to eliminate the City Charter's requirement for police staffing and replace it with a new department "to provide for community safety and violence prevention," under a proposal floated Friday by five City Council members.

The announcement comes at a time when council members are facing pressure to explain their plan to "begin the process of ending" the *Minneapolis Police Department* following *George Floyd*'s death.

The council and a separate body, the Minneapolis Charter Commission, would need to work under an expedited schedule as they face a tight deadline to add items to the November ballot. The city's charter, in essence its constitution, requires the City Council to fund a minimum number of police officers.

Council Member Jeremiah Ellison said he still expects to spend a year seeking feedback from residents about how they want to change the *Minneapolis Police Department*, but he fears that if that charter provision isn't removed, it will hamper their efforts.

"Without it, we can't actually have an earnest yearlong conversation with community that will mean anything," Ellison said. "And by making this change, it doesn't eliminate the police. ... Until we have an emergency response system that is ready to deploy, we're going to have police in its place."

Minneapolis' charter requires the City Council to "fund a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident, and provide for those employees' compensation." Based on the latest census data, that amounts to roughly 730 police employees. The department had 892 sworn officers and 175 non-sworn employees at the beginning of the month.

During Friday's council meeting, Ellison and four other members - Alondra Cano, Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher and Council President Lisa Bender - announced plans to introduce on June 26 a plan to amend the City Charter. Their proposal would remove the police department requirement and create a new department "to provide for community safety and violence prevention."

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Gordon said they have discussed possibilities but haven't yet settled on the wording of the measure. "I don't know that there is necessarily a consensus among the authors," he said.

After the proposal is introduced, they will need seven council members to vote to refer the matter to the Charter Commission. If it chooses, the commission can take several months to review the proposal.

After they receive the Charter Commission's recommendations, which are not binding, council members must then vote on whether to send the measure to the ballot. Mayor Jacob Frey would also need to approve or veto the proposal. The deadline for completing all of that this year is Aug. 21.

"The Charter Commission, to be frank, probably could sort of use their process to obstruct this action," Ellison said. "My hope is that they won't."

Barry Clegg, chair of the Charter Commission, said it was too early to tell where commission members fall on the issue, but he would be willing to convene a special meeting.

If they do not meet the deadline for getting the item on the Nov. 3 ballot, council members could try again next year to get the measure on the 2021 ballot, an idea Gordon said he is open to.

In the days following *George Floyd's* death, many activists called for Minneapolis to "defund" or abolish its police department, but some business groups and Frey have said they prefer changing the department over eliminating it completely. In recent days, some business owners have said they need more clarity from the City Council on its future plans before they decide whether to rebuild from the riots.

Separate from a new charter proposal, the City Council on Friday unanimously approved a resolution that declares its "intent to create a transformative new model for cultivating safety in our city." That resolution creates a work group of city staffers who are tasked with recommending policy changes for transitioning to a new approach and for seeking community input during that process.

Also Friday, the council voted to remove the requirement for off-duty officers to work at some special events, allowing organizers to use private security. And it ended the state of emergency that was declared following *George Floyd's* death. An earlier emergency, put in place to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, remains in effect.

Later Friday, Frey announced that he is also convening three task forces to recommend new policies. One group will involve "national partners," including the National Network for Safe Communities at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at City University of New York; Cities United; Prevention Institute; the NAACP, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Another group will consist of local government agencies, including Hennepin County, the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office and Metro Transit Police.

A third group will consist of "community partners." More details are expected next week.

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The searing images of a makeshift memorial to [George Floyd](#), the black man who died beneath the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer, have become iconic.

Soon, that shrine at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue may also become permanent.

City, state and community leaders are exploring ways to create a lasting tribute to Floyd at the intersection where he was killed - and where thousands of visitors have since paused, protested and prayed - that would remain long after the flowers and plywood paintings are cleared away.

Andrea Jenkins, Minneapolis City Council vice president, along with state Sen. Jeff Hayden and neighbors, say they want to commemorate the Memorial Day event that cost Floyd his life and fueled worldwide demands to fundamentally change policing.

"This is a conversation that is happening. There will be something memorializing [George Floyd](#)'s life," said Jenkins, who represents the area.

Possibilities include a traffic roundabout, a peace garden, or perhaps a sculpture, said Jenkins, who added that she has spoken with Gov. Tim Walz and several members of Congress about the idea.

"I don't know if I can make promises right now, but I will be working to make a memorial at that site," she said. "And it will be something that is substantial. It will be more than a plaque, I'll tell you that."

Victoria Lauing, executive director of the nearby Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, said her organization has heard of informal discussions regarding a permanent memorial.

"As an arts organization based here, we are committed to sharing our resources to support community-driven responses, whether that is a permanent memorial, or other events and activities," she said in an e-mail.

The center is willing to listen to and support whatever the community decides to do, she said.

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Hayden, assistant Senate minority leader who also represents the neighborhood, said he could see a traffic circle or roundabout - with a memorial to Floyd at the center.

While the community should help determine a memorial's exact form, he said, it's critical that Floyd's "murder at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer" be permanently commemorated for healing to occur.

"It's an atrocity. ... You don't want to forget it," Hayden said. "And we're destined to do it again if we don't remember it - if we don't tell the story."

Earlier this week, as dozens of visitors quietly walked through the intersection taking pictures and capturing video, Rico Morales used duct tape to affix signs and posters both praising and mourning Floyd to the windows of Cup Foods.

Just a few feet away from the spot in front of the store where Floyd made his last gasps for air, Morales talked about a memorial that could include a community garden, a traffic circle and maybe an interactive display where visitors can learn about Floyd's life as well as his death.

Morales, who said his main job at Cup Foods is food safety manager, said he's in charge of helping make a permanent memorial a reality. It's important work, he said.

"It's important to have the longevity and the permanence of a memorial to a life that was taken by brutality and violence," he said. "Also to have a space for the community to have a place to come with your feelings, your emotions, your memories."

Until a permanent memorial is decided, Morales said, he doesn't expect the temporary tributes - the paintings, the flowers, the brown wooden raised fist at the center of the intersection - to be taken away anytime soon.

Nor does he expect Chicago Avenue to reopen to traffic.

"That's up to the community. That's up to the people, basically working with the city," Morales said, adding he would prefer it stay closed for as long as needed. "I mean, that would be the worst thing for the city workers or staff to do is to come in and just say, 'OK, this is over now. Your grieving and your mourning process is over now.' That's not for anybody to decide. Hopefully, that will happen naturally and organically."

Sitting nearby and holding a ***Black Lives Matter*** sign was Patricia Rogers, who has been visiting the site since Floyd was killed.

The growing makeshift memorial "brings a lot of light, a lot of life and it brings everyone together with a real feeling of peace," she said.

She would like to see a permanent memorial, maybe a "huge" statue of Floyd, perhaps something that would list the names of other black men and women killed by police.

"I would love it," Rogers said. "A lot of people do come here for peace, you know, and to pray. You get redemption. As minorities, we don't really have places that we can go and pray and reflect. They need to make Chicago '***George Floyd*** Avenue.' "

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Less than 400 feet away from where Floyd was pinned on his stomach, his hands cuffed behind his back, Jamie LaBlanche watched his little ones.

A stay-at-home dad, LaBlanche has also taken on an unofficial role as neighborhood guide to the countless visitors to the site over the past two-plus weeks.

"Being that I'm a person of color as well, I have been out in the community letting people see my face, making sure they feel welcome," he said. "I've talked to rural white people from 45 minutes past Brainerd who came down here to see what it was like."

Although the constant traffic and noise from crowds of visitors and protesters has meant only a few hours of uninterrupted sleep at night, LaBlanche said the peace the memorial has brought to the neighborhood has made it worth it. He hopes, too, that the site becomes home to a lasting monument - it's been that important to helping spread understanding, he said.

"Honestly, before this happened, we were looking at moving," he said. "But now? I think I need to be here. And I think [a permanent memorial] would be really good for the community."

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Hmong businesses hurt by coronavirus now also dealing with riot damage, racism

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For Gloria Wong, St. Paul's Century Plaza is a symbol of her hard work. After escaping war in Laos, Wong came to Minnesota in 1980 as a refugee. Now she's the owner of the University Avenue hub of Asian-owned shops and services.

The past few months, though, have taken their toll on her and everything she's worked for.

The coronavirus pandemic has decimated business for her tenants, so Wong has been paying the plaza's bills the past three months from her own savings instead of their rents. After the vandals and looters who took to the streets during protests to the death of [***George Floyd***](#) caused a draining amount of damage, she now must also find the money for repairs.

The impacts of the past few months, though, have been more than financial. Her family has been harassed and falsely accused for the spread of the coronavirus. And seeing the civil unrest in the Twin Cities brings back painful memories of the war she escaped.

"I feel like crying every day. I lose sleep. My heart aches," she said.

Yao Yang, the executive director of the Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce, has spoken with many Asian business owners like Wong. A good number of them say they were left struggling after the state restricted businesses during the pandemic. Now many are devastated by the rioting. But the insult added to the injuries was the [*anti-Asian discrimination*](#), she says.

"People's property was being vandalized with derogatory words just because they are Asian," Yang said. "A lot of business owners didn't feel safe."

Wong, of Stillwater, wants to repair Century Plaza quickly so its restaurants, bakery and offices can reopen for business. But money is tight, and she has a family to support, too. Her niece made a [*GoFundMe page*](#) to raise \$10,000 for the insurance deductible that Wong would otherwise pay out of pocket.

PLANS TO REBUILD

Hmong businesses hurt by coronavirus now also dealing with riot damage, racism

When Hmong-owned businesses along University Avenue and Lake Street were damaged during the unrest, community members worried the high-profile HmongTown Marketplace and Hmong Village - large indoor markets filled with Hmong-owned stores and services - would be next.

Some community members speculated there would be attacks on Hmong-owned businesses because one of the former officers involved in Floyd's death, ***Tou Thao***, was Hmong. Businesses boarded up in anticipation, but the attacks on the huge markets never came.

"Did Hmong businesses get hit? Yes. Was it targeted? We don't know," said Yang. "Whoever was destroying these businesses had no mercy, whether it was black-owned, Asian-owned, immigrant-owned."

Yang, who is Hmong, has spent the past few weeks meeting with state legislators and philanthropic organizations. As the only staff member of the Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce, she advocates for the needs of Asian business owners.

"Right now there's a lot of effort on short-term relief, but those are just bandages," Yang said. "We need to think about long-term, sustainable solutions. Money can't fix all our problems."

A PATH FORWARD

The death of ***George Floyd*** has emphasized the plight that many black people have faced in this country. It has also brought up the challenges and oppression that Hmong people have felt.

There is a long history of racial tension in America, including bias among racial groups in St. Paul. We don't need Asian Americans and African Americans targeting each other, Yang said. It is best to work together.

"There's a lot of healing to do," said Va-Megn Thoj, executive director of the Asian Economic Development Association. "I've always been committed to bringing our Hmong American and African American communities together and addressing some of these longstanding issues."

Thoj is [*trying to raise \\$300,000*](#) for damaged Asian-owned businesses. In St. Paul's Little Mekong, over two dozen businesses were damaged and looted, he says.

Although her tenants have been anxious to go back to work, Wong wants to be cautious of everyone's safety. She hopes to take the boards off her business windows this weekend and reopen for business by June 15.

Wong is uncertain of the future of her business, but she takes comfort in praying to her late grandparents and mother.

"They are watching over me, making sure I don't go hungry, or suffer like I did in Laos," she said. "I talk to them and ask them to continue to bless me."

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"I feel like crying everyday. I lose sleep. My heart aches," said Gloria Wong, who owns the Century Plaza on University Avenue in St. Paul on June 10, 2020. Businesses of her tenants have been closed during the coronavirus pandemic and her property was vandalized during the protests following the death of **George Floyd**. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Gloria Wong, who owns the Century Plaza on University Avenue in St. Paul points out a bullet hole in a boarded-up window of her adult daycare center, June 10, 2020. Businesses of her tenants have been closed during the coronavirus pandemic and the property was vandalized during the protests following the death of **George Floyd**. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Blocks of strength

ARTICLE DCX. **BLOCKS OF STRENGTH**

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The riots that gripped Minneapolis and the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police has spurred something unexpected: neighborhoods across the city have grown stronger.

From Little Earth and Longfellow, neighbors banded together at street corners, alleyways and intersections to protect their homes, businesses, grocery stores and churches from arsonists and looters.

Now neighborhoods, more mobilized and organized than ever, hope to leverage that fresh energy and unity to do good in the long-term - whether it's helping out neighbors more, fundraising or pushing for broader political and racial justice changes.

"We need to actually find ways to make sure this never happens again," said Pamela Twiss, 58, who lives in East Nokomis. "We want to continue to talk to each other."

In her south Minneapolis neighborhood, residents convened on the text and voice messaging app WhatsApp to report suspicious cars. They met at a church lawn daily for five days to discuss plans to protect their streets.

Now, they're sharing petitions and protest information, collecting food for a growing number of people in need after grocery stores burned to the ground and starting a discussion group on white fragility.

In Longfellow, after the violence subsided, neighbors stopped block patrols and barricading streets and vowed to push for longer term change such as making the community safer for people of color. In Powderhorn, as a helicopter buzzed overhead last week, residents said at a block meeting that the constant chats on their WhatsApp group was already doing some good - from sharing veterinarian tips to starting deeper conversations on issues such as decolonization.

And in north Minneapolis, where rival gang members and other residents teamed up to protect grocery stores and other busi

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nesses, residents hope to keep them engaged.

"It was the young guys who people spurn [who protected the North Side]; they deserve credit," said K.B. Brown, who spent many late nights until sunrise watching over his street in northeast Minneapolis as well as on the North Side. "They think the streets are all there is. We have the opportunity to show them there's much more. In the end, they got a taste of what it feels like ... to not be the pariah of the community and be the defender of the community."

Now, he said, they need to keep those young men engaged, litigate their "street beefs" and make sure they have concrete things to do. He said residents are also more mobilized about creating longer-term change on the North Side, increasing ownership of buildings and keeping more money in the community.

"Now we're focused on making sure we're in control of the transformation in our community," he said.

Meeting new neighbors

The unrest in Minneapolis comes at the same time the community has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

But in south Minneapolis, the outbreak has actually allowed Melissa Hysing, 41, to meet more of her neighbors, who are staying home more. Then when authorities warned residents to look for suspicious water bottles or containers of accelerants, she scoured her alleyway's shrubs, running into other Standish neighbors doing the same.

"I've met more neighbors in the last 11 days than 11 years," Hysing said.

She quickly realized the block needed to be more organized and went door-to-door to gather information and connect over e-mails and texts. Now, she hopes neighbor conversations continue - whether it's socializing over a meat raffle in the alley or discussing city politics and countering racism.

"We're still in three compounding crises," she said of the pandemic, economic crisis and outcry for police reform following Floyd's death. "I think it will be up to all of us [to respond]."

Nearby, David Yehl, 49, wanted to capitalize on his neighborhood's unity after standing watch at night over his street during the riots. So he and his neighbors grabbed leaf blowers and garden hoses, holding a car wash fundraiser.

Three hours and more than 100 cars later, they had raised more than \$10,000 thanks to a corporate match, all going toward the Lake Street Council and the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition to rebuild damaged businesses in south and north Minneapolis.

"A lot of us felt really dejected," Yehl said. "We wanted to give some hope to the community."

His wife, Jennifer Kennard, is organizing a book club to read books on anti-racism and white privilege to continue the dialogue among neighbors.

"The entire neighborhood really came together because I think everyone understands the importance of what happened," he said.

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Neighborhood associations have been doing this kind of work for decades, said Candace Miller Lopez, executive director of the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association. But she said the new energy among residents and blocks is heartening.

Usually, when she holds board or information sessions, it's "crickets" but a recent gathering drew about 30 people.

"The work we've been doing all along is actually being elevated," she said, adding that the association is developing a block organizer tool kit to better help block leaders. "There's a greater sense of urgency."

She said the increased connections among neighbors will do good long-term - whether it's just connecting neighbors more to help someone mow their lawn after a surgery to mobilizing around bigger issues.

"People are realizing they have to be more engaged than normal," Miller Lopez said. "Now people are seeing we have the power to change things if we know our neighbors."

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GOP rejects much of reform plan

ARTICLE DCXI. **[GOP REJECTS MUCH OF REFORM PLAN](#)**

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Minnesota legislators clashed sharply on Friday as top Republicans rejected much of a sweeping DFL package of police reforms brought in response to the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died in Minneapolis police custody on May 25.

The opening hours of a special session put their contrasting agendas on full display, with Senate Republicans pushing instead to end the state of emergency that allowed Gov. Tim Walz to close bars, restaurants and schools to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

As expected, Walz formally extended those emergency powers Friday for another 30 days, triggering the special session that brought lawmakers back to the State Capitol.

The GOP-led Senate immediately voted to end Walz's peacetime emergency, calling for more legislative oversight over the pandemic. But the DFL-controlled House blocked the move, assuring that the governor's emergency powers can run into July. The House and Senate also disagree on how long the special session should last: Senate Republicans vowed to gavel out again and return to their districts in one week, while House Democrats accused them of trying to "cut and run on Minnesotans" by rushing important debates on police accountability.

"To say we're going to come in, we're going to charge ahead, we're going to get these things done without having listened to the community because we're in some big hurry because we're in a special session, that isn't the approach to take," said House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park. "The approach to take is to truly listen and to take the time it needs. Minnesotans pay us all year round. It may not be convenient to come to work in June, but the work is in front of us."

Democrats also argued that it is inconsistent for Republicans to adjourn while also pressing for more legislative oversight over the governor's actions.

"If we are going to end the emergency order, then we've got to do the work," said Sen. Matt Little, DFL-Lakeville.

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But Republicans made clear that their top priority is restoring a state economy devastated by the extended closures mandated under Walz's peacetime emergency powers to battle COVID-19.

"That's the problem with emergency powers; he gets to decide who wins and who loses," said Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake. "There's a whole lot of people in Minnesota who are on the losing side who are very frustrated."

Gazelka suggested that lawmakers could continue to work on race and police issues even after the special session ends. Another move by Walz to extend the state of emergency would trigger yet another special session in July.

"Minnesota has the opportunity to lead the way for the whole nation for reconciliation of the races and some of the problems we're addressing," Gazelka said. "Let's begin here."

Even as Minnesota and other states seek to respond to the outcry over Floyd's death, Congress is working on its own set of police reforms, including a package by Senate Republicans aimed at winning the approval of President Donald Trump, a political ally of Minneapolis Police Federation President Lt. Bob Kroll.

There were some signs of agreement in St. Paul on Friday. The House and Senate struck a deal on a \$62 million package of grants for small businesses impacted by the pandemic. The funding would be equally divided between businesses in the metro area and greater Minnesota. Both sides also say they want to pass a more than \$1 billion public works bonding bill that failed during the regular session that ended in May. Some state borrowing could help businesses in St. Paul and Minneapolis damaged by days of riots and looting in response to Floyd's death.

The pandemic became the focus of lawmakers' work during the regular legislative session, but Floyd's death hung heaviest over the Capitol on Friday. Members, spaced out for social distancing on the House floor, opened the session by pausing for 8 minutes and 46 seconds - the length of time former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** held his knee to Floyd's neck before Floyd took his last breath.

Outside on the Capitol steps, civil rights activists pushing for police reform demanded action from legislators before they adjourn.

"We need legislators on both sides of the aisle to step up to the plate. The world is watching what is happening here in Minnesota," said civil rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong. "The sad reality is if legislators had taken the voices of communities of color seriously with regard to the crisis in policing, we wouldn't be in this place that we're in right now."

House Democrats have scheduled a hearing Saturday to review a police reform package largely developed by members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus and a task force led by state Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington and Attorney General Keith Ellison, who is prosecuting Chauvin and three other officers implicated in Floyd's death.

The DFL package, laid out by Walz on Thursday, would reform use-of-force standards, increase oversight of police discipline and encourage community-based alternatives to traditional law enforcement. They also include proposals to ban police chokeholds and "warrior style" police training, while giving the state's attorney general authority over all deadly force cases involving police officers.

GOP rejects much of reform plan

On Friday, Senate Republicans signaled support for some of those measures, including less controversial moves like banning chokeholds, which are already limited by most Minnesota police departments. But they voiced opposition to many other DFL proposals, including putting the attorney general in charge of prosecuting officer-involved killings.

One GOP-backed initiative would abolish or limit mediation rights for police officers fired for wrongdoing. But that measure faces opposition from some DFL-leaning public employee unions.

"I really want the many police officers throughout the state to know that we appreciate the effort that you do day in and day out," Gazelka said. "There always must be a few bad apples that must be plucked out, and that's what we're trying to do here."

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Guard sent home after outburst during Floyd remembrance

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Highlight: Corrections officer made comment during moment of silence Tuesday.

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A Minnesota corrections officer is under internal investigation following an outburst during Tuesday's statewide moment of silence for ***George Floyd***.

Gov. Tim Walz issued a proclamation that morning to coincide with the 46-year-old's funeral service in Houston and honor other lives cut short by "systems of racism and discrimination" in the state.

But when prison administrators cleared the air for the remembrance, a voice crackled through on their radios:

"Is this for the injustice of having ***Derek Chauvin*** locked up?" the Stillwater prison guard reportedly said, referring to the veteran Minneapolis police officer who knelt on Floyd's neck before he died on Memorial Day.

The comment was met with stunned silence. The officer who made the remark was escorted out of the prison and remains on paid leave. Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell confirmed the nature of the incident and status of the pending investigation.

Several minority officers filed complaints about the incident, describing the conduct as inappropriate.

It's unclear whether prisoners nearby overheard the exchange.

"In the interest of everyone, we made a decision to send him home," Schnell said. "Comments like that have the potential to affect the safety of the facility."

Union officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Despite the differences in their roles, many corrections officers view themselves as another critical rung of law enforcement and identify with the daily challenges police face on the job.

Guard sent home after outburst during Floyd remembrance

Chauvin is awaiting trial at Oak Park Heights prison on a second-degree murder charge in Floyd's death. It's the state's only maximum-security facility. As is common with other high-profile inmates, he is being held in administrative segregation - meaning that he is isolated from the general population for his protection but maintains certain privileges.

In the aftermath of Floyd's death, Schnell sent an e-mail to all 4,300 corrections staff members to address the tragedy and announce his intent to hold two employee listening sessions, one specifically for minority employees.

"I would particularly like to provide space for our DOC colleagues of color to discuss and process our collective work in a system that reflects a profound disparate impact on people of color," he wrote. "These realities cannot be overlooked and their impact cannot be underestimated. Starting these conversations will not be easy, but they are profoundly necessary."

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After sharp criticism, Trump moves Tulsa rally date that coincided with Juneteenth

ARTICLE DCXIII. ***AFTER SHARP CRITICISM, TRUMP MOVES TULSA RALLY DATE THAT COINCIDED WITH JUNETEENTH***

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President Donald Trump bowed to pressure Friday night and announced that he would delay his upcoming campaign rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, rather than hold it on the day that honors the end of slavery in the United States and is considered a major holiday by many African Americans.

The rally was originally set for next Friday, or June 19, the date known as Juneteenth, which marks the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Texas and read the Emancipation Proclamation announcing that slaves had been freed, the last of the Confederate states to officially receive the news.

The Trump campaign's decision to hold a rally on Juneteenth in Tulsa, the site of one of the country's bloodiest outbreaks of racist violence, generated vociferous criticism amid the national reckoning over race and justice in the United States following the killing of *George Floyd*, a black man who died when a white police officer in Minneapolis pressed a knee on his neck for nearly nine minutes. In a Twitter message shortly before midnight, Trump said he would move the rally to June 20 instead.

"We had previously scheduled our #MAGA Rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for June 19th - a big deal," he wrote. "Unfortunately, however, this would fall on the Juneteenth Holiday. Many of my African-American friends and supporters have reached out to suggest that we consider changing the date out of respect for this Holiday, and in observance of this important occasion and all that it represents. I have therefore decided to move our rally to Saturday, June 20th, in order to honor their requests."

Democrats pounced on the original timing to denounce Trump for disrespecting the concerns of those calling for major changes in American society to address racism and police violence. The selection of Tulsa had also drawn complaints given its history as the site of a 1921 massacre by white mobs attacking black citizens and businesses with guns and explosives dropped from airplanes.

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"This isn't just a wink to white supremacists - he's throwing them a welcome home party," Sen. Kamala Harris of California said after the original announcement.

According to Republicans close to the president, the campaign was aware of the significance of the date once they announced the site but not before it was selected. Once it was done, the campaign decided to move ahead, announcing the date before their contract with the event venue in Tulsa was even finalized, people briefed on the events said.

But the blowback was fierce. The White House press secretary, Kayleigh McEnany, told reporters Thursday that the date was significant to Trump, explaining why there was no issue with him holding the rally then. And in an interview taped the same day with Fox News, Trump said that he had not realized the meaning of the date but that people should think of the rally as a "celebration."

It was the rare instance of the president bending to criticism and capped a tumultuous week for the nation and for his reelection effort.

Trump has condemned the killing of Floyd and called his family to offer his support but he has focused most of his public comments in the past two weeks on a tough "law-and-order" message assailing the largely peaceful protests that turned violent. He has rejected the notion that there is systemic racism in law enforcement, declaring that 99.9% of police officers are "great, great people."

He chose Oklahoma to begin holding rallies again even though he won it by 36 percentage points in 2016 in part because it was one of the earliest to lift restrictions imposed because of the coronavirus. Trump said he also planned to hold rallies in Florida, Arizona and North Carolina, all of them key states in his campaign against former Vice President Joe Biden.

Campaign officials did not respond to an email seeking comment about the change, and it was not immediately clear how far in advance Trump had told his advisers he wanted the rally moved before he tweeted his statement. One person briefed on the events said campaign officials learned earlier Friday evening, but it was not clear when.

Even after the president's tweet, a campaign official sent out one of her own promoting the rally with a link to a webpage still listing it on June 19. Earlier in the evening, the campaign manager, Brad Parscale, tweeted that he had received 300,000 requests for tickets to the event.

The tweet came not long after Trump hosted a dinner with Gov. Phil Murphy, D-N.J., with whom the president has been in frequent touch about the coronavirus.

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Hundreds rally against Kroll

ARTICLE DCXIV. **HUNDREDS RALLY AGAINST KROLL**

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Hundreds gathered outside the Minneapolis Police Union headquarters in northeast Minneapolis to call for the ouster of its president, Lt. Bob Kroll. Protesters painted signs with red handprints and handwritten messages calling for him to step down. The rally was hosted by ***Black Lives Matter*** Minnesota, the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations and several other social justice organizations. The city recently announced that it was withdrawing from labor negotiations with the powerful police union that Kroll leads.

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Minnesota Democrats push for police reform while Republicans prioritize coronavirus response

ARTICLE DCXV. [MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS PUSH FOR POLICE REFORM WHILE
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The Minnesota House's Public Safety Committee on Saturday held an hours-long hearing on a laundry list of bills to reform policing and criminal justice in the state.

Proponents of the bills say the state should harness the energy of protesters and activists in the wake of Floyd's death to make legislative change now, but Senate Republicans on Friday said they are focusing their time to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic fallout, as well as ceasing Gov. Tim Walz's executive emergency powers and passing a bonding bill.

In the days following Floyd's death, the House's People of Color and Indigenous Caucus laid out their 19-bill plan for reform. The bills are grouped into three packages: the Reclaiming Community Oversight Act, the Reforming Accountability Act and the Reimagining Public Safety Act.

The proposals range in policy from prohibiting police chokeholds and "warrior training," to reforming the state's officer complaint arbitration process, to requiring some police departments to hire officers who live in the communities they serve, to training officers to better de-escalate mental health crises and more.

Rep. Carlos Mariani, DFL-St. Paul, who chairs the committee, said Saturday that this "is not the first time we've arrived at this moment," citing the dozens of other black Americans who have died during interactions with the police. But after each of those deaths, he said, "we failed to respond to the need to transform what underlies all of this."

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"Let's not make the same mistake this time and only do the little things," Mariani said. "Individual policy change is good, but we owe it to this moment in history to also work for larger systems change."

One of those previous deaths was Philando Castile, a 32-year-old black man fatally shot during a traffic stop in Falcon Heights in July 2016. His mother, Valerie Castile, told the committee Saturday that she has been working toward police reform for nearly four years since her son died, but she feels like "we're just circling the wheels." She said Floyd's death was "the straw that broke the camel's back."

"That was just a flood of emotions that had been harbored and suppressed by so many," she said. "So many were just holding those feelings back because no one has been accountable for all these murders that happened here in the state of Minnesota. So yes, I support these bills with every fiber of my soul because it's not right."

At a Friday news conference, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said his caucus was prioritizing coronavirus-related bills because "everybody said they were an emergency." He pointed to Walz and legislative Democrats for putting those bills on the back burner.

"Enough of this. Enough of the games," he said. "Let's get this done."

He also said his caucus had planned to put off a vote to suspend Walz's executive emergency powers, but after Walz's administration didn't intervene with protesters who toppled a statue of Christopher Columbus at the Capitol, he said his caucus decided to move quickly with that vote Friday.

After Gazelka's news conference Friday, Walz tweeted, "Minnesotans, call your GOP State Senators. Make your voices heard." [George Floyd family filing civil suit against Minneapolis, police](#) [Gov. Walz to appeal federal decision rejecting disaster aid for Twin Cities following riots](#) [Attorneys ask George Floyd judge to hold AG Keith Ellison in contempt](#) [Protest in Pennsylvania after cop uses knee to restrain man](#) [Four pro bono attorneys join Keith Ellison's prosecution team in George Floyd case](#)

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Floyd's death hastens shift in police pop culture portrayals

ARTICLE DCXVI. [**FLOYD'S DEATH HASTENS SHIFT IN POLICE POP CULTURE
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Body

NEW YORK - Gary Phillips, a prize-winning crime novelist from Los Angeles, grew up on TV shows that showed a world nothing like the one he lived in.

"I watched them all, 'Dragnet,' 'Adam 12,' 'The Wild, Wild West,' 'Mannix,' 'Cannon,' 'Peter Gunn' reruns and on and on. Now these were white guys and they were tough but fair and even-handed," he told The Associated Press in a recent email, referring to popular programs mostly from the 1960s and 1970s.

"I remember a 'Dragnet' episode where tight-ass Joe Friday solved racism among black and white officers in a weekend retreat. But I was a kid growing up in South Central and even then some part of me knew a lot of this was jive. We knew the cops out of Newton and 77th Division policed the 'hood a lot different than shown on TV."

The May 25 killing of *George Floyd*, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee to his neck, has set off protests worldwide and transmitted images of law enforcement that long remained far outside the narratives of crime stories - beatings and lethal chokeholds of handcuffed suspects, firing mace and rubber bullets at peaceful protesters, harassing and cursing at journalists.

Police stories have evolved far from the prime of Sgt. Friday. But the idealized crime fighter remains a cultural touchstone even when countered by such recent narratives as Ava DuVernay's Netflix series "When They See Us," about the wrongfully convicted Central Park Five, and Angie Thomas' "The Hate U Give," a best-selling novel about a black teen murdered by police that was adapted into a feature film of the same name.

"Hopefully what we're seeing on TV now, and on social media, is that bubble being popped," Thomas told the AP.

Protests have already changed television. "Cops," which for 33 seasons helped shape an authorized narrative that allowed viewers to sympathize and identify with real police on patrol, was dropped this week by the

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Paramount Network. A&E did the same with a similar show, "Live PD," one of its mostly highly rated programs. Earlier this year, five police procedurals were consistently in the Nielsen company's top 20 ratings, including NBC's "Chicago PD" and CBS's "FBI." Now, even those portraying law enforcement officials are pulling back: Griffin Newman, who appeared as a detective on the CBS series "Blue Bloods," announced he was donating his earnings from the show to help raise bail for arrested protesters.

The divide between crime fiction and real life dates back to the genre's origins, more than 200 years ago. Law enforcement violence and corruption were extreme in the mid-19th century and some police forces were rooted in the patrols that used to chase down runaway slaves. Meanwhile, "The police in early crime fiction were depicted as good, courageous, and brilliant," says Otto Penzler, the crime fiction publisher and bookseller.

In the 20th century, shows such as "Dragnet" and "Highway Patrol" were collaborations between law enforcement and the entertainment business, to the point where J. Edgar Hoover was permitted to vet the politics of the actors appearing in "The FBI," the long-running series starring Efrem Zimbalist Jr. Otherwise, police and other officials were portrayed as jaded and self-contained in the fiction of Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett, comical and bumbling like the Keystone Kops or the misfits of "Police Academy," rumbled and savvy like Peter Falk's Columbo, or witty and indomitable like Bruce Willis' New York City detective John McClane in the "Die Hard" movies.

Walter Mosley, known for his "Easy Rawlins" novels about a black detective in Los Angeles, noted that even if the plot included a bad cop "it wouldn't be institutionalized. It would be that cop is bad because he or she is a bad person."

For Gary Phillips and many others, it took years to find stories in which they could see themselves. Naomi Hirahara, the Edgar Award winning author of the Mas Arai detective novels, remembered the "fantasy" or watching the white male protagonists in "Columbo," "The Rockford Files" and other shows. As an adult, she was drawn to African American crime writers such as Mosley and Chester Himes, and now admires Rachel Howzel Hall's novels about the African American LAPD homicide detective Elouise "Lou" Norton, books "revealing the complexity of a black woman in a system that has traditionally disempowered minorities."

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Penzler and others cite Joseph Wambaugh's 1971 novel "The New Centurions" as a turning point in showing a more realistic portrait of police, although no single trend has prevailed. Over the past 50 years, the image of law enforcement has sometimes mirrored debates between liberals and conservatives. Sidney Lumet's 1973 film "Serpico" dramatized the corruption of New York City police and the heroism of the real-life title character's willingness to speak out. Around the same time, Clint Eastwood's "Dirty Harry" movies positioned Eastwood's San Francisco lawman as a needed rule-breaker in a system too permissive of crime. Spike Lee's landmark 1989 release "Do the Right Thing," in which a black man is choked to death by police, was released two weeks after the premiere of "Lethal Weapon 2" and the crowd pleasing defiance of Mel Gibson's Sgt. Martin Riggs.

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"Cops," which allowed the departments it covered significant control over its content, has been contrasted by the tougher perspective of Lena Waithe's Showtime series "The Chi." But even shows like "The Wire," and "The Shield" that take frank looks at police abuses can end up making the audience identify with officers.

"At first it's 'police are dirty bums' and it's 'look at the awful thing they did,'" says Miki Turner, a professor at the University of Southern California who specializes in diversity and controversial topics in the entertainment industry and television. "And then there's something in the script that makes you flip your mentality, and sympathize."

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RASH REPORT

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GEORGE FLOYD KILLING

Minneapolis has mostly projected a solid, if not stolid, image.

"City of Lakes" isn't as monumental as "The Big Apple," and even the city's few prominent monuments present an idealized image of nature (Father of Waters in City Hall), a force of nature (Hubert Humphrey in front of City Hall), or even a sitcom character (Mary Tyler Moore on Nicollet Mall).

But now among the images imprinted internationally as symbols of the city are the video of **George Floyd's** murder and the mural honoring him, which has been replicated as far away as Idlib, Syria, a place that profoundly understands injustice.

Floyd's killing, and the explosive protests, peaceful demonstrations, and reformation promises it sparked have recast the placid, or absent, image many had of Minneapolis. "Only weeks ago the biggest lament I heard is Minneapolis-St. Paul was not on the radar. And now we are," said Peter Frosch, CEO of Greater MSP, the Minneapolis-St. Paul regional economic development partnership. "The world is watching what we do. And it will listen when we speak."

Frosch has been listening, too, and in conversations with counterparts across the country he's heard a version of "this is not what I understood about Minneapolis-St. Paul."

But Frosch, and certainly other civic leaders, did understand the unaddressed challenges churning just below the surface. "We unfortunately have not become something entirely different in the last two weeks," Frosch said. "Much of the country and the world has been made aware of parts of our story that we are not proud of but were true before the past couple of weeks."

"Before the last two weeks, our region was not on a sustainable path," Frosch said. "We were becoming more diverse every year without succeeding in bringing all members of our community into full

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participation in our economy and our educational system, and what was happening was a quiet erosion of our exceptionalism. And now that is in the open. And now there is more awareness. So aspects of what we are facing now makes it feel more acute. But the underlying challenge is the same, and I am hopeful in this moment that we can transform this new awareness and urgency into sustained action and not incremental change."

Indeed, as much as Minneapolis may be seen through the current chaotic kaleidoscope, the events fit a national pattern that may make them not seem so singular. "There are events that not only define the city, but define the nation, and where the nation is," said Amy Liu, vice president and director of the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program.

Citing Sandy Hook, Ferguson and New Orleans, Liu said that the events so closely associated with those cities matter not only to "the lives of the people in that community, but put the entire country on its knees in thinking about what to do next.

"So, I do think that this is the Minneapolis moment."

And over time, this moment may become a movement that takes the city's image beyond the searing video. "In some ways I don't think Minneapolis is going to be solely defined by this one act of brutality because the long list of cities that it has shared the moment with," Liu said. "Yet I do think it matters what you do with the moment and, if anything, I think what Minneapolis will be remembered for is its response."

And Minneapolis is ready to respond, said Melvin Tennant, the president and CEO of Meet Minneapolis, the convention and visitors association tasked with attracting events to the city. "This has been a tipping point for our community and for our country," Tennant said. "It's been galvanizing."

And, added Tennant, it fits into "our whole DNA of being a community of innovation in social causes and social change." Already, Tennant said, "we've seen a lot of public and private entities come together quickly; people just want to get to work." And that work has been noticed nationally, and even internationally, just as Frosch suggested.

Initial initiatives by city leaders "burnished Minneapolis as a truly progressive, action-oriented place; it's a place that moves, a place that does, a place that experiments," said Liu, who cited the establishment of the Metropolitan Council, charter schools and new zoning rules as evidence. "What will more define the community is what it does with this moment."

There's national support - and some caution - about the changes, Tennant said. In the wake of the tragedy, Tennant sent a letter to key clients and constituents. "Overwhelmingly, the comment we got back is, 'we stand in solidarity with you,' " Tennant said. But, he added, "people wanted to make sure that we were part of the change." Many also wanted to express concern over news about the future of the city's police department, he said. "People were really concerned about the headlines," Tennant said, a fact that cannot be ignored by the city's leaders.

For Frosch, "this is a call to action for our entire region to marshal our proven problem-solving ability to address one of the biggest barriers to our present and future success.

"In this we cannot fail," Frosch said. But, he cautioned, "Time is not on our side. Attention can wane."

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Liu, a nationally noted expert on cities, said that each "cares about its brand; in a traditional economic-development sense, we actually pay people to market our cities."

People like Tennant and Frosch, who agree with Liu's assessment that "the brand of working toward shared prosperity is a very positive brand." Or, as Frosch believes, "A brand is an extension of who we are. And we're right to be concerned with our brand and our perception. But we should be focused on who we are, and who we want to be, and the action that requires."

The future of the nation, and the Twin Cities, Frosch said, is diversity. "Our question has always been, 'Will we turn that into a source of strength, or will we fail to adapt, fully incorporate and utilize everyone's capabilities, and be less than we've been?' And that question has been on the table two weeks ago, two months ago and is more urgent today."

It was also urgent generations ago, when one of those immortalized with a Minneapolis statue urged his political party, and nation, toward racial reconciliation.

"My friends, to those who say that we are rushing this issue of civil rights, I say to them we are 172 years late," Hubert Humphrey said in a seminal speech at the 1948 Democratic National Convention, in which he urged his party to "walk forthrightly into the bright sunshine of human rights."

It's finally, firmly time for that forthright walk, and there's no better way for Minneapolis to honor George Floyd than to have his adopted city lead the procession.

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As US seethes over race, Trump calls out 'evil of slavery'

ARTICLE DCXVIII. [AS US SEETHES OVER RACE, TRUMP CALLS OUT 'EVIL OF SLAVERY'](#)

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Highlight: As the nation continues to grapple with its racial past, President Donald Trump urged West Point's graduating class Saturday to "never forget" the legacy of soldiers before them who fought a bloody war to "extinguish the evil of slavery."

Body

WEST POINT, N.Y. - As the nation continues to grapple with its racial past, President Donald Trump urged West Point's graduating class Saturday to "never forget" the legacy of soldiers before them who fought a bloody war to "extinguish the evil of slavery."

Trump's appeal to remember history came as his own relationship with the military is under strain from the unrelenting criticism he and Pentagon leaders have faced over their response to protests that erupted after ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis.

It also came hours after Trump made what amounted to a rare concession for him: He rescheduled a campaign rally planned for Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 19. The day marks the end of slavery in the U.S., and Tulsa was the scene of a fiery white-on-black attack in 1921.

"What has historically made America unique is the durability of its institutions against the passions and prejudices of the moment," Trump told more than 1,100 graduates at an unusual outdoor ceremony held during a pandemic. "When times are turbulent, when the road is rough, what matters most is that which is permanent, timeless, enduring and eternal."

In the past two weeks, Trump has yelled at Defense Secretary Mark Esper for publicly opposing his call to deploy active-duty troops to quell the protests stemming from the killing of Floyd, who was black, by a white Minneapolis police officer.

Trump also shut down Esper's attempt to begin a public debate on removing the names of Confederate Army officers - some of whom trained at West Point - from military bases, an idea gaining momentum across the country.

As US seethes over race, Trump calls out 'evil of slavery'

Gen. Mark Milley, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, risked Trump's ire Thursday by declaring he had made "a mistake" by accompanying Trump on a June 1 walk through Lafayette Square. It ended with the president posing with a Bible outside a boarded-up St. John's Church.

Milley's comments amounted to an extraordinary expression of regret by Trump's chief military adviser, who said his appearance led to the perception of the military becoming embroiled in politics, which in his view - one shared by Esper - is a threat to democracy.

The events have stirred debate within the military and among retired officers. More than 500 West Point graduates from classes spanning six decades signed an open letter reminding the Class of 2020 of its commitment to avoid partisan politics.

The letter, published this week on Medium, also alluded to the problems Esper and Milley encountered at the White House after Floyd's death.

"Sadly, the government has threatened to use the Army in which you serve as a weapon against fellow Americans engaging in these legitimate protests," they wrote. "Worse, military leaders, who took the same oath you take today, have participated in politically charged events. The principle of civilian control is central to the military profession. But that principle does not imply blind obedience."

During the commencement ceremony, protesters denounced the president from boats and kayaks along the nearby Hudson River.

Trump also used his first West Point address to remind the newly commissioned officers of the academy's history and storied generals like Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"It was on this soil that American patriots held the most vital fortress in our war for independence," Trump said. He said the U.S. Military Academy "gave us the men and women who fought and won a bloody war to extinguish the evil of slavery within one lifetime of our founding."

"This is your history. This is the legacy that each of you inherits," Trump continued, adding that it was bought with American blood spilled in battle. "You must never forget it."

Trump, however, was incorrect to say women had been trained at West Point for the anti-slavery fight; they were not allowed to become cadets until 1976.

His remarks also overlooked numerous West Point graduates who served in the Confederacy, including President Jefferson Davis, Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. Braxton Bragg. Some are now seeking the removal of Bragg's name from North Carolina's Fort Bragg.

In the speech, Trump leaned into his "America first" brand of foreign policy without uttering the phrase, telling the Army's newest officers their job is "not to rebuild foreign nations, but to defend and defend strongly our nation from our foreign enemies."

"It is not the duty of U.S. troops to solve ancient conflicts in faraway lands that many people have never heard of." He said America is not the "policeman of the world," but warned adversaries that it will "never, ever hesitate" to act when its people are threatened.

He thanked those in the military who helped the country respond to the coronavirus, once again calling it an "invisible enemy" from China.

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The president stressed the unity of a graduating class that came "from every race, religion, color and creed." The class also includes citizens of 11 other countries, including Bosnia-Herzegovina, South Korea and Tanzania.

Trump highlighted bigger defense budgets under his watch but falsely said he had destroyed 100% of the Islamic State caliphate in the Middle East; the group still poses a threat to the U.S. He noted he had directed the killing of two terrorist leaders and had created the Space Force.

Trump also remembered a cadet who died in an accident last year and whose father is a Secret Service agent, and noted that both he and the Army share a birthday Sunday. Trump will turn 74, while the Army marks its 254th year of existence.

Esper did not attend, but emphasized the principles of duty, honor and country in a video message, saying they will help guide the new officers "in challenging times and in the face of new and emerging threats."

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Trump's appearance at West Point had been criticized as a political move that would put the graduates at risk since the academy is located up the Hudson River from New York City, the epicenter of the U.S. coronavirus outbreak.

The Army defended the move, saying the cadets had to return to campus anyway for final medical checks, equipment and training. They had been home since spring break in early March..

For the ceremony, the newly commissioned second lieutenants wore face masks as they marched onto the parade field, but removed them after sitting for the socially distant ceremony required by the pandemic.

Instead of shaking hands with the president, they exchanged salutes. Family and friends were not allowed to attend and had to watch online.

At the end of the ceremony, five hulking helicopters flew low and slow over the field as the graduates tossed their white dress caps into the air.

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Historic pardon in Duluth lynching

ARTICLE DCXIX. **[HISTORIC PARDON IN DULUTH LYNCHING](#)**

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DULUTH - With a gun to his head, Max Mason told a police officer he had done no wrong.

Yet the black circus worker was convicted by an all-white jury of raping a white woman in Duluth in 1920 despite no evidence a crime had occurred.

And for 100 years, the official record reflected that lie.

No more.

Mason, a "scapegoat" for a mob that lynched three innocent black men in Duluth 100 years ago Monday, has been cleared of his century-old rape conviction.

On Friday morning the Minnesota Board of Pardons granted Mason the state's first posthumous pardon.

"This is 100 years overdue," said Gov. Tim Walz, who sits on the board along with Attorney General Keith Ellison and Lorie Skjerven Gildea, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

It took a unanimous vote to grant the pardon, which followed emotional testimony from those supporting it.

"His case is like the case of hundreds of other people of color," said Jerry Blackwell, the Minneapolis lawyer who drafted the pardon application. "Mr. Mason deserves our mercy, our clemency, because we served him a tainted justice when it should have been pure."

Mason was arrested and tried following the June 15, 1920, lynching of three fellow black circus workers - Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie - who were accused of raping a white woman, Irene Tusken. Tusken's doctor found no evidence of an assault.

In Mason's pardon application, Blackwell wrote that without "a scapegoat to exculpate the actions of the mob ... [it] would have meant that the lynch mob had not murdered rapists, but innocent men."

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Mason was sentenced to 30 years in prison but was released in 1925 and told not to return to Minnesota. He died in Memphis, Tenn., in 1942 at the age of 43.

After initially making national headlines, the lynching and Mason's case quickly faded from view and was long kept quiet by Duluth leaders and residents.

Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken, whose great-aunt was the accuser, told the pardon board he only learned about his family's connection to the lynching after Irene Tusken died in 1996.

"I believe this is mostly attributed to the great shame experienced by our family and the desire to repress and forget this injustice," Tusken said. "In much the same way, Duluth followed suit."

The police chief noted, "Not only is the conviction unjust but the facts do not support an arrest in the first place." He urged the board to grant the pardon and correct "a total disregard for justice."

Rogier Gregoire, a board member with the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial in Duluth, said the pardon counters the "Minnesota Nice" approach of ignoring the injustice and dispels any lingering suggestion that the lynchings were somehow justified.

"We need to remove that from the minds of all those people in Minnesota and across the world who believe there's some thread of support for the notion that there might have been a crime," Gregoire said. "We need desperately to help those who want to abandon the racism of that fiction so his memory can be held in all of our hearts in a clear and innocent way."

The board quickly determined it had the legal authority to grant a posthumous pardon under state law and approved the pardon without objection.

During the vote, which took place remotely over a video call, the weight of the decision was evident on the faces of Tusken, Gregoire and Blackwell.

It was not just about the pardon of one man, Ellison said, but "our community."

"Racial terror is not limited to one section of our country," Ellison said. "This is part of a process of letting our country really be a place of liberty and justice for all."

A number of current and former elected officials and legal groups supported the pardon, including, in a rare move, the U.S. District Court for Minnesota.

"I have read the entire transcript of the trial of Mr. Mason, and to say that he was convicted on the flimsiest of evidence is a vast understatement," Chief Judge John R. Tunheim wrote in a letter of support for the pardon. "We can only do what we can now, and that is to try to address the injustices that can be remedied, and never, ever, forget this sad and awful history."

To commemorate the lynching, the federal courthouse in Duluth will be closed on Monday and three minutes of silence will be observed at other courthouses starting at noon.

On Friday afternoon Duluth Mayor Emily Larson apologized to Mason's family and said the decision put "a little bit of hope in the air today." The city's human rights officer, Carl Crawford, said it is a "historic time" for Duluth.

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"We said for a long time that he was innocent. But now it's true. And it's entrenched. And we know it to be true," he said.

Despite a sudden timeliness with the death of ***George Floyd*** still reverberating around the world, the pardon application first came before the board in December, and Walz said it had been "decades in the making."

Still, the governor said: "There is a direct line between what happened with Max Mason and Clayton, Jackson and McGhie. There is a direct line to what happened to ***George Floyd*** on the streets of Minneapolis."

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'It was like a punch to the gut': Homeless asked to vacate park

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Highlight: Notice came on heels of hotel eviction, but the Park Board rescinds its order, averting standoff.

Body

Dozens of homeless men and women who sought refuge in a south Minneapolis hotel during the street protests following the death of ***George Floyd*** are still struggling to find a safe place to stay amid multiple eviction notices.

More than 200 homeless occupants of the former Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown Hotel, near Lake Street and Chicago Avenue, awoke to an unwelcome surprise Tuesday morning, when they were ordered to vacate their rooms at the hotel, which had been converted into a shelter for the homeless during the recent riots.

Lacking other options, many migrated with tents and bags to a shady hilltop overlooking the lake at Powderhorn Park in south Minneapolis. Seeking safety in numbers, about 30 people pitched tents at the northwest

corner of the park, near 10th Avenue and E. 32nd Street.

On Friday morning, however, these tent dwellers got another surprise wake-up call. About 7 a.m., several officers with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board walked through the makeshift camp and gave everyone written notices saying the camp would be dismantled within 72 hours. "It was like a punch to the gut," said Dennis Barrow, who moved to the camp on Thursday after being evicted from the hotel. "We have nowhere left to go."

The back-to-back notices outraged humanitarian aid volunteers and nearby residents of the Powderhorn Park neighborhood, who poured into the park on Friday morning to show support for the tent dwellers. Many handed out water, food and medical supplies and denounced the Park Board's action during a hastily arranged media event near the tents. Some vowed to return to the site to prevent the homeless from being removed.

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A standoff was ultimately avoided when the Park Board late Friday rescinded its 72-hour vacate notice and said tent dwellers would be allowed to remain while local officials worked on a solution.

"An eviction notice is not a solution," declared Grace Berke, community coordinator for the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, which issued a statement denouncing the action. "These are our neighbors and we will not allow them to continue to be pushed further and further out where they can't be seen."

Many who arrived at the park this week looked exasperated after enduring weeks of stress and trauma. The former hotel where they had been staying was near the center of the riots, and many had moved into the building with the hope they would be offered stable housing. Instead, the hotel came to mirror the chaos in the streets nearby, with rampant drug use and fights in the hallways, residents said.

There was extensive destruction to the hotel in its final days, which occupants blamed on a handful of troublemakers. Doors were bashed in. Vending machines were dismantled. Flat-screen televisions were ripped from walls. Graffiti was sprayed in the stairwells. By Friday, the front lobby was in disarray, with garbage and broken furniture strewn about the entrance.

"A lot of angry people terrorized this property on purpose because they didn't like what happened to George Floyd and they stopped caring," said Michelle Smith, an organizer with Freedom from the Streets, who provided outreach to those at the hotel.

The hotel's owner, Jay Patel, declined to be interviewed Friday, as he gazed over his damaged property from the parking lot.

A few of the hotel's last residents looked worn and dispirited as they emerged from the damaged building with their few possessions. "This was a squandered opportunity," said Andre Stigger, a restaurant worker who has been homeless since losing his job in March. "This place could have raised people's consciousness. We could have shown the world that we're capable of lifting ourselves out of this situation."

Yet the mood was upbeat at Powderhorn Park, where dozens of volunteers and neighborhood residents worked through the day Friday to help the recent arrivals. Cheers swept through the group after they learned of the Park Board's decision to revoke the 72-hour vacate notice. The group had put out a call for provisions, including hot food, beverages and bug spray. A man with an injured knee was already getting treated in a makeshift medic tent.

On Friday, Park Board Superintendent Al Bangoura issued a statement saying he now recognized that 72 hours "is not enough time" to help people at the park find housing and other services. "Encampments represent a serious health and safety risk - particularly for those staying within the encampment - and do not represent a dignified form of shelter," he said. "I am committed to working with the community, local leaders and the [Minnesota] Interagency Council on Homelessness on a solution."

Still, it remains to be seen how quickly state and county officials can respond. Their resources and staffing have been stretched thin by a massive and unprecedented effort to move homeless people who are at particularly high risk for the coronavirus to area hotel rooms. To date, more than 600 homeless people have been moved to five area hotels.

Barrow was among those who pitched a tent under the trees at Powderhorn Park after a tumultuous week at the former Sheraton.

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His eviction from the hotel marked the fourth time in two months he had been forced to vacate a site, and he was looking forward to a chance to connect with social workers. "I'm sick of that rock-bottom feeling, where you don't know where your next move is going to be," he said. "People here have really stepped up and made us feel welcome."

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Rather than point the finger, raise his fist and scream blame, Aribert Munzner, the 90-year-old artist who lost much of his work as a result of the recent riots and fires, is moving forward with his life with dignity, grace and humor ("Starting over at 90," June 12).

These are the quiet heroes who lead and inspire by example.

Ursula Krawczyk, St. Paul

POLICE REFORM

The City Council forgot something: To talk to those they claim to help

"Nothing about us without us." With those five simple but powerful words, a group of African-American community leaders told the nine members of the Minneapolis City Council who are calling for defunding and even eliminating the Minneapolis police force to stop their "political grandstanding" and start talking with the people who will be most affected by this ridiculous suggestion ("Officers condemn Chauvin, salute chief," front, June 12).

It is not a novel concept that the best way to solve a problem is to talk to those most in need of finding a solution to the problem. Apparently the City Council, led by President Lisa Bender, hasn't learned that simple principle. And that's a shame, because the African-American community leaders who spoke those words so forcefully on Thursday, while expressing their views on how to make something good out of the terrible killing of *George Floyd* by a Minneapolis police officer, certainly know more about what it will take to improve relations with the police than do the politicians, celebrities and other publicity seekers who unfortunately garner most of the media's attention.

Ronald Haskvitz, Golden Valley

POLICE BEHAVIOR

Property damage is not public safety

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That's it? No police apology for indiscriminately slashing tires? ("Tires slashed by officers in Mpls. unrest," June 9, and "Drivers with slashed tires can seek redress," June 11.)

Which category did my friend, neighbor and former colleague, reporter Chris Serres of the Star Tribune, fall into? Was he driving recklessly? Were there dangerous items in his car? Or was he merely parked in a parking lot seven blocks from his home?

Were there no checks of licenses to separate people living in the area and news media from others? Was there no consideration of less damaging methods of deflating tires, such as the valve stem? Was there no consideration of whether not having transportation would be more likely to keep these car owners in the area?

Was there no necessity to consider probable cause before law enforcement indiscriminately engaged in damage to property?

Was there no consideration that some cars in the area might be those of newsgatherers engaged in constitutionally protected activity that was explicitly exempted from the curfew?

I expected better from the administration of Gov. Tim Walz, whom I admire and to whose campaign I have contributed.

Out-of-control policing precipitated the death of George Floyd. Out-of-control policing will continue to undermine public confidence in law enforcement.

Steve Brandt, Minneapolis

COLUMBUS STATUE

That's not all to remove from Capitol

Gov. Tim Walz and state Rep. Jim Nash, R-Waconia, agree: Protesters should have used established legal processes to remove the statue of Christopher Columbus rather than topple it over ("GOP criticizes Walz after Columbus statue toppled," June 12). But, given the significant amount of racist art that remains at the State Capitol, protesters and other interested Minnesotans still have the opportunity to use the legal method.

Some of the problematic images inside of Minnesota's Capitol are in the chambers where state lawmakers enact legislation. The mural "Discoverers and Civilizers Led to the Source of the Mississippi" is in the Senate chamber. People can read about its symbolism online, but its title alone is revealing. Today, murals can be safely removed from walls and taken to other locations.

Let's lawfully remove that one and the four "Civilization of the Northwest" murals that people see when they step into the rotunda. These murals feature a white young man who is identified as "the American Genius." He leaves home accompanied by Hope and Wisdom (Minerva) to eliminate "savagery," "cowardice," "sin," and "stupidity." Of course "sin" is represented by the figure of a woman. After conquering these entities, "the American Genius" heroically advances agriculture by pulling a rock out of the ground, then he gains control of the Four Winds using them to spread wheat, minerals and art all over Minnesota.

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These images were intended to portray European colonization as a divine and heroic enterprise. They do not belong in the State Capitol where lawmakers see them regularly and the public encounters them when they visit. Let's safely remove them and take them off-site to the Minnesota History Museum.

Julie Risser, Edina

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According to various media accounts, Walz had prior knowledge that the statue of Columbus was to be illegally removed by "protesters." He and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan both took an oath of office to uphold the U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions. Whether they agree with the symbolism of the statue is irrelevant - the precedent they have now set is that any law they disagree with (in this case, the destruction of public property) they no longer have to enforce.

Flanagan stated she wanted all citizens to "feel welcome" at the State Capitol. How welcome does she think the average citizen will feel when they know that laws are no longer enforced there?

Craig Wurzinger, White Bear Township

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The statue of Columbus pulled down in St. Paul this week was art. And the people who pulled it down chose a piece of art they didn't like and forcibly removed it. Art is a type of speech, and the way to engage with speech we don't like is with more speech. Anyone can petition for a piece of public art to be removed. Better yet, create your own sculpture or film or music. But it is illiberal and a dangerous precedent to deface, damage or destroy art that we don't agree with.

Catherine Walker, Minneapolis

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Art isn't the reason the statue was put there, so it's not a reason to have kept it there.

John Kaplan, St. Paul

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The argument for keeping statues of Confederate figures on display throughout the U.S. is that their presence relates history. The same argument is given for maintaining the names of military bases that honor disgraceful men. Given that understanding, why don't we see statues of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Pol Pot, Idi Amin and other despots on display, so citizens can be fully informed historically?

Surely anyone with basic comprehension can appreciate that when Gen. Robert E. Lee took part in the Civil War, eager to divide our country in half so as to maintain the institution of slavery, he became a traitor to the Union. Our Union. And surely anyone of minimal sensitivity can understand why black people feel as appalled by Lee as decent humanity is outraged by Hitler.

Statues and place names are not provided to teach history; they are provided to honor the person they name. No amount of rationalizing changes truth.

Shawn O'Rourke Gilbert, Edina

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We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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St. Paul to dismiss some cases following Floyd's death

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Body

The St. Paul City Attorney's Office will dismiss cases against people who protested peacefully following **George Floyd**'s killing by a Minneapolis police officer and will offer alternatives to traditional prosecution to others.

The office is reviewing nearly 100 cases, including 87 curfew violations, City Attorney Lyndsey Olson said Friday. While some cases involve other crimes, such as property damage, none are arsons, she said.

"The City Attorney's Office will make charging decisions on a case-by-case basis and proceed with traditional prosecution when deemed necessary," Olson said. "The approach to review and charging on these cases is not unique - rather, it's an example of our whole commitment to stewarding just outcomes in prosecution."

The office makes charging decisions for all cases on an individualized basis and has a restorative justice program for first-time, nonviolent offenders already in place.

The office may give those facing charges the opportunity to participate in the ETHOS program, which would involve talking to people in their neighborhood and developing a plan to remedy the harm caused, Olson said.

"One of the saddest parts of all of this is just how historically unsurprising **George Floyd**'s murder is," Mayor Melvin Carter said as he stood alongside Olson at a City Hall news conference Friday afternoon.

"As my children have shared with me, it shouldn't be surprising to anyone that people have been as angry as they have been."

As he has throughout the aftermath of the protests that spread across the Twin Cities in recent weeks, Carter drew a distinction between "those voices of peaceful protest [that] have challenged and renewed our country's spirit in every single generation" and violence against people and property.

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"I fully support City Attorney Olson's planned approach and appreciate that critical distinction ... between those who sought to build a better future and those who tried to tear us down," he said.

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Biden's VP list narrows: Warren, Harris, Susan Rice, others

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Joe Biden's search for a running mate is entering a second round of vetting for a dwindling list of potential vice presidential nominees, with several black women in strong contention.

Democrats with knowledge of the process said Biden's search committee has narrowed the choices to as few as six serious contenders after initial interviews. Among the group still in contention: Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Kamala Harris of California, as well as Susan Rice, who served as President Barack Obama's national security adviser.

Those with knowledge declined to name other contenders and said the process remains somewhat fluid. Additional candidates may still be asked to submit to the extensive document review process now underway for some top contenders. Those familiar with Biden's search spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the process.

The campaign dismissed the idea of a shortened list as early speculation. "Those who talk don't know and those who know don't talk," said Andrew Bates, a Biden spokesperson.

Biden, who has already said he will pick a woman as his running mate, is facing increased calls from Democrats to put a woman of color on the ticket - both because of the outsize role that black voters played in Biden's road to the nomination and because of the reckoning over racism and inequality roiling the nation following the death of *George Floyd*. The black Minneapolis man died after a white police officer pressed his knee on his neck for several minutes, an episode that was captured on video.

Terry McAuliffe, the former Virginia governor and former Democratic National Committee chairman, said that while Biden's choice was likely to be "all about personal chemistry," it would be "exciting for the party" to have a black woman on a major party presidential ticket for the first time.

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The campaign's list includes several black women, including Harris and Rice. Advisers have also looked closely at Florida Rep. Val Demings and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, both of whom are black, and New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a Latina.

Biden's vetting committee had conversations with a larger group of women earlier this spring; those continuing on in the process have been asked to turn over financial records, past writings and other documentation. Biden has had various public and private interactions with many of the women his vetting committee has considered thus far, but has not yet had any formal one-on-one interviews expressly to discuss the No. 2 spot on the ticket. Those aren't expected for several weeks.

Rice, who worked closely with Biden during his time as vice president, has emerged as a favorite among some former Obama administration officials and is personally close to the former president. She has never held elected office but has extensive foreign policy experience, including as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. She's also been an outspoken critic of the Trump administration since leaving the White House and considered running for U.S. Senate in Maine.

Rice has long been a target of Republicans, including for statements she made after the deadly 2012 attacks on Americans in Benghazi, Libya. Republicans have also accused her of spying on Michael Flynn, Trump's first national security adviser, though records declassified by the Trump administration show no evidence of Rice improperly accessing any information.

Harris and Warren have been seen as top contenders for the No. 2 spot since ending their own presidential campaigns.

Warren and Biden have forged a surprising bond in recent months and talk regularly about the progressive policy ideas the Massachusetts senator put at the forefront of her campaign. Biden already has adopted her proposed bankruptcy law overhaul. And now, with the coronavirus pandemic and resulting economic slowdown elevating the nuts-and-bolts of governing, some Democrats see Warren's policy credentials as an asset to the ticket.

A Biden-Warren pairing would mean both Democrats on the ticket are white and in their 70s. Biden is 77, and Warren is 70.

Harris is the lone black contender who has won statewide office, notable experience given Biden's emphasis on wanting a partner "ready to be president." She and Biden have also demonstrated a comfortable manner with each other in online fundraisers. Harris is an expert voice in discussions of criminal justice, but some black progressives view her background as a prosecutor skeptically.

One contender whose standing does appear to have fallen is Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who was a prosecutor years ago in the county that includes Minneapolis. During that period, more than two dozen people - mostly minorities - died during encounters with police.

While the people with knowledge of Biden's vetting process did not rule Klobuchar out, she is widely viewed among Democrats with close ties to the Biden campaign as less likely to be tapped given recent events.

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CHIEF ATTENDS FLOYD MEMORIAL

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Leslie Redmond, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, praised Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo as she spoke during a community memorial on Friday for **George Floyd**. After her address at the event, organized by the NAACP at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in north Minneapolis, Redmond embraced Arradondo, right. On Wednesday, the chief said at a news conference that "race is inextricably a part of the American policing system" and that "communities of color have paid the heaviest of costs, and that's with their lives."

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Coronavirus Saturday update: Nine more Minnesota deaths, 377 more infections

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The state Department of Health also reported 377 new coronavirus infections. The statewide total of laboratory confirmed cases is now at 30,172 and the death toll has reached 1,283.

Those whose deaths were reported Saturday ranged in age from their 50s to their 90s. Four of the deaths were residents of long-term care.

The coronavirus has now been found in all but one of Minnesota's 87 counties. Cook County reported its first case Saturday, leaving Lake of the Woods as the only county not to have a laboratory-confirmed infection.

Minnesota's serious coronavirus cases and deaths from COVID-19 have been on the decline in recent days. So has the positivity rate of coronavirus tests reported each day.

Health officials are closely monitoring those statistics and other data as Minnesota continues to reopen businesses and allow for larger gatherings that were strictly limited early in the pandemic to slow the spread of infections.

Early data released Friday from about 1,300 tests of those who demonstrated after the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police showed just 1.4 percent of attendees caught COVID-19.

Anyone who attended the protests and other large community events is encouraged to get tested, regardless of symptoms. There are community testing sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but appointments have filled quickly and there are limited spots for walk-ins.

Coronavirus Saturday update: Nine more Minnesota deaths, 377 more infections

Minnesota has tested, on average, about 10,000 samples per day for almost a week. Saturday the results of 12,790 tests were reported and 407,992 patient samples have been screened since local testing began in March.

There are 390 patients hospitalized, as of Friday afternoon, and 191 of them in critical condition. There's also 25,620 people who have recovered enough they no longer need to be isolated. [3M, MIT working to create COVID-19 rapid diagnostic test](#) [Tuesday coronavirus update: 6 new MN deaths, 403 additional cases](#) [Minnesota among 4 states added to NY's coronavirus quarantine list](#) [California shuts bars, indoor dining and most gyms, churches](#) [Virus spread, not politics should guide schools, doctors say](#)

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How we talk to each other now

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Body

Dave Ellis didn't have to step out of his house to learn his first searing lesson in racial injustice. When he was 7, his father died in his arms from complications of a stroke. The ambulance wouldn't cross to their side of town to save him. Ellis, 68, moved to the Twin Cities in 1974, where he worked for the Minnesota Department of Corrections and United Way before founding Dave Ellis Consulting, which promotes training and meaningful conversations around race, equity and childhood trauma. He heads to New Jersey later this month to become executive director for New Jersey's Office of Resilience. In this wrenching moment for our city, he encourages us to continue to have productive conversations.

Q: This now feels like a wholly inadequate opener, but how are you?

A: It's a fascinating question and one of the most powerful. I've been getting text messages and phone calls from around the world. It's kind of like Sept. 11. That was in the news for so long, brought up so many times. But this is the first time in my life when "angry black man" applies to me. I think I've been angry for a long time but this is the first time it's started to bubble out. Anger is not a bad thing as long as you use the anger constructively by trying to help people and by asking, "What are the next steps?" But overall, any day I wake up is a good day. I get to participate and try to do good in the world.

Q: An imperfect world, to be sure. You learned that at any early age.

A: My father's death had a dramatic impact on me. I grew up in southern Illinois, which is as much a part of the south as Mississippi or Alabama. I remember going home for my college's athletics Hall of Fame and I went into places where they still referred to me as "boy," with a smile on their face. I had my kids with me and some of my grandkids. I've never really raised my voice. I'd rather walk away. Some people see that as a weakness, but I see that as a strength. I didn't let someone force me into something, I'm still in control.

Q: Did your mother influence your decision to walk away?

A: Growing up, we didn't have "the talk." We had a conversation that went on my entire time being raised. My mother told me how I would or would not communicate with authority. My mom taught me in her very

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strict way that it was, "Yes, sir, yes, ma'am." To this day, I say that to people even younger than me. I don't want my decision to put me in a position of not knowing if I'll get to come home tonight.

Q: You moved here with wife Loretta, a Minnesota native, first living in the suburbs before moving to north Minneapolis to raise your five kids. Culture shock?

A: I remember the first time I did a diversity training here and I asked, "How many of you have taught your kids not to run?" No one raised a hand. They looked at me like, "What?" Privilege is about never having to think about something. Part of what I do for a living is try to help people see what trauma looks like in a life; being able to tell my story helps to make it not so secret.

Q: You're a big proponent of sharing stories to break down barriers.

A: The shortest distance between two people is a story. I have been in rooms with out-and-out racists and we've been able to hold a conversation because we found our commonalities. One man told me, "We actually agree on some things. We both want good schools and our neighborhoods not to be crime ridden. We differ on how we get there."

Q: What is a respectful question I might ask of someone, knowing full well my privilege?

A: It's a touchy subject but it doesn't have to be that deep. Something as simple as, "How are you?" It requires an open heart and an open mind and the ability to recognize that other people are not imitations of you. A quote attributed to Anais Nin says, "We don't see things as they are. We see them as we are." That's stuck with me for a long time.

Q: What has gone through your mind over the past few weeks?

A: When it actually comes, there's not a sigh of relief that you're right. People kept talking and talking over the years; the community has been promised multiple things and they never happened. This time, folks are saying - not just in Minneapolis or Minnesota or the U.S. - hear our human cry. When you watch what happened with Philando [Castile] and George Floyd ... with the advent of video and Facebook and cellphones, the world is a different place.

Q: Some elected officials propose disbanding the police force. How would that look to you?

A: I don't know what it would look like but I'd first ask, "What do you want for an outcome?" Protect and serve would be a good place to start. I want people, regardless of who you are and where you live, to feel like you're not being over-policed. When we train police officers and give them a gun, do we screen for trauma first? Once we get triggered, the rest of our brain goes offline. We go to base instinct. How do we make sure that law enforcement is absolutely prepared, which includes a lot of stuff around mental health and diversity training. You can't help anyone deal with their stuff until you've dealt with your own.

Q: What does real change look like?

A: I can go outside and meet people I can talk to. We've pulled back into our bunkers and COVID hasn't helped. We're not designed to be alone. We're designed to be in relationship. My hope is that we become a kinder society, a forgiving society. If I can forgive, I can begin to move forward.

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Huge demand for food giveaway at St. Paul's Allianz Field shows community's need

ARTICLE DCXXVII. **HUGE DEMAND FOR FOOD GIVEAWAY AT ST. PAUL'S ALLIANZ
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With COVID-19, there was no Major League Soccer game to be played and rush-hour traffic has become a thing of the past. Some drivers caught up in the scene honked; others waited patiently.

The only explanation was the "Farmers' Market in a Box" drive being held on the north side of the stadium. No other issues were causing congestion on those roads at that time, a Minnesota Department of Transportation spokesman said.

The food-distribution efforts headed by Keystone Community Services and Second Harvest Heartland had an estimated 900 packages ready for families in need during the coronavirus pandemic. Each family received about 50 pounds of food.

The drive-up and walk-up event was set to start at 10 a.m. and end around noon. With cars lined up starting at 7 a.m., organizers opened a little early, but were forced to close down the queue by roughly 10:45 a.m. and everything was distributed soon after 11 a.m. Those left empty-handed were directed to Keystone's food shelf on University Avenue.

"I think it's clear that our community needs the food," said Mary McKeown, Keystone's president and CEO.

Minnesota's unemployment rate jumped to 8.1 percent in April, the highest seasonally adjusted rate in the state since 1983.

"People just don't have the income," McKeown said. "The disparity between what people are getting paid and what they need to live in an affordable home or in renting is just larger."

Huge demand for food giveaway at St. Paul's Allianz Field shows community's need

Minnesota United and Allianz Life hosted a produce giveaway during the team's inaugural season in its new stadium last year and were set to do it again this year.

Then the USDA started the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to provide direct relief for farmers who had fewer restaurants open for their food deliveries. So, Keystone and Second Harvest rolled that program into this year's offering.

Families in need received produce, dairy and meat from farms in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Colorado, McKeown said. Most the recipients at Friday's drive were from St. Paul.

Abdi Hassan of St. Paul waited in the walk-up line near 11 a.m.; he sought food for his wife and five children, ages 1 to 16. He said he remains employed as an HVAC mechanic, but his second jobs of landscaping, painting and remodeling have dried up with social distancing and he's struggling to pay the mortgage on his home.

"It's not enough," Hassan said. "The mortgage is \$2,000 and utilities, and I only get \$3,000 a month."

Hassan said he was thankful for the food he received and not having to make a choice between shelter and providing meals for his family.

Keystone saw a nearly 10 percent increase in demand for food from 2018 to 2019 and were anticipating another 10 percent increase into 2020, McKeown said. Now with the coronavirus, that jump is expected to be 30 to 40 percent. Most food-shelf recipients visit three times a year, she said.

"The important thing to remember, and what we talk about is with COVID-19, is it hit everybody," McKeown said. "It doesn't matter how prepared you are. All kinds of people didn't expect to lose their jobs."

The food-donation drive had been planned before the protests and riots over ***George Floyd***'s death hit the Midway neighborhood, further impacting a reeling community. Organizers waited until the unrest quieted before announcing the event earlier this week on social media.

While Allianz Field wasn't touched in the riots, the partially boarded-up McDonald's nearby had an "RIP, George" message written on the plywood. Foot Locker and Great Clips were torched and boarded up. The Jimmy John's had a few spray-painted messages covered up in more black paint, but one remained: "Love wins."

Loons head coach Adrian Heath recently visited the neighborhood to see the damage.

"It is an eye-opener, and a little bit of a shock when I got down there," Heath said. "... But I'm sure that we will rebuild because that is what we have to do. Everybody has to come together and rebuild that environment and make it a better place for everybody." [Minnesota United steals 2-1 win over Kansas City in MLS is Back Tournament](#) [Minnesota United pursuing French center back Bakaye Dibassy](#) [Loons clear of COVID-19, but Sunday's opponent has a positive case](#) [John Shipley: So far, nothing enjoyable about rebooting pro sports](#) [Loons goalkeeper Tyler Miller opens up about mental health struggles](#)

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Huge demand for food giveaway at St. Paul's Allianz Field shows community's need

Volunteers distribute boxes of food during a "Farmers Market In A Box" program at Allianz Field in St. Paul on Friday, June 12, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Cars line up as boxes of food are distributed during a "Farmers Market In A Box" program at Allianz Field in St. Paul on Friday, June 12, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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Live music to return in new formats

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LIVE MUSIC TO RETURN IN NEW FORMATS

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Live music is back. Kind of. Sort of. In new formats and configurations.

Even though Gov. Tim Walz's COVID-19 directives allow live music events to resume this week with reduced audiences, only three Twin Cities indoor music rooms have plans to reopen soon. However, some promoters are staging outdoor shows.

The most ambitious indoor setup will be at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres with a twist - concerts that have traditionally played in the 236-seat Fireside Theater will be presented in the 575-seat main stage, with capacity limited to about 140 to comply with state guidelines and ensure social distancing.

"Working out the floor plan is the puzzle we're talking about now," CDT vice president Tamara Kangas Erickson said. "It's a really good room for live music."

With the musical "Music Man" on furlough because of the pandemic, Chanhassen concerts will run Tuesdays

through Sundays, from July 10 through the end of August for now, Erickson said. The lineup will feature tributes to Frank Sinatra, Abba and classic soul music, among others.

Dinner will be optional. Masks will be required in the lobby. Tickets will go on sale later in June.

Because Aster Café in Minneapolis' St. Anthony Main is a restaurant with live music, it is able to have an audience of 50% capacity or 54 people, said owner Jeff Arundel. He plans to announce a schedule of Friday and Saturday evening performances next week.

Bunkers Music Bar and Grill plans to start serving food next week and live music after July 4. The North Loop mainstay is hoping the governor will loosen restrictions by then, booker James Klein said.

With live-music venues restricted to 25% capacity and a maximum of 250 people under current guidelines, promoters say those limited numbers are not economically feasible for reopening most indoor rooms.

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"It would be difficult to do anything and not lose money," said general manager Nate Kranz, whose portfolio includes First Avenue, the Fine Line, Turf Club and the Palace and Fitzgerald theaters. "I don't see how it's financially viable for us to do this and maintain social distancing."

Ever-innovative Crooners Supper Club in Fridley has figured two ways of staging concerts during the pandemic. The club is reprising last year's Lakeside Cafe series, with room for 50 people under current guidelines in its fenced-in, tented patio. Connie Evingson will perform there Saturday.

On June 22, Crooners will transition from drive-in movie-style concerts in its parking lot to large tent shows for 200 people.

"We will start looking like a circus over here," music booker Andrew Walesch said, referring to his two tented stages. "Our drive-in series [started on June 1] has been wildly popular. Every show sells out. But it's going to fizzle out with the [warmer] weather. We have to be continually changing."

Crooners invested in a 100- by 40-foot tent that can accommodate 500 people when pandemic restrictions are removed. The staff will set up 80 to 90 tables for two, with a handful of single seats at a bar area. Dinner and cocktails will be available.

The lineup will feature nationally known singers Marilyn Maye and Ann Hampton Callaway as well as local performers including Martin Zellar's Neil Diamond tribute.

Masks will be required because the entrance to the tent is through Crooners Supper Club.

"It would be easier to close," Walesch said. "But closing is just not an option for Mary [Tjosvold, the owner]."

Other venues feel they don't have a viable option to present indoor concerts.

"We have no immediate plans to open inside," Dakota proprietor Lowell Pickett said. "It's not an easy answer. You want to make everyone safe - the performers, the staff and the patrons."

Among the other indoor live-music venues not reopening are Cedar Cultural Center, Amsterdam Bar, Mortimer's and the Orpheum, State and Pantages theaters.

First Avenue staff is using the down time, Kranz said, to do some deferred maintenance like painting dressing rooms and repairing the Turf Club, which suffered extensive water damage from sprinklers because of fires during the recent unrest following the death of George Floyd while in police custody.

Xcel Energy Center and Treasure Island Casino have no concerts slated until September. Target Center lists a Dan + Shay show rescheduled for Aug. 29 while Mystic Lake Casino has Dwight Yoakam for July 30, the only gig on his itinerary until September.

Walker Art Center has scrapped all live performances - indoors and out - for the summer. Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has canceled all concerts in June and not booked anything yet for the popular Lake Harriet Band Shell.

"Nothing is scheduled for July as it would be next to impossible to cap the crowds at 250 people," said spokesperson Robin Smothers. "If things change and more people are allowed to gather, we will revisit."

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Resourceful promoter/performer Mick Sterling, who produces more than two dozen tribute shows, is presenting The Relief Sessions, a Friday-night series of drive-in-style concerts in a Burnsville parking lot, starting June 26 with two shows, the Johnnie Brown Experience and the Jorgensens. There is room for 105 vehicles. Food trucks will be available but no alcohol. Concertgoers will be able to sit in lawn chairs.

"I'm grateful Burnsville is allowing this to happen," Sterling said. "We're finding a middle ground. It's not ideal. I performed at Crooners drive-in on Wednesday and it was great to do what we do again - for the audience and for the band members. It's a good comeback story. People like comeback stories."

Following a two-decade tradition, Tally's Dockside on White Bear Lake will host live music three nights a week, including Dee Miller on Saturday on an outdoor patio. Advance reservations and a minimum purchase are required.

While the Cabooze is exploring the possibilities of livestreaming shows with a small in-person audience in July, the Aster and Bunkers stand as the only clubs planning indoor concerts.

"Social distancing will be a self-discipline for the customers, Klein of Bunkers said. "We're not going to demand that people wear masks. It's going to be a work in progress. I don't think there's one simple answer."

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Minnesota is prepared for COVID-19's second act

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Body

Minnesota leaders said they are prepared for a resurgence of COVID-19 if the state follows the pattern of others where cases of the infectious disease increased after relaxation of social distancing and stay-at-home restrictions.

Compared with the start of the first wave, Minnesota now has more capacity to test for and track the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, along with more hospital beds and at least stable supplies of masks and gowns to protect doctors, nurses and other caregivers.

"There's no question in my mind but that we're better prepared," said Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner. "We also know a lot more about the virus than we did four months ago."

And it's not that the state is finished with the first wave. While the pandemic ebbed in June, the state on Friday reported 25 COVID-19 deaths - the highest daily total in the last week - along with 490 new cases.

Daily reports of COVID-19 deaths have tended to be higher on Fridays, but the latest tally increased the overall death toll to 1,274 and pushed the number of deaths involving long-term care residents above 1,000. The total of known cases is now 29,795 - though that includes 25,028 people who have recovered.

It's possible that a second wave could be worse, as was the case in the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918-1919, or could come as a double whammy in the fall with the start of influenza season.

About a dozen states including Arizona, Florida, Texas and Utah have seen recent case growth, with some growth in severe COVID-19 cases requiring hospitalization.

Risk of death or hospitalization is highest among the elderly - with 82% of Minnesota's deaths in people 70 or older - and among people with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes and diseases of the lungs, heart, kidneys and immune system.

Minnesota is prepared for COVID-19's second act

Leaders with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday said that they have investigators in states with upticks to determine the underlying reasons and to inform others in their long-term preparations.

"It's important that we remember this situation is unprecedented and that the pandemic has not ended," said Dr. Robert Redfield, the CDC director.

CDC officials cautioned that some states are only seeing an increase in cases - not hospitalizations - that could reflect more testing and identification of mild infections that were missed in the past.

Minnesota on Thursday reported 13,391 diagnostic tests - its second-highest daily tally so far.

Free testing took place this week at four sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul following protests over the May 25 death of George Floyd in police custody.

The state recommended testing for anyone involved in these mass demonstrations, regardless of whether they have respiratory symptoms that suggest COVID-19.

More than 3,200 tests were conducted at these sites this week. Results from the first 1,300 showed a positivity rate of 1.4%.

Testing has continued at long-term care facilities throughout Minnesota as well as part of a state strategy to reduce deaths in those facilities by quickly identifying and responding to outbreaks.

The state has orchestrated testing of nearly 36,000 residents or workers in 217 long-term care facilities that have had outbreaks.

Health officials believe that has slowed the growth of infections in long-term care facilities, which in Minnesota includes nursing homes, assisted-living and other group-living facilities.

The number of these facilities reporting outbreaks declined from 23 per day five weeks ago to five per day last week.

Hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients in Minnesota dropped slightly on Friday to 403 - including 191 needing intensive care.

Malcolm said it is encouraging that the ICU usage number has declined by 70 since late May, when some Twin Cities hospitals briefly ran out of these critical care beds and had to divert patients.

Leaders of Twin Cities hospitals reported stable levels of personal protective equipment such as masks to protect doctors, nurses and others treating COVID-19 patients - though the state lists large orders, including 2.4 million highly protective N95 masks, as overdue for delivery to the state stockpile.

Allina Health's preparations for COVID-19 were unexpectedly tested by the protests and riots following Floyd's death, which occurred near Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Patients in Abbott's mental health unit were transferred because of concerns about their anxiety levels with loud or even violent protests outside.

Births tripled to 41 within 48 hours at United Hospital in St. Paul, as expectant mothers switched there from Abbott.

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Medical helicopters diverted to the Crystal airport because some protesters were reportedly using laser pointers that could potentially blind pilots landing atop Abbott.

Emergency staffing plans were enacted as many caregivers couldn't make scheduled shifts because of unrest near their homes or around the hospitals.

Preparations for COVID-19 aided in the response to that crisis, but the real-life experience also provided lessons that could help with the next surge of cases, said Lisa Shannon, Allina's chief operating officer.

"It really put our COVID readiness to the test," she said.

Health officials stressed that the best way to prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed is by having individuals maintain social distancing that reduces virus transmission.

A May CDC survey suggested that most people are still supportive of mask wearing and keeping 6 feet from others to reduce virus transmission, but it's likely that many are tiring, said Dr. Jay Butler, the CDC's COVID-19 response incident manager.

"We recognize that we're all getting tired of staying at home," he said. "People long for the lives that they had back in December."

Malcolm said she worries that Minnesotans will suffer from "mitigation fatigue" and stop complying with social distancing. Gov. Tim Walz mentioned fatigue along with economic concerns in his gradual scaling back of a statewide stay-at-home order, which ended May 18 after 51 days, and his allowance this week for limited reopenings of indoor restaurants, fitness clubs, movie theaters and other entertainment venues.

Minneapolis-based Medica surveyed more than 18,000 of its health plan members and found that nearly one-third ranked mental health as their top concern in the pandemic - with anxiety and depression being particular problems.

Prolonged isolation has been a growing problem for long-term care residents as well, and the state Health Department is exploring ways to protect them from infection but allow friends and relatives to visit - perhaps through windows or outdoors.

That separation "has been one of the most heartbreaking parts" of the pandemic, said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

Sticking to social distancing will help everyone and allow more activities to resume, she said. "We all want to keep things moving in the direction of reopening. For that to happen, we need all Minnesotans to do their part ... The less people follow this guidance, the greater chance we will see more spread and have a harder time toward greater reopening."

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

29,795 -- Total cases

490 -- June 12 new cases

Minnesota is prepared for COVID-19's second act

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,274 -- Total deaths

25 -- June 12

U.S. cases, new daily

2,034,118 -- Total cases

23,157 -- June 11

U.S. deaths, new daily

113,974 -- Total deaths

877 -- June 11

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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PICK SIX

ARTICLE DCXXX. PICK SIX

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Pick Six is a half-dozen cool things in music, from two points of view.

Josh Jacobson of Minneapolis:

1 Bruce Springsteen, "From My House to Yours." His most recent SiriusXM DJ set was timely, political and powerful.

2 Dropkick Murphys, "Streaming Outta Fenway." The Boston band streamed live from the Fenway Park infield, joined briefly by Bruce Springsteen on the Jumbotron, raising money for Boston charities.

3 Ari Melber's "Fallback Friday." Bill Kristol and Fat Joe? Waka Flocka Flame and Russ Feingold? You never know what unlikely pairings you will see each Friday on MSNBC.

Jon Bream of the Star Tribune:

1 Dear Class of 2020, Beyoncé. In her inspiring speech to graduates, Queen Bey talked about not going to college herself, the influence of her parents, her own struggles to make it in the music industry as a black woman and the importance of hard work. Then she advised: "To the young women, our future leaders, know that you're about to make the world turn. I see you. You are everything the world needs. Make those power moves. Be excellent. And to the young kings, lean into your vulnerability and redefine masculinity. Lead with heart. There's so many different ways to be brilliant." Be authentically you, she urged.

2 Black country artists speak out about racism. In the aftermath of the George Floyd killing, Darius Rucker and Kane Brown took to social media to decry the racism they've experienced. Mickey Guyton wrote an essay in *Billboard* about racism in country music and dropped a new song, "Black Like Me." Sonically, it could fit seamlessly in country radio. You can feel the pain in her voice. But the song isn't about heartbreak from lost love. It's about being perceived as different. "If you think we live in the land of the free," she sings, "you should try to be black like me."

3 Archie Shepp and Raw Poetic, "Ocean Bridges." The veteran avant-garde jazz saxophonist and his rapper nephew bring two worlds together for some thoughtful, chill music, peaking on "Sugar Coat It."

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Stillwater School Board ousts Superintendent Denise Pontrelli

ARTICLE DCXXXI. [STILLWATER SCHOOL BOARD OUSTS SUPERINTENDENT DENISE PONTRELLI](#)

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Byline: TIM HARLOW; ERIN ADLER; STAFF WRITERS, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Pontrelli had led the east metro district since 2015.

Body

More than four years after Superintendent Denise Pontrelli made a controversial decision to close three elementary schools, the Stillwater School Board on Thursday approved a \$300,000 separation agreement that ends her tenure at the end of the month.

"I acknowledge that this is a difficult transition, but I trust that our school district will rally together, support one another and continue to work on the important issues we face in our community," said Board Chairwoman Sarah Stivland, who voted for the agreement, in a statement.

The 5-2 vote to sever ties with Pontrelli, who was named superintendent in 2015, comes a year after the board unsuccessfully tried to remove her from the district's top job.

The agreement means that she will receive her \$195,800 salary for 2020-21, \$64,312 for the release of legal claims against the district, \$29,165 of accrued unused vacation time, district health care and contributions to her annuity plan and health savings account.

Tension has been brewing in the east metro district since Pontrelli's decision to shutter the schools, which immediately put her at odds with some school board members and residents.

The closures were part of a district plan called BOLD (Building Opportunities to Learn and Discover) that aimed to accommodate enrollment growth in the southern part of the district.

"She's been punished for [that decision] ever since," said Board Member Jennifer Pelletier. "I think it's a single-issue board focused on trying to find some kind of retribution."

Another pressure point was a garage for school buses the district purchased in Lake Elmo. When the district failed to connect it to city utilities, the city took away the permit needed for its operation.

Stivland said the garage ultimately wasn't usable and cost the district \$7 million. It's become "kind of a mess," she said, adding that the School Board has hired a lawyer to investigate the debacle.

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Pelletier, who voted against the separation agreement, said the garage had become an excuse used by some board members to rationalize ousting Pontrelli.

Following the vote, taken during a meeting held online because of COVID-19 concerns, Stivland read a joint statement from the School Board and Pontrelli.

"After serving the Stillwater Area Schools for five years, Denise Pontrelli has agreed to a separation agreement with the Stillwater Area school board," the statement said. "Superintendent Pontrelli wishes to extend her gratitude to the students, staff and community for their partnership to create and improve learning systems for all. The district expresses its gratitude to her and to her leadership for the past five years."

Pontrelli declined to comment for this story.

The vote, Stivland said, indicated that separation was in the district's best interest. Board Member Shelley Pearson agreed but resigned at the end of the meeting.

A number of residents and teachers in the district of about 8,600 students recently had expressed support for Pontrelli, but the campaign wasn't enough to keep the School Board from agreeing to the separation.

Josiah Hill, an English teacher at Stillwater High School and head of the teachers union, told the board that Pontrelli had the backing of 81% of educators, something he said was unheard of.

"I'm deeply troubled that the board is looking to separate with our superintendent during turbulent times," Hill said, referring to the pandemic and the recent unrest following the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

He said that Pontrelli's leave-taking "will harm our students, district and community for years to come."

Pelletier said the closing of the three schools wasn't just about balancing enrollment numbers, but righting "incredible inequities" in the district. She praised Pontrelli's work on equity issues. "I believe our families of color trust her," she said.

But Kristie Mack, a district resident, said it was time for Pontrelli to go, citing the divide in the district created in the past few years.

Assistant Superintendent Robert McDowell recently left Stillwater to lead Hastings Public Schools, and Board Member Mark Burns said that letting Pontrelli go with McDowell gone and Finance Director Kristen Hoheisel on leave is "operationally irresponsible." The decision to cut ties with Pontrelli, he said, was "fiscally irresponsible."

The district will look for an interim superintendent right away and hire a search firm to find an "excellent leader" who will be a good fit, long term, for the district, Stivland said.

"I wish it could start tomorrow," she said.

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Special to the Star Tribune

The COVID-19 pandemic and the death of *George Floyd* have brought people out onto the street as never before, showing how much our roadways are no longer just corridors devoted to moving vehicles, bikes and pedestrians as fast and efficiently as possible.

Streets have become the places where we increasingly pursue our personal, public and even our political lives, and we could use some new ways of talking about them. We also could use new names for them that more accurately describe how we have come to use them.

Here are a few suggestions from an urban design perspective:

As an honoring space

The intersection of S. Chicago Avenue and 38th Street in Minneapolis has become a safe space for diverse communities to come together to honor the place where the Floyd tragedy unfolded at the hands of police. It will likely become a place of pilgrimage for those who want to see where the interna

tional movement for police reform all began, where the death heard 'round the world occurred.

We need to see that intersection as a sacred space and a people-friendly place that either prohibits vehicles or at least has design features - like pavers, planters and speed bumps - that slow traffic to a respectful crawl. It also should retain its community character and continue to accommodate the street art, impromptu memorials and difficult conversations.

As First Amendment space

A different but equally important use of a street happens in front of the Minnesota governor's residence on Summit Avenue in St. Paul. During the pandemic and now, in the wake of Floyd's death, we have seen

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thousands of people gather in and along that street, sometimes blocking traffic or using vehicles to send a political message.

That section of street will likely continue to be a place where people engage in their First Amendment right to free speech and to peaceably assemble. We should recognize the special nature of that place. We should also put in place traffic-calming measures and more provisions for those expressing their political opinions, like wider sidewalks, accessible seating and more shade.

As a 'commoning' space

While few streets have such distinctive roles to play in our public life, every street has the possibility of becoming more than just a pass-through.

As Minnesota's Jay Walljasper has written, we are gradually moving toward a "commons-based society," where "the competition that characterizes life today would be balanced with new attitudes and social structures that foster cooperation."

We've already seen streets of all kinds begin to play that commons role. Some parkways already have been closed to vehicles to give pedestrians more space to social distance, curbs along protest routes have become places to hand out water and snacks, and sidewalks along Lake Street in Minneapolis and University Avenue in St. Paul have become spaces where volunteers have worked with the cities and business owners to clean up after the riots.

We might find ways to honor such "commoning" places, perhaps with plaques that tell the story of what happened here and recognize volunteer participants.

As a shared space

As we have been outdoors more - whether for political or pandemic reasons - we face the challenge of sharing public space, while social distancing. Many people have risen to the challenge, increasingly using streets that have few cars these days as places to walk and jog, particularly in more congested parts of the cities and suburbs where remaining 6 feet apart has become a problem.

This has turned some side streets into shared streets, where people, and often their pets, perambulate along pavement where cars once had sole prerogative. And we might use streets for more than just walking. The Dutch have woonerfs, or "living streets," that are curb-less streets that pedestrians and cars share that can also accommodate play spaces for children and dining spaces for friends and neighbors.

We all share in funding the maintenance and repair of our streets through our tax dollars. But the pandemic and the protests have shown how streets might play many more roles than what they have in the past. Imagining what those uses might be is something we also can share in.

We map what we care about, and maybe the time has come to design new kinds of maps of our streets. Such maps would show not only the names and locations of roadways, but also what meaning different streets have for different people, what communities these streets accommodate, what events they embody, and what stories they tell.

Such maps might be helpful especially in times like these, when we are all trying to find our way.

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Tear gas used to disperse rowdy crowd that refused to leave Anoka County park beach

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[TEAR GAS USED TO DISPERSE ROWDY CROWD THAT REFUSED TO LEAVE ANOKA COUNTY PARK BEACH](#)

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Highlight: Anoka County sheriff's deputies used tear gas to disperse a rowdy crowd of 200 that gathered Friday at a park in Oak Grove. Deputies arrived at Lake George Regional Park at about 4 p.m. after receiving calls about a group of up to 300 people in the beach area who were becoming unruly. The beach [...]

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Anoka County sheriff's deputies used tear gas to disperse a rowdy crowd of 200 that gathered Friday at a park in Oak Grove.

Deputies arrived at Lake George Regional Park at about 4 p.m. after receiving calls about a group of up to 300 people in the beach area who were becoming unruly.

The beach had been closed earlier in the week due to similar issues.

Police noted there was a DJ on site and that multiple fights were breaking out in the crowd.

The deputies requested backup and, using a PA system, told the crowd to leave and that the park was closed.

Several told the deputies they would not leave and some began climbing to the roof of a bathroom building in the park. Police had reports of a man with a gun in the crowd.

To disperse the crowd, police deployed a smoke canister. Some left but others remained, so police used tear gas and the crowd left the park.

Medical personnel were on hand to tend to anyone with injuries, but only one sought help and was treated at the scene.

As of late Friday night, no one was in custody.

Lake George Park will be closed through the weekend.

[Man accused of fatally shooting pregnant woman in Minneapolis arrested](#) [Carver County Sheriff's deputy shoots, kills suspect in Mendota Bridge standoff](#) [Four pro bono attorneys join Keith Ellison's prosecution](#)

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[THE LATEST: CLEMSON FOOTBALL PLAYERS LEAD MARCH ON CAMPUS](#)

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By The Associated Press

TOP OF THE HOUR:

- Members of Clemson football team lead demonstration on campus.
- Bust of slave owner torn down, thrown in river in New Orleans.
- Protesters gather at Lee monument in Virginia's capital.
- Authorities investigating death of black man found hanging from tree in California.
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CLEMSON, S.C. - Members of the Clemson University football team led hundreds of demonstrators on the school's campus Saturday as they marched for equality and against police brutality.

The demonstration included a moment of silence for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, the length of time prosecutors say ***George Floyd***, a 46-year-old black man, was pinned to the ground with his neck under a white Minneapolis police officer's knee before he died last month.

"This is a historic time, and a challenging time," head football coach Dabo Swinney told the crowd. "But as I tell my team all the time, challenge is what creates change. ... Black lives more than matter - black lives significantly matter and equally matter. For far too long that has not been the case for the black community."

The protest was organized by quarterback Trevor Lawrence, linebacker Mike Jones Jr., wide receiver Cornell Powell and running back Darien Rencher, according to news outlets.

The march came a day after Clemson trustees voted to rename its honors college, stripping from the program the name of former vice president and slavery proponent John C. Calhoun.

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Calhoun, who was born in South Carolina, declared slavery a "positive good" on the U.S. Senate floor in 1837.

Before the administrators' vote, an online petition by students calling for the name to be changed drew more than 20,000 signatures. Clemson football alumni and one-time Houston Texans teammates DeAndre Hopkins and Deshaun Watson voiced support for the petition on social media.

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NEW ORLEANS - Protesters tore down a bust of a slave owner who left part of his fortune to New Orleans' schools, and then they took the remains to the Mississippi River and rolled it down the banks into the water.

The destruction Saturday is part of a nationwide effort to remove monuments to the Confederacy or with links to slavery as the country grapples with widespread protests against police brutality toward African Americans.

Police said in a statement Saturday that demonstrators at Duncan Plaza, which is directly across the street from City Hall, dragged the bust into the streets, loaded it onto trucks and took it to the Mississippi River where they threw it in. Two people who were driving the trucks transporting the bust were apprehended by police and taken to police headquarters, authorities said. Their names were not given in the statement.

The police did not identify the bust, but local media identified it as one depicting John McDonogh. When he died, McDonogh left a large portion of his money to New Orleans and Baltimore for schools, and many schools in New Orleans are named after him.

Video on social media showed dozens surrounding the bust, which sat on a pedestal while some people pulled on a rope tied to the bust and another hit it. As the bust tilts and then crashes to the ground the crowd cheers. Another video posted on social media shows a crowd watching as the bust is rolled down the rocky banks of the Mississippi River and into the water.

Mayor LaToya Cantrell said in a tweet that the city "rejects vandalism and destruction of City property. It is unlawful."

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RICHMOND, Va. - Thousands gathered in Virginia's capital on Saturday for a demonstration against racism known as the "5,000 Man March."

The protest in Richmond included a speech by a cousin of George Floyd, the black man whose death at the hands of police has prompted weeks of protests around the world.

The demonstrators gathered at the city's famed monument of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee before making a loop around the downtown. They returned to the monument about two hours later to hear speakers, including a relative of Floyd, the man who died last month after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes as he pleaded for air.

Tavares Floyd, George Floyd's cousin, stepped onto the Lee monument and was welcomed by applause from the surrounding crowd of demonstrators in the former capital of the Confederacy.

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WRIC-TV reports that Floyd spoke about many different racial inequalities that the black community faces in Virginia and throughout the nation.

The Lee statue, erected in 1890, has become a focal point of protests in Richmond since Floyd's death. After years of calls by activists to remove Confederate statues in Virginia, Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam has pledged to take down the Lee statue, while Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney, also a Democrat, has vowed to remove other Confederate statues on the same street.

PALMDALE, Calif. - Authorities in the Southern California city of Palmdale are investigating the death of a 24-year-old black man found hanging from a tree, which they originally described as an apparent suicide, prompting outrage in the community.

More than 100,000 people signed an online petition demanding a full investigation and community members confronted city officials on Friday. Los Angeles County coroner's officials said a decision on the cause of Robert Fuller's death is deferred pending an investigation.

Fuller's death has brought to light the death of another black man found hanging from a tree on May 31 in Victorville, a desert city 45 miles (72 kilometers) east of Palmdale. A sheriff's spokeswoman, Jodi Miller, told Victor Valley News foul play was not suspected in Malcolm Harsch's death, but the man's family said they were concerned it will be ruled a suicide to avoid further attention.

PARIS - France's highest administrative court ruled Saturday night that virus concerns no longer justify banning public protests.

In a country that sees thousands of protests annually, the decision by the Council of State allows for the resumption of demonstrations and marches as long as health protections are respected, and events are declared in advance to local authorities and not deemed a risk to public order.

The Council ruled that "the ban on protesting is not justified by the current health situation." It said the right to protest is a "fundamental freedom."

The ruling came just as an unauthorized protest against police violence and racial injustice wound down in Paris. Police had stopped the at least 15,000 protesters from a planned march through the city Saturday, citing the virus-related restrictions on any gathering of more than 10 people. France has seen several unauthorized protests in the wake of *George Floyd's* death in the U.S.

PARIS - Police fired tear gas and blocked demonstrators from marching through Paris to protest police brutality and racial injustice.

The tear gas began just as a group of extreme-right counter demonstrators were dislodged from the roof of a building overlooking the protest.

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Protesters set off firecrackers and shouted at police but were otherwise peaceful. Families and others trying to leave the protest struggled to get out because police had blocked off most exit routes. The remaining crowd took a knee.

Police decided to bar the crowd from marching from the Place de la Republique in eastern Paris toward the city's main opera house. A police official told The Associated Press the decision was made because of a nationwide ban on gatherings of more than 10 people to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The counter demonstrators had earlier unfurled a banner about "anti-white racism" and lit flares in the blue-white-red colors of the French flag.

Residents reached out their windows to tear down the banner. Activists later confronted the far-right activists on the roof, throwing their bags and ropes to the pavement below.

PRAGUE - Hundreds rallied in Prague for the second straight Saturday in support of the protests in the United States against police violence and racism.

In a noisy but peaceful rally amid occasional showers, the protesters were marching through the Little Quarter district of the Czech capital, chanting "***Black Lives Matter***," "No Justice No Peace" and "No Trump, No KKK, No fascist U.S.A."

Many protesters condemned all forms of racism in the U.S., the Czech Republic and elsewhere.

They displayed banners that read "Together Against Racism," "Stop Police Violence" and "All Lives Don't Matter Until ***Black Lives Matter***."

The rally was organized by an informal group of Americans living in Prague, along with several Czech groups. At the end, they observed a minute of silence in front of the U.S. Embassy.

PARIS - Thousands gathered in Paris to denounce police brutality and discrimination.

Shouts rose from the largely black crowd as a group of white extreme-right activists climbed a building and unfurled a huge banner denouncing "anti-white racism." Others tried to tear it down.

Police surrounded the area, bracing for potential violence. There's been scattered clashes at largely peaceful demonstrations around France, inspired by ***Black Lives Matter*** and global protests in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death.

The march in Paris was led by supporters of Adama Traore, a 24-year-old French black man who died in 2016. Traore didn't have his identity card on him and reportedly ran as the police approached.

A huge portrait showed a face of half Traore, half Floyd. Traore's sister Assa told the crowd, "We are all demanding the same thing - fair justice for everyone." She says her brother was also handcuffed and held down by police before he died.

A final report released last month cleared three officers of wrongdoing, triggering renewed protests. This week, the government banned chokeholds in France.

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PARIS - Police have ordered the closure of newly reopened restaurants and shops along the route of a march in Paris against police brutality and racism, fearing possible violence.

The march between the Place de la Republique in eastern Paris and the city's main opera house is expected to be the biggest of several demonstrations Saturday inspired by the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement in the U.S.

The Paris police chief ordered merchants and city officials to clear sidewalks along the route of anything that could be set on fire or used by troublemakers against police. Any gatherings of more than 10 people remain banned in France because of virus containment measures.

The Paris march was organized by supporters of Adama Traore, a French black man who died in police custody in 2016 in circumstances that remain unclear despite four years of back-and-forth autopsies. They're demanding "justice for Adama and all victims of police."

France has seen several similar demonstrations in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death in the U.S. They've been overwhelmingly peaceful, though some have seen scattered clashes between police and protesters.

Protests are also expected Saturday in Marseille, Lyon and other French cities.

LONDON - British police have imposed strict restrictions on groups planning to protest in London Saturday in a bid to avoid violent clashes.

Protesters from the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement, as well as ***far-right groups***, have said they plan to gather for demonstrations in central London.

Mayor Sadiq Khan warned that statues in the capital - in particular a statue of Winston Churchill in Parliament Square - could become flash points for violence. He said officials have intelligence that extreme far-right activists want to gather in London "ostensibly, they say, to protect the statues."

Commander Bas Javid urged people not to gather in large groups at all because of the coronavirus. But if they must, he said activists have to stick to the planned route and be off the streets by 5 p.m.

He said that while protesters last weekend were largely peaceful, a minority was "intent on disorder" that resulted in assaults on police and violent behavior.

Dozens were arrested last weekend and a police horse was pictured bolting past the crowds amid the chaos.

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READERS WRITE Let's be clear about the intent

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CHANGES IN PUBLIC SAFETY

In an effort to clear a couple of playing fields so our city and state can move forward in peace, trust and mutual desire to walk together in achieving the common good we all seek:

The *Minneapolis Police Department*, such as it is, is going to change, we know this, and it is something most citizens agree upon.

Seems semantics are making it difficult to understand how each of us wants those changes to develop. Might the words "dismantle, defund, abolish, reconstruct and reform," mean the same to all? Are they meant to mean the same? Close? If not, then perhaps these words used loosely and together are the reason for all the emotion evoked around them. Some clarity might serve to stop the madness and allow all to come together to make this model change of the *Minneapolis Police Department*'s role in our city.

Next playing field for clearing:

I have seen articles, publications and comments from all sources of news media, all over our state and country, making reference to the organization that a week ago asked Mayor Jacob Frey for a "yes or no answer" on his plans for changing the *Minneapolis Police Department* as being the *Black Lives Matter* movement.

It was not *Black Lives Matter*, it was the Black Visions Collective.

In fairness to each, I think it is important to make this distinction and get it right.

Patricia Hoy, Minneapolis

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There's a lot of naive idealism swirling around police reform, including responding to 911 domestic violence calls with unarmed social workers. Such calls are considered high-risk by responding police officers, as weapons often are in possession by offenders in acute high anger/intoxicated states of mind. Such calls have higher rate of police being wounded/killed than other calls.

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Disarming police in a society that won't ban guns for the general public is absurd. Sending unarmed responders to calls where anything can happen is absurd and irresponsible. How many social workers are going to be on call all night, on weekends, willing to get out of bed at 3 a.m. during a snowstorm in January to go bust up a domestic call, be it in Edina or north Minneapolis? How many social workers are willing to get police training, just as police training should now include social work?

Folk wisdom, evolved over time from hard-learned experience, brings to mind the old saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater." The water may be murky, but there's a baby there somewhere in need of saving. We have a police force that needs help. All police in Minneapolis force should be interviewed for valuable input that could improve peacekeeping in this city for all citizens. Changes should be implemented with the help of our police men and women.

Denise Saupe, Minneapolis

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Are the good people of Minneapolis going to stand by and let the loonies take over? I have voted liberal my entire life, and am deeply concerned about a small, very vocal group of extremists trying to hijack the Democratic Party. They seem to have the ability to infect the DFL just as the Tea Party movement ruined the Republican Party.

We need calm, measured voices in a crisis. It's obvious we need change; however, it makes no sense to dismantle the Police Department without having a logical plan in place. Minneapolis city property taxes are very high, and we, the people who pay for the privilege of living in a great city, have reasonable expectations of safety and security.

The City Council should be replaced. Council members' priorities are pathetic - people were getting killed, the police were out of control and the cost of housing was skyrocketing, and they were fixated on more bike lanes, plastic bags and condos for millionaires.

We need mature leadership. Just because your parents and teachers told you that you were brilliant and empowered and you all got a trophy doesn't mean that you are in any way qualified to speak for the majority of city dwellers. It's time for rational liberals to speak up and vote them out.

Linda Benzinger, Minneapolis

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To the citizens:

You need a police force, but you can't abide this police force. The city doesn't need more police, they need better police. Here's how to get them.

First, you have to cull your department of all the known bad actors. You can do that by firing them, but that's difficult to accomplish and leads to years of litigation. You could close the department and then hire back only those you want. Businesses do this; that's what happened in the mid-1980s between Hormel and the P-9 union. But the easiest route is to offer buyouts to those officers you don't want. Encourage them to take it. This will be less costly over time than the couple of million bucks you've paid out in the last few years to settle claims against your department.

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Second, you have to stop hiring ex-military police and people with two-year degrees in criminal justice. That's what you've got now, and look what it's gotten you. You need to start recruiting and hiring people with four-year degrees in humanities. English, history, psychology and sociology would be good choices. You want officers who see the human in humanity. Expect to offer better salaries in order to get these folks.

Third, you really need better training, and then more training, and then more training after that. Officers need training in de-escalation, empathy, and recognizing mental or emotional stress. An agitated woman with a knife in her apartment does not need to die in a hail of police bullets. A man sitting in his car does not need to die with an officer's knee on his neck. Ask any competent human resource development manager, and they'll tell you pre-test, training, post-test. Repeat. Repeat again.

The MPD is the problem. The solution is better candidates, better pay, better training.

Michael Alwin, Woodbury

The writer is a former Minneapolis resident.

THE *DEREK CHAUVIN* CASE

Concern for fair trials should have been present all along

I have watched the discussion around now-former Minneapolis police officer *Derek Chauvin*'s arrest and forthcoming trial in connection with the death of *George Floyd* with both interest and bafflement. Many have written into this paper about their concern that he receive a fair trial. I don't disagree. But I do have questions about what a fair trial means, and why we as white Minnesotans are so concerned that Chauvin receives one. Where has this concern been for all of the people of color who have entered the criminal justice system?

Communities of color are wildly overrepresented in our state's incarcerated population. Our entire judicial system works against minority communities, especially black people. White people are conditioned from day one to see black people - especially black men and boys - as "thugs," or as predisposed to criminal behavior. How can any black person ever receive a fair trial if that is the water we drink as a state and as a nation?

So, yes, Chauvin deserves a fair trial. But so do all Minnesotans who are awaiting trial. And so did all the Minnesotans currently incarcerated. Concern about Chauvin without concern about all the other Minnesotans who haven't or will not receive fair trials isn't about fairness at all. It's about upholding white supremacy. *Black lives matter*.

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Emotions run high at downtown protests

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EMOTIONS RUN HIGH AT DOWNTOWN PROTESTS

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An early afternoon gathering filled with tears and anger morphed into a second Saturday protest featuring optimism and a call to action.

Diverse crowds of several hundred people each gathered in downtown Minneapolis for two back-to-back protests calling for an end to police brutality and racism.

The first, the International Solidarity Day of Protest Against Police Terror, was organized by ***Black Lives Matter*** and other groups. It began at 1 p.m. outside the Hennepin County Government Center, with participants later marching to the barricaded First Precinct police headquarters at 19 N. 4th St. to denounce police in speeches and chants.

The second, on the plaza between U.S. Bank Stadium and the nearby light-rail station, sought to inspire the crowd to take action every day to stamp out inequity. Organizers promised fireworks and food trucks at the end of a march expected to wind down sometime after 9 p.m.

Protests have become daily occurrences in the Twin Cities, as well as nationwide and even globally, since ***George Floyd***'s May 25 death under the knee of Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin***, captured on video by a bystander.

At the first event, a peaceful, racially diverse crowd of 400 to 500 people, most of them young and most wearing masks, listened to speakers and chanted. Homemade signs carried now-familiar pleas - "No justice, no peace" and "***I can't breathe***," along with messages such as "Free-ish since 1865" and "Think about how many weren't filmed."

"I'm a young black girl born into a system in this world that is ..." said speaker Hayat Kabeto of St. Paul, her voice breaking with emotion.

"We got your back!" the crowd chanted.

"... that is nothing but built against me," Kabeto said after a pause to gain her composure.

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In school, she said, she was taught "I could be whatever I wanted - as long as the white man agreed."

Speaker D.J. Hooker of Minneapolis, who was wearing a Spiderman suit, said he believes that systemic change must come from the local citizenry.

"All change starts at the local level," he said.

The community most affected by police violence should control the plan to change the way public safety is handled, Hooker said.

Replacing some police with social workers, which some have suggested, wouldn't necessarily end systemic racism, he said.

"Social workers also discriminate," he said. "They're another tool the system uses against people of color. ... Cops without guns, right?"

Touissant Morrison of Minneapolis told the crowd that his city "is one of the most racist in the country." Racists in the South may wave Confederate flags, he said, but Minnesotans "have to look in their pockets, because there might be a Confederate flag in there."

As a professional working in schools mediating disputes between students and teachers, Morrison said, he has seen students of color disciplined or labeled with behavioral disorders "because they talked back to their teacher."

"Your rage is not a disorder," he told the crowd. "It's justified."

Outside the First Precinct, emotions intensified, but the crowd stayed peaceful.

In front of the concrete barriers outside the headquarters, they shouted their opposition to police tactics and called for the immediate firing of Minneapolis Police Federation president Bob Kroll.

At 4 p.m. near U.S. Bank Stadium, an event sponsored by the 10K Foundation also drew several hundred people.

Organizer Tyo Daniel was encouraged by the enthusiastic and multiracial crowd.

"I'm getting hope from this crowd. People are coming together and they understand that, you know, the hype is over, but they still want to make sure that we're being heard and that their voices are heard," he said.

He also urged the crowd to do more than protest.

"What they can do is to educate themselves, and use their voice, use their network, use their talents and their abilities and do something," Daniel said. "Doing nothing is the problem. So many people are doing nothing."

Like the earlier protesters, the second marched through downtown streets on the mild spring night, many singing songs with themes of freedom.

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RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMMANDER ON GEORGE FLOYD, LAW
ENFORCEMENT'S FUTURE.***

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Highlight: When Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Commander Suwana Kirkland showed up for a doctors' appointment last week, the black law enforcement officer and mother of five sat down next to a black family in the lobby. Noticing her uniform and amid the emotional aftermath of *George Floyd*'s death while in custody of Minneapolis police, the family [...]

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Noticing her uniform and amid the emotional aftermath of *George Floyd*'s death while in custody of Minneapolis police, the family got up and moved away from her, she said, choking back tears as she recounted the experience.

Kirkland, who is also the president of the National Black Police Association of Minnesota, finds herself in an increasingly challenging position these days, pulled between her experiences and identity as a woman of color and her role as an officer in law enforcement.

"I get it. I am a black woman before I am anything else," she said.

At a time when conversations about police brutality against people of color, racial inequality and a history of failed law enforcement reforms are taking place across the country, Kirkland took part in an interview with the Pioneer Press about Floyd's death, the national movement it's incited, and what she thinks it will finally take for law enforcement to change.

The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

What was it like for you to watch the video of what happened to *George Floyd*?

It was gut-wrenching. I was totally disgusted. I was ashamed of what I was viewing and what I was looking at and I just kept shaking my head thinking, "How could this be happening, again."

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How is this happening again?

You know, I'm at a loss for words because I know there is a core group of law enforcement officers, especially in the state of Minnesota, who work tirelessly day in and day out and on our days off to do the best we can to continue to help the community and law enforcement heal. To help the community and law enforcement have peace. I am proud of what I do. I am proud to be a law enforcement officer, but you know, at some point there is a group of us that are asking ourselves why continue to work so hard whenever all it takes is one critical incident, one incident of police brutality, or one incident of police mistrust or violating of civil rights and we are back where we started.

You say, "all it takes is one incident," but I would imagine you agree that a large part of the frustration is that it's been more than just one incident.

It has been more than one incident, and it has been more than one life lost, and it has been more than one court trial or one conviction, or no conviction. This is happening over and over and over again and primarily in the black and brown community, and there has to be an institutional and systemic change in law enforcement. It is not good enough for us to just say that we are against these actions. This is not what we train and teach officers. There has to be more done to make sure that this does not keep happening. And it's not just a problem in Minnesota. This is institutional, the behavior, the police culture, the not wanting to tell on your officer or stand up for what you believe is right. We have been plagued with it.

You've said police culture needs to change. How would you define police culture?

I am saddened that I cannot proudly say that this is a noble profession. That this is a profession that does good for the community, that helps a lot of police officers care for their families. We keep working to change the narrative, but incident after incident, death after death, murder after murder leave a lot of us asking, "Where do we go from here? What do we change first? Where do we begin to pick up the pieces?" And all of us are being blanketed and painted with that same brush, and it hurts.

I was just at an appointment this morning and went to go sit down next to a black family because there was nowhere else to sit and they got up and they moved away. So it has been gut-wrenching because I have given the last 14 years of my life to this profession that I love, because I have always done what I felt was right, as do thousands of other law enforcement officers.

We are in difficult times right now, and it's really difficult for black and brown officers because we not only have it in our agencies but when we go home at the end of the day to our families, when we are trying to explain, "You know what I'm about, you know who I am. I am not that officer. I am not that person. I would never do things like that to community members whom I love."

I can tell you that there are a lot of officers here in this state who feel exactly the same way. We are searching for answers and trying to figure out what more can we do to make sure other officers like **Derek Chauvin** never work in this profession again.

How do you do that?

I have been in communication with some other law enforcement leaders and we are talking about making a national tracking system. If we have the ability to track sexual offenders, violent offenders, sex traffickers,

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why can't we track officers in this country who have been let go of an agency for one reason or another and to make sure that they never work in any other state?

I am sure you are aware that some of the conversation, particularly in Minneapolis, is heavily focused on defunding or abolishing the police department as we know it. What do you think about that option?

I don't agree with that. We as law enforcement officers on the front end are given extensive training to become better skilled officers in firearms or defensive tactics or things like that, so why can't we devote the same time to community relations, community outreach, to cultural competency? So I don't believe that defunding or dismantling a law enforcement agency is the answer. The answer is reallocating some of our resources to where they should be.

What do you say to the community members who say we've tried reforms and they aren't working?

There are thousands of police officers in this state that want those officers that have no business wearing a gun, a badge, a uniform to be held accountable. But to blanket us, or to paint us all with that same brush, to me, it's not what is going to make this better. I would ask and beg you to give us law enforcement officers a chance. Just give us a chance to fix things.

What would you say to people of color who live in some of our neighborhoods who say, "I don't want to call police when something goes wrong because I don't believe they are going to show up to help or protect me"?

I would say to those community members to remember all the good that we do around Christmas time for families, around Thanksgiving time for families, around events where there are natural disasters where law enforcement is called upon. I would ask community members to still see the good in law enforcement and know that we do have some bad seeds, we do have individuals that have no business wearing a uniform, and that we are working collectively in particular assignments, like background investigations and recruitment, to go into different areas and down new avenues where law enforcement has never been an option before to try and find the best officers that we possibly can.

So I mean, I understand. I get it. I am a black woman before I am anything else. I am a black mother before I am anything else. I am equally as sad, as angry and as frustrated at the events, at the murder of **George Floyd** by yet another law enforcement officer.

Can we circle back to the notion of dismantling the **Minneapolis Police Department** so you can talk a little more specifically about the concerns you have with that approach?

One of the things is the rippling effect this could have on the way we recruit. If this is what is to happen to Minneapolis, who is it say that it won't happen to any other agency? I am fearful that it may have a rippling effect. And there are community members who want to see the police out there, there are community members that still rely on law enforcement, that still trust law enforcement, and so I ask that their voices and their thoughts on totally getting rid of a police agency, that their voices be heard as well.

As a black female law enforcement officer, how did it feel to watch the peaceful protests, and then the rioting and looting that followed Floyd's death?

I feel that the narrative got lost because of the looting and the rioting and things like that. I am all for peaceful protest. I had children on the bridge the day that tanker came through in Minneapolis. My children

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and family have been over to the memorial site almost every day, so I am for the community having the opportunity and the right to peacefully protest. But what I did not like was the destruction and just the despair and the chaos of burning down buildings and businesses that people have given their all to.

Has it ever made you think to yourself, "I don't want to do this anymore"?

Absolutely, it has. But I try and do what I tell the officers I mentor to do. I ask them to remember that first day you put that uniform on, to remember the things you told your family or your administration about why you wanted this job. So when I have those days when I just don't understand how I can continue to go on, I rely on those memories and that allows me to continue to move forward.

I would imagine you have worked with a lot of white colleagues in your career. Do you feel like they understand the problem with police culture as well?

I do believe that they get it, but I am also a firm believer that the more black and brown people who wear the uniform the more we can educate, and the more we can introduce the culture and cultural competency.

Have you or your children encountered instances of racism, or had experiences with law enforcement officers where you were treated differently?

I have had conversations here with officers the last couple of weeks about what it means to be driving and have a squad pull up behind you even though you have done everything right. Your license is right, your insurance is right, you have no violations. And as a black woman, I have felt that fear before. Have my children been stopped and pulled over? Absolutely. Has my husband been stopped and pulled over? Absolutely. And what I tell my family is, "I am not asking you to forget your history or your encounters with law enforcement. I am not asking you to throw your fear out the window. But what I am asking you to do, what I ask myself to do, is to give that officer the opportunity to demonstrate and show who they are for the first time when you are meeting them. To not judge before you give them a chance." Again, I cannot erase my history, my family's history, the black community's history with law enforcement. All I can do is try and move forward and help the community and law enforcement's relationship move forward.

What does "Justice For George" mean for you?

Justice for George means transformational policing. It means change. It means the effect that he is having on this entire world. I have been taking calls and interviews from the United Kingdom, from Canada, from California, from New York, from Miami, you name it. Justice for George means doing better. Working together so we don't have to view another video of a senseless murder. That is what justice means. Justice for George means that we hold those people, those officers, accountable and we make sure that they are locked away and that they never have the opportunity to wear another gun and a badge and a uniform. That is what justice for Mr. ***George Floyd*** looks like. It looks like black and brown children who have the opportunity to grow with their families and their fathers and not have to lay them to rest. That no other parent has to bury their son or their daughter at the hands of law enforcement. [*Statue of Black protester replaces toppled UK slave trader*](#) [*George Floyd family filing civil suit against Minneapolis, police*](#) [*Minneapolis cops required to report de-escalation efforts*](#) [*Gov. Walz to appeal federal decision rejecting disaster aid for Twin Cities following riots*](#) [*Attorneys ask **George Floyd** judge to hold AG Keith Ellison in contempt*](#)

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Commander Suwana Kirkland. (Courtesy of Ramsey County Sheriff's Office)

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'ENOUGH TALK, WE NEED ACTION'

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Patricia Young is fed up with the "macho attitude" of Minneapolis police.

Shalisa Jones-Lee is growing weary of hearing about all the "bad cops."

And Jilda Mastrey, frustrated by what she calls the "sword-carrying style" of so many officers, says she's eager to see the police department dismantled, with the city redirecting more of its money to mental health, affordable housing and education.

"There's been enough talk," Mastrey said. "We need action."

Interviews with dozens of Minneapolis residents last week suggest that the May 25 police killing of **George Floyd**, and the demonstrations that followed, represent a breaking point between citizens and police.

While recognizing the need to maintain public safety and protect the city from danger, many who were interviewed strongly favor reforming the police department and say drastic change is desperately needed.

But they also remain uncertain about what it would mean to dismantle or defund the force, ideas supported by a majority of the City Council in the wake of Floyd's death at the hands of four Minneapolis police officers.

Mayor Jacob Frey and several business groups have said they favor changes but are opposed to eliminating the department altogether. Meanwhile, residents are offering thoughts of their own, from reducing the power of the police union and demilitarizing the force, to directing resources away from enforcement and toward other means of promoting community safety, such as training officers to be protectors and peacemakers.

As a starting point, many said, police treatment of citizens simply must change.

"The macho attitude needs to end," said the 76-year-old Young, a retired bus driver who lives in the Victory neighborhood of north Minneapolis. "All they're trained to do is restrain. They don't need all that gear - they're not in the army."

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When Joyous Glenn saw the video of officer ***Derek Chauvin*** kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes on Memorial Day evening, she recognized Chauvin immediately, as well as officer ***Tou Thao***, who stood by without intervening. The two officers, who have since been fired and charged along with two other officers in Floyd's death, were often on patrol in the Webber-Camden neighborhood of north Minneapolis, where Glenn lives.

"They never came with nothing good toward blacks," said Glenn, 43. "They've been harassing people for a long time. They take their power and abuse it. And they wonder why we don't respect them."

Said Tania Benitez, 31, a cleaning worker from south Minneapolis, "They need to connect with people. They shouldn't be so quick to be threatened. I am scared of being pulled over or having an encounter with them, because you never know how they'll react."

What city leaders will do next is unclear.

On Friday, five City Council members proposed asking voters in November to decide whether to eliminate the police department requirement from the City Charter and replace it with a new department "to provide for community safety and violence prevention."

That would suit Mastrey, 64, a kitchen designer from northeast Minneapolis.

"Put the money toward mental health, affordable housing, education," she said.

Others, while supporting reform, worry that the fervor over the issue will make people impatient for immediate results.

"I absolutely believe that a large amount of the budget should be redirected toward other areas," said Richard Torpin, 35, a stay-at-home dad in northeast Minneapolis. But, he added, "it's going to be a long conversation. We can't snap our fingers and expect all the problems to be fixed. A lot of good has already come of that conversation."

Before any change occurs, however, city officials need to more clearly communicate well-defined reform proposals, said Kim Cochran, 47, a physician from the Lynnhurst neighborhood in the southwest part of the city.

"People mean a wide range of things," she said, "from shifting resources to complete abolition" of the department. But Cochran understands why council members have come out with bold - if undefined - statements.

"It should be glaringly obvious that there needs to be change," she said. "You set forth the proposal you want, not what you're willing to settle for."

'Strip them of comfort'

On the North Side, where many of the city's black residents live, relations with the police are a constant source of tension.

"I have three sons. As a black woman, it's scary when you hear sirens," said Jones-Lee, 41, who lives in the Jordan neighborhood. "People say there are good cops and bad cops. How about, you don't get to be a bad cop?"

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"I would strip them of all the comfort they have behind the badge and the baton and the stun gun and the real gun. Have them walk a day like the black people who are unfairly targeted."

Many residents interviewed said one way to help foster better communication is to require officers to live where they work. In 2017, a Star Tribune analysis of police records found that 92% of Minneapolis officers lived outside the city.

"They don't know the neighborhoods they're policing. That's a problem," said Brandon Steinhilber, 23, an online educator who lives in Loring Park.

Many also questioned the power of the police union, which they see as a barrier to holding officers accountable for their actions.

"The union needs to think about protecting the people, not protecting the officers," said Victor Koenig, 44, a retail worker who resides in the Powderhorn neighborhood. "There is no serving and protecting."

Nearby in Longfellow, hard-hit by the violent demonstrations that followed Floyd's death, residents want to see a plan for reform, and soon.

"There's a lot of things that need to be done," said Abdirauf Badri, a 19-year-old student. Chief among them, said his friend, 19-year-old Milton Ouma: "They need to stop killing black people for no reason."

'Department is broken'

Mark Wald, a 52-year-old resident of the Camden neighborhood in north Minneapolis, advised caution in making drastic changes to the department.

"I respect the police. I support the police," he said. "They're the people who keep us safe when we sleep." Wald stressed that he supports racial justice and stands with ***Black Lives Matter***, but he said those calling for immediately defunding or abolishing the police department "aren't thinking it through."

Doris Strand, 78, a retired secretary who lives in the Marshall Terraces neighborhood across the Mississippi River, echoed those thoughts.

"Absolutely not," she said of calls to defund or abolish the police. "I don't think it's necessary. I think they do a good job."

What comes next needs to consider the well-being of the entire community, said Nikayla Gibson, 49, who works in a disabilities program and lives in the Hawthorne neighborhood north of downtown.

"I think there needs to be a deep change," she said, "but you want the community to be whole, and the police department is a part of that."

"I think it's going to take a lot of smart people talking about it," said Nicole Christiansen, 43, a coffee shop manager from the Lyndale neighborhood. "The title [defund or abolish] is a negative way of saying 'reform.'"

Regardless of how it's labeled, it's clear that change is being demanded by many across the city, from people of all races and ages.

"They need to do a better job," said 19-year-old Karena Yang, a student from north Minneapolis.

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"It was horrible how three officers were on that guy," she added, speaking of how police held down Floyd and put a knee to his neck. "He was handcuffed. He wasn't going to walk away."

"Frankly, I think the whole police department is broken," said Bruce Yoder, 73, a retired accountant from the Lake Nokomis area. "It needs drastic reform. Determine what jobs they're not well-suited for and assign those jobs to other, more well-qualified people."

"I'm an old white guy," Yoder added. "I shouldn't be afraid of the police in Minneapolis. But I am."

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"I am scared of being pulled over ... you never know how they'll react."

Tania Benitez, 31

"The people policing our neighborhoods don't live here. That's a problem."

Brandon Steinhilber, 23

"I think [defunding] means different things to different people."

Damon Murphy, 40

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Turning point for power of police union

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TURNING POINT FOR POWER OF POLICE UNION

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A little over a year into his first term, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey announced a new milestone in his promise to remake the *Minneapolis Police Department*: The city would become the nation's first to ban the controversial "warrior-style" police training for officers.

Standing in front of a crowd at his second State of the City address, Frey proclaimed the training, which teaches officers to see everyone as a threat until found otherwise, contradicts the "values at the very heart of community policing" and would no longer be tolerated, even off duty.

The following week, Lt. Bob Kroll, the brash president of the Minneapolis Police Federation, responded with his own news: The union would start offering warrior training to members for free. "While it seems that the lives of our officers are not important to politicians," Kroll said in a news release, this training would ensure officers survive the dangers of the job.

Kroll's brand of open rebellion against city leaders has become a hallmark tactic for the union during his tenure, and one of many ways the federation exerts power over the city. The union has fewer than 900 members, but it has wielded enormous clout and influence, both at City Hall and the State Capitol.

Critics say the union has for decades served as a shadow command of the *Minneapolis Police Department*. Now that power is in jeopardy. Last week, in the aftermath of the killing of *George Floyd*, Police Chief Medaria Arradondo announced that the city would step away from bargaining negotiations with the federation, saying the union has historically stood "in the way of progress." A majority of City Council members have openly committed to dismantling the police force, declaring reform efforts an utter failure. And on Thursday, two dozen officers, including former union president John Delmonico, signed on to a letter condemning the actions of the officer who pinned Floyd to the ground by his neck.

"I think the union has to take a critical, authentic look at the role that they play," Arradondo said in an interview last week. "If we do not change, there are no good outcomes."

Federation Attorney Jim Michels said he was surprised by the chief's announcement, and the union is committed to working with the city to make the department better. "Notwithstanding the public perception,

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and not withstanding some mistakes that have been made, the federation has been an agent of change. We know we need to continue to work to change the police department."

Kroll and Delmonico did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Political clout

In the early 2000s, the union flexed its clout through political donations and endorsements.

When R.T. Rybak first ran for mayor, the federation endorsed him, which Rybak says gave his campaign a boost among voters who worried he didn't have the political résumé for the office. But the union turned on Rybak when he cut the police budget and refused to appoint the federation's choice for chief. In the 2005 election, the union spent \$44,000 on anti-Rybak ads, and another \$27,000 to support his challenger, according to campaign finance records.

The union found another enemy in the Minneapolis Civilian Review Authority, an appointed board that investigated allegations of police misconduct. It served as an alternative to the police department's internal affairs unit, in which cops investigate other cops, and its members clashed frequently with police.

In 2007, an attorney for the federation, Anne Walther, sent a letter to Assistant Minneapolis Attorney Lisa Needham asking the city to reinterpret data practices laws and make the review authority's findings more private. Needham obliged, and sent a memo to the citizen board instructing its members they could no longer tell the public when they'd "sustained" a complaint against an officer. They also had to stop informing the victims of police misconduct which parts of their allegations were found to have merit.

The decision took away the last piece of the review authority's power. A few years later, at the behest of the police union and in defiance of pleas from Rybak and community activists, legislators sounded the death knell with a law that prohibits civilian review boards from making "a finding of fact or determination regarding a complaint against an officer." The law marked the end of an all-civilian oversight board for the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

In 2014, Delmonico appeared in a KSTP report accusing Mayor Betsy Hodges of "flashing gang signs" with a felon in a photograph. "For as critical as she can be with the cops - is she going to support gangs in this city or cops?" said Delmonico.

The stunt backfired. The report, dubbed "Pointergate," became an international embarrassment when footage emerged showing Hodges and the man were only pointing at each other during a voter drive.

A union like no other

In past generations, the Police Federation operated more like a standard labor union, joining with the teachers union to lobby at the Capitol. The federation also negotiated a stronger contract that gave officers with seniority the power to pick where and when they work.

"The contract is where their power comes from," said former Police Chief Tim Dolan. "And the fact that they have plenty of money. And with the money they have some of the finest attorneys in labor law."

The federation today is unlike any union in Minnesota, far removed from the workers' rights movements central to organized labor, said Javier Morillo, a former labor leader. As American police departments have

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become more militarized, Morillo said police federations have come to resemble something more akin to a union within the U.S. Army - an unthinkable premise that would confuse the command structure.

"So long as police departments operate in that same kind of structure, to me it begs the question: Is this really a labor-management situation?" said Morillo.

In a 2018 paper in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, researchers argue that police unions have been given too much power in grievance appeals for officer discipline. The "significant authority" granted in selecting arbitrators in appeals has left elected officials powerless to discipline officers, according to the report.

Unions have traditionally played a key role in ensuring safe and healthy working environments for police, said former Canadian police chief Matt Torigian. But they have also resisted change.

"The difficulty is that very often the unions will be the last line of defense to reforms and changes," he said.

Unions are also predominantly run by white men, he said, and the lack of diverse voices may contribute to the "us against them" mentality within the federation.

The Kroll era

As more candidates in Minneapolis ran on platforms of police reform, the federation's endorsement has lost value. The city reappointed Dolan to a second term as chief, and Dolan said he believes Delmonico and the union did him a favor by recommending against it.

Kroll found power in a different manner: using the union's protections to publicly defy the city, and to defend officer misconduct by casting the reform-minded elected officials as "lunatic left" radicals who bully police for political points.

"Kroll instigates behind the scenes all the time, and if anybody thinks he doesn't, they don't know what they're talking about," said former Assistant Minneapolis Police Chief Kris Arneson. "I've seen him agree to reform efforts and then hack away at them behind the scenes."

In a statement posted to Facebook last week, the union denied hindering efforts at reform. "Despite the Federation's efforts to assist in bringing about meaningful changes, it recognizes that rarely have these efforts been successful. However, this is not because of the Federation or the terms of the labor agreement, but rather because management has failed to implement the changes the parties agreed to make."

Kroll has gathered many critics over his nearly five years as union president. Many have questioned his racial attitudes - "KKKroll" has become a mainstay protest slogan.

"He's their bulldog when they have to go in to anything in the disciplinary process," said Sean Broom, a former City Council aide. "Bob Kroll has shown himself to be an extraordinary advocate on their behalf. That's why he was elected, that's why he was re-elected."

'No middle ground'

In 2018, in a move to make Minneapolis a safer city for immigrants, Frey announced all police squad vehicles would be fitted with placards in Spanish listing people's rights when encountering ICE agents.

Turning point for power of police union

Kroll responded with a statement calling the mayor's decision "simply insane," accusing Frey of prioritizing "people who are here ILLEGALLY" over victims of shootings.

Michels denied that Kroll is purposely undermining reforms when he publicly defies Frey.

"I think it's more of a personal thing between the mayor and Bob. And it's almost like action and then a reaction and then a reaction to the reaction and on it goes."

Kroll and other union members appeared in a mailer endorsing Tim Pawlenty, a Republican who ran for governor on a tough-on-immigration platform, alongside the message: "Our state is wasting millions on benefits for those here illegally." After Jeff Johnson beat Pawlenty in the Republican primary, the union endorsed Johnson in the general election.

When protesters called for police reforms after an officer fatally shot Thurman Blevins, a black man, in 2018, Kroll said that Blevins was "fair game" because he was carrying a gun. Kroll called on anyone with "ice flowing through your veins" to join the department.

"He is reminding the rank and file of the police department who they should listen to," said City Council Member Jeremiah Ellison.

As Frey battled with President Donald Trump on Twitter over the costs to the city of a campaign event in Minneapolis, Kroll appeared on "Fox and Friends" to bash the mayor for not allowing police to wear uniforms at the rally. The interview found Kroll a powerful new ally: Trump. At the rally last October, Trump brought Kroll on stage, boosting Kroll as a folk hero "pouring out his guts" to stand up to the city's liberal establishment.

After the killing of ***George Floyd***, Kroll wrote a letter to the force defending the police officers involved and accusing the city of making its police scapegoats." Friday, hundreds of protesters gathered outside the boarded-up union offices in Minneapolis demanding Kroll's resignation.

Rybak, now CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation, is working with the city to review police contracts across the country and find precedents for reform. For true change to take root, said Rybak, more officers must defy the union and come out publicly to condemn the bad actors that make possible the brutality displayed in the Floyd video.

"There's no middle ground anymore," Rybak said.

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What does 'defund the police' actually mean? Here are some answers

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That phrase has become a rallying cry of sorts as protesters have pushed for radical change.

In the Twin Cities, organizations like [*Reclaim the Block*](#), and [*MPD150*](#) have been leading the movement to "defund the police" for years. It's a sentiment that is now being echoed across the the country.

It raises the question: What does "defund the police" actually mean?

There are various interpretations of the phrase itself, ranging from reallocating funds to defunding completely, and thus, abolishing the police department altogether. A common ground is rooted in reimagining what public safety looks like as a whole.

That said, some people hear "abolish the police" and immediately dissent with visions of a lawless society. That's not at all what is being suggested.

"I think there is this mistake that a lot of folks are making in thinking that we are talking about abolishing safety," Minneapolis City Council member Jeremiah Ellison said. "We are talking about abolishing failure of a police structure that doesn't keep us safe."

HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?

What does 'defund the police' actually mean? Here are some answers

While the horrific video of Floyd dying on the streets of Minneapolis sparked protests across the globe, activists have been pushing to "defund the police" for much longer than the past couple of weeks.

There is widespread evidence that police disproportionately use force against black people. According to from the New York Times, since 2015 police in Minneapolis used force against black people at a rate at least seven times that of white people.

Aside from Floyd, the killings of black men in the Twin Cities at the hands of police notably include Jamar Clark in 2015 and Philando Castile in 2016.

There is an understanding, according to Minneapolis City Council President Lisa Bender, that the current system does not keep every member of the community safe. Bender said she is committed to changing that.

WHERE WOULD THE MONEY GO?

While there aren't a lot of specific details about this yet, activists have pushed for reallocating resources, funding and responsibility away from police departments and toward community-based models of safety, support and prevention.

Looking specifically at the MPD, it has a budget of more than \$190 million for this year, funds that activists and some elected officials agree would be better suited elsewhere.

"We know based on the evidence that overpolicing, criminalization, mass incarceration have not kept our community safe," Minneapolis City Council member Phillippe Cunningham said. "In fact, they have made them more unsafe. What we do know that works is the public health approach to public safety. It treats violence as a disease that spreads."

In theory, the more a city actively invests in certain communities, the less law enforcement will be needed.

"We don't need more cops," [MPD150 writes on its website Black Visions Collective a report](#). "We need more jobs, more educational opportunities, more arts programs, more community centers, more mental health resources, and more of a say in how our own communities function."

WHAT WOULD REPLACE THE POLICE?

After analyzing various 911 calls to get a scope of why people call for help, the Minneapolis City Council concluded that the response system should be more nuanced than it is right now.

"We know a lot of those calls shouldn't be answered by an armed police officer," Bender said. "In fact, sometimes that makes the situation worse."

Thus, if Minneapolis were to abolish the police, first responders would take on different forms with people best-equipped to deal with different crises. Instead of an armed police officer showing up in every scenario, some alternatives could include mental health providers, social workers and victim advocates arriving on the scene.

"If we look at what's in place right now, calling the police is not safe for everyone," MPD150 member Molly Glasgow said. "We need to establish community-based systems that give everyone someone safe and trustworthy to call."

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It's worth noting that the Minneapolis City Council has offered very few details on what this looks like down the road. They have committed to at least a year of engagement with members of the community to develop a plan.

"We know it won't happen overnight and we know it has to center all of the voices of our community," Bender said. "The answers do not lie in the (city council). They lie in our community."

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey is on record saying he does not support a full abolishment of the police department and instead wants to focus on reform.

WHO RESPONDS TO VIOLENT CRIMES?

This is undoubtedly the biggest question that arises when talking about abolishing the police. There are countless people who wonder: What happens if someone is robbing my house?

To that point, the Minneapolis City Council has acknowledged there will still be people who respond to violent crimes, even if they aren't called police. Even organizations like MPD150 acknowledge that "this long transition process" could call for "a small specialized class of public servants" whose job it is to respond to violent crimes.

There have been studies that show [*less policing can lead to less crime*](#), though some would argue this evidence is anecdotal.

HAVE OTHER CITIES TRIED THIS?

Perhaps the most notable example of a city dissolving its police force comes from Camden, N.J. It disbanded its police department in 2012, shifting to more community policing with training that emphasizes de-escalation.

It might be the only place in the country that comes close to providing an example for what the Minneapolis City Council is vowing to do.

There has been widespread praise for Camden as a poster child for abolishing the police, with crime dropping by close to half. That said, [*some residents say*](#) many of the problems it was designed to fix remain unsolved.

Elsewhere, the pilot program RIGHT Care put a police officer, a paramedic and a social worker in every car responding to mental health calls in an area of Dallas in an attempt to get people the help they needed without an arrest or violent confrontation. It led to [*a drop in arrests*](#) in the area.

As for right now, some cities have committed to divesting over the past couple of weeks. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has pledged to shift money from the NYPD to youth programs and social-services programs, though he hasn't clarified how much. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has agreed to slash up to \$150 million from the LAPD.

WHERE DOES ST. PAUL STAND?

Most of the St. Paul City Council does not favor abolishing the police department. That said, St. Paul City Council members [*Nelsie Yang and Mitra Jalali say they do*](#).

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"You have to defund the police to make money available to fund the things that keep us safe," said Jalali, who supports defunding the department over time to reach abolition. "I hear very overwhelmingly from my ward and other parts of the city that folks want to be safe. They don't equate that with wanting more police."

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DULUTH - For years, Jordon Moses has been telling their story, evoking their names: Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie.

Most recently he did so with a megaphone to address a crowd of hundreds who knelt outside Duluth's City Hall to protest the death of **George Floyd**.

"It's never been more clear," the 29-year-old African-American man said afterward, "to see how the lynchings 100 years ago relate to our contemporary realities."

Monday will mark three weeks since Floyd died in Minneapolis police custody and a century since Duluth's long-hidden shame. On a June evening in 1920, three black circus workers - Clayton, Jackson and McGhie - were lynched by a mob after a white woman said she was raped.

Moses has spent almost two years working full time to plan a slate of events to honor the lives of those men, who are memorialized in bronze at the downtown street corner where they were killed.

"Those lynchings were based in fear and control and racism and white supremacy," Moses said. They represent the cultures and systems he's been fighting against for 11 years, since he started college at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

But so little has changed. Moses is tired.

Tired of his skin color drawing second looks from shop owners or security officers. Tired of fielding near-constant requests to provide a person of color's perspective on boards and committees. Tired of talking about these things and feeling like no one is listening.

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Just 3% of Duluth's 86,000 residents identify as black. The northeastern Minnesota city, known for its hilly trails and sparkling Great Lake, for years tried to bury its past like the ships that succumbed to stormy Superior's wrath.

Some say the decadeslong unwillingness to discuss the lynchings fostered a culture that allows people to avoid tough conversations about race and privilege and justice today.

"To truly, truly honor those three men," Moses said, "we need to put in place policy, practices, a culture shift that would ultimately create a community in which we all value black lives."

A mob ruled

Word traveled fast around Duluth that the postman's daughter, 18-year-old Irene Tusken, had been raped by a group of black men who worked for a traveling circus after her boyfriend said as much to police.

Officers caught up to the circus train and had the couple identify six suspects. As daylight faded over Superior Street in downtown Duluth on June 15, 1920, a mob of thousands overcame a handful of police to rip the black men from their jail cells.

They held a sham trial and quickly convicted three of them, dragging Clayton, Jackson and McGhie to the corner of First Street and Second Avenue E., where they were lynched.

"Troops rush to aid of helpless police," the Minneapolis Tribune reported the next day. "5,000 in crowd which overpowers guards, breaks down cell doors and seizes doomed men."

Yet there was no evidence the attack on Tusken took place. Her physician said he could not find any signs of a rape or assault.

A photo of white men grinning next to the corpses was later turned into a postcard.

That image was on the cover of "The Lynchings in Duluth," in which author Michael Fedo describes a population hostile to a growing black community, with many residents outraged at the black workers recently brought in by U.S. Steel to end a strike threat and other residents recently back from war and itching for glory.

The event captured national attention and led the Legislature to pass an anti-lynching law the next year.

But Duluthians hid the shameful act in the community's subconscious, and for decades state history books failed to mention the lynchings. When researching his book in the 1970s, Fedo ran into resistance from local officials.

"You had this wall of silence," he said. "It was something folks thought should not be discussed or talked about."

An entire generation mostly tried to suppress memories of the incidents. Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken, the great-nephew of Irene Tusken, didn't know about his familial connection to the lynchings until his mom divulged the secret after his great-aunt had died in 1996.

It took until the 21st century for the story to again rise to prominence locally, helped largely by the memorial erected near the site of the lynching in 2003 after a group of activists raised money and awareness about the killings.

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Etched in stone above the metal reliefs of Clayton, Jackson and McGhie are the words: "An event has happened, upon which it is difficult to speak and impossible to remain silent."

'It could have been you'

On a break home from college in the early 2000s, De'Lon Grant stopped to read that powerful phrase for the first time. Looking beneath it was like looking in a mirror.

Grant modeled for the memorial during his junior year at Duluth's Central High School. He was Isaac McGhie.

"It's jarring because it also reminds you that it could have been you or it could be you," he said. "That's the reality that we face, that we've always faced in this country."

Grant moved away for college and never looked back. Now starring in a Broadway musical, he remembers Duluth with a mix of nostalgia and reflection on a past when he hadn't yet fully embraced his identity as a gay black man.

"There is a beautiful community there," Grant said. "But not having somebody that looks like you in the community, it can get hard."

Jeanine Weekes Schroer, a professor at UMD, said that after living here for nine years she still wears a shield she crafted growing up under the glare of the dominant culture: "I act like a person who is visiting and who might be asked to leave at any moment."

Carl Crawford, the city's human rights officer, said he's seen numerous talented black people move away over the years after experiencing at-times flagrant racism.

"I don't hold that against them at all. I get it," he said. "When I hear or have conversations with friends and colleagues, they talk about creating safe spaces. Who wants to live in a space to just be in one box?"

Disparities between black Duluth residents and their white counterparts are drastic, in some cases significantly more severe than other cities.

Duluth has the second-highest black poverty rate among all metro areas its size in the country - behind Rochester, Minn. - with more than half of black residents living below the poverty line. In a given year barely half of black high school seniors graduate from Duluth schools, fewer than the state average. Homeownership is largely a privilege of white residents, with 4 out of 5 black Duluthians renting.

As in other cities, the jail population is disproportionately black, and residents of color have been subject to racial profiling by police.

Augsburg University Prof. William Green, a specialist on race in Minnesota, said those disparities can't be picked off one at a time.

"There's a tendency in society to see problems singularly and come up with a solution that only deals with that problem and not systematically - namely racial tension," he said. "All these things are connected and we need leadership that will coordinate all of that."

'Deterred but not defeated'

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Their graves were quiet on Thursday afternoon, though there had been visitors recently. Flowers were starting to fade and ***Black Lives Matter*** signs starting to curl.

The unmarked burial sites of Clayton, Jackson and McGhie were found at Duluth's Park Hill Cemetery in 1991, and gravestones were placed in a ceremony that year. Today a stone bench sits beneath a young oak tree and draws visitors to the stark words on the markers that sit just below the grass surrounding them: "Deterred but not defeated."

For the first time, Duluth will have a place to coordinate its response to the inequities facing the city's black population. The City Council created the African Heritage Commission last month at the behest of Janet Kennedy, who became the first African-American council member in the city's 150-year history when she was elected last year.

With stronger representation, coupled with the ongoing discussions on police violence and racial injustice in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death, there is some optimism that healing can finally start to begin.

"The hard ask is that white folks have to really just listen to what black people are saying about their experience and assume whatever counterposition occurs to them while they listen is just wrong," Schroer said. "The burden isn't to be morally clean. The goal is to be morally productive."

The Clayton Jackson McGhie memorial has become a gathering place in the weeks since Floyd's death. Young people have organized daytime cookouts, nightly marches and a community mural project as the site of a horrific crime becomes a place to process trauma.

A crowd of 10,000 was originally supposed to gather at the site of the lynchings on Monday to commemorate the centennial, but COVID-19 concerns pushed that back to 2021.

Moses, a key organizer, will have to make a much longer drive when that happens. He and his wife, Teresa, are moving to Minneapolis, a city where they know a much larger black community exists.

"Many of the people that we're interacting with today, those 10,000 folks in the mob were their grandparents, their parents, their aunts, their uncles. They shaped the values of those families," Moses said. "That's an important thing for us to understand."

Duluth's population has remained flat for decades, but its share of nonwhite residents has steadily grown, a trend expected to continue. The 1% projected population increase in St. Louis County between now and 2035 will be solely due to new nonwhite residents, say state estimates.

Crawford, the human rights officer, said "there's certain things that need to happen" to make Duluth a more comfortable place for citizens of color.

"I push back always against the Minnesota Nice way of doing things," he said. "Let's be open and honest and have dialogue to recognize there's a problem. Because if we never recognize it as a problem, we'll never really have meaningful work toward changing it."

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RACIAL DISPARITIES IN DULUTH: POVERTY LEVELS

The poverty rate for blacks in Duluth is about 34 percentage points higher than the rate for whites, making it one of the biggest gaps among metro areas of similar size.

Highest gaps in poverty rates between blacks and whites

Rochester, Minn. (35 percentage points)

Duluth (34)

Ocala, Fla. (18)

Olympia-Tumwater, Wash. (3)

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Note: Metro areas with 200,000 to less than 400,000 population. Excludes about 8 metro areas where margin of error for poverty rate was too high.

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN DULUTH: HOME OWNERSHIP

As of 2018, home ownership in Duluth was a privilege largely denied to black residents, with four out of five people renting.

Percentage of Duluth residents owning housing units

White: 63%

Hispanic and Latino: 50%

American Indian and Alaska Native: 46%

Asian: 34%

Black: 17%

Source: American Community Survey

Correction

This story had an incorrect statistic. Duluth has the second-highest gap in poverty rates between black and white residents among U.S. metro areas its size, behind Rochester.

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Don't abolish MPD - reinvent policing

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Sparked by the horrific death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis, the phrase "Defund, dismantle the police" has become an oft-chanted protest rallying cry. In fact, a majority of City Council members recently said they support either slashing the police budget or doing away with the department altogether for a "police-free" future.

Although related calls for changes in policing strategies are welcome, talk of eliminating law enforcement in Minneapolis is irresponsible. Defunding or abolishing the Police Department won't improve public safety. It's also politically unrealistic and would violate the city's charter, an obstacle some council members propose to remedy through a ballot initiative this November.

Substantial reform through the kinds of changes in hiring, training, discipline and union contracts that the Star Tribune Editorial Board has endorsed for years is the way forward. The overhaul also could involve reallocating some police funding to improve community policing, better handle the demands of mental health calls and rebuild trust in the department.

The council members who have pledged to "begin the process of ending" the **Minneapolis Police Department** should instead work with, not against, Chief Medaria Arradondo and Mayor Jacob Frey on seeking meaningful community involvement in reinventing MPD.

As the state's largest city, with more than 425,000 residents, Minneapolis needs a highly functioning Police Department with adequate resources. It's a growing city with complicated public safety issues. The city needs officers who are dedicated to public service, smart enforcement techniques and peacekeeping through de-escalation. It must protect and serve - not be an occupying force that is feared in some communities.

Law enforcement must meet a range of needs: Keeping downtown safe for residents, workers and visitors. Helping to prevent and solve neighborhood crime involving drugs, guns and assault. And reducing gun violence.

Cops are currently asked to be the first responders for nearly every social ill, including homelessness, poverty, mental illness and addiction. Some demonstrators say we'd be better off to spend directly on those

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problems, instead of law enforcement and prisons. Certainly, those areas merit investment. But Minneapolis will always need community-based, culturally competent policing. That means adequate staffing so that cops get to know the areas they patrol and view residents as something other than threats. It also means holding officers accountable when they mistreat or abuse citizens.

The Editorial Board has long made the case for police reform not just in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but across the state. On multiple occasions, we have endorsed many of the recommendations from the Obama administration's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, and the findings of this year's use of deadly force report by Attorney General Keith Ellison and Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington offer good fodder for legislative action.

St. Paul's mayor and City Council are taking the right approach. Rather than dismantling the SPPD, they're working on needed reforms.

Sharing that view are many area small businesses and the Minnesota Business Partnership, which represents some of the largest companies in the Twin Cities. We share their interest in seeking legislative changes to make it easier to discipline and dismiss problem officers, including changes in collective bargaining provisions. Partnership executive director Charlie Weaver summed up another argument against defunding or dismantling policing: "Getting rid of crime fighters won't eliminate crime."

This national moment of reckoning about police practices is rightly giving new momentum to overdue reform efforts. *George Floyd*'s death moved Americans to say "enough" and demand change. It should come soon.

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FOOTBALL HUDDLES FOR HOPE

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Eric Kendricks spent the last days of May stewing over his thoughts, sorting through the pain he felt over [George Floyd](#)'s death and searching for the right way to respond to a statement from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell he felt hadn't gone far enough.

The Vikings linebacker is ordinarily reticent in public, wary of attracting widespread attention. His comments to reporters are typically polite, but brief, and he'd tweeted just once in May, about an NFL Network story on how Kendricks was selling his own paintings to raise money for COVID-19 relief.

But as he played back everything he'd seen and felt - over the video of Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#) kneeling on Floyd's neck and the 150-word statement Goodell released on May 30 offering condolences to the families of Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor without mentioning racism or police brutality - Kendricks kept thinking of teammates on the Vikings' social justice committee with whom he'd shared ideas and processed deep hurt.

"For about a whole day, I just really sat on it," Kendricks said Thursday. "The thing is, this committee that I've been able to be a part of, and the people in the committee that I've learned from - Stephen Weatherly's not on our team anymore, but he's [been] on the committee. Hearing him and [running back] Ameer [Abdullah], they're so educated. They're such smart guys. I felt like, now, with my knowledge, if I say I'm standing for these issues, if I say this is the kind of change I want to make, I had to do something."

On June 2, he posted a Twitter thread asking the NFL to take concrete steps toward creating racial justice. He released a video through the Vikings on June 3, saying, "It breaks my heart to see the people of Minneapolis not only treated like this but how hurt they are by this," as he wiped away tears. He and teammate Anthony Barr appeared with 16 other players in a June 4 video telling the league to condemn [systemic racism](#), in words that Goodell repeated in his own response a day later. And Kendricks joined nine teammates in a June 6 meeting with Minneapolis police Chief Medaria Arradondo and three officers to discuss how the department can improve relationships with black people.

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The week of public action, in many ways, stood unique in Kendricks' five-year career. It was prompted by Floyd's killing in south Minneapolis, which produced worldwide outcry and, eventually, notable contrition from the largest sports enterprise in the United States. It also was the product of three years in a group that has educated many Vikings players and emboldened them to take action.

The social justice committee the Vikings founded in 2017, after discussions among defensive line coach Andre Patterson, General Manager Rick Spielman and team ownership, had two aims: Help players partner with organizations working on systemic issues in the Twin Cities, and create a haven for those players to discuss racial matters together.

It distributed \$250,000 in grants from the Wilf family in both 2018 and 2019 to criminal justice reform, education, legal aid, nutrition, youth services and post-prison reintegration programs. It also stoked an activist spirit on the roster: Kendricks' work with kids in the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center has taught him more about the link between food insecurity and juvenile crime, and last week safety Anthony Harris struck up a 25-minute conversation about police department structures with a white officer in his native Richmond, Va.

The Wilfs this week committed another \$5 million to social justice work across the country, and the social justice committee announced a \$125,000 endowment for a scholarship in Floyd's name. In the reaction to Floyd's death, committee members also see hope for change.

"All people were able to see, for the first time, that it does exist and that this is real," Patterson said. "It was videoed from the beginning to the end. All the other ones that have happened before, it becomes word of mouth: 'Was the person resisting arrest? Did the person do something to have the police be this aggressive?' It becomes, 'What do you believe?' Do you believe the person's family, or what the police is saying happened?"

"This one's different; everybody was able to see what occurred, and how far it went."

Processing shock together

Patterson, who turned 60 on Friday, grew up in Richmond, Calif., near where the Black Panthers were founded. Now the Vikings' co-defensive coordinator, he functions as a source of wisdom for the team's social justice committee, often reminding younger players that change takes time.

Still, he said, "it probably took a week" before he was ready to watch the entire video of Floyd's May 25 arrest.

"I knew what I was going to see," he said. "It's like I told the players - you have to be able to talk, to be able to get it out, because if you don't, anger will eat you up inside. I had to make sure mentally I was prepared to view it, because I knew the anger and rage would come back."

Harris first questioned whether the video was real when friends texted it to him. He realized he'd talked before with Donald Williams, an eyewitness whose account of the Floyd killing attracted national attention on CNN, when Williams was working as a security guard in downtown Minneapolis.

"I thought I recognized his voice," Harris said. "It brought it into perspective, how close incidents like that are to you. I can just imagine him, not only seeing another African-American man, but knowing he's

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someone who works in the area with law enforcement, that he wanted to help, and how helpless he could have felt."

The Monday after Floyd's death, the Wilfs, Patterson and two players from the social justice committee led a team meeting. Spielman spoke the next day, as did Mike Zimmer. The coach consulted Patterson, his close friend and longtime colleague, about what to say; Patterson told him to simply speak from his heart.

"He humbled himself greatly and said, 'Man, I don't understand and maybe I haven't given this as much attention, but I know I love every single last one of you guys in this room and I'll fight for you guys just like you were my sons,' " Abdullah said. "That meant a lot for me because coming from Alabama, I grew up Muslim and black, so I was a double minority. I didn't have a lot of people of the other color or other religion speaking for me, even when they didn't understand my religion, even if they didn't understand my background. So to have Zim come out and say, 'I don't understand, but I stand with you' was powerful for me."

'Group is built to do things'

On Thursday, Patterson and Harris could easily recount their own experiences with law enforcement: Harris recalled older family members telling him to stay still and keep his hands visible during traffic stops as a kid, while Patterson remembered police following him several times as he drove an older Mercedes home while he was Washington State's defensive line coach in the early 1990s.

At the same time, Patterson said, he heard from black players who were routinely pulled over on the five-minute drive back from Idaho (where the legal drinking age was only 18 at the time), while white students made the short return trip to campus unchecked.

"I went to the head coach [Mike Price], and said, 'I want you to make me the liaison to the police department,' and he did," Patterson said. "I wanted them to see my face. I wanted to find a way to bridge the gap between police and our players."

He set up ride-alongs and police station visits and held barbecues between players and police; over time, the relationship warmed and the traffic stops lessened. The Vikings' social justice committee put together similar programs, and players reached out to police on their own this month; Kendricks had a 45-minute conversation with a childhood friend who's now an officer, and Harris' talk with the Richmond officer gave him new perspective on the idea of defunding or dismantling police departments.

The group will help allocate the Wilfs' newest \$5 million gift and is still making decisions about next steps for community efforts. Three years of work, and three weeks of processing what's happened in Minneapolis, seem to have Vikings players ready to step in as boldly as ever.

"That's the thing - we are all just learning so much [from each other]," Kendricks said. "This group is built to do things, to take action to create change. ... The more minds we have collectively, the more effective we're going to be."

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A little hope and a long road to justice

ARTICLE DCXLIV. [**A LITTLE HOPE AND A LONG ROAD TO JUSTICE**](#)

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Body

Josie Johnson had always felt a bit of hope.

She stayed hopeful as a teenager in Texas, gathering signatures on a petition to end the poll tax. Hope drew her from Minneapolis to Mississippi during the fight for voting rights. For decades, she marched and organized in the hope her children's children would grow up in a different world.

Her children have grandchildren now. And after more than six decades of tireless civil rights work, Josie Johnson watched a policeman in her city casually crush the life out of ***George Floyd*** on camera.

"My hope was drained that day," said Johnson, who chose "Hope in the Struggle" as the title of her biography.

Minneapolis was burning, as it had burned in race riots before. Crowds took to the streets, protesting like so many had done so many times before.

Johnson found herself "trying to remember what we've been fighting for and what might need to be different in this struggle."

But something in this moment did feel different. Hope broke through the hurt. For Johnson, it came from the energy she felt from the young people in the streets, taking up the fight to build a better world for her great-grandchildren.

"This excitement I have felt of our young black boys and girls, men and women," she said. "That spirit and strength of our people keeps some of us fighting and being hopeful."

For historian Mahmoud El-Kati, the breakthrough moment came when he heard about the ***Black Lives Matter*** march in Pocatello, Idaho.

"If you don't understand the story behind the story, you don't understand the story," said El-Kati, a professor emeritus of history at Macalester College in St. Paul.

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There was something about the sight of the policeman, smirking at the camera, ignoring the cries for help and for air from the unarmed man under his knee, that gave some white Americans their glimpse of the story behind the story. So this is what it's like, some realized, watching the video, then watching police attack peaceful demonstrators night after night. So this is how it feels.

"The fact that I'm talking to you now and not some statistic is only by the grace of God. That's a possibility for every black man," said El-Kati, author of "The Myth of Race, the Reality of Racism."

Watching that hard truth play out on camera "shook certain quarters in the white community," he said.

The question now is what the community does with that new insight into the white supremacy woven into its history and institutions.

"Whatever happened to the civil rights movement?" August Nimtz Jr., professor of political science and African-American and African studies at the University of Minnesota, used to pose that question to his students. The tongue-in-cheek answer: "Out of the streets and into the suites."

Now his students are out in the streets, getting a better education than any classroom could offer.

The long view of history offers a depressing view of history repeating. The lynchings of a century ago, the assassinations of half a century ago, the black men killed by police last week, last month, last year.

But the long view of history also shows of just how fast things can change. Nimtz joined the first ***George Floyd*** protest - a calculated risk for a 77-year-old African-American man in the middle of a pandemic.

"It was almost like a moment of liberation," he said. "We had come up for air."

Nimtz has seen other movements fizzle out over the years, often at the urging of community leaders - the people in the suites - who urge activists to exercise their power at the voting booth instead.

"I tell my students, if you think the most important thing you can do is vote, how did someone like me, who at one time could not vote, get the right to vote?" Nimtz said.

The first time he tried to vote, in 1964 New Orleans, he was turned away because of the color of his skin.

"Four years later, I was able to vote. You have to ask yourself, what happened in between?" he said. "It's because people like me and our allies had been in the streets. That's the way."

Josie Johnson's father wanted to be a lawyer, only to have his dreams crushed in the segregated South.

You have to keep on keeping on, he taught his daughter.

"At my age, those who have been in the struggle, we've seen it, we've known it," she said. "And we too have to keep on keeping on."

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ARTICLE DCXLV. ***LETTERS: LET'S GIVE MINNESOTA THE GIFTS IT NEEDS***

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Body

I just read the piece on the downing of the Columbus statue in St. Paul. I understand it was erected in 1931 as a gift to the State of Minnesota from Minnesota Italian American associations. I'm sure those who paid for the statue were taught the same history I learned many years ago. That history excluded the violence and genocide against Indigenous people. Those who gifted the statue had no ill intent. They merely wanted to be accepted into the mass of people who occupied Minnesota. Although the subject matter may be condemned, it was nevertheless a well-intended gift of art.

Well Columbus is gone and with a smile we can rebuild together and rebuild with new statues. I agree with the lieutenant governor that we should take a hard look at the statues that adorn our communities. But on a lighter side, I'm not sympathetic to anyone with an office window. Before we fill our Capital grounds with even more government buildings let us create statues that celebrate the goodness of all people. In honor of the Italian immigrants, let's put a statue of Mother Frances Cabrini on the pedestal where Columbus once stood. She dedicated her life to caring for the poor, sick and homeless. Let us create statues honoring the Indigenous people, persons of color, and even all those Scandinavian groups who gave us lefse, lutefisk and meatballs without red sauce. And of course, we can't forget Prince.

Let us give Minnesota the gifts it needs. Gifts of unity in a paradigm shift.

Mark Cosimini, St. Paul

As a child living on the west side of St Paul during World WarII there were two things that were common knowledge, one was that there are bullies but bullies were usually cowards who would pick on people's kids and animals only when they were at a very strong advantage. A common comment of the time was "why don't you pick on someone your own size?"

The other thing that was common knowledge was that if you got in an accident or someone broke into your garage or vandalized your property, you could call the police. Back then that was quite commonly done

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waiting for the operator to get on the line and say, "number please." Then you would say, "please connect me with the police." All the years since then that's the way it's been done but it got sufficiently better when the 911 system was developed.

For some time now many people have been buying guns in case they need to protect themselves or their property. If these people start getting a busy signal when they call 911 for any reason and lose faith, they will take those newly purchased guns and take matters into their own hands.

Then what?

Bernie Beermann, South St. Paul

In a recent letter to the editor, the writer apologizes for not "getting the memo" on white privilege ("She taught us to do what we could," June 11). I want to assure her that she has nothing to apologize for. White people do not get this memo; it is not addressed to us. The memo is addressed to people of color.

Not getting the memo allows white people to go about their daily lives believing that the rights and privileges guaranteed under state and federal constitutions and laws apply to them. And because we never see the memo, it never occurs to us that other people, people of color, can have a vastly different experience.

Not getting the memo allows us to have confidence that a landlord's decision to rent us a home is based only on our ability to pay the rent, not the color of our skin. If we wish to purchase a home, our whiteness is likewise no barrier to qualifying for a mortgage. If we wish to meander through a store, even perhaps picking up and examining merchandise as we shop, we are not followed or harassed by store security. If we get pulled over for exceeding the speed limit or having a burned out taillight, the officer will not haul us out of the car and ask to search it. We may even get off with just a warning.

Not getting the memo allows us to interpret "privilege" in largely economic terms. While the wealthy are privileged, those of us of modest means are not, but as long as we work hard we can succeed.

Because we don't get the memo, we can, therefore, go through life never understanding that white privilege is not so much about being given extra benefits; it is about not being given extra burdens.

Patricia James, St. Paul

I have only one thing to say about Gov. Walz's handling of the rioting, looting, and destruction of both public and private property in Minnesota: The definition of "dereliction of duty." The state of becoming abandoned and become dilapidated. The shameful failure to fulfill one's obligations.

Gary O'Neill, May Township

A tainting to the protesters who toppled the Columbus statue on the Capitol grounds and to the politicians who did not stop it. I believe in free speech but that does not include destroying public or private property. Anyone with their hands on the ropes should be prosecuted.

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Allen Eldridge, Maplewood

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, has now said that when he joined President Trump in Lafayette Park the other day, he had been told they were going to inspect National Guard troops. Instead, demonstrators were cleared from the park for the president's infamous Bible photo.

Let us think about that for a moment: The Commander in Chief (or his people) lied to the nation's highest military officer so he, Gen. Milley, could be used as a campaign prop. Can the presidency sink any lower? Of course it can, and probably will, so long as Trump remains in office.

Paul Nelson, St. Paul

In 1963 Gov. George Wallace stood at the door of Foster Auditorium on the campus of the University of Alabama and repeated his inaugural promise of "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever" while attempting to block the enrollments of two African American students. The hatred underlying his words in what is now famously known as the "Stand in the Schoolhouse Door" is as evident in Stillwater School District ISD 834 today as it was in Montgomery, Alabama, over half a century ago.

On June 11, 2020, the 57th anniversary of Wallace's famous speech, the ISD 834 Board of Education voted in favor of a separation agreement with Superintendent Denise Pontrelli, an advocate for equity in the public schools. Pontrelli's BOLD initiative squarely confronted a decades-old tension between all-white schools in the northern sections of the district, and diverse, overcrowded schools in the southern part of the district. She did what three superintendents before her wouldn't.

Pontrelli's closing of under-utilized schools has made her the target of unrelenting retaliation by Sarah Stivland, Mike Ptacek, Liz Weisberg and Tina Riehle. This Board majority has been empowered by an elitist community of wealth and pedigree to de-stabilize the district in the hopes of re-opening tax-supported designer schools, while denying adequate space for music and art in the schools with more diverse students. The campaign to oust Pontrelli is an affront to all students of color in the St. Croix Valley.

With the rest of the world in shock over the death of ***George Floyd***, the community of Stillwater barely flinched when his murderer was greeted at the neighborhood prison. The same community that elected this current board majority.

Elections matter. Voting is the most powerful means we have of eradicating racism in our district. We have a civic responsibility to elect boards that uphold principles of equity for all students. Complacency is not acceptable. We must change.

We must not allow ISD 834 Board of Education to stand in the schoolhouse door.

Kate Niemann, Stillwater Township

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Rachel Greszler: Shift power away from police unions

ARTICLE DCXLVI. [**RACHEL GRESZLER: SHIFT POWER AWAY FROM POLICE UNIONS**](#)

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Police officers - by and large - are heroes who put their lives on the line to protect the communities in which they live and serve. How then should we react to cases of police misconduct and brutality when they come to light? Confronting this requires what Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey referred to as "this one, nearly impenetrable barrier, which is the union contract and the way it is set up."

Derek Chauvin, the officer arrested and charged with Floyd's death, had multiple complaints against him. Only one resulted in a reprimand. The officer seen standing guard in the video as Chauvin pressed his knee on Floyd's neck, **Tou Thao**, also had multiple complaints against him. The city settled a lawsuit of alleged brutality by Thao and another officer for \$25,000 in 2017.

Why then were these officers still allowed to stand in the line of duty?

It's important to remember that not all complaints filed against police officers have merit. Some are filed by individuals who are upset at an officer who arrested them for legitimate reasons, and some criminals file complaints against good cops as a way to get them sidelined.

Nonetheless, such complaints must be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly, and when it is determined that a complaint has merit, appropriate consequences must follow - including not erasing misconduct and disciplinary records.

Yet, according to an interview with Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, "The elephant in the room with regard to police reform is the police union. It sets up a system where we have difficulty both disciplining and terminating officers who have done wrong."

Time and again, union contracts come into play in keeping police officers accused and even convicted of misconduct and abuse in positions of power, potentially subjecting community members to lawlessness and injustice.

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The problems are not just in Minneapolis. A Reuters review of 82 police union contracts in large cities nationwide found that they often include provisions that obstruct discipline, erase discipline records, and insert elevated standards of review that shield rogue officers from justice.

While there can be a tendency to link all police together, or to assume that all the problems come from within police departments themselves, that's often not the case. Oftentimes officers report misconduct and abuse by their peers, or police chiefs even dismiss officers for just cause, only to have those decisions overturned following challenges from labor unions, often over technicalities unrelated to the underlying misconduct.

A 2017 Washington Post article titled "Fired, Rehired" obtained the records of 37 large municipal police departments that had collectively fired 1,881 police officers since 2006. Yet, nearly 1 in 4 - a total of 451 officers - successfully appealed those terminations, and the departments were forced to rehire them. Moreover, a majority received back-pay covering their termination period.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus was forced to reinstate an officer he fired, not just once, but twice. As Chief McManus explained, overturning disciplinary and dismissal decisions for reasons other than factual errors "undermine a chief's authority and ignores the chief's understanding of what serves the best interest of the community and the department."

Yet most reform efforts have failed to confront the unions. The report from President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing mentioned unions only in the context of ensuring they have a seat at the table in the reform process. But history shows that giving police unions power over accountability and discipline typically results in less of each, and can pose a risk to community protection.

Camden, N.J., provides one instance in which doing away with the police union allowed the city to transform its police force from a triage unit into a proactive community police force as the homicide rate fell by two-thirds and complaints against officers plummeted 95%.

If we want to ensure the safety of a certain product, we wouldn't allow a group that represents the individuals who produce those products to set the safety standards, and control the consequences of violating those standards.

Similarly, if we want to protect community members from police misconduct and abuse, we cannot allow police unions to control the circumstances and treatment of police misconduct allegations, nor to undermine the decisions of police chiefs to remove problematic officers from their forces.

At a minimum, local and city officials should renegotiate collective bargaining provisions in police contracts to remove provisions that hamstring departments' ability to enforce accountability and discipline.

This will require fervent politicians and public officials who won't cower to unions - even if they withdraw donations or launch attack campaigns against them - but will instead take away unwarranted powers.

It's time for the "nearly impenetrable barrier" of the union contract to fall.

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Families of the dead plead for new laws

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Between sobs, Amity Dimock asked Minnesota lawmakers to improve autism training for police, and to have mental health workers respond to calls.

Valerie Castile held up past proposals to change the criminal justice system, saying a bill named for her son Philando is one of those "picking up dust."

Both of the women's sons were fatally shot by police. They urged legislators during a hearing Saturday to change Minnesota laws to prevent further deaths like their sons' and ***George Floyd***'s May 25 under the knee of Minneapolis officer ***Derek Chauvin***.

The House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Division spent seven hours considering 19 proposed changes. Democrats aim to pass those during this special legislative session.

Floyd's nephew asked the committee to ban chokeholds. The sister of a man Chauvin shot in 2008 called for stronger discipline and transparency around officer complaints. Many who testified focused on specific bills, but the overarching message was that calls for change are not new.

The package of bills the DFL-controlled House is considering differs from the Senate Republican majority's plans. The two political sides share several priorities, including banning chokeholds and improving training. But the House proposals are more wide-ranging, and touch on issues like restoring felon voting. The People of Color and Indigenous Caucus developed the bills, which draw on recommendations from a state working group. Hearings on the bills will continue Monday.

One of the controversial House measures would put prosecution of deadly officer-involved cases in the hands of Attorney General Keith Ellison's office, instead of having county attorneys handle them. Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom said the association that represents Minnesota county attorneys voted to support the change, which he said would improve public trust and bring consistency to how the cases are handled.

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But Rep. Marion O'Neill, R-Maple Lake, said she has heard from many county attorneys who oppose giving a partisan office that responsibility.

"They find that inappropriate when you talk about justice, because it should be blind," O'Neill said.

Another key House provision would alter the state's use-of-force standard. It would change when force can be used, from a situation where death or great bodily harm to an officer or another person is "apparent" to when that threat is "imminent." Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St. Paul, said many in law enforcement believe the current standards are strong enough or more training is all that's needed.

"The pain, the frustration, the trauma, the righteous anger our communities have experienced over and over highlights how the status quo simply isn't working," she said.

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Timberwolves support players leading the way in fight for social justice

ARTICLE DCXLVIII. **TIMBERWOLVES SUPPORT PLAYERS LEADING THE WAY IN
FIGHT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

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Timberwolves players have been on the front lines in the battle for social justice and racial equity and effort to rebuild communities damaged in the past few weeks following George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis Police officers.

"The biggest thing we want to do is we want to help our community," Okogie said last week. "The events that happened in the past week, it's very unfortunate, and it's unacceptable, but we have to start making a change one neighborhood at a time."

The Timberwolves and Lynx recently joined up with the Sacramento Kings for a PSA speaking out against social injustice, racial inequity and systemic racism, packed meal and snack packs to give back to those in need and partnered with the Minneapolis Foundation and developed a Fund for Safe Communities to "address systemic inequities and translate community anger into actions."

"We really feel like, as an organization and as a group, we've come together to deal with this in a way that will make us who we are," Timberwolves president of basketball operations Gersson Rosas said. "These opportunities, you have to embrace them. It's hard, it's painful, it's tragic ... but we want to be a spark or an organization that pushes positive change, and we're proud of the fact that our guys are standing up for what they believe, and as an organization, we're implementing productive and positive steps to move in that direction."

Timberwolves support players leading the way in fight for social justice

Immediately following the death of Floyd, the Timberwolves held a team video call. Included was Tru Pettigrew, a public speaker who helps organizations approach racial and cultural issues. The organization made a point to have conversations that Rosas said "need to be had." And the players took the lead.

"They're being open, they're being honest, they're being transparent with how they feel, how they've felt," head coach Ryan Saunders said. "We give our players all the credit for being that open and honest, all the way to the staff."

Saunders said the NBA has "always been an association that wants players and supports players to stand up for social justice and stand up for what's right."

In line with that, the Timberwolves organization has made a point to support its players in any way possible, especially now. They want to serve as a support system for their players in this fight.

That may be in the form of providing opportunities and resources for players to be active in the community, to continuing the conversation about social injustice or keeping players as safe as possible while they're out in public fighting for what they believe in.

Minnesota is aware the risks of the coronavirus are still very much prevalent. Rosas said Dr. Robby Sikka, the team's vice president of basketball performance and technology, has kept track of the players and kept them informed of the risks. Minnesota has protocols in place to keep players, and others in the organization, as safe and healthy as possible.

Asked what those protocols are, Rosas said the team is following league and state guidance, noting that Minnesota has pushed to make sure anyone who's been a part of mass gatherings be tested.

"So that's given us the resources to be able to support our guys in market, and other guys outside of our market. Every situation is different, but we're supporting them in every way possible to make sure that they have any resource that they need," Rosas said. "It's a situation where we've got to be smart, we've got to be educated, and we've got to make sure that we're supporting our players as best we can, not only through this period, but also physically and health-wise. So it's something that's definitely top of mind for us."

Saunders noted that an issue with young teams is often guys aren't as willing to speak up when needed. That has not been the case for this team in this moment.

"We have a very young roster of players who are growing up before our eyes. It says a lot about them, it says a lot about their maturity, their emotional IQ to understand where we're at, to understand what's happening and to understand their responsibility to play their part in a time where we need them," Rosas said. "We need them to step up and lead us and show us the way."

They've done so to date. Rosas said there's a lot of pain present within the Wolves' players - not only because these issues have been so constant for so long, but because it's recently hit so close to home.

"There's a sense of responsibility to do something," Rosas said. "We want to be a representative of the world we want to live in, and that starts with us."

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Would proposed changes to MN law bring more charges against officers? Probably not, attorneys say.

ARTICLE DCXLIX. **WOULD PROPOSED CHANGES TO MN LAW BRING MORE CHARGES AGAINST OFFICERS? PROBABLY NOT, ATTORNEYS SAY.**

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Under current law, a St. Paul legislator says finding justice after an officer kills someone is an uphill battle: There's too much reliance on an officer's subjective judgment of what might be a threat.

That's why Rep. Rena Moran, DFL, is sponsoring a bill that would make changes to Minnesota law about when officers are allowed to use deadly force.

"We've heard ... before from law enforcement officers that said, 'Well, I feared for my life or I was scared,'" Moran said during a House of Representatives hearing Saturday, referring to the defense that critics say officers can use to explain their actions. "This makes prosecuting and gaining a conviction extremely difficult."

While some civil rights groups on Saturday praised the proposed changes to the law, they also urged legislators to go farther. Meanwhile, some legal experts doubt whether the shifts that are on the table would lead to more offices being charged.

The Minnesota House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Division held a day-long virtual hearing Saturday, during which legislators heard from a range of community members and leaders about a [package of Democratic bills - including reforms](#) to prosecutions and investigations, banning chokeholds, and training related to mental health and autism - during the special session of the legislature that began Friday.

Though legislators have been spurred to action by the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody, the People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus says they've long been trying to bring about changes. A state working group recommended in February a review of existing use-of-force standards and statutes and recommended any necessary revisions to focus on the sanctity of life and standards that require force to be reasonable, necessary and proportionate.

Would proposed changes to MN law bring more charges against officers? Probably not, attorneys say.

The [changes to the law](#) proposed by Moran, who co-chairs the POCI caucus, adds language that says it's their legislative intent to ensure officers who use deadly force only do so "judiciously and with respect for human rights and dignity and for the sanctity of every human life."

Seth Stoughton, a University of South Carolina associate professor of law and author of "Evaluating Police Uses of Force," said the words are useful, but it's "aspirational language" and not something attorneys would hang their hats on.

The meat of the proposal would add language to the law that says deadly force is justified only when "the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that such force is necessary."

The current law says an officer can use deadly force to protect an officer or another person from apparent death or great bodily harm. The bill deletes "apparent" and changes it to "imminent." That move would tighten up appropriate use of deadly force, according to Ted Sampsell-Jones, a Mitchell Hamline School of Law professor.

The change seems to be consistent with Minnesota's self-defense laws, which St. Paul-based criminal defense attorney John Arechigo said is better than the current language, but he doesn't know if that means it's good policy.

"More should be expected of our police officers," he said. "Minnesota's self-defense laws are designed to apply to 'regular people' who haven't had the kind of thorough training officers are supposed to undergo. I recognize officers need to protect themselves and others in certain situations, but the proposed language seems to still give officers the right to use deadly force simply because the officer thought there was an imminent threat to life."

Some states refer to U.S. Supreme Court decisions when interpreting their own state use-of-force laws.

"What I read this proposed statute to do is basically bring Minnesota up to the constitutional floor and perhaps deal with the most problematic aspects of permissiveness in its current law, but it doesn't do much more than get the state to where it should have been before," Stoughton said.

Susan Gaertner, who was Ramsey County Attorney from 1995 to 2010, also views the proposals as lining up with Supreme Court rulings.

That doesn't mean officers shouldn't be trained to a higher standard, said Gaertner, who is now in private practice focusing on business litigation and white-collar criminal defense.

"Criminal charges, I think, are a blunt instrument and what training should be is, 'Let's do everything we can to preserve human life, both yours and the civilian, and if you end up using deadly force, there's a high standard for whether you can be criminally charged for that choice that you made,'" Gaertner said.

Overall, Stoughton, Gaertner and attorney Robert Bennett said they think the changes would be unlikely to result in officers being charged more often in Minnesota. But community sentiment and increased sensitivity to holding officers accountable might make a difference, Gaertner said.

Jim Hilbert, ad hoc counsel to the MN/Dakotas Area Conference NAACP, said he thinks changes to the deadly force law could not only provide more justice in prosecuting police, but could "have major impacts on police behavior."

Would proposed changes to MN law bring more charges against officers? Probably not, attorneys say.

He said a Supreme Court decision from the 1980s that changed the legal standard for lethal force resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of police shootings.

Hilbert urged legislators on Saturday to consider adding factors that consider whether an officer tried de-escalation and whether an officer's conduct increased the risk of a deadly confrontation.

Under the proposed changes to the law, officers could still use deadly force to take someone into custody if they committed a felony, but it adds language saying that the officer has to "reasonably" believe "the person will cause death or great bodily harm to another person unless immediately apprehended."

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The change would mean officers would have to consider "only future/ongoing threats rather than past crimes," Sampsell-Jones said.

Arechigo pointed out the proposed changes may still give too much leeway for officers as there are many non-violent felony offenses, such as credit card fraud and theft, and officers would still be allowed to use deadly force against people in some circumstances.

The proposal also specifies an officer cannot not use deadly force against someone who is a danger to him or herself, but doesn't "pose an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to the peace officer or to another person."

Bennett said he doesn't think that change "would stop a bunch of the cases that I've seen that have been suicides by cop. It would stop a few, which is better than nothing."

Jim Michels, a labor attorney who represents public employee unions, including the Minneapolis police union, supports some of the legislative proposals, but also has questions about aspects of changing the deadly force law.

"Right now, the question in the law is whether the option they chose was reasonable," Michels said. "I'm a little bit concerned about the type of nuances that could come up. ...It's hard to take a blanket approach because the reality in every case is different."

The Senate, which is Republican controlled, has a smaller number of police accountability bills that Sen. Warren Limmer, who chairs the judiciary and public safety committee, said they plan to pass.

Limmer, R-Maple Grove, expressed openness to reviewing the current police use of force statute and consider a "sanctity of life" standard before deadly force is deployed.

Stoughton, a former police officer who provided advice to California when the state was drafting its new deadly force law that went into effect last year, said he understands such legislation can be politically controversial. He said California reached compromises, but what he thinks worked overall was developing a law that protected officers and citizens.

"Safety is not a zero-sum game," he said. "We do not make community members safer by endangering officers, but changes to these laws can improve the safety of officers and community members alike."

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St. Paul House Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St. Paul. (Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

Then-Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner in 2010. (Pioneer Press: Scott Takushi)

Sen. Warren Limmer, R-Maple Grove. (Courtesy of the Minnesota Senate)

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Highlight: If there is one thing we can count on from Russia and China, it's to kick us while we're down. The U.S. is reeling now, as we should be, from national protests over the unjust killing of ***George Floyd*** and a long overdue reckoning with racism and police brutality. But in another disorienting signal of [...]

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The U.S. is reeling now, as we should be, from national protests over the unjust killing of ***George Floyd*** and a long overdue reckoning with racism and police brutality.

But in another disorienting signal of the surrealism overtaking everyday life in our nation, we must deal now with lectures from autocrats and authoritarians whose sense of freedom runs exactly as far as it serves their own interests. Beyond that, well, disappearing and death are on the menu.

Predictably, China has mocked the U.S. for hypocrisy, citing broadly expressed concerns about the crackdown on protests in Hong Kong. The overly aggressive response of police to protesters here opened the door for the charge.

But it's worth noting that the protesters in the streets of Hong Kong are risking everything for the rights we have here - rights that must be respected for our own protesters.

Russia's foreign ministry - arm of strongman Vladimir Putin - had a similar criticism. Putin has been in power since 1999 as Russia has descended ever deeper into an aggressive, totalitarian state with an aim of accruing power by diminishing democracies throughout the world, and nowhere more than America.

Even as they lecture us publicly, Russia and China are using social media in the way it works best - to stoke social division. As Politico reported this week, both nations are flooding Twitter with material hashtagged to ***George Floyd's*** death.

The idea is to make the U.S. appear to be a hypocritical nation on the brink of unraveling.

What these abusive regimes fail to recognize is America's freedom is its strength. What they see as an unraveling (because they fear all unrest) we understand as evolving.

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America can struggle through pain and discord toward reform and harmony because we have the freedom to engage in that struggle. Even now, on the streets and in city halls and in statehouses and in our nation's capital, we are considering how we can become a better America. We will argue and we will disagree and we will vote and we will change.

The struggle on the streets is a part of our becoming what the Russian and Chinese regimes cannot accept because to accept it would require subjecting themselves to the will of their people. And instead, they opt to silence their people.

What should be evident from what's happening in America today is that our people are not silenced. Our people are demanding their rights. And they will be heard. [Other voices: Drawing a line in Atlanta after the murder of a child](#) [Other voices: Will Voice of America now lose credibility?](#) [Other voices: The feds build a case against Ghislane Maxwell; it must not stop there](#) [Other voices: Baseball's back, but it will be different](#) [Other voices: Extend unemployment benefits, Congress](#)

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Familiar grief and trauma fuel new resolve

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For Vanessa Anyanso, to be black in America is to constantly mourn lost sons and daughters.

It's a sentiment that Anyanso, a 26-year-old graduate student studying for a doctorate in counseling psychology at the University of Minnesota, has felt since the release of the video of [***George Floyd***](#), a black man, dying while being restrained under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer for nearly nine minutes.

Amid the resulting widespread unrest across the Twin Cities, Anyanso was tired of scrolling up and down Twitter but did not want to go out to protest. Her parents pointed out the dangers of her going out during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Because I'm a black person in America, every time I walk out of my house there is a possibility I won't come back, and because I'm a black woman unfortunately my death may not be as mourned or remembered as others," Anyanso said. "If I'm going to be in danger no matter what I do, at least I want to directly help some people that are suffering right now."

That's why Anyanso decided to start "running supplies for the revolution" by collecting money and buying and donating items to help protesters and other organizations in north Minneapolis. For Anyanso, it was considering what's more dangerous: The pandemic or being black in America?

The digital graveyard of viral videos depicting the killings of black people by police and others has become a recurring source of trauma for black people in America. There are the hashtags, the decision about whether to watch the video, the televised pain of mourning families, the swarming media, the protests - if the death gets enough traction on social media - and calls for justice.

And each time, black communities have to find ways to cope with the grief, anxieties and fears stemming from violently losing black men, women and children. Nationally, the number of black people experiencing anxiety or depressive disorders rose from 36% to 41% in the week after the video of Floyd's death circulated the internet and unrest began, according to a joint Census Bureau and National Center for Health Statistics survey. A 2017 survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found black people were more

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likely than white people to experience feelings of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness, or that everything is an effort, all or most of the time.

Marlee Dorsey, a licensed therapist in Minneapolis who sees clients through her Reviving Roots Therapy and Wellness practice, said for her clients "almost every session" has been about George Floyd, police brutality, racism, their anger toward the police, participation in protests or feeling validated by seeing others share their rage.

Dorsey said part of the problem is that people misconstrue trauma as "something that breaks you" and that can make people feel ashamed or hold in their feelings about it.

"The way that the mainstream culture talks about it is that 'we experience something bad and here are your symptoms and these are the things that happen for you, because we have to put things in a nice little box,'" Dorsey said. "But trauma is being pulled over by the police and all of the thoughts that go through your brain. You have that wave of fear, you think about the story your cousin told about how they got pulled over, your parents, grandparents, their stories. ... It's not just your experience that you're holding, it's your entire network's experience too, and that's what makes it more powerful."

The first time watching Floyd die on screen was "the equivalent to seeing a black man hanging from a tree," said Korey "XROSS" Dean Sr., founder and executive director of the Man Up Club, a Roseville-based organization focused on mentoring black males, teaching them how to process their feelings and how to interact with the police. "To see the foam that was around his mouth, my heart kind of jumped out of my chest at that point," he said.

The key thing Dean said he tells young men is that they're valued and that their voice matters, and he gives them space to talk about mental health, abuse and embarrassment. Any sense of hopelessness could lead them to destructive behaviors, he said. He said the group was out in the community helping with cleanups in recent weeks, but they've also talked about ongoing fear of the police. Dean said he watched the video of Floyd's death multiple times because he "had to watch the evilness of it."

"The only reason I stopped watching it was because my eyes kind of opened up to the reality of if I continue to watch it, I'm really going to be traumatized," Dean said.

Anyanso hasn't watched it. The last time she watched a video of a black person dying was Philando Castile, whose death was broadcast on Facebook Live in 2016 after he was shot by a St. Anthony police officer.

Her thinking is, "The people that need to see videos in order to understand that it's a problem won't even care, so what are we doing besides traumatizing our people all of the time?"

She knows the names of so many more black people whose deaths sparked outrage: Trayvon Martin, Sandra Bland and most recently Ahmaud Arbery, a jogger who was chased down and killed in Georgia, and Breonna Taylor, killed by police while she had been sleeping at home in Kentucky.

Anyanso knows the wave of fear when she sees a cop car or remembers trying to prevent police encounters on her jogs back home in Gaithersburg, Md., by wearing a shirt from her high school or her Columbia University undergraduate shirt. She's been in the car when her own father has been pulled over and remembers that fear.

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She has found solace in action. She has organized donations of more than \$17,000 worth of food, diapers and other supplies to organizations and got to help the protesters in her own way. She's also been trying to check on her friends to see how they're coping amid the pandemic and the aftermath of Floyd's death.

"I know if I allowed myself to feel the depths of the situation, I would probably not be able to get out of bed," Anyanso said. I would say my coping is through doing these supply runs, but I fully realize I have not been able to give myself space to grieve properly."

For now, Anyanso plans to keep raising money and making donations to organizations in need. But as she looks ahead, "it's not about the deaths that have happened, it's about the deaths that I fear will happen."

"Every time one of these murders happen, when people are protesting they're not just protesting that murder," Anyanso said. "It was influenced by all of the names known and unknown."

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 1C**Length:** 1145 words**Byline:** JIM PAULSEN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** MINNEAPOLIS HIGH SCHOOLS // Coaches and players from the city meet for frank and open discussion**Body**

Minneapolis City Conference football coaches and players met via Zoom on Wednesday evening in what was probably the most important meeting they'll have all year.

The topic of football never came up.

Concerned for the well-being of their athletes against a backdrop of protests and civic unrest, Minneapolis South coach Rodney Lossow and Minneapolis Washburn coach Ryan Galindo, both of whom live and teach in the city, conceived the meeting. They saw it as a chance to give players and coaches a platform to make their voices heard.

Lossow, who coordinated the meeting, said it sprang from a feeling that they needed to reach out to their players after the death of [George Floyd](#) at the hands of the Minneapolis police. Their neighborhoods turned tumultuous and fearful with rioting and looting in the days that followed. South's field, just south of Lake Street, is a couple of blocks from stores and buildings damaged or destroyed by fires.

"I wanted to know what I could do," Lossow said. "Guys like Galindo got my brain stirring and I thought, 'OK, what can we do virtually?'"

Eleven players, representing five of the city's seven schools, and 10 coaches from those five took part, along with Antony Fisher, Minneapolis athletics and activities director. The Star Tribune was invited to be present as well. Lossow asked for and received participants' approval to share the recording on YouTube.

The players, invited as team leaders by the coaches, were asked to address three questions: How do you feel about what happened? What would you like to see changed? What are you afraid of?

Zoom would not have been the platform for this conversation if not for the pandemic. Yet watching teenagers of all colors speak truth from their kitchens or living rooms or cars about what changes they want to see, both in their own behaviors and from the adults in their communities, created a powerful experience.

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The coaches responded into their phone or laptop cameras with passion and emotional pleas for understanding and unity.

"This isn't the greatest way to meet, but it was probably the best way because all got heard," Lossow said.

Emotions ran from anger to frustration, from fear to worry. And to a sense of hope.

'Am I next?'

Washburn senior John Lyman led off the responses from players and set a tone by calling out the behavior of police.

"We need to find the root of the problem, and that is police and how they become police [officers]," said Lyman, who is white. He called for more rigorous evaluation before they are hired to root out those with racist backgrounds.

Mistrust of law enforcement was a thread that carried throughout the meeting. Many players said they frequently feel scrutinized and suspected simply because of the color of their skin.

"It's how black males are looked at," Washburn's Jamar Nelson said. "It's not fair how we should go out every day and be scared of police officers. They're supposed to be here to protect and serve us, but we feel like we're not being protected and served. Were dying."

"The thing I'm afraid of," said Minneapolis North senior quarterback Zach Yeager, "is that that next person to be killed by a police officer is me or one of my loved ones."

Said Minneapolis Southwest senior Darnell Harper: "I'm black, I'm 16 and I'm scared that the next one could be me."

Southwest coach Josh Zoucha told of receiving a photo from the mother of recently graduated senior T.K. Marshall, a star running back on last fall's team. The picture showed Marshall walking among protesters in Minneapolis, holding a sign that read "Am I next?"

"That crushed me," Zoucha said. "To hear the things these kids have to think about every day before leaving the house that I don't have to think about, it's powerful. These kids are speaking their truths."

Mixed (blue) feelings

Yeager's coach, Charles Adams III, is also a Minneapolis police officer and a longtime student resource officer at the school. The Minneapolis School District's recent decision to end its relationship with Minneapolis police meant the end of Adams' role within the school.

"I'm torn right now," said an emotional Adams, the only black head coach in the meeting. His teams have reached six consecutive football state tournaments, making the Prep Bowl three times and winning the Class 2A championship in 2016.

"You see the color of my skin. You know what I do. I am in the worst possible position you could be in. I'm from the north side, but I wear blue. My daddy's a cop. My uncle's a cop.

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"But under no circumstance did I feel that anything that was going on [with ***George Floyd***] was justified. I'm not stupid. I'm not blind. Sometimes people don't understand that the uniform comes off. I do take the uniform off."

Adams talked about his role during the nights of violence.

"I had no clue if I was going to come back home. I'm talking going from fires to fires," Adams said, passion rising in his voice. "Getting shot at. Stuff thrown at me. And all I'm thinking about is that Polar Pride, boys. Can I get back to them?"

Optimism, plus skepticism

That fear was not limited to those in authority. Roosevelt senior lineman Jesus Moreno said he felt compelled to participate in the peaceful marches but couldn't leave home, fearing for his family's welfare.

"The day after [Floyd] died, we went down to Chicago Avenue to see where it happened and there were a lot of people there, saying his name. It was really powerful," said Moreno, who is Hispanic. "I wanted to march in the protests, but my family was hearing threats that there were people going into houses and hurting people of color. If I was gone, I wouldn't be able to do anything for my family."

Amid the overall serious overtone of the meeting, many echoed a theme of hope. That, finally, there might be an end to the inescapable racial oppression felt so strongly by the black community.

"I'm saddened, but I'm also glad," Yeager said. "I'm glad to see people of all races come together to fight for the same cause."

Minneapolis South senior Kader Diop echoed Yeager's thoughts. "I'm hopeful because I think the spark from this case is bringing people together," he said. "Not just people of color but people of all races. I'd like to see that continue."

Not all saw hope as a shining light, however. Many said they fear the current groundswell of change will fade away, as has happened before.

"There's hope in the air, and that scares me," said Robert French, a Minneapolis Southwest assistant coach who is black and wore a custom-made hat that read "Make Racists Afraid Again." "We cling on to hope. I'm tired of hope. The feeling is all too familiar. Hope tends to let our guard down, until another black man, woman or child is murdered. It will stop when we the people have had enough that we no longer react, that we take action."

Video of the prep football roundtable can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5nSlq-oSA0>

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Forty-five years ago, on the road leading to a popular beach on Lake Champlain in upstate New York, the posted speed limit was 40 miles per hour, but a line of steady traffic was maintaining 50. Flashing lights appeared in my rearview mirror, so I pulled over. The officer, however, passed me and three other vehicles, stopping a car with a black male driver whose passenger was a white woman. This was the first time I witnessed a racial episode.

More recently, following my presentation at Stillwater High School regarding the June 15, 1920, lynchings of three black men in Duluth, the counselor for minority students shared an experience from one of her pupils. This 15-year-old black boy was stopped 37 times by police, during September and October - while walking to or from school. He was viewed as suspicious by local citizens not accustomed to seeing blacks in the neighborhood. Would a white boy, unfamiliar to those residents, have prompted even one phone call to police?

James Baldwin said it well: "Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced." White citizens in America mostly ignore the ongoing pressures of "living while black."

And they do so because a great flaw in the modern American character is the absence of empathy - the capacity to feel another's joy, or frustration and pain. The inability to empathize sometimes produces headlines - as with the recent killings of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis and Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia.

In fact, some Caucasians still insist that the most-discriminated-against minority are white males. But the probability of them having been arrested for driving while white, or loitering - relatively common among persons of color - is negligible. Nor is it likely they've been surveilled in stores as a suspected shoplifter.

My book, "The Lynchings in Duluth," documents the June 15, 1920, murders of three black circus workers, hanged from a downtown street lamp. These racially motivated killings were perpetrated and witnessed by up to 10,000 people in my hometown.

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This crime reverberates 100 years later and continues to inform my life.

In 1920, Duluth's population was 100,000, with only 484 blacks. Local blacks reported that racial incidents were rare. But on the evening of June 14, 100 years ago, 19-year-old Irene Tusken attended the John Robinson circus with her date, James Sullivan. Later that night James told his father that six black circus roustabouts had robbed the couple and assaulted Irene in a nearby field.

Mr. Sullivan notified police, and 13 African-American circus workers were arrested for rape and placed in the city jail. The following day a mob, encouraged to "join the necktie party," broke into the jail, ripped Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie from their cells, beat them and dragged them one block to the lamppost and hanged them, before posing for a postcard photo.

Irene had not been raped, compounding the nightmare of the lynchings. A doctor's examination revealed that no assault occurred, although that report never appeared in local newspapers.

While this mob was possibly the largest to ever gather for a lynching in America, most Minnesotans have never heard of this event. The state became amnesiac. Talk about the tragedy ceased; files and clippings were excised in some libraries. The St. Louis County Clerk of Court stonewalled seekers of trial transcripts, and teachers discouraged student reports on this "unseemly" topic. In his otherwise definitive tome, "A History of Minnesota," past president of the state Historical Society and prominent historian William Folwell doesn't mention this crime.

My mother, however, told me about it when I was 10 years old. Her words resurfaced in the early 1970s when I attempted to write a novel in which the setting was to be post-World War I northern Minnesota. In one chapter, my protagonist would witness the lynchings.

After searching for the book on the lynching I surmised had appeared 50 years earlier, I discovered there wasn't one. Nor was there any documentation accessible in Duluth. Eventually, I discovered newspaper microfilm and other records in the archives of the Historical Society in St. Paul. I filled a spiral notebook with information and abandoned the novel in favor of chronicling our state's darkest hour.

After 18 months, the manuscript was completed and submitted to more than 30 publishers. It received mostly form rejections, but some came with surprising comments. One editor wrote that sales would be minuscule because "Black people don't read books." Another noted, "Publishing this book could cause riots." A New York publisher said, "Civil rights books are passe now," just months before "Roots" became a runaway bestseller.

In 1979, a small Southern California firm released the book, appallingly titled "They Was Just Niggers," extracted from a quote by a Duluthian after martial law was declared. He wondered aloud "Why this fuss? After all, they was just niggers."

Following publication, a Minneapolis Tribune book reviewer chided me: "Now, nearly 60 years later, Michael Fedo, a Duluth native and New York Times correspondent, has chosen to rub our noses once again in the awful events. ..." Six months later, the publisher filed for bankruptcy.

In 1993, renowned international publisher, Harlin Quist reissued an edition titled "Trial by Mob," but he also went broke and disappeared, without paying the printer.

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In 2000, the Minnesota Historical Society Press, which had originally discouraged my inquiries into the tragedy, released the book as "The Lynchings in Duluth." This edition has become an important resource in many colleges and public schools.

Until I'd published the Duluth story, and participated in forums and discussions throughout Minnesota, I was only peripherally aware of persistent racial disparities. But wherever I speak, audience members share injustices and experiences of their living while black that I would otherwise never have been aware of.

Back in 1920, the immediate aftermath of the lynchings brought radical changes in the treatment of blacks in Duluth. They were no longer hired by the Post Office, and black students at Duluth State Teachers College (now UMD) weren't permitted to practice teach in the city until the 1950s. Sounds of "nigger" and "coon," seldom previously heard, led to fights on playgrounds.

Decades later, my book's republication brought predictable responses - mostly favorable, but some Duluthians were peeved that the episode was again raised. Many were still unaware of the killings, as I learned through a surprising happening at my stepmother's home.

A copy of the book was on a coffee table when a lifelong friend stopped by. She noticed the book, picked it up and gasped. "My goodness, that's Tom," she said, pointing to a figure in the shocking image on the book's cover. Tom was her deceased husband of 52 years, and he had never mentioned his presence at the lynchings to his wife or children.

Still, I'm hopeful. In 2001, the Clayton, Jackson, McGhie Memorial Committee was organized to commemorate the victims and educate the public. The committee commissioned an elegant memorial positioned across the street from the lynching street lamp. The Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Ala., also honors Clayton, Jackson and McGhie along with 4,000 other lynched Americans.

The 100-year anniversary of the Duluth tragedy has been postponed until 2021 due to the pandemic. In his book "Just Mercy," Bryan Stevenson, keynote speaker for the centennial, quotes Walter McMillian, an innocent black who had been sentenced to death in Alabama. "People are supposed to die on God's schedule," he said, before being released.

The Duluth victims were denied that - and so, recently, were George Floyd in Minneapolis and Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia. And there have been many others. No ceremonies can rectify the abominations perpetrated upon victims of racial atrocities.

Yet there remain among us those who contend there need be no contemporary guilt about slavery, nor about the 100-year-old atrocity in Minnesota. And forget about reparations for slave ancestors. Let's move on.

In his 2002 essay, "Is There A Right to Forget?" George W. Streich, argues that remembrance of historical injustices is a component of achieving justice in the present. Acknowledging past lynchings may aid healing in surviving families of victims, and instill desire for a future with fewer racial inequities. It is with this in mind that event organizers in Duluth hope up to 10,000 people - the number believed to have been witnesses and participants in 1920 - will attend next year's commemoration, recognizing this ugly occurrence and facing a future in which, paraphrasing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., people are judged by their character, not their color.

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Michael Fedo is the author of "The Lynchings in Duluth" and 10 other books. His next book, a collection of humorous/satirical short fiction titled, "Art's Place: Stories and Diversions," will be published in September.

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Resting in power

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Taren Vang and Ong Yang of St. Paul donned blue surgical masks and knelt to place flowers at a corrugated-plastic headstone bearing the name of Vang's former boyfriend, Travis Jordan, a suicidal man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police in 2018 when he refused to drop the knife he was carrying.

"He was killed by two rookie cops," said Vang of the incident, which didn't result in criminal charges. "It was during a wellness check, and they came and killed him instead."

Jordan's headstone was one of 100 in "Say Their Names Cemetery," an art installation on a grassy field at 37th Street and Park Avenue in south Minneapolis, just blocks from where [George Floyd](#) was killed while in police custody.

Each headstone - printed with a name, date and location of their death, and the words "Rest in power" - represents an African-American who has died at the hands of police.

The project was hatched in a matter of days by artists Anna Barber and Connor Wright, both 22 and recent graduates of the University of Pennsylvania.

They were quarantined at home in Chicago and Philadelphia, respectively, and kept seeing people share the same list of people killed by law enforcement.

They wanted to do more than reshare it. A cemetery, they thought, "would be a really impactful way to allow people to visualize and humanize these lists," said Barber, and also serve as a community gathering space.

One problem: They'd never been to Minneapolis.

On Apple Maps they found the open park space on city-owned land. They posted to Instagram, asking for contacts in the Twin Cities, and quickly amassed 15 future friends. They finalized their project plan June 1, booked flights and an Airbnb and arrived June 3.

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In one day, they raised \$1,000 in donations and decided to pay the remaining expenses out of pocket (they declined to say how much).

The tombstones were printed with the help of the UPS Store at 2751 Hennepin Av. S., which insisted on staying open late for the artists. Community members covered the monuments with plastic bags to protect them from rain. A construction worker and his wife donated 300 metal stakes.

One night, Barber and Wright got an e-mail saying people were checking to make sure the cemetery was OK.

"I almost cried reading that e-mail," said Wright. "To see how the community made it their own, and has done with it what they see fit, is absolutely so powerful."

They plan to print 500 aerial photos of the cemetery and sell them for \$1,000 each to raise money for the Anti-Racism Fund (antiracismfund.org). They are working on a website for the project; the e-mail account is saytheirnamescemetery@gmail.com

Community vigil

Wright and Barber helped organize a vigil there last Sunday. As night fell, about 300 people streamed into the park. A Trader Joe's employee handed out donated flowers. People sitting on the grass shouted **George Floyd**'s name.

Two friends, Analyah Schlaeger Dos Santos and Sophie Seibure, sat on a hill gripping a flag with a demented smiley face and red handprints on one side, and white text that read "This is our America" on the other.

"What you see around us, the shocking things, this is what America is, so we made a new flag," said Schlaeger Dos Santos.

Minneapolis resident Arwo Warsame and her children, Aliya Habib, 4, and Amin Habib, 5, spread flowers at several of the gravestones. For her, the most moving part was "all the people uniting, joining from all races, and honoring [Floyd's] life, and respecting and understanding the pain and our reality," she said.

Wright and Barber were heading home this weekend, but the project will stay.

"We are not intent on deciding the fate of this," said Wright, his black face mask slipping off his mouth. "We're going to make sure we follow what the community wants."

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Soucheray: Never having to fear the police is a big advantage in life

ARTICLE DCLV. ***SOUCHERAY: NEVER HAVING TO FEAR THE POLICE IS A BIG ADVANTAGE IN LIFE***

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It was a different world in a different century in a different country. One cop. We didn't know our abundances were so astonishing. We took them for granted. Chicago Avenue and 38th Street in Minneapolis? Where was that?

We are entitled to our memories but they only serve to remember a charm and simplicity that doesn't even seem real. A black man named **George Floyd** died under a police officer's knee on Memorial Day. National Guard trucks have now been in the streets. Businesses have been burned and looted. A man named **George Floyd** died under a police officer's knee.

We had one cop.

Swede was a burly guy with bushy black hair. His black boots were always polished and I would bet a million dollars he never used them in vain or profanity. I suppose Swede's review panel, if such a formality existed, consisted of my father and other members of the Mahtomedi City Council during their tenures. I doubt if there was anything untoward to discover. Everybody knew where Swede lived, shopped and went to church.

We had our run-ins. One was a traffic stop. The other was a noise complaint based on our band playing in the garage one summer night and attracting a growing crowd. Swede must have been called or was driving by.

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"How long is this going to last, Henry?" Swede asked my father.

"Damned if I know."

"How about by 10:30?"

And off he went.

Didn't everybody live like this, never afraid of the boot or the anvil that could drop at any minute for any reason, even reasons that didn't exist? We were white, of course. Swede was white. The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker were white. Can't apologize for that; I didn't have a say in the matter.

We could have become poets or scientists or rock stars or NHL players. We didn't have anything standing in our way. We had put-together families and good schools and food on the table. No threat of the boot or the knee or the anvil dropped from above ever occurred to us on our charmed paths.

Never having to be afraid of the police is big advantage in life. Being afraid of Swede would have been like being afraid of a blue sky. I am sure all across America there were Swede the cops, just not enough of them. Too many bad things happened and too many dangers roiled in the shadows of a black life. We would have needed millions of Swedes to have changed the course of history.

And now the course of history will be changed by 8 minutes of a cop's knee on a black man's neck. The course must be changed and the Minneapolis police chief, Medaria Arradondo, appears to get it; get inside that police federation and bring it to its knee, force it into accountability and transparency and meaningful repercussions for inhumane behavior. What happened can't happen. Ever again.

Everybody back in the village is long gone, Henry, the painter, the barber, the groceryman, Al at the gas station. And Swede, who died in about the mid-'70s.

I got it from one of my brothers.

Swede's name was Deforest Williams.

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Atlanta police chief resigns after fatal police shooting

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Police Chief Erika Shields stepped down as the killing of 27-year-old Rayshard Brooks sparked a new wave of protests in Atlanta after turbulent demonstrations that followed the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis had simmered down.

Protesters on Saturday night set fire to the Wendy's restaurant where Brooks was fatally shot the night before and blocked traffic on a nearby highway.

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms announced the police chief's resignation at a Saturday afternoon news conference. The mayor also called for the immediate firing of the unidentified officer who opened fire at Brooks.

"I do not believe that this was a justified use of deadly force and have called for the immediate termination of the officer," Bottoms said.

She said it was Shields' own decision to step aside as police chief and that she would remain with the city in an undetermined role. Interim Corrections Chief Rodney Bryant would serve as interim police chief until a permanent replacement is found.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, which is investigating the shooting, said the deadly confrontation started with officers responding to a complaint that a man was sleeping in a car blocking the restaurant's drive-thru lane. The GBI said Brooks failed a field sobriety test and then resisted officers' attempts to arrest him.

The GBI released security camera video of the shooting Saturday. The footage shows a man running from two white police officers as he raises a hand, which is holding some type of object, toward an officer a few

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steps behind him. The officer draws his gun and fires as the man keeps running, then falls to the ground in the parking lot.

GBI Director Vic Reynolds said Brooks had grabbed a Taser from one of the officers and appeared to point it at the officer as he fled, prompting the officer to reach for his gun and fire an estimated three shots.

The security camera video recorded Brooks "running or fleeing from Atlanta police officers," Reynolds said. "It appears that he has in his hand a Taser."

The footage does not show Brooks' initial struggle with police.

L. Chris Stewart, an attorney for Brooks' family, said the officer who shot him should be charged for "an unjustified use of deadly force, which equals murder."

"You can't have it both ways in law enforcement," Stewart said. "You can't say a Taser is a nonlethal weapon ... but when an African American grabs it and runs with it, now it's some kind of deadly, lethal weapon that calls for you to unload on somebody."

He said Brooks was a father of four and had celebrated a daughter's eighth birthday Friday before he was killed.

The shooting came at a time of heightened tension over police brutality and calls for reforms across the U.S. following the May 25 death of Floyd in Minneapolis. Atlanta was among U.S. cities where large crowds of protesters took to the streets.

Demonstrators, including members of Brooks' family, gathered Saturday outside the restaurant where he was shot.

Among those protesting was Crystal Brooks, who said she is Rayshard Brooks' sister-in-law.

"He wasn't causing anyone any harm," she said. "The police went up to the car and even though the car was parked they pulled him out of the car and started tussling with him."

She added: "He did grab the Taser, but he just grabbed the Taser and ran."

Shields, Atlanta's police chief for less than four years, was initially praised in the days following Floyd's death last month. She said the Minnesota officers involved should go to prison and walked into crowds of protesters in downtown Atlanta, telling demonstrators she understood their frustrations and fears. She appeared at Bottoms' side as the mayor made an impassioned plea for protesters to go home when things turned violent with smashed storefronts and police cruisers set ablaze.

Days later, Shields fired two officers and benched three others caught on video May 30 in a hostile confrontation with two college students whose car was stuck in traffic caused by the protests. The officers fired Tasers at the pair and dragged them from the vehicle. When prosecutors later charged six of the officers involved, however, Shields openly questioned the charges.

The shooting of Brooks two weeks later raised further questions about the Atlanta department. In a statement, Shields said she chose to resign "out of a deep and abiding love for this city and this department."

"It is time for the city to move forward and build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve," Shields said.

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Reynolds said his agents will turn over results of their investigation to Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard, whose office will decide whether criminal charges are warranted against either of the unidentified officers.

Howard said Saturday his office "has already launched an intense, independent investigation of the incident" without waiting for the GBI's results.

Brooks died after being taken to an Atlanta hospital. One of the officers was treated and released for unspecified injuries.

Bynum reported from Savannah, Georgia. Associated Press writer Pat Eaton-Robb in Hartford, Connecticut, contributed to this report. [First COVID-19 vaccine tested in US poised for final testing](#) [Minnesota among 4 states added to NY's coronavirus quarantine list](#) [First federal execution in 17 years; another set Wednesday](#) [Protest in Pennsylvania after cop uses knee to restrain man](#) [Cleveland Indians, other teams pressured after Redskins drop nickname](#)

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Protestors gather outside the Wendy's fast food restaurant in Atlanta on Saturday, June 13, 2020, where Rayshard Brooks, a 27-year-old black man, was shot and killed by Atlanta police Friday evening during a struggle in a drive-thru line. (Steve Schaefer/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP)

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It's been four months since I wrote here about the lost art of letter-writing. I didn't mean to wait so long to revisit this topic, but there's been a lot going on. Winter ended. COVID arrived. The U.S. Postal Service faced bankruptcy. Quarantine began, and with it joblessness and furloughs and worry and doubt and pain. A black man named [George Floyd](#) was killed by a Minneapolis police officer, and protesters filled the streets. Curfews were instated.

Through quarantine and curfew, we lost the privilege of hanging out with friends. We turned to Zoom as a way to see another friendly face. We got sick of Zoom.

Could there be a better time to revive letter-writing?

The truth is, after I posed that question - do you still write letters? - you sent me so many letters in response that I couldn't keep up. I tried, for a while, to write back to everyone, sending off a few notes a day, but I was quickly overwhelmed. This is a good thing. I am extremely grateful to all of you who took time to write - hundreds and hundreds of you.

You sent messages by e-mail, by Facebook, and by U.S. mail - handwritten notes, some with decorated envelopes or with tokens tucked inside: a packet of tea, a couple of postcards, some postage stamps. Thank you all, so much. And thank you, too, for your thoughts and for your unwavering belief in the written (handwritten) word.

And your messages were homey and surprising and sometimes sweet. You wrote about how your mother wrote to you weekly when you were away at college and how you are now doing the same with your children; how you still write to your best friend from grade school; how you fell in love with letters when you got a pen pal 40 years ago.

Oh, let's not have me summarize. Let's hear from you, in your own words:

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Debbi Anderson, Maple Grove: I, too, loved writing letters as a young person, and have always appreciated stamps. I still walk into the Osseo post office and ask for "pretty stamps" - birds, animals, nature. I teach first-graders in a public school, and in my classroom I have a "writing center" stocked with letter-writing and book-making supplies. I hope to motivate each year's class of students to become letter writers.

Mary Tingblad, Minnetrista: It was a wonderful coincidence that I read your article today, as I was going through my stack of Sunday papers to find interesting articles to include with letters I send to deployed military personnel. I joined Soldiers' Angels (soldiersangels.org) about two years ago. This weekend I wrote 12 letters, including one to my adopted Air Force servicewoman and one to a special ops chaplain. I agree that letter-writing has become a lost art, but I am not ready to give it up.

Jane Simon, Minneapolis: I am always delighted by a letter or a card. To receive a real letter is gold! My children were encouraged to write thank-you notes and now they seem to be raising their children to do the same, which delights me. They write such funny things. One grandchild wrote recently, "Dear Grandma Jane, thank you so much for the lovely money!"

Doug Harper, Forest Lake: Once I carried a battered box into a classroom (I'm a sociology prof) and told the class it contained my most precious objects. I then turned it upside down (to their horror) and hundreds of letters cascaded onto the floor. They were mostly from my parents when I lived in Boston and New York. There were many other packets of letters: precious objects that would arrive in an American Express office during a 6½-month wandering study abroad during the Vietnam years. Such a treasure to read them now.

I'm now writing my niece, a college freshman in Oregon. It's great fun. I put them into an envelope and include a \$20 bill and often a special book. This week it was Engels' "Condition of the Working Class in 1844." Poor kid. She says she likes them a lot and feels special because none of her friends have such weird relatives.

Norma Gaffron, New Brighton: Yes, letters in an envelope are special. And you can include things like a piece of fabric to show your sister in Milwaukee the material you are using to make new bedroom drapes.

Patsy Ramberg, White Bear Lake: My dad saved piles of letters. These are letters from ordinary people going about their lives. Such as:

"The tomatoes are ripening very slow. I have had some that measured 11½ inches around them and three inches thick. My cucumbers are still producing."

"The past few days have been digging up our geraniums and potting them for the winter. They will be blooming thru January, in the house."

"Where is your brother Henry now? I heard he was in MO. I hear his boy 'Sonny Boy' is a doctor now."

I plan on saving all the letters. I don't know what my kids will do with them. Maybe one will see them as the treasure they are - a social history of American life gone by.

Bryan Rogers, Little Canada: I come from a family of letter writers. On my maternal grandmother's side, they had what they called the Round Robin. It was a large envelope that would circulate among a couple dozen or more of them. When the Round Robin arrived at your house, you would read all of the letters enclosed by the others, and remove your old letter and include a new letter, and send it on to the next person. It would only come around a couple of times a year, so it was always big fun when it would arrive.

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Mary Ellen Bruski, Robbinsdale: The loss of letter-writing will cause future genealogists and family history writers to weep for what could have been. I am a genealogist and have been thrilled so many times upon finding an old letter or postcard that helped me figure out relationships and where people lived.

I have learned a lot about ancestors via postcards that are over 100 years old. Before home telephones were common they sometimes sent one another postcards across the same city to just say "I'm coming to see you Tuesday." I have one cryptic card that is a real head scratcher, mailed from Toronto to St. Paul: "Well, I can't say much until I hear from you, but I guess I will be OK." Hope he or she was!

Harold Lieberman, St. Cloud: As a junior in high school in the late 1930s, I became interested in history. So I wrote the great historian Charles Beard - his address was in Who's Who - to ask what one could do with a career in history. When two South American countries threatened to go to war over territory, I expressed my probably naïve concern to Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles. When I heard the N.Y. Philharmonic (on the radio) playing "Mark Twain Suite," a new work by Jerome Kern, I wrote telling him how much I liked it. In each case I received a personal response.

In 2015, I ran across a brief biography of my first love during my Army days. I knew that she had died many years ago, but I thought her children might be interested in things I knew about her before they were born. So I wrote the daughter who had written her bio. And suddenly there was an explosion of excited phone calls, e-mails and letters from five of her children and a sister, all saying they knew about me as their mother's "lost love," but they never knew my surname. (It seems their grandmother had intercepted my letters, so my girl thought I had dumped her; the letters were discovered years later.) So I'm now closely connected to a wonderful and talented "alternate reality" family, some of whom have cross-countried to visit me. You never know when life will deal you an unexpected hand.

Now that I'm ancient - I'll be 98 next month - I still write letters. Witness this.

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CDC built plant at site of '67 riots

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Body

Reminders of the one-time giant Control Data Corp. (CDC) can be seen all over the Twin Cities, from a street named Computer Avenue in Edina to its gleaming Bloomington headquarters that is now home to HealthPartners.

The former Control Data North Side plant in Minneapolis is still there, too, now housing a school. It lies between the North Loop neighborhood of Minneapolis and neighborhoods just to the northwest where frustrations among blacks in Minneapolis had boiled over in 1967.

The leaders of Control Data watched what happened that summer and opened that plant to hire people from the nearby neighborhoods in 1968.

This history suddenly feels relevant again, after Minneapolis and St. Paul just experienced the biggest protests against racial injustice since that era.

Even the largest companies with the most forward-thinking leaders have looked flat-footed in response. Expressions of grief and horror, yes, as more than 50 Minnesota executives explained in a joint statement.

They added that the necessary change "needs to start with us." If any have announced any ambitious new efforts, it's escaped my attention.

Big companies, like Control Data in its prime and those on the top of the Star Tribune 50, are the businesses that can make a good-sized dent in a problem. Among other things, they have the money and management expertise to try something big.

Control Data is almost all gone now, but at one time it employed more than 25,000 Minnesotans. It did not even take 10 years, from its 1957 start, to first appear on the famous Fortune 500 ranking.

The motivation of CDC co-founder and CEO Bill Norris seemed to undergo a shift in the late 1960s even as the North Side project was already underway, as described by historian Thomas Misa in his excellent book "Digital State," on Minnesota's computer industry.

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Norris clearly saw a chance to make money with the plant, and get some government-training funds for workers. Yet by 1968 he had a much deeper commitment to the North Side plant and other projects like it.

He wrote a colleague that the "poverty and riot situation has gotten so bad that it is by all odds the number one problem for Control Data. We are in the fortunate position of having a little bit of a jump on the situation, but Control Data has to do much, much more."

When he wrote an essay about it a decade later, Norris did not talk about racism, the legacy of housing discrimination in the Twin Cities nor any other root causes. Instead, he simply called the people of Minneapolis he wanted to help "disadvantaged."

That's no longer a fashionable term, but the word clearly establishes that there are Americans born with advantages they didn't earn and others born with disadvantages they didn't deserve.

Control Data laid out some principles to make the North Side plant a success, starting with making a product important to its customers to keep management's full attention. There would be no compromises on quality or productivity.

The company knew it had to train workers and assigned a lawyer to help them with what Norris called "an unusual amount of legal hassle with landlords and stores." And finally, the company's managers realized that workers needed convenient child care.

Control Data eventually created a slew of ventures that could be fit under the umbrella of social programs, although this era did not last long. Control Data spent much of the 1980s restructuring and basically trying to stay afloat, making those initiatives look like distractions.

But Control Data was ambitious. Who in the Twin Cities business community will be that ambitious today?

One of the best things I have recently seen written about the current state of racial injustice is that just by being here we can become part of the problem. We are quick to blame others, and today that blame is heaped on the Minneapolis cop who kept his knee on the neck of George Floyd. But another leader in another civil conflict, the fight for freedom in Eastern Europe not long ago, knew better.

The Czech writer Václav Havel in 1978 wrote an essay that described a grocery manager putting up a tired communist slogan in the shop window. The grocer didn't believe the slogan, of course. He was only showing he hoped to get along in the world. And the grocer reasoned that customers wouldn't even notice it and likely had similar posters where they worked.

Havel showed that people do not have to wholeheartedly buy into the lie to become part of the problem. They just had to be willing to take their own place within it.

Like Havel's grocer, many of us have a hard time even noticing that Americans don't all have an equal shot and deny, despite the evidence, that some people are "disadvantaged," as Bill Norris might've put it.

We don't have to believe that, but if the days turn into months and then years as nothing really changes, it's not them anymore. It's us.

Norris and Control Data maybe didn't solve much half a century ago. They did, however, recognize they had to really try.

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Citing lack of support, officers quitting MPD

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At least seven Minneapolis police officers have resigned from the department since widespread unrest began over the death of [**George Floyd**](#) last month, and more than half a dozen are in the process of leaving, according to department officials.

The departures, an unusually large exodus, come amid a growing crisis for the state's largest police force, with a state human rights investigation underway, calls for defunding, and even disbandment.

Morale has sunk to new lows in recent weeks, say department insiders, as officers reported feeling misunderstood and squeezed by all sides: by the state probe; by protesters, who hurled bricks and epithets their way; by city leaders, who surrendered a police station that later burned on national television, and by the media. Numerous officers and protesters were injured the rioting.

An uncertain fate for police is likely driving a rash of resignations for those who examine the political climate and think to themselves: "Why should I stay?" said Mylan Masson, a retired Minneapolis police officer and use-of-force expert. "They don't feel appreciated. Everybody hates the police right now. I mean everybody."

But those reactions are unlikely to generate much sympathy from social justice activists, who pointed out the irony of officers' use of tear gas and rubber bullets on crowds protesting Floyd's death and past cases of police brutality.

City spokesperson Casper Hill confirmed that seven officers have left the department, but did not make information about them available. Although their demographics and individual motivations are unclear, several officers in exit interviews cited a lack of support from MPD leadership and City Hall as protests escalated, according to the insiders, who requested anonymity so they could speak freely. Another seven officers are in the process of filing separation paperwork, and several others had to be talked out of leaving.

In an e-mail to supervisors earlier this month, a senior MPD official suggested that some officers had simply walked off the job in protest.

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"During this busy and trying time I have heard secondhand information that there have been employees that have advised their supervisors that they separated with the city (or quit) without completing paperwork," deputy chief Henry Halvorson wrote in an e-mail, while directing officers wishing to leave to contact the human resources department. "We need to have the process completed to ensure that we know who is continuing to work."

A police spokesman on Friday said that the departures would not affect the quality of public safety services.

"There's nothing that leads us to believe that at this point the numbers are so great that it's going to be problematic," spokesman John Elder said of the parting officers, which include both patrol officers and detectives. "People seek to leave employment for a myriad reasons - the MPD is no exception."

The department currently has about 850 officers, almost 40 short of the number authorized for this year, Elder said, adding that a class of 29 recruits is expected to graduate and hit the streets later this summer.

Like other city departments, the MPD was already facing the possibility of layoffs from the COVID-19 pandemic, with early budget forecasts predicting revenue shortfalls of as much as \$200 million this year, or roughly 12%.

And even before the unrest, an aging workforce had pressured police leadership to accelerate hiring to backfill dozens of veterans who joined the force during the Clinton presidency. As of Memorial Day, at least 75 officers were eligible to leave with full retirement benefits.

Andy Skoogman, executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, said the ripple effects from Floyd's death are sure to exacerbate an uphill battle to recruit and retain officers nationwide.

A marked shift in public attitudes toward the profession, coupled with low pay and high turnover, has driven a 25-year low in applicants.

"It sets all of us back," Skoogman said of the fired officers' actions. However, for chiefs appalled by what they saw on the bystander video of Floyd's arrest, he said this may be a chance to rebuild their departments with individuals amenable to change.

"Perhaps it's an opportunity to bring in new blood and new people," Skoogman said, "but I worry that there simply aren't the candidates out there" to replace them.

Determining exactly who is leaving may be just as important as why, said Charles Wilson, president of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers. But the ongoing calls for downsizing the police department could have the unintended effect of alienating young officers who come to the job with a stronger mandate for public service, he said, and will inevitably hinder reform efforts. Intense backlash from Floyd's death reflects on officers in every agency - good and bad, he said.

"What people have to recognize, yes the institution of policing is inherently biased against people of color and it was designed to be that way," said Wilson, a retired Rhode Island chief. "But having said that, it's only a few of the 700,000 police officers across the country who are idiots, and don't know how to treat people with dignity and respect."

Current and former police told the Star Tribune that officers were angry about Mayor Jacob Frey's decision to abandon the Third Precinct police station, a move that some within the department took to mean he was siding with the protests.

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In an interview earlier this month, Chief Medaria Arradondo defended the action as necessary to protect the public and officers, but said he understood the frustration.

"I absolutely respect and understand how that is a deep part of our culture, but at the same time the cost of any one of my officers being severely injured, it's a cost too high that I refuse to pay," he said.

Floyd's death has been almost universally condemned inside the department, and a handful of officers issued a public letter embracing Arradondo and vowing to work toward regaining public trust.

In some ways, the flurry of recent resignations echoes a theme that surfaced around the time of the Fourth Precinct Occupation in 2015 after Jamar Clark was killed by police, when officers reported feeling abandoned by the administration and City Hall.

A 108-page federal report that followed protests after another controversial police killing described a "dynamic and chaotic" chain of events in which rank-and-file officers felt powerless, "as if they were left to deal with the occupation on their own."

Officers, in interviews with Justice Department officials, said they felt as if police and city leaders had sided with the community against them, particularly after they failed to authorize force in response to a series of attacks one night with rocks and Molotov cocktails.

Then, as now, some officers spoke of feeling underappreciated, and being asked to answer for the actions of one of their colleagues.

"It's a stressful job," said Masson, the use-of-force expert. "Their families are asking, Is it worth it?"

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Confederate displays push agency back and forth

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Body

It was a topsy-turvy week for Visit Greater St. Cloud, the central Minnesota tourism promotion agency.

The agency pulled the listing for a popular local bar and restaurant from Explore Minnesota, the state's official tourism site, after receiving community complaints over the bar's displays of Confederate paraphernalia.

After a review, the agency said nothing in the listing was against its policies, and it returned Rollie's Rednecks and Longnecks in Sauk Rapids to the site.

Community members, led by the social justice group #UniteCloud, objected again. This time, the tourism agency delisted Rollie's once again from the state website - and from its own, too.

"We hear you. We understand. And we're committed to doing better," Visit Greater St. Cloud said in a statement. "As an organization that promotes travel, tourism and events in a diverse community, we understand the importance of addressing and eliminating hate, prejudice and racism wherever it may occur.

"Now more than ever, Visit Greater St. Cloud is focused on promoting all of the good, positive things to do in our area, and we strive to keep Greater St. Cloud a fun, easy, safe place to visit. We will continue to learn, adapt and grow, and we hope you can join us on that journey."

Rollie's touts itself as "Minnesota's No. 1 honkytonk." Photos on the bar's website show a variety of Confederate memorabilia on display, including flags, signs, posters and items related to "The Dukes of Hazzard," a popular 1980s TV show.

The bar is owned by Roland Hogrefe, who did not return a phone call and a text seeking comment. Hogrefe was convicted of a felony in 2011 after he ran down a black man with his truck on a St. Cloud street. According to Benton County court records, Hogrefe was sentenced to a year and a day in state prison after pleading guilty to a felony charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident. His prison sentence was stayed, and he was ordered to serve 90 days in the county jail.

Confederate displays push agency back and forth

Media reports at the time said Hogrefe drove by a group of African-American men and exchanged insults. He turned his vehicle around and drove back at the men, striking and injuring one, then drove away. He was arrested after police identified his distinctive truck.

Among the first to object to Rollie's Confederate display was Christopher Lehman, a professor at St. Cloud State University.

"As a taxpaying resident of Minnesota, I do not want my tax dollars to go towards promoting a business that glorifies the Confederacy, whose army fought against and killed thousands of Minnesotans," Lehman wrote. "As a taxpaying resident of Minnesota and a descendant of slaves, I do not want my tax dollars to go towards promoting a business that glorifies people who seceded from the United States to defend slavery."

"If, in this post-*George Floyd* climate, the former Confederate state of Virginia can remove its statue of Robert E. Lee, then the Union state of Minnesota, where Floyd was killed, can stop promoting a restaurant glorifying an army that killed thousands of Minnesotans in the name of defending slavery."

In an interview, Lehman said he wasn't trying to shut down the business.

"All I wanted to do was get the government out of the way," he said. "What goes on in different businesses that are privately owned, they are free to do whatever they want. That's their freedom of speech. I'm not looking for anyone to get shut down or lose their business."

"Since there's some government involvement ... with something that has to do with promoting Confederate imagery during this time we're living in right now, I was greatly opposed to that."

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HOT DISH POLITICS

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The socially distanced campaign season has arrived.

As Minnesotans return to restaurants, gyms and theaters following months of coronavirus closures, some candidates are resuming in-person efforts to court voters.

Minnesota-based staff for the Trump Victory effort have tweeted about knocking on doors as part of the campaign's summer launch. "The shutdown is ending and now we talk with real people in person," one woman tweeted, along with a selfie featuring a mask, clipboard and bottle of hand sanitizer.

Mary Giuliani Stephens, a former Woodbury mayor challenging Senate DFL Leader Susan Kent in a suburban district, sent an e-mail to supporters seeking door-knocking volunteers of her own. "Efforts will use precautions such as stepping back from doors and wearing masks with older voters," the e-mail read.

And Tyler Kistner, a Republican running against U.S. Rep. Angie Craig in a suburban swing district, has been meeting voters at farmers markets and small gatherings. On Wednesday, he spoke at a Rice County Republican meeting. Photos posted to Twitter show no one wearing masks in the open-doored barn.

"I think voters are looking to see more engagement at this point," said Billy Grant, a GOP strategist advising Kistner's campaign. "In all cases, we're taking precautions, still following social distancing. People were glad to see him and glad to see him talking about the issues."

Not everyone is rushing back to the physical campaign trail. DFL Party Chairman Ken Martin said Democrats are "going to continue to follow advice of public health officials and campaign virtually." He criticized Republicans for "doing everything they can to fly in the face of facts and science" and disregarding public health.

"We've been very clear about our guidance and directives, which is to really limit in-person campaigning where possible," he said. "I think a vast majority of Minnesotans still support these socially distancing measures and are still worried about COVID. And we have to respect where the electorate is."

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Outside the campaign trail, the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody and the unrest that followed have also prompted more in-person appearances from politicians on both sides of the aisle. Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jason Lewis, who also campaigned during the stay-at-home order, visited damaged businesses, alongside GOP congressional candidate Lacy Johnson. A number of state legislative and congressional Democrats have also made site visits in recent weeks.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, who represents Minneapolis, has been one of the most visible members of the congressional delegation in the wake of Floyd's death, attending protests, listening sessions and community service events in the district. Her campaign has partnered with nonprofits for donation drives, turning its headquarters into a "distribution center to provide food and other essentials for members of our community."

"My goal right now," she said, "is to support the community we represent in a critical time."

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How TV can do the right thing

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Highlight: Former Minnesotan Craig Wright shares his thoughts on what Hollywood should - and shouldn't - do next.

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TV producer Craig Wright was in a writers meeting this month when his mind drifted toward recent events in his former home of Minneapolis. As the creator of "Greenleaf," the Oprah-blessed Memphis megachurch drama that returns for its fifth and final season June 23, he knows firsthand that the arts can play a role in addressing hot-button issues, like racial inequality. But just how to weigh in is tricky business.

Wright, who launched a successful playwriting career out of the Twin Cities before moving to Los Angeles to write for "Six Feet Under," took some time last week to discuss the role that he - and Hollywood - should play in the coming months.

Q: You're working on a "Greenleaf" spinoff and another show for OWN. How might you address what's been happening through those series?

A: Obviously, a lot of shows rely on stories that are, so to speak, ripped from the headlines. I'm not sure how useful those stories are to society. More often than not, they just intensify whatever stereotypes people already have and further numb the audience to the facts. But I will say this about TV writers. Deadlines come up so fast that we're often looking for anything that can fill up a minute of time. The math dictates that sometimes you end up doing "very special episodes." But what's better is to work by misdirection in a slow and steady way.

Q: Can you give me some examples from your work?

A: "Six Feet Under" was "about" mortality and the funeral industry. But what it achieved in terms of normalizing homosexuality for audiences it achieved by never making that the story. David's sexuality was almost shocking in its plainness. Similarly, much of the positive feedback I get about "Greenleaf" is about the chance to see different kinds of very specific black lives. The show is "about" the black church, but it's really about continuing the work of normalizing affluent black characters.

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Q: You made a similar statement by hiring Candis Cayne to play a transgender character in your series "Dirty Sexy Money" without making a big production about it.

A: All I did was hire a transgender person. How on Earth could you do otherwise? It ended up laying the groundwork for that to be more obviously acceptable. I think it's really simple. It's not about telling stories about specific events that have happened these past few weeks. That might make white people feel better for a little while, but it's really about putting black artists in places where they can tell the stories they want to tell. It's about broadening their access to the medium.

Q: Have you started to think of story lines influenced by recent events that you'll incorporate into future writing?

A: If I were to say this was triggering new ideas for me, then I would take myself out behind the barn and shoot myself. What's going on right now is so more profound than art and television. Before anyone starts referencing what happened to *George Floyd* in fiction, please, write about it in news articles and op-eds first. I shouldn't be commodifying the tragedy. This is going to need to be digested over a long period of time. Now is time for me to listen and wait.

Q: You did, however, write a play after 09/11 called "Recent Tragic Events."

A: But I would never have dared to write a play pretending to commemorate the lives of those who were lost or something profound like that. That work was about how angry I was at the media and its narration, how they were turning the tragedy into a TV show, like Katie Couric putting a camera in someone's face and asking them to tell her what it's like to dig your friend out of the rubble.

Q: What would you like to see less of?

A: At the very least, maybe we could have less shows about cops. They're good for TV writers. They have identifiable tasks, and there's this illusion of good guys and bad guys. Shows about cops are perfect for TV, but not especially good for humanity.

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Inside James Brown's world

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A couple of days after submitting his letter of resignation, Alan Leeds had to finally face his ex-boss - James Brown, the Godfather of Soul - who was standing outside a private jet.

"He said, 'Mr. Leeds, you're making a big mistake,' " Leeds remembered. "At one point, I almost started to cry. He sensed it and he said, 'There's a lot of man in you, but I see there's still some boy. You'll come to your senses. Maybe we're not done.' "

The Edina music maven shares that story and many others in his entertaining and insightful new book, "There Was a Time: James Brown, the Chitlin' Circuit, and Me."

The book is both a history and a memoir, a splendidly seamless blend of life with Soul Brother No. 1 and Leeds' own story as a DJ, publicist, advance man, tour director and Grammy-winning historian for Brown.

Written in an engagingly conversational fashion, the book chronicles the first act of Leeds' five-decade career behind the scenes in the music business. His later acts involved Prince, Kiss, D'Angelo, Barry White and many others.

In fact, all those other acts got in the way of Leeds finishing this Brown book, which he began writing in 1980.

"This became kind of a running gag with my mother and my wife: Are you ever gonna finish that book?" said Leeds.

Ethically, he didn't think he should be writing a book about his ex-boss while he was working for Prince, Maxwell or any other big star. He didn't want to be known as a tell-all type. Finally, after coordinating comedian Chris Rock's tour in 2018, Leeds retired from the road and focused on writing about his "wildly unpredictable fantasy" with Brown.

Growing up poor in rural Georgia, Brown was a complicated figure, more friendly just-folks than sophisticated music royalty, more patriarch than boss, as Leeds tells it.

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"The biggest surprise was how his impulsiveness and ego frequently trumped his vast knowledge of the black music business into decisions that weren't always in his best interest," wrote Leeds, who served as a consultant to two acclaimed 2014 Brown movies, the documentary "Mr. Dynamite: The Rise of James Brown" and the biopic "Get on Up."

A journalism school dropout, Leeds eventually viewed himself as a historian for Brown. While the boss kept copious records of finances and mental stock of loyalty, he never listed credits for musicians on his recordings. Leeds picked the brains of the various JB players for back information as well as combing through libraries for newspaper clippings, accumulating enough details for a 400-page-plus discography, a project for another day.

"That historian aspect of Alan was there from Day 1," said younger brother Eric Leeds, a tenor saxophonist with Prince and others. "Alan was subscribing to the trade journals like Cashbox and Billboard when he was 10 years old. He was really reading them and fascinated with not only that week but also what was going on before and why [that impacted] what is going on this week."

While with the Brown organization, Leeds even scribbled conversations in diaries, enabling him to re-create old dialogue for his book. Like a phone call from Lagos, Nigeria, after a series of concerts in Africa in 1970.

"I'll be glad to get back home," Brown told Leeds. "The women ain't much to look at and the food is a drag - can't get no good ice cream."

Wanting in before he knew where

Growing up in New York City, Leeds became obsessed with R&B, thanks in part to free records from an uncle in radio and an aunt in song publishing.

"The music was an entree to a community made mysterious simply because I had no other access to it," Leeds writes. "It sounded like someplace I wanted to go long before I knew where it was."

He eventually figured out a way in after his family had relocated to Richmond, Va. In high school, he hustled a DJ gig at an R&B radio station and dances. In 1965, he landed the first in a series of radio interviews with Brown and eventually worked his way into a staff position in '69. He toured with the star, toiled in the home office in Cincinnati and later Augusta, Ga., JB's hometown.

To put the Rock Hall of Famer's story in perspective, Leeds, 73, offers a vivid history of the "chitlin' circuit," the U.S. black clubs and theaters where R&B performers traveled in the segregated 1900s, extending well into the 1960s.

In 1964, the Hardest Working Man in Show Business performed 37 shows in 11 days spread over five cities, plus a recording session.

Wrote Leeds: "Getting paid was often an adventure in itself, particularly if tickets didn't sell as expected." The tour manager never carried a gun, but the boss did and would flash it when necessary.

In the end, a modest town in Georgia just wasn't for the self-described "outspoken, pot-smoking Yankee with a Jew-fro." He missed major league baseball, cultural and dining options, the diversity and energy of a city. So he quit in 1972, though quickly rejoined Brown as a consultant ("I had more to learn").

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Two decades later, they shared a Grammy Award for collaborating on the liner notes to the 1991 boxed set "Star Time," an acclaimed compilation of vintage Brown recordings.

Comparing Brown, Prince

Even though Leeds barely mentions Prince in his Brown book, comparisons are obvious between the two demanding, hardworking, visionary icons who lived in their hometowns.

"There are definitely similar characteristics," said Leeds, who moved to Minnesota in 1983 to become Prince's tour manager. "I think the biggest contrast is offstage, James was a regular guy. He'd throw on a T-shirt and dungarees and drive a pickup around Georgia. Prince feared the public. James saw the entire global public as one huge audience.

"Walking through any airport terminal with him was a trip because there wasn't an autograph he wouldn't sign. He would smile and greet people who didn't even greet him. Of all the artists I've worked for, he's the most comfortable in public."

Brown was a prominent force in the civil rights movement in the 1960s, whether proclaiming in song "Say It Loud - I'm Black and I'm Proud" or doing a free televised concert in Boston to quell riots after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

Leeds feels that if Brown, who died in 2006 at age 73, were alive, he'd be involved in the aftermath of the George Floyd killing at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Leeds recalls Brown's active role in May 1970 after a 16-year-old black man was found dead amid controversy in an Augusta, Ga., jail - did he fall or was he murdered by other inmates? Demonstrations ensued in the city and six black protesters were shot to death by law enforcement.

On tour at the time, Brown flew home the next day and commanded the microphone on his own radio station to try to bring calm. He insisted that Georgia Gov. Lester Maddox, a controversial segregationist, come to town and appear with him on the airwaves.

Said Leeds: "The only quote I have from James Brown in a newspaper clipping is 'The riot is Augusta's warning ticket. It's more about white ignorance than white hate.'

"That's what he always used to say even as he became a caricature and less political in his later years," said Leeds, one of the few white employees in Brown's camp.

"He was a conservative guy in a lot of ways. He certainly believed in law and order. But his conservatism ended when it came to the plight of black men particularly and black people in general. He said many of the things we've heard recently that were said. As Al Sharpton [a former Brown tour director] suggested [at Floyd's Minneapolis memorial service], the time wasn't ripe yet in James Brown's lifetime."

Back in the day, Brown was close to Vice President Hubert Humphrey, the former Democratic senator from Minnesota whom he endorsed for president in 1968.

"He adored Humphrey," said Leeds, pointing out Brown's later support for Republicans Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. "James once told me of all the politicians he ever met that Humphrey was the most real, the most genuine.

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Brown was so close to Humphrey that whenever the singer came to the Twin Cities in the '80s and '90s, Skip Humphrey, the VP's son who became Minnesota's attorney general, was invariably backstage.

"James would introduce him to me every time, 'Mr. Leeds, you know who this young man is? This is Vice President Humphrey's son. He's almost like you. I almost raised him.' "

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There Was a Time: James Brown, the Chitlin' Circuit, and Me

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James Brown sounds off

Alan Leeds riffs on six JB songs of social commentary

'Don't Be a Dropout' (1966)

Alan Leeds: A self-explanatory title and lyric, this record led to a national campaign with Vice President Hubert Humphrey encouraging kids to stay in school.

Key lyric: "Said he went for a job/ And Mr. Man said/ Without an education/ You might as well be dead."

'America Is My Home' (1968)

Leeds: JB's attempt to combine his patriotism with his politics failed. Most black radio stations ignored the record entirely and most white stations had stopped playing his records anyhow.

Key lyric: "Now I am sorry for the man/ Who don't love this land/ Now black and white, they may fight/ But when up the enemy come/ We'll get together and run about all side."

'Say It Loud - I'm Black and I'm Proud' (1968)

Leeds: A cultural tipping point. The anthem convinced young African-Americans to identify as "black" rather than Negro. Every black home owned a copy.

Key lyric: "We've been 'buked and we've been scorned/ We've been treated bad, talked about as sure as you're born/ But just as sure as it takes two eyes to make a pair/ Brother we can't quit until we get our share."

'I Don't Want Nobody to Give Me Nothing (Open Up the Door I'll Get It Myself)' (1969)

Leeds: Or as the Rev. Al Sharpton recently said, "Get off my neck." This was the most musically interesting of Brown's "message songs." Maceo Parker's blistering sax solo would open any door.

Key lyric: "We got talents we can use/ On our side of town/ Let's get our heads together/ And get it up from the ground."

'Soul Power' (1971)

Leeds: Specifically aimed at his black audience, this was the Godfather's effort to embrace black self-reliance without the political controversy associated with the term "Black Power."

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Key lyric: "What we missing (soul power)/ What we want (soul power)/ What we need (soul power)."

'Funky President (People It's Bad)' (1974)

Leeds: Brown all but gives up when Gerald Ford becomes president: "I need to be the governor and change some things 'round here."

Key lyric: "Let's get together and get some land/ Raise our food like the man/ Save our money like the Mob/ Put up a factory and own the job."

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Real World Economics: Reckless rhetoric harms the message

ARTICLE DCLXIV. ***REAL WORLD ECONOMICS: RECKLESS RHETORIC HARMS THE MESSAGE***

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We are more sharply divided now than in decades, and modern social media foster propagation of delusional conspiracy theories and malicious propaganda, some from Russia, China and Iran. Yet these same media also facilitate bottom-up organizing for reform.

This is why it is important for citizens and leaders both to avoid "reckless talk." I would have used a stronger term but was reminded correctly of the sincerity of people expressing themselves in ways that I personally think very unhelpful.

Think about two recent but very different examples, one bubbling up from society and the other trickling down from a high public official.

In the first example, after the death of ***George Floyd*** and all that ensued, some began asserting we should "abolish the police." This was not just from a few radicals. It became a chant at demonstrations. Nine members of the Minneapolis City Council openly called to "begin the process of ending the Police Department." When Mayor Jacob Frey opposed the plan, he was loudly heckled.

Others have explained instead that "abolish" really means radical reform of policing and moving large sums from police budgets to social programs to aid the most disadvantaged. "Defund" is another common verb.

I understand the deep, longstanding anger and frustration from which these sentiments flow. Our country has severe and long-term problems in policing. These include the probability that any citizen in general - but particularly black people - will be killed by police. For the United States, the percentage is 200 times or

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more higher than in the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands and other industrialized countries. For all people stopped by the police, the ratio is even higher, and higher yet for members of racial minorities.

There also is an increasing militarization of policing, from the federal government passing on of military fighting vehicles to training that emphasizes actions typical on a battlefield. Trainees are told to "act rather than react." The result has been summary executions by officers who seem too quick act for whatever the apparent violation or provocation, no matter how minor.

There also are protocols that once one member of a group of officers chooses to fire, all members of the group must also fire and continue to do so until their magazines are empty. Hence macabre outcomes, such as one example of two innocent men in a backfiring vehicle having over 140 bullets removed when autopsied. And then there is the surge in executing unannounced warrants.

No doubt we need deep reform in training, leadership, operating protocols, objective review of alleged misconduct, in limitations on the power of police unions, of federal "qualified immunity," of reflexive practices of lying in departments' public statements about questionable incidents and on and on. Fundamentally we need a reorientation of mentality by leaders and officers toward service to community rather than control of a dangerous enemy.

Nevertheless, we will always need police, whether as a "force" or a "service."

That some humans will harm others is an inherent part of the human condition. Securing protection against criminal acts and keeping general public order are key reasons humans banded together and organized governments. Political science textbooks commonly describe government as the entity with "a monopoly on the legal use of force."

Economists see public safety, both against crime and against disasters such as fires, storms, flooding, earthquakes and such, as a prime example of a "public good." That is one defined as having many spillover benefits that cannot be captured by the person providing the service. Therefore, free markets never will generate it in needed quantities. Government action is essential.

Anti-police protesters point to citizen patrols that sprang up on some blocks during recent violence. But such efforts peter out. And enforcement of law is complicated, requiring much training and institutional support in everything from crime scene investigation to maintenance of databases to careful preparation of legal charges for submission to the courts. Voluntary citizen movements cannot do this and often turn into vigilante justice.

So, argue for deep, ongoing reform of policing in our nation. But talk of abolition is reckless and harmful.

Now for the second example, recent reckless talk by a highly placed public official. This week, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell predicted employment and output problems going forward over an extended period. He stated that the Fed will not tighten the money supply, thus increasing interest rates, through 2022. This commitment is imprudent at best.

I respect Powell. He is intelligent, experienced and aware of practical challenges in implementing monetary policy. While his statements may have precipitated extreme fluctuations in stock indexes this week, they are not the underlying cause. Any bubble-beset stock market has inherent problems, including extreme nervousness and volatility.

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The imprudence and danger lie in any central bank committing itself to a given policy two years or more into the future. Central banks exist to control money supplies to protect financial systems against a broad range of unexpected events. One should never tie its own hands.

For decades, the Fed avoided making forward commitments about policies or even any hard forecasts about the economy. Officials obfuscated in public pronouncements.

In fact, the Fed long was overly secretive. Chairs Paul Volcker and then Alan Greenspan changed that, releasing more information after policy deliberations. Fed statements began to include statements hinting at whether an increase or decrease would be considered at the next meeting some six weeks ahead. These "views" were not promises, but markets began to assume they were. Soon the Fed felt constrained. It could not raise rates if it had not given a warning one or two meetings earlier.

In the financial debacle from 2007 on, the Fed was quick to lower, but slow to raise. This asymmetry is dangerous in itself. [Real World Economics: Consensus can be found on key election issues - among economists](#) [Edward Lotterman: Collateralized corporate loans are looming economic peril](#) [Real World Economics: After election, trade issues will linger](#) [Edward Lotterman: Supreme Court DACA decision returns immigration to the spotlight](#)

Some describe its "forward guidance" as a useful tool to control markets. But global events are fickle. No one knows what crises our economy will face. Making long-term promises it may not be able to keep is dangerous. The Fed needs its hands free, to raise as well as lower.

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If you want my opinion, there is no better success story in the history of the University of Minnesota than Tony Dungy, who has become one of the most prominent voices during the protests and discussions in the NFL and sports world after the death of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis.

I have long said that if you rate people on a scale of 1-10, then Dungy is a 20. And he continues to be a real leader in the NFL and the country.

Dungy has been using his great reputation and influence to talk about how proud he has been of athletes and NFL players who are using their platform to try to be helpful and bring change in the Twin Cities and other communities around the country.

"To me, that means more than just doing great things on your off day - visiting young people, all of that's part of it, and we need to do that," Dungy told Sports Illustrated. "But it also is at times like this, when you see things that aren't going right and you've gotta use your voice and you gotta be part of the solution. I think it's very important that our athletes do have a voice, and they need to use it."

I have known Dungy since the day he came to enroll at Minnesota in 1973 after growing up in Jackson, Mich.

Whatever the expectations were of Dungy, he exceeded all of them.

He left the Gophers in 1976 as the all-time leader in passing yards, touchdowns, attempts, completions and total offense.

And his success wasn't just on the field. He was one of the best scholar-athletes in program history.

His pro playing career lasted just a few seasons, but he won a title with the Steelers in 1979 before joining them as a defensive backs coach in 1981.

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Yes, Dungy could have been a head coach in Minnesota on several occasions. He had great connections with the Gophers and was also the best defensive coordinator in the NFL during his four seasons with the Vikings from 1992-95.

But instead he spent six seasons coaching the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and then became the first black head coach to win a Super Bowl with the Colts, whom he coached from 2002-08 and won the Super Bowl after the 2006 season. His .668 winning percentage remains the ninth-best mark in NFL history for head coaches with at least 10 seasons in the league.

Retired to do more

Dungy stopped coaching in 2009 and was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2016, but he has never really retired.

Dungy told me for years that his hope was after his coaching days to mentor young athletes and children in his community, and he has done that and more through the All Pro Dad foundation in Tampa, Fla.

Dungy has also continued to be a prominent voice in the NFL as a lead analyst on NBC's "Football Night in America" on Sunday nights.

There are few people with more respect or a higher profile in the NFL and sports world than Dungy.

So when he talks about what is going on around the country, a lot of people listen. And it can't be easy for him to see this situation in Minneapolis.

But he also has to be proud of such players as the Vikings' Anthony Barr and Eric Kendricks and the Gophers' Rashod Bateman and Brevyn Spann-Ford, who have used their position as athletes to speak up about racism.

Dungy said in that same Sports Illustrated article that this is a time for real communication and change.

"Open up the lines of communication, do a lot of listening, hear people's hearts, hear what's on their minds and then give them the advice," Dungy said. "What can we do to make the situation better? There's a lot of things we can do. Let's focus on what we can do as a team, what we can do as individuals, what you can do as a person to make the situation better. Make sure we keep that as the focus, and if we do that, we've got smart people, good-hearted people, we'll get some good solutions."

Still a leader

Dungy has been doing prayer walks in Tampa and speaking with such organizations as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to try to lead by example.

That goes as well for his family life with his wife, Lauren. They have three biological children and have adopted seven children while also serving as foster parents.

Dungy told me when he retired from football that he wanted to find a way to keep making a difference.

"I'd like to really do some more stuff one-on-one, reaching out to young boys, especially," Dungy said. "We've got so many guys that come into our league now that didn't grow up with their dads, and I just look back at all the information and all the support that I got from my father and just see so many kids in this country that don't have that."

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"You can do a certain amount from a head coaching position and talk to kids and talk to groups, but I'd really like to get into some one-on-one stuff where you're helping young people."

He has done that and more as he continues to be one of the greatest leaders in the United States.

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JOTTINGS

- It seems like the University of Minnesota is preparing to have fans in the stands for the 2020 football season. The school has started promoting season-ticket sales after it announced it will have in-person classes this fall.
- Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman on how the virtual offseason is going: "Give credit to our IT department. I have been in watching some of the meetings, and coaches are doing a phenomenal job with the circumstances. I don't think we're losing anything from the teaching aspect of how we have everything set up where Coach Zim [Mike Zimmer] is able to hold team meetings, we're holding special teams meetings, we're holding offense, defense meetings and individual position meetings. That has all been going very smoothly."
- Joel Maturi, former Gophers athletic director, was on the Division I Committee on Infractions that handed Oklahoma State's men's basketball team three years of probation and banned the Cowboys from postseason play in 2020-21.
- Former Blaine standout and North Dakota hockey player Brandon Bochenski is the new mayor of Grand Forks, N.D.
- The Wolves have just one unrestricted free agent this year, Evan Turner, but Malik Beasley, Juan Hernangomez, James Johnson, Jordan McLaughlin and Kelan Martin are all restricted free agents.
- Ricky Rubio's season is over as the Suns, like the Wolves, aren't heading to Orlando. Rubio ended his first season in Phoenix matching his career high with 13.1 points per game while also notching 8.9 assists per game, the second-highest total of his career.
- Gophers receiver Chris Autman-Bell was named the Lindahl Academic Center Student-Athlete of the Month in May, a great honor. Gophers coach P.J. Fleck is expecting big things from Autman-Bell now that Tyler Johnson is in the NFL.

Correction

This column should have said the Phoenix Suns are one of the 22 NBA teams heading to Orlando to continue playing this season.

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What attorneys learned from Fredrikson & Byron's first legal clinic for riot-damaged businesses

ARTICLE DCLXVI. **WHAT ATTORNEYS LEARNED FROM FREDRIKSON & BYRON'S
FIRST LEGAL CLINIC FOR RIOT-DAMAGED BUSINESSES**

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Body

The work of rebuilding has begun for many of the businesses damaged or destroyed during the riots that followed the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis Police custody, and Minneapolis law firm Fredrikson & Byron is trying to help by hosting free legal clinics and offering pro bono services at Midtown Global Market for impacted businesses.

The first of a series of clinics was last Wednesday. Any damaged business can register to attend, though the areas that saw the most damage are on or near Lake Street in Minneapolis, North Minneapolis along West Broadway and the Midway area along University Avenue in St. Paul.

Kiel McElveen, a senior associate with Fredrikson who specializes in corporate law and is one of the organizers of the events, said the needs attorney's heard at the clinic primarily were either for legal help or financial assistance. If the businesses had insurance, their need for legal help is greater. If they didn't have insurance, the financial help is critical.

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"There's kind of two camps," McElveen said. "A lot of what we're seeing on the front end is insurance issues. The other one is landlord/tenant issues where a business is trying to understand if there's anything in their lease that allows them to stop paying rent for a while until they get their business back open."

As for insurance, disputes with insurers over claims is the most common issue.

The businesses coming for help are typically retail and restaurants located on or near the Lake Street Corridor, according to McElveen. About 10 business owners came to the first clinic with many more expected for the following events.

McElveen said some pro bono representation could last a year or so, depending on the issues and complexity of insurance disputes.

"I think with some there's the potential where it turns into longer representation," he said. "I also expect there's a bucket where it will be limited representation."

Fredrikson is making roughly 40 of its professionals available for legal help.

For those in need of financial assistance or other services, the Neighborhood Development Center, Metropolitan Economic Development Association, Lake Street Council and The Northside Economic Opportunity Network are also partners in the program.

If there's a silver lining, all of the businesses seeking help want to reopen rather than move on, McElveen said. That being said, the path could be long and stressful.

"There's quite a bit of desperation," he said. "The sense we're getting is people are trying to figure out a way to reopen their businesses."

Contact and other information on the clinics is [here](#), (the information is for the June 10 event, but click on the "See More" link in the Details section for contact information and registration instructions.)

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911 dispatcher saw George Floyd's arrest on live video, alerted supervisor

ARTICLE DCLXVII. **911 DISPATCHER SAW GEORGE FLOYD'S ARREST ON LIVE VIDEO,
ALERTED SUPERVISOR**

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Highlight: A 911 dispatcher who was apparently watching in real time as a Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into the neck of **George Floyd** called a supervisor to tell him what she saw, not caring if it made her look like a "snitch," according to a recording of the call made public Monday. In the [...]

Body

A 911 dispatcher who was apparently watching in real time as a Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into the neck of **George Floyd** called a supervisor to tell him what she saw, not caring if it made her look like a "snitch," according to a recording of the call made public Monday.

In the call, the dispatcher calls a police sergeant and says what she was seeing on live video looked "different" and that she wanted to let him know about it. The dispatcher was in a 911 call center at the time and was watching video from a surveillance camera posted at the intersection where police apprehended Floyd, according to city spokesman Casper Hill.

"I don't know, you can call me a snitch if you want to, but we have the cameras up for 320's call. ... Um, I don't know if they had used force or not. They got something out of the back of the squad, and all of them sat on this man. So, I don't know if they needed you or not, but they haven't said anything to me yet," says the dispatcher, whose name is edited out of the recording.

"Yeah, they haven't said anything, unless it's just a takedown which doesn't count," the sergeant said. "But ... I'll find out."

"No problem," the dispatcher said. "We don't get to ever see it. So when we see it, we're just like whoa. Ah, well? It looks a little different."

Under the police department's use of force policy, officers are not required to notify supervisors if the use of force was a takedown technique, but supervisor notification is required during all other force incidents involving injury or alleged injury. According to the policy, the officer must stay on the scene and immediately tell a supervisor of the force that was used, and supervisors conduct a force review.

Floyd, a black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after **Derek Chauvin**, a white officer, used his knee to pin Floyd to the ground in South Minneapolis. Chauvin, who kept his knee on Floyd's neck even after he

911 dispatcher saw George Floyd's arrest on live video, alerted supervisor

said he couldn't breathe and stopped moving, has been charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter.

The three other officers, ***Thomas Lane***, J. Kueng and ***Tou Thao***, have been charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired.

Widely seen video recorded by a bystander shows Chauvin's actions and Floyd, with his face smashed against the street as he gasps for air. It also shows Thao, who was facing the bystanders. In the bystander video, Lane and Kueng are obscured by a squad car.

The 911 transcripts from two bystanders who called police were also made public Monday. One is from a bystander who said an officer "pretty much just killed this guy that wasn't resisting arrest. He had his knee on the dude's neck the whole time."

The caller goes on to say Floyd "stopped breathing ... He was already in handcuffs ... I don't even know if he dead for sure but dude was not responsive when the ambulance came and got him, and the officer that was just out here left, the one that actually just murdered the kid in front of everybody."

The operator asks if the caller would like a sergeant, and the caller says "Yeah, like that was bogus what they just did."

A second 911 call transcript made public is from a person who works as a first responder.

"I literally watched police officers not take a pulse and not do anything to save a man ... I literally have it on video camera (clears throat). I just happened to be on a walk so, this dude, this, they (expletive) killed him," the caller says.

That person also expresses willingness to speak with a supervisor, but the call is disconnected and the operator tried to reach the caller again four times over the next two minutes, without success, the transcript says.

In the bystander video, a woman can be heard in the background saying she is a Minneapolis firefighter, and repeatedly asking the officers to take Floyd's pulse. [Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'](#) [Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect](#) [St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting](#) [Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest](#) [George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death](#)

Graphic

A combination of booking photos of former Minneapolis police officers ***Derek Chauvin***, center, ***Tou Thao***, right, ***Thomas Lane***, top left, and ***J Alexander Kueng***, lower left. (Courtesy of Hennepin County sheriff's office)

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MEDICAL EXAMINER

I worked in county government for more than four decades. During that time, I had many occasions to interact with Dr. Andrew Baker, the Hennepin County medical examiner ("Baker is reappointed as Hennepin County's chief medical examiner," June 12).

Dr. Baker is one of the most professional, capable and honest individuals I have ever met. Commissioner Angela Conley's vote to not reappoint Dr. Baker was entirely inappropriate. An autopsy is about science and facts, and the facts are that [George Floyd](#) had fentanyl and methamphetamine in his system when he died. Conley was also wrong to assert that "Baker's report gave the very reason not to trust these processes that haven't brought justice in the past."

When autopsy reports stop including all of the scientific data and facts, that is when people should stop trusting the process. Hennepin County is fortunate to have Dr. Baker as its medical examiner.

Gary Shelton, Prior Lake

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I'm disappointed by the Hennepin County Board's rushed 5-2 vote to reappoint Baker with virtually no debate in the wake of [George Floyd](#)'s death. Not because we have any reason to doubt his character or to suspect him of intentionally misleading anyone - to my knowledge, we don't. But because this is the exact moment we should be pausing to re-examine "business as usual" at every opportunity.

Minneapolisians are learning that many of our systems are more fundamentally broken than we realized. Floyd's death and its aftermath are highlighting structural failures that go way beyond the actions of four police officers.

Arguably, Dr. Baker's report on Floyd was misused/manipulated by Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, by some media outlets and by many Americans eager for excuses to "blame the victim." I'm grateful that Conley sought exploration of this and that Commissioner Irene Fernando also voted no. Has

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there been a better time to question the way roles surrounding law enforcement are traditionally performed? Why insist on barreling ahead with little public input?

Neither commissioner implied that Dr. Baker is a bad guy who did anything substantively different than what medical examiners always do. But this reappointment offered an occasion to stop and explore how we keep mechanically, if inadvertently, replicating the same deadly outcomes over and over.

It's striking that the only commissioners calling for that discussion are the only two people of color on the board, who represent historically unheard communities. To many of us, this is a textbook example of systemic white supremacy in government institutions, regardless of the intentions of individuals in office.

The lives and perspectives of black Minnesotans must matter more than ensuring one white person's uninterrupted career trajectory.

Susan Maas, Minneapolis

MINING

Clean water trumps Bakk's politics

I was appalled to read that state Sen. Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook, and other Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board members have blocked funding for a treatment plant for safe drinking water for the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa ("Water project snared in mining politics," June 12). Staff at the IRRRB evaluated the funding request and highly recommended it.

Bakk doesn't want to approve the funds for the Fond du Lac band because its members have made truthful observations about the environmental degradation caused by mining.

How much state tax money is going to the IRRRB? I hope the commissioner (appointed by Gov. Tim Walz) will see reason and overrule the board's outrageous recommendation.

Eva Young, Minneapolis

POLICE REFORM

Take a lesson on unions from us

As a lifelong licensed nurse and someone who recognizes a nurse's power over a patient's life and well-being, I cannot understand the inability to legislate standards for peace officer practice that circumvents powerful police unions. While I fully support nursing unions and their bargaining power to improve the lot of practicing nurses, I fully support the loss of an individual's nursing license due to a violation of practice, substance abuse or misconduct.

Policing authorities should be subject to defined legal standards for reporting peace officer misconduct. Suspected misconduct should result in suspension. Confirmed misconduct should result in loss of license. And, the licensing authority should define conditions under which an officer, who has committed an error in judgment, may be returned to duty under monitored reinstatement. Required education, by accredited entities tasked with teaching best policing practices, should be a requirement for license renewal.

It is the constitutional responsibility of our lawmakers that any license conferred under the state's authority should provide the opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of its citizens. Standards for

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achieving this goal is required by my profession and should be required by any in whom the public well-being is likewise entrusted.

Patricia Arneson, St. Paul

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One of the easier changes the Minnesota Legislature can make to help officers remember that they, too, must obey the law is licensing. As in car license - registration plates on police cars.

They used to show a registration number like vehicles for the rest of us - a readily readable (legible and night-lighted) ID announcing to the public, "Hey, we're all together in this. It's not me against you. My squad car can look up your car's registration at a glance. You can help keep me responsible by a quick check of my plate's registration and as simple call to my superior."

The few occasions I've tried to identify a squad car driver's misbehavior - since knowing it all too well in the military police corps in which I served - it's been tough. An instinctive glance at the plate is like trying to see an officer's eyes through reflector sunglasses. "Police," "sheriff," "state trooper" only tells what's abundantly obvious. Sometimes there's "45" painted on the trunk lid, but of what city, what county? One risks passing in traffic to see door insignia. But even then one's often left to squint.

As the joke goes - one's liquor is more secure if two Baptist preachers are visiting vs. just one. Knowing you're being watched and that we're all "in harness" together under the law constrains bad behavior. Legislators, now's the time!

John Bipes, Mankato, Minn.

RACE

We need to teach about racism

Politicians can change policy. Police can make reforms. People can stick "***Black Lives Matter***" signs in their front yard. But until discussions of race, racism, whiteness and ***white privilege*** happen with children at a young age and continue as they get older, change will never happen. Kids need to learn about race and ***white privilege*** starting in elementary schools in order to begin dismantling the enormous power racism holds in this country. People need to be as comfortable speaking about the realities of racism as they are about the weather for change to take place.

Some parents are leery of such discussions entering into their children's curriculum, but this silence has become criminal. Changing K-12 education to include discussions of race needs to be part of this moment in history.

Elizabeth Hillstrom, Minneapolis

The writer is a teacher.

SPORTS

Somebody change that name

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Now that the NFL, the NHL, NASCAR, the NBA and a host of other professional sports organizations have denounced racism and vowed to work for justice for people of color, it shouldn't be long before the racist name of the Washington, D.C., professional football team is changed, right? Or is the "R" word still too sacred?

Karen Barstad, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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TWO MAYORS, A TRAGEDY, AND A PUSH TO REFORM

ARTICLE DCLXIX. [**TWO MAYORS, A TRAGEDY, AND A PUSH TO REFORM**](#)

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When the daily briefing with the governor was done, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter jumped in the car, pulled off his cloth face mask and looked into his camera phone. The former vice president was waiting.

Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, had brought four mayors together to discuss the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer. As Carter appeared on the video call alongside his counterparts in Atlanta, Chicago and Los Angeles, Biden brought up the idea of creating a police force that personally knows the community it serves. He wondered aloud if such a scenario is a pipe dream.

"No, that's not a pipe dream at all," Carter responded. "One of the things that we're finding is our residents are very willing, if there's an avenue, to speak up and protest peacefully. What they're not willing to do is return to quiet."

In the days since protests erupted around the world in response to Floyd's death, Carter has kept up a constant conversation with other elected officials and the public about what's happening in the Twin Cities and what happens next, including in his own Police Department. In addition to conversations with Biden and mayors across the country, Carter has made numerous national media appearances.

Black mayors across the country are getting similar requests, said McKinley Price, mayor of Newport News, Va., and president of the African American Mayors Association, of which Carter is a member. Like Carter, Price said the conversations are exhausting, but necessary.

"It is, I think, paramount that we take advantage of where people are in their mind-set, because I think everybody thinks it's now time to do something," Price said.

By necessity, the conversation in St. Paul is not just about what happened in Minneapolis. Though public safety reform has been a focal point during Carter's time in office, local activists - and some who served in his administration - have criticized his police accountability record. Unlike Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, however, Carter hasn't come under the same pressure to dismantle or defund the Police Department.

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Minneapolis City Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins, who represents the ward where Floyd was killed and is among the council members who've pledged to "begin the process of ending the *Minneapolis Police Department*," said in an interview that she hopes his death will spur change in St. Paul.

"There is no institution in Minneapolis or St. Paul that is not a racist institution," she said. "Let me be real clear: Everybody needs to clean up their house."

Carter has not said explicitly whether he supports cutting the Police Department budget or eliminating the force. Instead, he has pointed to the work his administration has already done to change when and how officers use force and direct more money toward community-based alternatives to traditional policing.

"We cannot continue with a public safety framework in America that's centered around fear-based rhetoric," Carter said.

The son of a retired St. Paul police officer, Carter ran for mayor in 2017 on a platform that included public safety reform. The city DFL convention that year happened the day after the acquittal of Jeronimo Yanez, the officer who shot and killed Philando Castile in a suburb north of St. Paul.

Since Carter took office in 2018, the Police Department has updated its use of force policy, launched a mental health unit and limited the use of K-9s. Last year, the City Council passed a \$1.7 million public safety budget focused on community initiatives rather than hiring more cops, though investments have been slow to unfold, in part because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city has also lost two top staffers focused on police accountability - including one who reached a \$250,000 settlement after filing a complaint with the state Human Rights Department - and has struggled to make its police civilian review board effective. A year ago, five officers were fired for failing to intervene the previous summer when a former officer beat another man with a baton.

Carter said St. Paul leaders have committed "pretty steadfastly" to public safety reform in the past few years. He also said there's more to be done - in state law, in the legal system and in police union contracts "that make it so difficult to hold officers accountable when they fall below the standard that we've set."

Carter and Police Chief Todd Axtell have presented a united front, appearing together to announce curfews and address the destruction that ravaged St. Paul as some protests turned violent. The chief, too, has been called on to provide reaction and analysis for a national audience.

"Now's our moment to move forward together; use this tragedy as an opportunity to do what's been needed to be done for many, many years," he told CNN on June 3.

Axtell has already convened his leadership team, with Carter's support, to clarify the department's use-of-force policy, said spokesman Steve Linders.

Council members say they're hearing from constituents and activists who want St. Paul to defund or dismantle its Police Department and plan to meet with police leaders Tuesday to discuss next steps. While most say they want to build on investments they've already made in community-based alternatives to policing, Council Members Mitra Jalali and Nelsie Yang said they support abolishing the Police Department altogether - though Jalali emphasized that won't happen overnight.

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For Carter, the first black mayor in a city where only 16% of residents are black, there will be challenges that his counterparts in historically black cities do not face, said Duchess Harris, an American studies professor at Macalester College.

"The important thing for people to note is what it means when a black mayor has leadership in what is essentially a white city," she said. "That's what St. Paul has to come to terms with. Can they listen to this black man?"

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Banham willing to help build a bridge

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Highlight: Ex-Gophers star comes from a family of police.

Body

Law enforcement runs strong in Rachel Banham's family. So strong that she has tattoos on her right arm of the badge numbers of her father, mother and late grandfather.

If she were not such a basketball standout, as the Gophers' all-time leading scorer and proud new member of the Lynx, she could have added to her family's legacy of police officers.

Her perspective adds something different to the Lynx's platform to tackle social injustice and promote change in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s death while in Minneapolis police custody.

"Things need to change," Banham said. "No doubt about it. That's the biggest thing with our team and myself. If I can be a bridge in any type of way when it comes to myself reuniting some sort of trust and communication between communities and law enforcement, I would love to do that.

"I'm not going to say I've given up on police, because that's just who I am."

Banham's grandfather, Don Sr., was the first black police officer at the University of Minnesota. He was in charge of the security detail when Martin Luther King Jr. and his civil rights group visited the U in 1963.

Her father, Don Jr., retired in 2011 as a captain in the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** after 29 years on the force, which included leading security for the Vikings. Her mother, Melissa, will retire soon after nearly three decades with the Minneapolis police as a sergeant in the sex crimes unit.

As one of the most recognizable athletes in Minnesota, Banham understands the significance of her voice in the movement. The former Lakeville North star emphasizes that people should educate themselves more on racial issues and vote for officials who can make changes. She supports peaceful protests and feels strongly about donating and volunteering.

"It's just so important because we have such a big platform," Banham said. "Our entire team, we've been talking about how we can give back or be a voice for the people who may not be able to be heard."

Banham willing to help build a bridge

This week, the Lynx and Timberwolves joined other organizations in the Team Up for Change partnership to address ways people can make a difference in fighting systematic racism.

Banham and former Gophers guard Andre Hollins spent several days this week collecting food and supplies at the Sanctuary Covenant Church in north Minneapolis. It's the home church of their trainer and friend Chauncey Hollingsworth, founder of Hoops and Christ.

"There's a lot of humanity out there, a lot of good people wanting to give back," Hollins said. "We wanted to do anything to help out, especially during the coronavirus [pandemic] and the things that have transpired after *George Floyd's* death."

Banham stopped training for days after watching the video of a white police officer kneeling on the neck of Floyd, a black man, in south Minneapolis. Following protests for justice and against police brutality in Minnesota and worldwide, Banham agreed changes needed to happen "soon" to protect black lives. It was tough for her to see, though, police as a whole portrayed in a bad light.

"I've been brought up in such an incredible family," Banham said. "They sacrificed. They were great cops and great people. They do things the right way. That's how I've been raised."

Banham's tattoos are proof of how proud she is of her family's roots in law enforcement. Along with giving back, she could make part of her mission soon to build stronger relationships between communities and the police.

"Education is huge right now," Banham said regarding racial issues. "Talking to people and having tough conversations that might not be the most comfortable thing. But it's just about being compassionate and empathetic."

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Policing meeting emphasizes communities working together

ARTICLE DCLXXI. **[POLICING MEETING EMPHASIZES COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER](#)**

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Highlight: About 150 people brainstormed ideas at North Side park

Body

Brian Fullman stood on a rise in North Commons Park and asked people to describe how Minneapolis got to this point, where a police killing of a black man sparked global outrage and, finally, a sense that change is possible.

"This is not just about one death," he said, blaming what he called a history of arrogance, complacency and disrespect from the **Minneapolis Police Department**. "How did we get here, people?"

A man shouted from way in the back. "By being quiet!"

They were among 150 people gathered Sunday at the park on the North Side of Minneapolis to voice their support for divesting from traditional policing and to map a plan for a safe community under a different model. The event was put together by the Barbershops and Black Congregation Cooperative and the Muslim Coalition.

An emphasis of the meeting was that all black Americans - East Africans, West Africans, the descendants of slaves - must work together.

Abdulahi Farah, a leader of the Muslim Coalition, said the problem is beyond reform. "The only path forward is to dismantle and get rid of it," he said.

Mohamed Sharif, a Somali-American, said he was detained and put in a squad car when he was 10. He had been playing on a soccer field in a game with police officers.

"I've never had any good experiences with the police," he said.

Sharif said his community is overpoliced and has been able to effectively police itself since the unrest started after Floyd's death.

Policing meeting emphasizes communities working together

Christian Ray was at a house party in Minneapolis when he was 17, wearing all red. When the police shut down the party, an officer told him he was probably a gang member and should be arrested. Ray was not arrested because he had no record, but the knee-jerk threat from the officer stayed with him.

"This is how the Police Department views our community - as criminals, thugs, and not as people to be served," Ray said.

People at the meeting broke into smaller groups and brainstormed ideas. Some of the department's \$193 million budget should be shifted into programs for young people, said Fullman, an organizer for the faith coalition ISALAH.

But the core of the meeting was a restatement of the belief that the Police Department in its current form is irredeemable, and that it's up to community members to step forward and organize to work toward something new and concrete when it comes to community safety. An undercurrent of the gathering was a new hope.

Ebony Chambers, a north Minneapolis mother and homeowner, said *George Floyd*'s horrific death was a catalyst, and it seems to her that this time is different.

"Finally I see a difference, a change," she said. "It's a little bit of relief. You don't have in the back of your mind that nobody's listening to you anymore."

Adam Belz · 612-673-4405

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Rochester man charged with arson after pouring liquid in Minneapolis pawn shop and watching it burn, federal charges say

ARTICLE DCLXXII. [**ROCHESTER MAN CHARGED WITH ARSON AFTER POURING LIQUID IN MINNEAPOLIS PAWN SHOP AND WATCHING IT BURN, FEDERAL CHARGES SAY**](#)

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An anonymous source provided the video footage of the May 28 arson incident to investigators with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, leading to Montez Terrill Lee's arrest in Rochester on Monday.

Lee, 25, was charged by the U.S. attorney with one count of arson and was expected to make his first appearance in federal court Tuesday.

Peaceful protests and riots broke out across the Twin Cities after ***George Floyd*** died in Minneapolis police custody on Memorial Day. Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** was caught on bystander video pinning his knee to Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes as Floyd pleaded for his life. Two other officers assisted in holding Floyd down while a fourth officer stood guard and kept concerned residents away from the scene.

They arrested Floyd after he allegedly passed a counterfeit \$20 bill at a store. All four officers involved were subsequently fired and now face criminal charges.

The ATF and FBI are asking for the public to [report information about suspected arson incidents](#), the use of explosives or other violent acts related to the unrest by calling 1-888-ATF-TIPS or via email ATFTips@atf.gov. Tips can also be submitted anonymously via

Reward money is being offered to tips that lead to convictions of those involved. [Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect ReportIt.com. Police union leaders tell](#)

Rochester man charged with arson after pouring liquid in Minneapolis pawn shop and watching it burn, federal charges say

[*MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis' St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death*](#)

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Montez Terrill Lee

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St. Cloud officer shot during struggle to arrest teen; rumors lead to protests, tear gas

ARTICLE DCLXXIII. [**ST. CLOUD OFFICER SHOT DURING STRUGGLE TO ARREST TEEN;
RUMORS LEAD TO PROTESTS, TEAR GAS**](#)

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Body

ST. CLOUD, Minn. - The shooting of a police officer in Minnesota who was struggling to arrest a young man early Monday led to rumors on social media that drew protesters to police headquarters and prompted officers to use tear gas to disperse the crowd.

During a news conference, St. Cloud Police Chief Blair Anderson expressed frustration with the role social media had in spreading a rumor that two black men had been shot by police.

"Things can get blasted all over creation right now and it is very reckless in my opinion and it's very dangerous, and this is the kind of thing that could have escalated, and I am deeply concerned about that kind of stuff," Anderson said.

Officers were attempting to stop and detain the 18-year-old for what Anderson later said was a suspicion that he had a gun. He resisted arrest, drew a handgun and fired a shot that hit the officer in the hand, police said.

[*The Star Tribune reported*](#) that the officer was hospitalized in stable condition. No officers returned fire while struggling with the man, officials said. He was taken to a hospital with minor injuries.

As misinformation spread on social media, about 100 people gathered outside the police station in downtown St. Cloud. Anderson said the building was damaged by people throwing rocks. Chemical irritants were used to disperse the crowd, and there were four arrests, he said.

"This place could have been on fire over a lie. Not just some misinformation, not just a few facts here and there, it was flat out untrue," the chief said.

The shooting comes three weeks after the death of [*George Floyd*](#) in Minneapolis, some 65 miles (104 kilometers) southeast of St. Cloud. The death of Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, has sparked worldwide

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protests over police brutality and racism. He died after ***Derek Chauvin***, a white officer, used his knee to pin down Floyd's neck for several minutes as Floyd pleaded for air and eventually stopped moving.

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TWO MAYORS, A TRAGEDY, AND A PUSH TO REFORM

ARTICLE DCLXXIV.

TWO MAYORS, A TRAGEDY, AND A PUSH TO REFORM

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1A**Length:** 1380 words**Byline:** LIZ NAVRATIL; ERIC ROPER; STAFF WRITERS, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** For Frey, grappling with 'failures'**Body**

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey thought he was facing the greatest challenge of his career: a global pandemic that threatened businesses and families as the city's coffers dried up.

Then, on Memorial Day, *George Floyd* was killed by Minneapolis police. Large areas of the city went up in flames, a police precinct fell to rioters and people had to protect themselves as law and order vanished from the streets.

Gone were the days when there was time to craft each policy proposal and each message. Now, still in his first term, Frey was forced to make split-second decisions as he faced a series of challenges unlike any other mayor in generations.

Frey's handling of one of the worst weeks in Minneapolis history earned him criticism seemingly from all levels: from President Donald Trump to Gov. Tim Walz, the City Council, local businesses and police accountability activists.

"I do have to take responsibility here," Frey told protesters last weekend, as he teed up a message on police reform that he knew would not satisfy them. "I've been coming to grips with my own brokenness in this situation, my own failures."

Leaders in other cities can sympathize, as mayors from Seattle to Louisville to New York City have faced angry demonstrations threatening to overtake their cities as crowds demand sweeping reforms to policing.

The worldwide unrest places even more attention on Frey, mayor of the city where it all began. Not only must he chart a plan for reform, but he must also account for the sins of the city's past. Battered by twin disasters, the city today bears little resemblance to the one Frey first presided over in early 2018, and he faces the task of rebuilding both neighborhoods and public confidence in city leadership.

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St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said he wasn't prepared to "back-seat drive" Frey's decisionmaking. But he did say: "I know a whole lot of mayors around the country, and I think Mayor Frey has faced a series of events that no one I know has ever faced."

A rapid condemnation

On May 26, as many were still waking up to the horror of Floyd's death, Frey appeared alongside Chief Medaria Arradondo and quickly condemned the officers' actions. Later that day Arradondo, with Frey's blessing, fired the four officers involved.

Reflecting on those moments in an interview this month, Frey said he decided that "I needed to come out right away and voice to our city and our nation that what happened was horrific. It was wrong and justice needed to be done."

Those actions earned the mayor widespread praise. But he was unprepared for the scope of what happened next.

The city planned for peaceful protests at the intersection of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue, where Floyd was fatally pinned. Protesters marched to the Third Precinct police station, where they clashed with officers, but it would be nothing like the days to come.

On Wednesday, Frey called for the officers to be charged. Without an arrest, protests intensified. Around 5 or 6 p.m. Frey said he received a call from Arradondo, who told him that the Target store across from the Third Precinct was being looted. He asked for the National Guard. Frey called Walz.

"The governor understood my request, but I did not at that point have a specific time frame as to when we would receive the support," Frey said.

The next day, the mayor kept talking with state officials about getting help from the Guard. Without large-scale assistance, the city reduced the number of officers in the Third Precinct, knowing it was a target. When angry crowds surrounded it and began breaking windows and lighting objects on fire, Frey ordered officers to evacuate.

Looking disheveled and exhausted in a news conference about 1:30 a.m., Frey took responsibility for the decision: "The symbolism of a building cannot outweigh the importance of life, of our officers or the public."

Trump, in a tweet, called for what he called the "very weak Radical Left Mayor, Jacob Frey [to] get his act together and bring the City under control."

But it was another rebuke that dominated the news of the day. On Friday morning, Walz, a fellow DFLer, called the city's response to the riots an "abject failure" and promised to restore order heading into the weekend.

Frey's responses to that criticism have been measured.

"I continue to not fully understand how long it takes to mobilize the National Guard," Frey said. "I'm not passing judgment. I'm saying we needed them earlier."

That night, many suspect, will define Frey's legacy.

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"The question is, which is going to always be unanswered ... was the burning of the precinct raw meat that gave people a taste of the catharsis of destruction?" said former City Council Member Don Samuels, who chaired the public safety committee. "Or would a defense of the Third Precinct - which would have resulted in people being hurt - created such resentment that people would have been even more destructive?"

Hours after the precinct burned, fired officer *Derek Chauvin* was arrested and charged with murder and manslaughter. Many people hoped the destructive riots would subside. They did not.

Council members raised concerns about the mayor's response after constituents reported they couldn't get firefighters or police to respond, while officers were firing tear gas and projectiles at protesters.

The imposition of curfews, coupled with the arrival of the National Guard in large numbers on Saturday, appeared to quell the rioting.

With the riots over, the focus turned to remembering Floyd and hashing out the future of policing.

Along the way, Frey's public appearances didn't help his image. He was roasted on social media for sobbing in front of Floyd's casket during the local memorial. Frey has since described it as a "raw moment."

On a Saturday afternoon, Frey emerged to meet the crowd who had marched to his apartment building with a demand to defund the police. He told them he did not favor abolishing the Police Department. The group yelled for him to go home, and the mayor walked alone through the crowd, trailed by shouts of "Shame. Shame. Shame."

The next day, nine City Council members in Powderhorn Park announced a vague plan to "begin the work of ending" the Police Department.

"I think the mayor's position is wrong. That's my personal opinion," Council Member Jeremiah Ellison said in an online event last week. "I think, on some level, you do have to admire his willingness to at least stand firm in his position, even under an immense amount of pressure from the crowd."

Action on police

Together, Frey and the City Council approved a deal with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights that bans officers from using chokeholds, strengthens the requirements for them to intervene in inappropriate use-of-force cases and, in some instances, increases transparency around officers' disciplinary actions.

Days after a judge approved the deal, Frey and Arradondo announced that they were withdrawing from negotiations with the police union - stunning some council members who said they learned about it when the news conference began.

Council Member Steve Fletcher called the move an overstep of the city's authority and said it felt like an effort by Frey to "grab some positive press."

In the days since then, some have supported the mayor. Steve Cramer, president and CEO of the Minneapolis Downtown Council, said he has faith in the mayor and hopes that the council will quickly adopt a more concrete plan for overhauling public safety.

The city is still tallying the toll of the riots, but city workers identified more than 1,000 buildings that had some degree of damage.

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At least one manufacturer, 7-Sigma Inc., has decided to leave Minneapolis, saying the city failed to protect its business from being destroyed by arson. Cramer said other businesses are thinking of ending their leases if they don't get clarity soon on the city's plans for the police force.

Pastor Brian Herron, a former City Council member, joined other faith leaders at a news conference last week supporting the chief, but he also commends Frey's actions over the past several weeks.

"In this situation he has been saying and doing all the right things," Herron said. "And doing all that he is able to do."

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Virginia sheriff apologizes to armed black pastor arrested after calling 911

ARTICLE DCLXXV. [**VIRGINIA SHERIFF APOLOGIZES TO ARMED BLACK PASTOR
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Body

WOODSTOCK, Va. - A sheriff has apologized to a black pastor who described being arrested when he called 911 on a group of white people who threatened to kill him after trying to dump a refrigerator on his property in Virginia.

Shenandoah County Sheriff Timothy Carter made the apology to Leon K. McCray Sr. of Woodstock Friday, announcing hate crime and assault charges against the five people involved and saying a weapons charge against the pastor would be dropped.

McCray described the events leading to his arrest in a sermon to parishioners at Lighthouse Church & Marketplace Ministries International.

He said he was visiting an apartment he owns in Edinburg on June 1 when he noticed a man and a woman dragging a refrigerator from another property into his dumpster, and they became irate when he asked them to leave.

McCray said they threatened him and returned with three more people, attacking him physically, saying "they don't give a darn" about "my black life and the ***Black Lives Matter*** stuff," and telling him they would "kill" him.

McCray said they backed up when he drew his legal concealed weapon to "save" his life, giving him enough time to call 911. Arriving deputies then took his gun while talking with the five, who continued threatening him and yelling racist epithets at him.

The deputies wouldn't let him tell his side, he said; instead, he was "handcuffed in front of the mob," for brandishing the handgun, and driven away while the group stood with other deputies, waving at him as he went down the road.

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McCray said the deputies rushed to judgment, "disarming a black male brandishing a gun against five white individuals" despite his "second Amendment right to defend myself against five attackers that tried to take my life." The arrest "would not be tolerated if I was white," he added.

"This was indeed the most humiliating, dehumanizing, damning and violating event of my life," McCray said. "I'm a pastor, a decorated 24-year Air Force master sergeant veteran, no criminal record."

Donny Richard Salyers, Dennis James Salyers, Farrah Lee Salyers, Christopher Kevin Sharp and Amanda Dawn Salyers are now being held without bond.

Sheriff Carter sat down with McCray two days after the incident. He said four of the five were already charged with assault or trespassing, but after hearing from the pastor, he initiated a review that led to additional charges against all five. Carter said he also urged a prosecutor to drop the weapons charge against McCray.

"As I told Mr. McCray, if I were faced with similar circumstances, I would have probably done the same thing," Carter said.

Also, two sheriff's office supervisors have been placed on unpaid administrative leave while the investigation continues, Carter said.

Attorney Bradley G. Pollock, representing Sharp, told The Washington Post that his client and Amanda Salyers assumed they had permission to dump the refrigerator in McCray's dumpster, and returned it to their own property after McCray confronted them.

The Post didn't report any response by Pollock to the hate crime allegations, and lawyers for the other Salyers either declined to comment or didn't respond.

"I want the people of Shenandoah County to know that I and the sheriff's office staff appreciate and care about the minority communities, and especially our black community," the sheriff said. [First COVID-19 vaccine tested in US poised for final testing](#) [Minnesota among 4 states added to NY, NJ, CT quarantine list](#) [First federal execution in 17 years; another set Wednesday](#) [Protest in Pennsylvania after cop uses knee to restrain man](#) [Cleveland Indians, other teams pressured after Redskins drop nickname](#)

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Donny Salyers, Dennis Salyers, Farrah Salyers, Christopher Sharp and Amanda Salyers (Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office via AP)

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‘Stop fighting!’ Atlanta sobriety test quickly turned deadly

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‘STOP FIGHTING!’ ATLANTA SOBRIETY TEST QUICKLY TURNED DEADLY

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Highlight: ATLANTA (AP) - One minute, Rayshard Brooks was chatting cooperatively with Atlanta police, saying he'd had a couple of drinks to celebrate his daughter's birthday and agreeing to a breath test. The next, they were wrestling on the ground and grappling over a Taser before Brooks took the weapon and ran.

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ATLANTA - One minute, Rayshard Brooks was chatting cooperatively with Atlanta police, saying he'd had a couple of drinks to celebrate his daughter's birthday and agreeing to a breath test. The next, they were wrestling on the ground and grappling over a Taser before Brooks took the weapon and ran.

Seconds later, three gunshots sounded and Brooks fell mortally wounded.

Atlanta police video released Sunday showing a seemingly routine sobriety check outside a Wendy's restaurant that quickly spun out of control, ending in gunfire. The killing of the 27-year-old black man in an encounter with two white officers late Friday rekindled fiery protests in Atlanta and prompted the police chief's resignation.

Police said Sunday the department terminated Officer Garrett Rolfe, who fired the fatal shots, and officer Devin Brosnan was placed on administrative duty. Rolfe had worked for the department since October 2013, and Brosnan since September 2018.

Meanwhile, authorities announced a \$10,000 reward for information finding those responsible for setting fire to the Wendy's restaurant at the shooting scene. Flames gutted the restaurant late Saturday after demonstrations grew turbulent. The protests prompted 36 arrests.

More than 100 people, some sporting umbrellas and rain gear after on-and-off rain, protested peacefully at the site Sunday evening. Police blocked some side streets, slowing traffic in the area as people held up signs.

The two officers' body cameras and the dash-mounted cameras in their patrol cars showed they spent more than 40 minutes peacefully questioning Brooks. The fighting erupted when they tried to handcuff Brooks.

Andy Harvey, chief of police of Ennis, Texas, who has written books and developed training on community policing, said such moments can turn in a split second.

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"The moment you put your hands on someone is when someone will decide whether to comply or resist," Harvey said. "That's what happened in Atlanta."

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation will present the findings of its investigation to prosecutors. Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said in a statement Sunday he hopes to reach a decision by midweek on whether to bring charges against the officers.

The officers were called late Friday over complaints of a car blocking the restaurant's drive-thru lane. Brosnan arrived first and found Brooks alone in the car, apparently asleep. Brooks agreed to move the car, showed his license, and Rolfe arrived minutes later to conduct a sobriety check.

"I know you're just doing your job," Brooks says on video after consenting to a breath test. He mentions celebrating his daughter's birthday and says: "I just had a few drinks, that's all."

Rolfe doesn't tell Brooks the results though his body camera recorded a digital readout of 0.108 - higher than the 0.08-gram blood alcohol content considered too intoxicated to drive in Georgia.

"All right, I think you've had too much to drink to be driving," Rolfe tells Brooks. "Put your hands behind your back."

The video shows each officer take hold of one of Brooks' wrists as Rolfe tries to handcuff him. Brooks tries to run and the officers take him to the ground.

"Stop fighting!" one officers yells.

One of the dash cameras recorded the brawl. As Brooks fights to stand, Brosnan presses a Taser to his leg and threatens to stun him. Brooks grabs the Taser and pulls it away. He struggles to his feet, the Taser in his hand, and starts running.

Rolfe fires his Taser and a yelp can be heard above the weapon's electric crackle. Rolfe runs after Brooks, and seconds later three gunshots sound.

Both officers' body cameras were knocked to the ground in the struggle, and none of the four police cameras captured the shooting. Footage released from a Wendy's security camera showed Brooks turn and point an object in his hand at one of the officers, who was steps behind him. The officer draws his gun and fires.

"As I pursued him, he turned and started firing the Taser at me," Rolfe told a supervisor after the shooting in a videotaped conversation. "...He definitely did shoot it at me at least once."

GBI spokeswoman Nelly Miles said Sunday she could not confirm whether Brooks fired the Taser.

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said Saturday she doesn't believe the shooting was justified. Police Chief Erika Shields, who joined the department as a beat officer in 1995, resigned.

Brooks' death inflamed raw emotions in Atlanta and across the U.S. following the May 25 police custody killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis.

Some public officials questioned whether shooting of Brooks was as clearly an abuse as Floyd's death after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee to his neck.

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"The question is when the suspect turned to fire the Taser, what should the officer have done?" U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, said on CBS' "Face The Nation." Scott, the Senate's only black Republican, said Brooks's death "is certainly a far less clear one than the ones that we saw with **George Floyd** and several other ones."

Stacey Abrams, the former Democratic lawmaker who gained national prominence while running for governor in 2018, said "there's a legitimacy to this outrage" over Brooks' death.

L. Chris Stewart, a Brooks family attorney, said the officer who shot him should be charged for "an unjustified use of deadly force, which equals murder."

Stewart said that Brooks, a father of four, on Friday had celebrated the eighth birthday of one of his daughters.

Bynum reported from Savannah, Georgia. Associated Press writers Mallika Sen in New York, Regina Garcia Cano in Washington, D.C., and Sean Murphy in Oklahoma City contributed to this report. [Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest](#) [George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death](#) ['I'm not a bad guy': Police video captures distraught Floyd](#) [Statue of Black protester replaces toppled UK slave trader](#) [George Floyd family filing civil suit against Minneapolis, police](#)

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Mpls. park sign altered to include Floyd name

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[MPLS. PARK SIGN ALTERED TO INCLUDE FLOYD NAME](#)

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Body

A sign at a Minneapolis park has been altered to include ***George Floyd***'s name, but a city park leader said Sunday that it was changed without permission.

The sign had read George Todd Park until someone added Floyd's surname on Saturday night.

The park along the 5600 block of S. Chicago Avenue is about 2¼ miles south of where a police officer pinned Floyd to the pavement before he died May 25.

A Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board maintenance worker happened to see the "***George Floyd*** Park" sign Sunday at the wedge-shaped park just east of Diamond Lake.

He took a few photographs for his supervisors to see and noted that the added decal was the same font as what was on the original sign.

"We are not sure who placed the decal on the park sign, changing George Todd Park to ***George Floyd*** Park," Park Board spokeswoman Dawn Sommers said. "The MPRB has not received any requests nor taken any action for renaming the park at 5600 Chicago Avenue South."

Sommers said the Park Board does not have any immediate plans to remove the decal.

George Todd was a park commissioner from 1957 to 1963. The Park Board named the park in honor of Todd while he was still alive, which was an exception to how parks were traditionally named. The World War I veteran had cancer at the time. He died in 1964 at age 71.

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Up to \$70,000 in reward for tips in Minneapolis and St. Paul arson incidents

ARTICLE DCLXXVIII.

[UP TO \\$70,000 IN REWARD FOR TIPS IN MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL ARSON INCIDENTS](#)

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Highlight: The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering up to \$70,000 for rewards that lead to the arrest and conviction of 14 individuals suspected of starting fires throughout the Twin Cities during the unrest that followed the death of [George Floyd](#) while in Minneapolis police custody. The money is broken down to [...]

Body

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering up to \$70,000 for rewards that lead to the arrest and conviction of 14 individuals suspected of starting fires throughout the Twin Cities during the unrest that followed the death of [George Floyd](#) while in Minneapolis police custody.

The money is broken down to \$5,000 per suspect, and is being offered in addition to the previous two awards the ATF issued in relation to looting and arson incidents in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"We have methodically worked each of the fire scenes, collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses, and reviewing video footage to help us solve these arson cases," William Henderson, special agent in charge of the St. Paul Field Division, said in a statement Monday. "We've narrowed in on particular individuals who we suspect started one or more fires throughout the Twin Cities. We would appreciate any assistance the public is willing to provide in order to bring these investigations to a successful conclusion."

Anyone with information on the suspects is asked to contact the ATF by emailing ATFTips@atf.gov or by going to www.ReportIt.com or the Report It mobile app, which is available on Google Play or via the Apple Apps Store.

Tipsters should select "ATF - St. Paul Field Division" as the reporting agency when submitting their tips and provide the corresponding ATF ID number of the suspect he or she is offering information about. All ATF ID numbers will be listed alongside the suspects' pictures, which will all be uploaded and available for view on the ATF's website.

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Tipsters can also be made via phone by calling 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477).

Up to \$70,000 in reward for tips in Minneapolis and St. Paul arson incidents

While tips can be anonymous, anyone seeking reward money needs to include contact information in their report to be eligible to receive it. Only those tips that lead to the successful identification, arrest and conviction of a suspect are eligible for rewards.

ATF is looking to identify this man who was caught on surveillance camera at Springboard for the Arts in St. Paul, Minn., during the recent unrest. If you recognize him, email ATFTips@atf.gov or submit info via [@Reportitcom](#). Working with [@StPaulFireDept](#) pic.twitter.com/Witvl9iSQJ [@sppdmn](#) [@MnDPS](#) [SFM](#)

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The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering up to \$5,000 rewards that lead to the arrest and conviction of 14 individuals suspected of starting fires throughout the Twin Cities during the unrest that followed the death of ***George Floyd***. The individuals pictured are suspected in the St. Paul Enterprise fire. (Courtesy of ATF-St. Paul)

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ARTICLE DCLXXIX. CULTURAL CONDEMNATIONS

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Last week, the streaming service HBO Max announced that it would remove the film based on Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone with the Wind" until further notice. I heard the news in my car, having just pulled into the parking lot of the organic food co-op of which I am a proud member/owner. The co-op's windows were plastered with photos of George Floyd. Anyone who didn't blame all cops for his murder was not welcome. I went in anyway.

Just a week before this, I'd been sitting in a different parking lot, in St. Paul's Midway district, to support protesters and to witness their reported violence. To my right, a line of mostly young people began shouting obscenities at the cops. To my left, a line of police unleashed a volley of tear gas canisters. Across the street was a burning building that the cops were attempting to refrain from protecting. They responded to the insulting chant instead, and when a canister hit my car, I knew that discipline had finally succumbed to emotion. Pride. Defensiveness. Call it what you will. I and the person whom I'd asked to drive the car while I took pictures fled the scene.

Fast-forward to the co-op parking lot. This time I resisted the urge to flee - i.e., drive home, unload my groceries and forget the injustice being done to Margaret Mitchell. This time I asked myself to think this through before running away. What exactly had me so freaked out over the banning of a film about the Civil War? Was it connected to the feelings aroused by the line of cops and the George Floyd posters?

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about fascism. Though I didn't experience firsthand Hitler's rise and fall (and maybe because I didn't), I am obsessed with the man in whose long shadow I have lived my entire life.

I grew up in the Cold War era, in which Stalin's rise on the heels of Hitler's demise caused many Americans to equate fascism with socialism. Stalin was not a socialist but a tyrant.

My mind wandered. I wondered how German supporters of the Weimer Republic felt as their democratic institutions were sacrificed to economic expansion. In the guise of protecting its citizens from alleged unfairness and abuse, the Third Reich in fact deprived them of their freedom to think for themselves.

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I wonder if this is happening to my country, as wealth is now concentrated in the hands of a ruling oligarchy united by a common purpose that overrides social issues: the desire to grow its power even, if necessary and expedient, in the guise of pursuing social justice. It's a slippery slope from censorship to mind control.

"Gone with the Wind" is not racist, any more than Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" is racist - though it, too, has been banned in some quarters. In comparing these novels, I do not mean to invite critiques on their relative literary merit. I will say this: Twain's novel is far superior. I will also say this: Twain was a man. And this: Though it does not appear in the canon, more Americans know what happened to Scarlett and Rhett than what happened to Huck and Jim. Even "bad" literature can have enormous influence. Lots of people read it, for one thing. Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" brought the abolitionist's cause to the attention of enough people deeply moved by the story to spark the Civil War.

I remember first watching "Gone with the Wind" as a teenager. How inspiring it was to see a wily and manipulative (by necessity) daughter of the antebellum South transform from reluctant subservience - she was the classic femme fatale catering to a white-male-dominated society (see also Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew") - to self-sufficiency. Free at last to survive or die on her own terms and by her wits, she channels a deep-seated contempt for a system that enslaved blacks and women alike into what I regard as political action for good. She saves herself, her family and her former servants - first from death and then from poverty.

"Gone with the Wind" has seldom, if ever, been properly interpreted. Its middling literary reputation precludes its being granted the reprieve Twain's masterpiece received in elite circles.

Even before the war, Scarlett's servants admired her rebellious spirit, and their respect deepened into love during and after the war. Thanks to her, they themselves were transformed from menial order-takers to equals in the sawmill she shrewdly anticipated earning her family a fortune as the South began to rebuild.

The love the freed slaves had for their "mistress" was authentic, individual and much more complex than today's labeling of people and their feelings can, perhaps, comprehend or tolerate. Scarlett was not only challenged by the collapse of the South. She was redeemed by it.

As I sat pondering all this in the co-op parking lot, it occurred to me how HBO Max's censorship itself smacked of 21st-century American imperatives, an ominous flirtation with fascism, which feeds on groupthink. The move was not intended to protect blacks, but to promote its brand with young, affluent and politically active consumers. The streaming service fully expects to grow "brand awareness" by jumping on the groupthink bandwagon. A headline story in a national, mainstream media outlet is no mean feat.

The silver lining is this: Maybe the headline story will arouse curiosity about this allegedly profane film. Maybe people will want to read the book that is said to demand censoring. Maybe we will finally have an honest conversation about an American classic.

It is not racism that sabotaged "Gone with the Wind" (the film) but sexism. If you do get a chance to see it, ask yourself why the final scene is still remembered as the strong man having the last word ("Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."), if not to buttress 1950s misogyny?

In fact, the last word belonged to Scarlett, who realized that Rhett Butler was no longer a selfish con man. The new Rhett had risked his life to rescue not just the woman he loved but also her devoted (former) slaves and the sweet and submissive Melanie, who also loved Scarlett for the right reasons. The war changed both

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Scarlett and Rhett. Both found a way to be good. She understood that. He would, too, or so she hoped ... some day.

Her parting words were: "I will get him back." She smiled as she said it. He had won her heart fair and square.

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La Mexicana looks to find its footing after neighborhood upheaval

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East Lake Street grocery store La Mexicana has restocked its shelves and reopened its doors since being looted in the unrest that followed [George Floyd](#)'s death. But recovery is still a ways off.

Owner Mauro Madrigal says that sales are running at about one-half their usual pace, attributing the decline to the recent chaos on Lake Street scaring away customers, the still-ongoing repairs of La Mexicana's storefront and a surprising new competitor: Food banks that have sprung up in the neighborhood after several other grocery stores were burned or looted. To reinvigorate sales, the store is offering a five percent discount on all items for two months.

Madrigal was fast asleep when his security system wailed on May 28, alerting him that he and his wife's store had been broken into. It was about 1 a.m. May 28, three days after the killing of [George Floyd](#).

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He checked his security camera feed and saw three people break in through the backdoor. They ransacked the store, breaking cash registers, smashing windows and making off with produce and La Mexicana's safe - which, luckily, had been emptied the day before. He estimates he lost \$15,000 in damages that day.

After that, Madrigal boarded up windows and doors and spent the next few days defending La Mexicana with a ragtag group including his wife, friends, hired security and neighboring business owners. He only got about two hours of sleep each day and he worried for the group's safety, but he thought La Mexicana wouldn't survive if he left. For Madrigal, and his wife, Maria Gutierrez, La Mexicana is more than a business, but the realization of their dreams.

"We came to have something better here in the U.S.," he said. "La Mexicana means the world to us."

With a little clean-up, Madrigal was able to get La Mexicana running again on Monday. His store is insured, but he isn't sure how much of the damage his insurance will cover. With a \$5,000 deductible, he's not even sure if the damage is worth claiming at all. The break-in is the first real economic setback La Mexicana. The store earned around \$5,000 to \$6,000 each day before and during the pandemic before the recent dropoff. He's hoping to receive some financial assistance for the repairs from the Lake Street Council, but otherwise he and his wife will probably pay for the repairs out of pocket.

The store might see more business as other retailers offering produce on East Lake Street have been shut down for a short period of time, Madrigal said.

Given the expressions of support Madrigal has received from his neighbors, he is confident La Mexicana will be running at full-strength again soon.

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A few summers ago, on a Friday noonish, I was standing by the door of Holy Land Grocery in northeast Minneapolis. The place was vibrant; people were coming and going at a fast pace. A Somali man in his ironed white khamees was rushing out of the door carrying some groceries. A policeman hanging around outside seemed concerned and confused by the man. I told him to relax and that the man was not shoplifting. "He probably wants to get home to beat the products' expiration dates." True story.

Unless you were in COVID coma or under strict quarantine, you probably know by now the debacle around the Holy Land Grocery. To recap, the owner's daughter, Lianne Wadi, had posted racist comments on social media that were recently dug out and brought to the attention of the public, creating a huge reaction. Let me be clear here. The postings were repugnant, racist, xenophobic, anti-Semitic, and homophobic, too. That clarified, however, these comments were posted between 2012 and 2014, when Lianne Wadi was only 14 and had assimilated too fast. That is not by any means an excuse, which even she said: "I was so shocked that I even posted something so offensive," she wrote. "I recognize the gravity of my words and how hurtful they can be and how hurtful they were. I wasn't thinking. I was a teenager at the time (although my youth is not an excuse)."

Holy Land CEO Majdi Wadi fired his daughter, who had been the catering director for the company, which in addition to the grocery operates a restaurant and deli and distributed its products to other stores.

A huge outpouring of reaction ranging from condemnation to death threats ensued. Many boycott campaigns emerged, a kind of #MeToo moment for the community. It seems that anyone one with a smartphone can start a boycott petition. Of course, this debacle is taking place during the biggest anti-racist intifada in modern American history, with everyone on edge.

I know Majdi Wadi. We worked together on community projects from time to time. Naturally, we had our agreements and disagreements. You would expect this from two people with different mind-sets: He is a high-energy businessman, and I'm a low-energy media man. However, I'm not here to defend Mr. Wadi.

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Clearly, he needs to come clean and face up to any and all accusations and prove to his customers, as he states on the Holy Land Facebook page, that these racists comments don't reflect his own values or the Holy Land values and culture.

Although Wadi and I have not been on speaking terms for years, I invited him for an interview to explain himself and answer some of the questions raised. As of late last week, I was still waiting for his response. The question that he needs to answer is an old Watergate one: "What did he know, and when did he know it?" Clearly, customers have the right to boycott Holy Land or any other products or businesses that they don't share the same values with. Wadi himself boycotted Danish products a few years ago during the debacle of the offensive cartoon of the prophet.

The issue being raised here is the fear of a mob mentality sweeping the community, accusing all Arabs of being racist and anti-black. The reactions of some of the businesses in Twin Cities that are dropping Holy Land products is as if the owner, an immigrant himself, was a slave trader, not a purveyor of Middle Eastern products. Self-righteous co-ops, such as Seward Co-op and others, have had a liberal snap moment and proudly announce to everybody that they don't sell Holy Land products anymore. The Holy Land hummus brand suddenly became a product of Hamas. The same businesses that may carry products from Israel, accused more than once of supporting a system of apartheid toward Palestinians, are now boycotting and trying to destroy a small company of a Palestinian immigrant. Congress even made it illegal to boycott Israeli products, for god's sake. People who seemingly have chips on their shoulders now are acting as if boycotting Holy Land will solve racism in this country.

The Holy Land story is an immigrant success story. Mr. Wadi came to this country, worked hard, and has contributed more than hummus to the Twin Cities community - he gave our community a cultural reference and liberated ethnic food out of the ghetto section in a major supermarket. Now is the community going to abandon and marginalize him at the first sight of mistake, appalling as it may be? It seems that immigrants and people of color don't get a second chance in this country, but Walmart, Target, Amazon, GM and Facebook do. Holy Land deserves a second chance and an opportunity to make it right. Arabs lost the Holy Land in the 1967 war with Israel; now, a Palestinian immigrant who worked all his life to build his store is at risk of losing even the right to have the name on his storefront.

The problem of racism in this country is bigger than Holy Land, but Arab-Americans need to face up to their own role in perpetuating it. In the Arab community, calling a black person a slave (in Arabic, 'abd) may come as a surprise for most, but it happens more than we would like to admit, this prejudice toward dark-skinned people. However, it never amounted to the racism that we have here in America. As Prof. Fouzi Slisli explained in a recent conversation that I shared on YouTube, racism in America is the most sophisticated, comprehensive system that is supported by science, history, the education system, biological research and culture.

The Arab-American community must face its own prejudices, bigotry and biases, much of these the residual effects of colonial history and pure ignorance of Arab history and culture. Arabs themselves are people of color, but in most cases, immigrants come to this country and adopt the attitudes of others around them, which are racist attitudes toward blacks. As Sanna Towns, a civil-rights activist, said on my show, "They see the hierarchy in our social order, and they side with the winner's side." Arabs and other immigrants need to educate themselves about black history, the lack of justice and the civil-rights struggles. They need to realize that without blacks' struggle, most of us wouldn't be here. The Somali community with their energy and political activism has changed the way people talk about Muslims and immigrants. U.S. Rep. Ilhan

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Omar has done for the Palestinian causes in one year more than what Arab leaders have done for years. She has changed the narrative here in America. Arabs' and Pan-Africans' struggle against the colonial project in Africa is undeniable.

The killing of ***George Floyd*** and protests against racism and police brutality will not happen in vain. In this sobering time of our country's shared grief, we all need to change.

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Go slow on COVID border battle

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GO SLOW ON COVID BORDER BATTLE

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Fans in the stands don't clamor for Paul Bunyan's Axe, the traveling trophy that goes to the winner of the Gophers-Badgers college football matchup, to be awarded to the team ahead early in the game's second quarter. It's not even halftime yet, and a lot can happen in the time left on the clock.

A similar, this-is-far-from-over approach is the smart take when it comes to another Minnesota-Wisconsin border battle emerging during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nationally, both are among the 22 states where new confirmed cases are trending downward, according to the New York Times disease tracker. A recent report from federal health officials also found both states to be well below the national average when it comes to nursing home deaths per 1,000 residents.

But if there were a scoreboard for key COVID-19 statistics, Wisconsin would be ahead of Minnesota at this moment. It has a slightly larger population, but it's had fewer cases - 21,926 vs. 29,316 as of Friday morning. It's also had fewer deaths - 682 compared with 1,280.

And since mid-May, it's had no statewide shelter-in-place order in effect. A lawsuit brought by Republican legislators challenged Wisconsin's "Safe at Home" order, arguing that it had usurped lawmakers' authority. The state Supreme Court agreed, and its May 13 ruling ended restrictions.

So far, it doesn't appear that doing so has fueled COVID-19 infections. A recent paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) concluded: "We find no evidence that the repeal of the state [shelter-in-place order] impacted social distancing, COVID-19 cases, or COVID-19-related mortality" during the two weeks after the ruling's enactment.

Calls for Minnesota to be like Wisconsin and lift remaining restrictions are understandable but still premature. It is important to note that while the court ruling ended statewide disease control measures, many of Wisconsin's most populous areas put health orders in place to maintain social distancing for citizens and businesses, including Milwaukee, Eau Claire County and Dane County, home to Wisconsin's capital city of Madison.

The state didn't just open up all at once. Its continued progress in containing COVID-19 may well be due to local officials who stepped in when the statewide protections were struck down. The NBER paper also

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noted that state residents generally continued staying home after the order was tossed. If that's the case, lifting the order may not be an economic panacea either. May's state-by-state unemployment rates aren't out yet, so there's no evidence yet that this provided an economic boost.

Another important caveat is that controlling this new virus has been, at best, a fluid situation. Things change and often do so rapidly. If COVID-19 containment were a Gophers-Badgers football game, Minnesota would have been ahead for the first quarter.

Until May 7, Minnesota had fewer cases than Wisconsin, according to a new data tracker from the respected Kaiser Family Foundation. But from that date, Minnesota cases went up dramatically while Wisconsin's increased at a much slower pace. Our guess: This split coincided with outbreaks that hit Minnesota meatpacking plants hard. Wisconsin also had more cumulative deaths than Minnesota through April 29.

Reminders of how quickly COVID-19 containment can change came from elsewhere across the country this week. There are now alarming increases in cases in states such as Arizona, Utah and Texas that had so far escaped widespread illness. Those states were early "reopeners," with Arizona significantly easing restrictions May 16 and with Utah and Texas on May 1.

The recent protests following ***George Floyd***'s death adds another layer of volatility to reopening decisions. In an interview with an editorial writer, Dr. Nasia Safdar, an infectious disease specialist with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, cautioned against applying one state's experience - good or bad - to another because so much remains unknown about this virus.

This is a time to err on the side of caution, not get overconfident so early in the matchup against COVID-19. There's still a long way to go before this virus is under control.

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Legislators of color hold new sway as racial tensions fly

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LEGISLATORS OF COLOR HOLD NEW SWAY AS RACIAL TENSIONS FLY

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Body

The Minnesota Legislature was once a lonely place for state Rep. Rena Moran. After her election in 2010, the St. Paul Democrat was the only black woman serving in the 134-member state House. Just seven of 201 state lawmakers identified as minorities.

"It was taxing," she said. "We [were] trying to represent communities of color's voices through legislative policy and practice and that can get lost in a body of 134 individuals."

By 2017, the share of lawmakers from communities of color had doubled. While Moran was still one of just a handful of African-American legislators, more American Indian, Hmong, Latino and Somali Minnesotans were filling the chamber. With power in numbers, Moran said she found ample "support to look at our work as legislators through a race-conscious lens."

The People of Color and Indigenous Caucus was born.

The coalition, known as the POCI Caucus, has grown in size and influence in recent years, especially in the DFL-led House. But the death of **George Floyd** in police custody and the protests that followed have brought new visibility and power to the 19-member caucus.

Members of the caucus are taking the lead in drafting and advocating for a sweeping criminal justice and police accountability package now at the center of the special session that started Friday. Some are vowing to withhold votes on a major public works bill and other top legislative priorities without action on the slate of police reform proposals.

"That's the power of having numbers, the power of having a caucus," Moran said of the ability to vote as a bloc on legislation. "It's the power for us to say: 'We need to negotiate there.'"

The current Legislature is believed to be the most diverse in state history. Twenty-one lawmakers are from communities of color, according to self-reported data collected by the Legislative Reference Library. All but two are Democrats and members of the POCI Caucus.

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Even with those gains, the members make up just 10% of the Legislature. And communities of color remain underrepresented compared with the state's overall population.

Since forming in 2017, the POCI Caucus has sought to overcome those gaps by coalescing around issues of equity and representation. Members successfully pushed for a state task force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and increased funding to recruit and retain teachers of color. Last year, in a show of political strength, members threatened to derail a University of Minnesota regents vote over concerns about a lack of diversity among candidates.

The caucus' 2020 agenda included dozens of proposals related to educational, health and economic disparities. Sen. Jeff Hayden, a Minneapolis Democrat who is one of two black state senators, said the caucus' strength - and challenge - has been bringing members from a range of cultures and backgrounds together to advocate for the "same overarching goals" of improving lives for marginalized communities.

"I think that's when we're at our best," Hayden said. "We have a clear goal and we're speaking in a unified voice."

Members say they've also been able to influence what's included in bills to be more responsive to the needs of people of color. Rep. Carlos Mariani, DFL-St. Paul, said that power in part comes from other legislators wanting POCI Caucus members' votes. But Mariani noted that white committee chairs are now carrying bills that address equity in education, housing and other areas.

"We get our names, energy and our lobbying effort behind specific issues that we believe are incredibly important to our communities," said Sen. Patricia Torres Ray, DFL-Minneapolis.

POCI Caucus members say Floyd's death and the unrest that followed have brought new urgency to their work and the need for leadership from communities most affected by police brutality and racism.

Rep. Ruth Richardson, a freshman Democrat from Mendota Heights, hailed the current moment as "a critical point" at a recent news conference on the criminal justice measures.

"It's 2020," she said. "If you're not going to listen to us today, you're never going to listen to us. And it is incumbent on our communities to lift up the voices of the people who have been most impacted by the pain."

The special session that started Friday will offer a fresh test of the POCI Caucus' power, as the politically divided Legislature works to find common ground on lingering coronavirus response measures, the criminal justice reform package, an expected \$1 billion-plus public works bonding bill and another measure that could include money for Twin Cities communities damaged by looting and arson.

"This is a moment that offers a way for that group to accelerate its influence and its skills," said Mariani, a public safety committee chair working on the criminal justice package. "Particularly as the [House DFL] majority has been very open about saying that, 'We're going to take our cue and our leadership from you on this issue, because we're not as well versed as you are.' "

That deference from DFL leaders was on display during a recent POCI Caucus news conference on police reform. House Speaker Melissa Hortman, the chamber's highest-ranking Democrat, spoke last, pledging to "listen ... stand back and create space for leadership to come from the voices and the people of color and Indigenous members of the Legislature and then to stand with them and to act."

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Moran, who serves as POCI Caucus chair, saw the gesture as a "sign of change." But the commitment to sit back and listen remains a "double-edged sword," she said, when members of color remain in the minority.

"We also need her to help us lead," she said. "We need our white colleagues, men and women, to step into this arena and help us make a difference."

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Minn. firm gets OK to sell test for COVID-19

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An embattled COVID-19 test that senses the presence of the virus by detecting antibodies to it has been found to be accurate enough that its Minnesota distributor can sell it, just as other tests are being removed from the market.

Premier Biotech, a Minneapolis drug-testing firm that has pivoted to distributing a Chinese-made test for detecting COVID-19 antibodies, plans to ramp up sales in coming weeks. The Food and Drug Administration granted an emergency-use authorization (EUA) for the test on June 4, and on Thursday posted the results of an independent performance assessment by the National Cancer Institute.

"For me, having the results published was a big deal, so the rest of the country could know what we knew from the beginning, which is that this is a good test," Premier Biotech

CEO Todd Bailey said Sunday.

Other tests are being taken off the market. One, made by BioMedomics and sold by major medical technology firm BD, was removed in early May after the FDA updated the rules on performance characteristics needed to get EUA.

A second-generation test is in the works. Tests made by Phamatech and Tianjin Beroni Biotechnology Co. were also voluntarily withdrawn.

Researchers and medical labs generally use two overarching kinds of tests for COVID-19 - serology tests and molecular tests.

Serology tests like the one distributed by Premier Biotech react to the presence of specific antibodies that a person's immune system makes to fight off the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Antibody tests on the market today including Premier's cannot be used to diagnose a specific case of COVID-19. But they can be used in "seroprevalence" studies on overall rates in well-defined populations.

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Scientists are still trying to refine their knowledge about how much time needs to pass before people have detectable numbers of antibodies.

One early study of antibody testing, not yet peer-reviewed, looked at 173 patients with COVID-19 in China and found the rates of correct detection of the IgG and IgM antibodies was at its highest at 16 days after symptom onset.

Last week, Mayo Clinic announced availability for a new antibody test produced by Rochester-based Vyriad to look for the presence of neutralizing antibodies.

Molecular tests, on the other hand, are the gold-standard method of diagnosing an active COVID-19 infection. Often called PCR tests, these tests detect the presence of viral genetic material in swabs taken deep from the throat or nose.

Their accuracy peaks around eight days after exposure, a study-of-studies in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* shows.

The Minnesota Department of Health says diagnostic testing has been used to confirm 30,471 cases of COVID-19 in residents since early March, including 311 cases added to the tally Sunday.

Of those, about 26,100 people have passed a 14-day self-monitoring period and no longer need to self-isolate.

In Minnesota, 1,298 people have died from COVID-19, including 1,030 residents of long-term care and assisted living.

The vast majority of fatalities happened in people 50 or older. Underlying health conditions increase the risks, including chronic lung disease, uncontrolled severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromise, obesity with BMI greater than 40, diabetes, chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis, and liver disease.

Both the rate of new deaths and the rate of newly confirmed cases has been slowing in Minnesota for two weeks despite increased PCR testing and large-scale civil rights demonstrations over the death of *George Floyd*.

Nationally, the United States has recorded more than 115,000 deaths among more than 2 million confirmed cases.

The number of new cases is rising in states including California, Arizona, Texas, Florida and Georgia, with some of the rise due to increased testing. Case counts are declining in New York, New Jersey, Illinois and Massachusetts, according to the New York Times' closely watched case tracker.

Early in the pandemic, the FDA responded to the sudden and overwhelming demand for COVID-19 tests in the U.S. by lowering the bar to entry for many.

PCR tests started to be sold with only minimal prior validation by their manufacturers, while more than 100 antibody tests flooded the market with no direct oversight by the FDA.

As a result, many tests suddenly became available with scant evidence supporting their quality.

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The Associated Press reported Sunday that even now, months into the pandemic, "no one really knows how well many of the screening tests work."

The U.S. House Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy entered the fray in April, demanding to know why the FDA allowed unproven tests to go to market and why some tests' claims of accuracy on packaging were not reproduced in independent testing. The subcommittee claimed credit for forcing the FDA to require antibody test makers to submit data and get emergency use authorization.

One of the tests singled out for extra scrutiny was the one sold by Premier Biotech.

A letter from the subcommittee to the company CEO alleged that academic researchers in California had found far lower rates of accuracy for the test in an unpublished study than what was advertised on the product label.

The subcommittee's letter said the test correctly identified the presence of a specific antibody called IgG only 53% of the time in 129 validation tests. An April 28 letter from the subcommittee said the test's sensitivity was "deeply troubling."

But last Thursday the FDA publicly posted the results of federally funded performance assessments done at the Frederick National Laboratory in Maryland that found the Premier Biotech test correctly identified the IgG antibody 93% of the time in 30 samples. A second antibody, IgM, was positively identified in all 30 tests. The test didn't return positive results for any of the 160 negative samples used on it.

Virtually all of the tests on the FDA's web page for validated antibody tests today have positive-detection values between 90 and 100%.

Bailey said Sunday that the independent review, which used specimen-handling methods described on the product label, agreed with the validation results Premier had seen from other organizations.

"We were extremely excited, but not surprised," Bailey said. "We knew the test was performing well. But having the [federal laboratory] do the study themselves as a federal study, that is the best part."

Like many antibody tests, the Premier Biotech test is only validated today for use in certified labs for high- and medium-complexity work. The company is working on research to show it can also be accurate at the point-of-care using blood drawn from a finger stick, but that work is ongoing.

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

30,471 -- Total cases

311 -- June 13 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

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1,298 -- Total deaths

15 -- June 13

U.S. cases, new daily

2,084,923 -- Total cases

25,335 -- June 13

U.S. deaths, new daily

115,445 -- Total deaths

693 -- June 13

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Monday coronavirus update: 6 Minnesota deaths lowest daily count in about 2 months

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[MONDAY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: 6 MINNESOTA DEATHS LOWEST DAILY COUNT IN ABOUT 2 MONTHS](#)

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Highlight: Minnesota recorded six additional deaths on Monday from the coronavirus - the lowest daily count in more than two months. The state also recorded on Monday its lowest number of people needing hospital care since April. Still, health officials urged Minnesotans to continue to protect themselves from the virus as they monitor the trends here [...]

Body

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The state also recorded on Monday its lowest number of people needing hospital care since April. Still, health officials urged Minnesotans to continue to protect themselves from the virus as they monitor the trends here and other states as restrictions are loosened and businesses reopen.

"I think it's too early for us to look upon, Texas and Arizona and say, 'Oh, we dodged that bullet' but we're certainly monitoring what's happening there so that we're fully cognizant of what could happen here," said Kris Ehresmann, the Minnesota Department of Health's Infectious Disease Division director.

Arizona saw its [new cases triple this past week](#) compared to two weeks before. Texas saw its highest number of hospitalizations yet on with 2,326 patients on Monday, according to the .

The death toll in Minnesota from COVID-19 reached 1,304 on Monday. The additional six deaths was the lowest since April 13 when there were none reported. The high was on May 28 when the state recorded 33 deaths.

The Department of Health also reported on Monday another 230 confirmed infections. In total, Minnesota has had 30,693 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

COVID-19 hospitalizations are also at their lowest levels since April 29, with 353 patients. Last month, hospitalizations for the virus peaked in Minnesota at 606 on May 28.

Even though hospitalizations related to COVID-19 are now lowering, total hospitalizations including other conditions are placing hospitals at fairly high capacities, state officials said.

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Last week, the state announced new community testing centers for those who attended large gatherings and protests surrounding the death of *George Floyd*. So far, the state has seen a low percentage of positive cases from those testing sites.

Other highlights from Monday's data include:

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES Of the state's total deaths, 1,034 were long-term care or assisted living center residents. Of Monday's reported deaths, four were long-term care or assisted living residents. **HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING?** There were 26,609 patients Monday that no longer need to be isolated because they have recovered enough. This is an increase from 26,090 yesterday. The 353 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals is a decrease from 369 the day before. Of those patients in hospitals, 186 are in intensive care, a decrease from 191 on Sunday. **WHO IS GETTING SICK?** Number of health care workers who have tested positive for COVID-19: 3,198 The age group with the most infections remains 30- to 39-year-olds, with 6,234 cases. The age group with the most deaths remains 80- to 89-year-olds, with 448 deaths.

Correction: An earlier version of the "MN coronavirus hospitalizations, deaths, positive tests" chart had an inaccurate deaths trend line because of a data entry error.

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Petitions seek downtown St. Paul Business Improvement District

ARTICLE DCLXXXVI.

**PETITIONS SEEK DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

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Highlight: On Monday, Joe Spencer sent out petition packets to owners of some 60 commercial properties asking them to take a leap of faith and make a cumulative \$600,000 commitment to downtown St. Paul. Spencer, president of the St. Paul Downtown Alliance, hopes to launch a nonprofit Downtown Improvement District in and around Rice Park - [...]

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Spencer, president of the St. Paul Downtown Alliance, hopes to launch a nonprofit Downtown Improvement District in and around Rice Park - stretching out some 30 or more square blocks from the Xcel Energy Center - by 2021.

The goal in the first year is to create a public safety "fusion center" where private security firms, social service agencies and St. Paul, Ramsey County sheriff and Metro Transit law enforcement authorities can trade notes on crime trends and hot spots.

In 2022, Spencer hopes to see [*street ambassadors fan out downtown to provide litter pickup, graffiti removal, directions to visitors*](#) and other general assistance.

"They are eyes and ears, so they become a kind of force multiplier for the police," Spencer said. "The services of the district are in addition to existing city services, so it's an enhanced level of services downtown."

To demonstrate the street ambassador program, the [*alliance launched a pilot effort in the summer of 2019*](#), and had hoped to have the same in place permanently by 2021.

Then came the COVID-19 pandemic and riots and demonstrations surrounding the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died in custody of Minneapolis police. The initial vision for a \$1.4 million launch in the first year was effectively cut in half.

Petitions seek downtown St. Paul Business Improvement District

Still, complaints about vagrancy and acts of vandalism have only escalated, with some residents complaining of feeling less safe on downtown streets.

"I would say its actually more relevant and necessary now, with COVID, but because of those uncertainties we wanted to give (property owners) time to plan for those costs," Spencer said. "We won't see any ambassadors on the street until 2022."

Some call the planning overdue. Unlike other city-driven efforts downtown, "this is truly a privately-led, privately-managed endeavor," said Pat Skinner, general manager of Wells Fargo Place.

"It's been a topic that's been on the table, in some variation, for at least 10 years," Skinner added. "It's about creating basic curb appeal, just as if it were the front yard of your home or your neighborhood, that says it's safe and it's welcoming."

The district, in its initial phase, would encompass the western half of downtown, an area bounded by Cedar Street, Kellogg Boulevard and Interstate 35E. The district would also include a panhandle extending east from Cedar Street, bounded by Sixth, Seventh and Jackson streets.

Minneapolis maintains a Business Improvement District that spans 120 blocks, and similar districts of varying size operate in some 1,000 cities across the U.S. and Canada. St. Paul is believed to be the largest city in the country without one.

The road ahead for the Business Improvement District is far from settled.

The proposed fee in 2021 - \$600,000 - would be based on square footage and street frontage, and limited to commercial properties alone. The total comes out to less than 3 cents per square foot, plus \$6 per linear foot of street frontage.

If an ordinance and budget is approved by the city council, the fee would be added to commercial property taxes within the district. It would then be transferred by the city to a nonprofit managing board, which would oversee the improvement district.

If 25 percent of the petitioned property owners agree, the city council will move forward with a public hearing. Ultimately, the creation of a district could be derailed if 35 percent of property owners object.

State law does not compel owners of residential properties to participate, but the hope is they would appreciate the benefits and seek voluntary membership down the line, Spencer said.

"I think it's important to note we do plan to solicit those residential buildings to see if they do want to participate and get some of the benefits of the program," Spencer said.

"Because residential properties don't pay into this but for voluntary contributions, we wanted to start it where we had the core of support," he added. [Two shot, one fatally, in St. Paul's Summit-University neighborhood](#) [St. Paul City Council puts mayor's pick for Port Authority on hold](#) [Making the jump: St. Thomas granted approval to move to Division I in 2021](#) [Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest](#) [Minnesota Museum of American Art director released from job](#)

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Graphic

The St. Paul Downtown Alliance has proposed a commercial downtown improvement district that would span more than 30 square blocks in and around Rice Park. The district would extend from Kellogg Boulevard to Cedar Street and from Interstate 35E to Shepard Road. A panhandle extends from Cedar Street along 7th Place East to Jackson Street. (Courtesy of the St. Paul Downtown Alliance)

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Tattoo parlors look to make their mark once again as coronavirus restrictions ease

ARTICLE DCLXXXVII. [**TATTOO PARLORS LOOK TO MAKE THEIR MARK ONCE AGAIN AS CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS EASE**](#)

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Highlight: Black Coffin Tattoo has come back from the dead. The St. Paul tattoo parlor was silent as a graveyard for two months - due to Gov. Tim Walz shutting down non-essential businesses because of the coronavirus pandemic. The parlors were re-opened on June 1 - with some of them bouncing back, and others closed with [...]

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The St. Paul tattoo parlor was silent as a graveyard for two months - due to Gov. Tim Walz shutting down non-essential businesses because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The parlors were re-opened on June 1 - with some of them bouncing back, and others closed with no plans to re-open.

Black Coffin has jumped back to life, even with all the mandated hygiene rules. "It was scary for a while," said owner Garrett Rautio. "But now the phone is ringing off the hook."

Other shops remained shuttered even 10 days after the re-opening date. "A lot of them have chosen to remain closed," said Marx Barry, owner of Rose of No Man's Land in Woodbury, which is open.

Several were hit with an additional blow - rioting and protests following the killing of ***George Floyd*** by a Minneapolis policeman. Acme Tattoo in St. Paul remained boarded up on June 12, but owner Gabriel Bosquez said business has rebounded to normal levels.

"Customers are anxious to come in. They have been waiting a long time," said Bosquez.

As might be expected from places that poke needles into people, the parlors are managed by hygiene fanatics.

Rose owner Barry said tattoo shops have always worked to prevent blood-related diseases - but not necessarily airborne diseases like coronavirus.

But they have adapted. They have added masks for clients and staff, installed Plexiglas dividers, and accept customers by appointment only.

Tattoo parlors look to make their mark once again as coronavirus restrictions ease

Black Coffin has added one more innovation - contacting clients one week after they leave, to see if they have come down with any symptoms.

Owner Rautio also takes temperatures of his staff every day, not only the clients who arrive.

The shops, and most other businesses in Minnesota, were closed March 27 by Walz's stay-at-home order. Walz allowed the tattoo parlors to re-open on June 1 at 25 percent capacity.

Black Coffin was set to open then, but delayed the opening for one week because of the protests.

Some of the owners said the shutdown order was unfair. "I see all the businesses, with thousands of people, open - Menards, Home Depot, Target - and they shut us down," said Hung Nguyen, owner of Hung's Tattoo Parlor in St. Paul.

"All the little guys have been dying for two months, and the big guys make money."

But Andy Rowe said he accepted the shutdown as necessary. Rowe's shop, Port and Starboard Tattoo and Piercing in St. Paul, is so small that he was the only person working last Wednesday.

"Tattoos are not essential," he said. "They are a luxury item."

Black Coffin's Rautio agreed. "We are not curing cancer. We are drawing skulls."

What has been the toughest adjustment to make?

"Not shaking hands," said Rose owner Barry.

He described the impulse that he now has to fight every day. "You meet people, say hello, say goodbye, you shake their hand," he said. "You give me money, I shake your hand." [Trump looks to curb landmark environmental act for projects](#) [ViacomCBS cuts ties with Nick Cannon, cites 'hateful speech'](#) [Appeals court temporarily halts Dakota Access pipeline shutdown](#) [Joe Biden's \\$2 trillion climate plan aims to reframe debate](#) [NBC's video service Peacock stresses 'free,' looks to 2021](#)

Graphic

Black Coffin Tattoo owner Garrett Rautio adds ink to Veronica Erickson at his studio in St. Paul on Friday, June 12, 2020. "Other than the masks not much has changed for us," said Rautio, "The masks make it hard to hear and I don't hear very good to begin with." Black Coffin Tattoo already practices stringent cleaning protocols for blood-borne pathogens and has added temperature checks and hand sanitizer, along with mandatory masks, as precautions against COVID-19. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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THE DRIVE

ARTICLE DCLXXXVIII. [THE DRIVE](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 7A**Length:** 587 words**Byline:** TIM HARLOW; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Scooters may return to Mpls. by next month**Body**

Electric scooters have been missing from the transportation landscape this year. But they are just a City Council vote away from returning to Minneapolis streets.

The city's Policy and Government Oversight Committee (POGO) is expected Thursday to approve up to six scooter vendors. The measure then would go to the City Council on June 26. If passed, "scooters would be deployed the first part of July," said spokesman Casper Hill.

Minneapolis scored applications from six vendors in March using several criteria, including safety, equity and efforts to increase active transportation. City officials chose two of them: Bird and Lyft.

But due to challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, officials are revising their original plan of having only two vendors for the 2020 program, saying it's "no longer appropriate," according to a new licensing agreement proposal that POGO will discuss. The city had not executed license agreements with either Lyft or Bird, allowing for the change in plans.

Each vendor selected will have to deploy at least 200 scooters by July 1, with another 200 by Aug. 1; after that they can deploy up to their allotted total. A maximum of 2,500 scooters divided among selected vendors would be allowed on city streets under the new proposal.

There were more than 150,000 unique scooter users in 2019, according to city data, and scooters provided more than 1 million rides.

But it remains to be seen if scooters will remain popular as concerns over shared transportation due to COVID-19 continue. Nice Ride, the city's bike-sharing program, has seen a noticeable downturn this year, said spokeswoman Kaitlyn Carl.

Through June 6, the popular bike-share program had tallied 43,471 rides. That includes rides taken by those on the front lines fighting the coronavirus pandemic who were given free memberships this year. Nice Ride users logged 59,629 trips during the first two months of the 2019 season.

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Last week, ridership was down by about 6,000 compared with the same week last year. The program was temporarily shut down last week at the direction of the city, which may have contributed to part of the large drop-off, Carl said. The program since has reopened.

Lyft, which operates Nice Ride, is forging ahead. It debuted its new fleet of electric pedal-assisted bikes this month and hopes its scooters will follow, Carl said.

Hourcar on Lake Street

Hourcar, a Twin Cities carsharing program, is looking to reopen its Lake Street hub after its 2014 Honda Civic, parked in the Midtown Exchange ramp, was destroyed in a fire following the death of **George Floyd**, the black man who died at the hands of Minneapolis police May 25.

CEO Paul Schroeder said Hourcar is talking with the ramp manager and property landlord to get the south Minneapolis hub reopened as soon as possible. Until then, users are being directed to the nearest Hourcar hub about a mile away at the Midtown YWCA.

Hourcar has been on Lake Street since 2012 and the Midtown hub has been "well used," Schroeder said. It's important to be there as the diverse and low-income neighborhood attempts to rebuild and heal, Schroeder said.

"This hub has a history for us, and we want to keep it," he said.

Hourcar may increase its Lake Street presence. The company is looking to open additional hubs along the corridor, Schroeder said.

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Wipfli will consolidate suburban offices in downtown Minneapolis, bringing 185 employees

ARTICLE DCLXXXIX.

**[WIPFLI WILL CONSOLIDATE SUBURBAN OFFICES IN
DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS, BRINGING 185 EMPLOYEES](#)**

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Byline: Nick Halter

Body

Accounting firm Wipfli LLP will consolidate its two Twin Cities suburban offices in Edina and Lake Elmo into a single office in downtown Minneapolis.

The company has signed a lease for 32,500 square feet in Fifth Street Towers. The space will accommodate Wipfli's 185-plus Twin Cities employees, according to Jason Muhlstein, Wipfli's Twin Cities Market Leader.

"We expect this will increase collaboration among associates and our centers of influence resulting in value add for our clients, associates and our new talent acquisition efforts," Muhlstein said in an email.

Wipfli said it was attracted to downtown because of its growing and thriving professional business community, skyway system, proximity to sports and culture and public transportation options. Fifth Street Towers' relatively new fitness center, tenant lounge and other amenities were appealing to Wipfli, Muhlstein said.

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Minneapolis-based HGA is designing Wipfli's new office, which will be in the complex's 150 Tower on the 19th and 20th floors.

"Our new Wipfli Workplace Strategy - which is our office space design and technology blueprint - takes into account recent workspace trends of associates working remotely and wanting flexibility in where they work and the spaces they have available to them when they are in the office," Muhlstein said.

Wipfli is scheduled to make the move in November and acknowledges that Covid-19 may still be a concern at that time.

"I expect that we will re-evaluate and adjust our internal policies and the physical workspaces closer to our move date," he said. "We are considering process and potential work space furniture modifications as a way to address the fluid Covid-19 situation."

Downtown Minneapolis has attracted many suburban tenants in recent years, and Fifth Street Towers played a big role in that migration. Other tenants making the move from the suburbs to Fifth Street Towers include Country Financial (130 employees) and hearing aid distributor Amplifon (200 employees).

Wipfli signed the lease before Covid-19 hit and before the death and aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s killing in police custody. Minneapolis Downtown Council CEO and President Steve Cramer said he's pleased to see Wipfli stick to its plans despite some tumultuous times in Minneapolis.

"It raised some questions about the future of downtown," Cramer said of Covid and the fallout from the Floyd killing. "We are glad to see Wipfli continue with their decision to come downtown and we hope it will be a signal to others that downtown is going to be alive and well as we come out of this in the months and years ahead."

Transwestern's Minneapolis offices handles leasing for Fifth Street Towers.

Milwaukee-based Wipfli is an accounting and business consulting firm with 2,400 associates and 50 offices.

Correction:

An earlier version of this story gave an incorrect time for when Wipfli signed the lease.

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WNBA to return in late July with 22-game regular season

ARTICLE DCXC. [WNBA TO RETURN IN LATE JULY WITH 22-GAME REGULAR SEASON](#)

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Highlight: After months of delay due to the coronavirus pandemic, and significant discussions with everyone involved, the WNBA announced Monday that it will officially return to play in late July. The plan itself features a 22-game regular season followed by a traditional playoff format, according to a release, and will take place at IMG Academy in [...]

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After months of delay due to the coronavirus pandemic, and significant discussions with everyone involved, the WNBA announced Monday that it will officially return to play in late July.

The plan itself features a 22-game regular season followed by a traditional playoff format, according to a release, and will take place at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. That also will be the site for league-wide training camps, which are expected to start in early July.

"We are finalizing a season start plan to build on the tremendous momentum generated in the league during the offseason and have used the guiding principles of health and safety of players and essential staff to establish necessary and extensive protocols," commissioner Cathy Engelbert said in a release. "We will continue to consult with medical experts and public health officials as well as players, team owners and other stakeholders as we move forward with our execution plan."

All players will receive their full pay and benefits during the season. No fans will be in attendance due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In a prepared statement Lynx coach and general manager Cheryl Reeve said while the team is excited to learn more details about the upcoming season, it won't lose sight of the social issues it has been so vocal about in the past.

"Our team is committed to continuing the conversation around the racial injustice issues that permeate our society," Reeve said in a statement. "It is important that we use our voices to amplify the inequities that black and brown people face every day and we will work tirelessly to address these issues, particularly, issues pertaining to police brutality, especially in Minneapolis."

WNBA to return in late July with 22-game regular season

That commitment will continue at a league level, too, as the WNBA said it plans to build on its commitment to social justice and will support players in launching a bold social justice platform as a call to action to drive impactful, measurable and meaningful change. "The WNBA opposes racism in all its forms, and ***George Floyd*** and Breonna Taylor are the latest names in a list of countless others who have been subject to police brutality that stems from the systemic oppression of Black Lives in America," Engelbert said in a release. "It is our collective responsibility to use our platforms to enact change."

This is an important time for the WNBA, according to Women's National Basketball Players Association president Nneka Ogwumike, as it gives the players a platform to amplify their collective voices in an effort to enact change.

"We have always been at the forefront of initiatives with strong support of #BlackLivesMatter, #SayHerName, the LGBTQ+ community, gun control, voting rights, #MeToo, mental health and the list goes on," Ogwumike said in a release. "This is not only necessary from a humanitarian perspective. It may be one of the biggest opportunities that this league has and will ever have." [*Karima Christmas-Kelly has played just six games for the Lynx. Now she's a team captain.*](#) [*John Shipley: So far, nothing enjoyable about rebooting pro sports*](#) [*'She's my shero.' Lynx teammates praise Maya Moore's fight for justice*](#) [*Lynx take high road as peers complain about conditions inside WNBA bubble*](#) [*Jace Frederick: Athletes, coaches must be extra vigilant in maintaining safety as sports return to play*](#)

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'You can call me a snitch if you want'

ARTICLE DCXCI. ['YOU CAN CALL ME A SNITCH IF YOU WANT'](#)

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Byline: LIBOR JANY; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: 911 dispatcher recorded asking supervisor to respond to Floyd scene.

Body

A 911 dispatcher watching real-time footage of [George Floyd](#)'s arrest in south Minneapolis last month became concerned about the officers' behavior and told a police supervisor she didn't want to "snitch" but thought he should be made aware of the situation, according to an audio recording.

The supervisor promised to "find out" what was happening, but didn't immediately respond to the scene.

The recording of a phone conversation between the supervisor and the dispatcher - neither of whom was identified - was released Monday on the city's website, along with transcripts of two 911 calls about the incident.

Floyd, 46, died May 25 after being pinned to the pavement by the neck by officer [Derek Chauvin](#), who has since been charged with murder and manslaughter. Three other officers involved in the encounter, [Thomas Lane](#), [J. Alexander Kueng](#) and [Tou Thao](#), have been charged with aiding and abetting manslaughter and murder. All four have been fired.

Taken together, the new revelations raise yet more questions about the events that led to Floyd's death on a South Side street corner, which ignited worldwide protests over racial injustice and police brutality.

In the recorded phone conversation, the dispatcher appeared concerned about a police encounter outside Cup Foods, at 3759 Chicago Av., but told the supervisor she didn't know whether force had been used.

"I don't know, you can call me a snitch if you want to but we have the cameras up for [squad] 320's call, and ... I don't know if they had to use force or not, but they got something out of the back of the squad, and all of them sat on this man, so I don't know if they needed you or not, but they haven't said anything to me yet," the dispatcher is heard saying, using the call sign of the police squad being driven by Lane and Kueng.

The supervisor responds: "Yeah, they haven't said anything yet ... just a takedown, which doesn't count, but I'll find out."

'You can call me a snitch if you want'

"No problem, we don't get to ever see it so when we see it we're just like, well, that looks a little different, but ...," the dispatcher said, her voice trailing off.

"Sounds good, bye," the supervisor said.

The phone conversation, according to the time stamp, lasted less than a minute and ended at 8:31 p.m.

Under department rules, a supervisor is supposed to be notified anytime an officer uses force, with few exceptions, and the supervisor usually responds to the scene.

A police dispatch report shows that the first supervisor to the scene was Sgt. David Pleoger, who didn't arrive until 8:45 p.m. - about 37 minutes after officers first encountered Floyd and 14 minutes after the call with the dispatcher ended. Pleoger is a supervisor on the Third Precinct's middle watch. It's unclear whether he is the supervisor in the recording.

Department spokesman John Elder declined to comment on the recording, citing the ongoing investigation into Floyd's death. But he said that much like other cities, Minneapolis relies on a network of 250 to 300 cameras spread across the city, called the Milestone system, to help solve crimes and monitor developing events.

"Really what it does is help us have another set of eyes at key locations throughout the city," Elder said, adding that he didn't know what first drew the dispatcher's attention to the Floyd call.

The incident began with police being called about a counterfeit \$20 bill and ended with three officers pinning the handcuffed Floyd to the ground, ignoring his repeated pleas that he couldn't breathe.

Locally, the case has raised serious questions about the department's future amid a burgeoning state probe, with activists and some council members calling for dismantling the Police Department in favor of a "public safety system" that is more equitable.

The telephone recording underscored the chaotic nature of the evening of Floyd's death, after which a police spokesman sent out a brief statement saying that Floyd had died from a "medical incident," while a bystander's video of the encounter quickly went viral. Department officials said they were working from the information they had at the time, and later revealed more details of the incident.

The latest data release also included transcripts of two 911 calls made by bystanders to report the officers involved, including one by an off-duty city firefighter who happened upon the scene.

"Hello, I am on the block of 38th and Chicago and I literally watched police officers not take a pulse and not do anything to save a man, and I am a first responder myself, and I literally have it on video camera," the unidentified firefighter says, according to the transcript. "I just happened to be on a walk so, this dude, this, they [expletive] killed him so ..."

The transcript shows that the firefighter asked to speak with the officers' supervisors to explain the situation, but then the line disconnected. The dispatcher tried to call back several times, but the calls went to voice mail each time.

The transcript of the second 911 call, which came in at 8:32 p.m., features someone reporting that an officer "pretty much just killed this guy that wasn't resisting arrest." When the call taker asks whether there is a

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supervisor on the scene, the caller doesn't respond; eventually, the caller is transferred to a sergeant at the Third Precinct.

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Blake girls soccer team leads an active soccer community fundraiser to rebuild Lake Street, support social justice

ARTICLE DCXCII. **[BLAKE GIRLS SOCCER TEAM LEADS AN ACTIVE SOCCER COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER TO REBUILD LAKE STREET, SUPPORT SOCIAL JUSTICE](#)**

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Highlight: A college athlete-driven fundraiser in California raised nearly \$80,000 for ***Black Lives Matter*** earlier this month. The premise of the fundraiser was simple: Athletes around the country would walk, run, bike or swim 8.46 miles to signify the 8 minutes, 46 seconds in which a Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** kneeled on the neck of [...]

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Blake girls soccer coach Kelsey Hans caught wind of the fundraiser when the UCLA women's soccer program announced it was joining the effort. Hans immediately thought to ask her team's captains - Amelia Reyes, Cate Moe, Bailey Abraham and Rachel Winkey - if they would like to do something similar.

They were in.

"We went from there pretty quickly," Reyes said.

The team decided to do 8.46 miles Wednesday - by walking, running, biking or swimming - with a goal of raising at least \$8,460. They had nearly hit the \$5,000 by mid-Tuesday afternoon. [*They had nearly hit the \\$5,000 by mid-Tuesday afternoon.*](#)

While Hans sprouted the idea and helped set up the GoFundMe page, her players have since taken the reins.

"It's been really student-driven, which has been fun to see," Hans said. "I think that age of kids can be very ego-centric and just concerned with their social group or what's going on in their lives, and so it's rewarding and I'm just kind of inspired by their drive to make a change."

It's not just her team, either. The Bears players have spread the fundraiser to other teams through social media and word of mouth.

Blake girls soccer team leads an active soccer community fundraiser to rebuild Lake Street, support social justice

Blake, Orono, Edina, Eagan, Minneapolis Washburn, Coon Rapids, Breck, Wayzata and Minnetonka, as well as a host of club teams, have joined the effort and will support and/or participate in the fundraiser. The Blake girls team will participate alongside the Bears boys team.

"I didn't really think it'd reach outside of the Blake program," Hans said. "It's fun and neat to see just how interested people are in raising awareness about racial injustice, especially at that age."

The proceeds for the fundraiser will go directly to the Lake Street Council to help rebuild the community that was significantly impacted in the aftermath of Floyd's killing.

Winkey said a number of Blake players had been doing things on their own, such as donating food, and were able to go into the city and witness the destruction firsthand. They wanted the money to help rebuild the local community.

"There's like a community aspect to the whole thing," Reyes said. "Rebuilding Lake Street seems like something that's positive and it still brings attention to issues."

Hans has made a point to speak with her captains about those issues, specifically racial and social inequalities. Those are things that she said should be recognized and discussed. She wants to make sure her team is creating an open space for everyone on the field and in the school to feel comfortable being who they are.

"I think that it isn't even a question of why is it important. It just should be," Reyes said. "If you think it's not important or you don't care, you must not be paying attention. I think we all understand the severity and the importance of it all."

Winkey said with the chaos and inequality taking place, being silent and failing to step forward isn't a valid way to support those issues.

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"You really have to get out and do something," she said. "I think it's important to us as athletes to be taking a stand and trying to help."

The captains also agreed Wednesday will provide a nice opportunity to reconnect with teammates they haven't seen in months, and do so in an active way. As of last week, they weren't yet sure which method of transportation they'd take.

Their coach was, though.

"I'll probably bike it," Hans said, "because I can't run that far."

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Protesters demonstrate for a second night in St. Cloud; police use tear gas

ARTICLE DCXCIII. [**PROTESTERS DEMONSTRATE FOR A SECOND NIGHT IN ST. CLOUD; POLICE USE TEAR GAS**](#)

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Body

ST. CLOUD, Minn. - Police used tear gas to disperse a crowd early Tuesday during a second consecutive night of unrest in St. Cloud.

About 100 people demonstrated with some protesters chanting some of *George Floyd's* last words "*I can't breathe*" before he died on a Minneapolis street.

A dumpster was set on fire and pushed into the middle of a street, the St. Cloud Times reported.

Officers used their patrol cars to cordon off Southtown Liquors store, which appeared to have been broken into with glass and bottles strewn about.

Police arrested 37 adults and two juveniles on unlawful assembly charges. One adult was arrested on suspicion of burglarizing the liquor store.

A similar crowd had gathered early Monday after a rumor spread on social media that police had shot two black men. In fact, a police officer was shot in the hand while struggling to make an arrest. No officers returned fire while struggling with the man, officials said.

Th protests come about three weeks after Floyd's death in Minneapolis, some 65 miles southeast of St. Cloud.

The death of Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, has sparked worldwide protests over police brutality and racism. He died after *Derek Chauvin*, a white officer, used his knee to pin down Floyd's neck for several minutes as Floyd pleaded for air and eventually stopped moving. [*Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'*](#) [*Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest*](#) [*George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death*](#)

Protesters demonstrate for a second night in St. Cloud; police use tear gas

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Advocating for police reform, St. Paul mayor testifies to U.S. Senate panel via video

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Body

Recalling "superhero officers" who knew him by name as a child and efforts at police reform in his own city, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter added his voice to a national policing debate on Tuesday when he delivered remarks via a video link to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington.

"It's not just about hiring officers (of color)," said Carter, in response to a question about the impact of diversity in hiring within police forces. "It's about understanding people who are part of the community in the first place. ... If you know the children in the community ... you come up with a whole lot of reasons not to shoot someone."

The committee, chaired by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, [*held a full hearing on police use of force standards and police community relations*](#), including the proposed Justice in Policing Act.

The act, authored by Democrats, would establish new national standards for police departments, mandate data collection on police encounters and reroute existing funds toward community-based policing programs. It would also make it easier to prosecute officers for excessive force.

Carter, who [*testified in support of the act*](#), was invited by and introduced to the committee by U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a co-sponsor of the proposed legislation.

Klobuchar, a Democrat, along with fellow Minnesotan Sen. Tina Smith and 23 colleagues, has asked U.S. Attorney General William Barr and the Department of Justice to open an investigation into "patterns and practices" of racially discriminatory and violent policing in the [*Minneapolis Police Department*](#).

Barr has yet to formally respond to the request, which was triggered by the recent death of [*George Floyd*](#), a black man in the custody of four Minneapolis police officers.

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The mayor noted his father, Melvin Carter Jr., served 28 years as a police officer and sergeant after the court-ordered integration of the St. Paul Police Department.

"Because of that integration order, my friends and I grew up surrounded by superhero officers who knew us by name, were invested in our future and solved local problems in ways that literally no one else could," Carter said.

"Still, I grew up with a set of rules that did not apply to my white classmates: they could drive a decent vehicle, admire a nice house, jog through a business district, or glance into a passing squad car without fear of being stopped and questioned by police," the mayor said. "Experiences like these, which are common among black and brown Americans, breed distrust and resentment which hurt us all."

Carter said studies show individuals who trust law enforcement are more likely to cooperate with officers, report a crime in progress and come forward as cooperative witnesses.

"It's time we challenge our country's long held myth of public safety as a simple function of police, prisons and prosecutors," the mayor said. "We spend nearly \$200 billion on law enforcement and corrections annually, to maintain the highest imprisonment rate on the planet. Yet, despite steady increases in public safety budgets over three decades, Americans feel less safe every year."

In St. Paul, the city has rewritten policies governing use of force [*and limited use of police dogs*](#), and in progress.

The city has also embedded social workers with officers to co-respond to individuals in crisis and added restorative justice circles for nonviolent offenders.

Last year, the city reduced the police department's authorized strength by five officers in favor of .

The mayor joined other advocates in calling for ending qualified immunity for officers, which shields law enforcement from most federal civil suits around police brutality.

"We fire officers only to see them shielded from accountability, reinstated through arbitration, or hired into another agency that has no knowledge of their past," Carter said. [*Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis' terminated five officers accused of willfully failing to stop an assault a "Community First" public safety effort that, to the frustration of some city council members, is still being fine-tuned at city hall*](#) [*Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest*](#) [*George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death*](#)

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Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, and Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., listen to video testimony from St. Paul, Minn., Mayor Melvin Carter during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on police use of force and community relations on on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 in Washington. (Jonathan Ernst/Pool via AP)

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Duluth's reckoning

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DULUTH - Gov. Tim Walz gazed up at three bronze faces memorializing the men murdered a century ago Monday on the very downtown corner where he stood.

The governor got a tour of Duluth's painful history exactly 100 years after a white mob lynched three black circus workers, Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie.

Carl Crawford, Duluth's human rights officer, met Walz and his family at the former police station where the men were ripped from their cells on June 15, 1920. The trio was among a group of six black men accused of raping a white woman, Irene Tusken, though her doctor found no evidence of an assault.

From the jail, Crawford brought Walz to the memorial at the intersection of First Street and E. Second Avenue, the spot where Clayton, Jackson and McGhie were killed.

"There is an unbroken line between what happened on that street corner 100 years ago right to **George Floyd**'s murder on the streets of Minneapolis," Walz said later, speaking from the steps of Duluth's City Hall.

The governor's visit marked his first trip outside the Twin Cities since Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police three

weeks ago. The killing sparked protests across the country, spurring a surge of calls for criminal justice reform and the defunding of police departments.

"I think the frustrations, the anger, the things that spiraled out of control in some of the rioting - all of those are part of a story, but we can't let it detract from what the narrative is here," Walz said. "**Systemic racism** is prevalent and has been here. It has caused great pain and it is holding all of us back from being the type of state that we want to be."

"Whether you like it or not," he added, "we're going to be defined either by the murder of **George Floyd** or by how we respond to the murder of **George Floyd**."

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Walz praised Duluth for acknowledging the lynchings, which for decades were barely discussed. In the early 2000s, a group of local activists raised money to build the memorial and remind the city of the shameful episode in its history. Long-planned events slated to bring 10,000 visitors to Duluth for the centennial were postponed because of COVID-19.

Once again linking the past and present, Walz urged Minnesotans not to shy away from tough conversations about race and equity happening since Floyd's death.

"I think if this moment passes, the systemic issues of racism will be so much harder to change," he said.

The governor met privately with 10 Duluth residents, all people of color, to discuss police brutality and other concerns for their community.

"I think it struck a chord with him because he probably didn't expect to hear me say that the same stuff has now happened to three generations - my parents, myself and my son," said Christina Trok, who sat in the meeting beside her 15-year-old son, Sterling.

"As a mother, I have to fear every single day when my son walks out the door if he's going to come back," she said.

Trok said the governor's words gave her hope. Walz said his goal as governor on issues of race is "to get things through that people in these communities have said will make a difference in their lives for, in many cases, generations."

He spoke broadly of intent to implement policies to lessen gaps between the state's white and black populations, mentioning health, housing and education disparities.

The former high school teacher noted he was talking with his daughter, Hope, about how painful parts of Minnesota's history often aren't in today's textbooks - like the Duluth lynchings and the Native history of "the land that we stand on."

"We need to think deeply about how we teach these in school," he said. "We need to think deeply about having that reconciliation so the story is told."

On Friday, the state corrected a chapter in its legal history by granting of its first posthumous pardon ever to Max Mason, who was convicted, without evidence, of Tusken's rape in 1920. Backers of the pardon called Mason - who worked alongside Clayton, Jackson and McGhie - a "scapegoat" to excuse the actions of the lynch mob.

"We can't control what our grandma and grandpa did, but we can control what we do," Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said Monday at the memorial, where about 150 people gathered for a cookout.

Walz, Ellison and state Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Gildea make up the three-member board that voted to grant Mason's pardon.

The governor placed Ellison in charge of prosecutions related to Floyd's death. ***Derek Chauvin***, the white officer who kept his knee on Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes while he pleaded for breath, faces second-degree murder charges. Three other officers have been charged with aiding and abetting.

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"This is a social disease buried deep in the core of our identity. It was there from the beginning," Ellison said.

Some laid flowers beneath the reliefs of Clayton, Jackson and McGhie as Bob Marley's music blasted from speakers. Sterling Trok posed for a photo with Ellison and received an offer from a federal judge to come shadow him in court someday.

Christina Trok, who was born and raised in Duluth, said it felt "therapeutic" to share her perspective with those in positions of power.

"I felt solidarity in the room. I felt strength in the room," she said. "And I felt that people were listening."

Staff writer Brooks Johnson contributed to this story.

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Senate GOP to restrict police chokeholds in emerging bill

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Length: 1150 words**Byline:** Lisa Mascaro**Highlight:** WASHINGTON (AP) - Driven by a swift-moving national debate, Senate Republicans are on the brink of introducing an extensive package of policing changes with new restrictions on police chokeholds and other practices as Congress rushes to respond to mass demonstrations over the deaths of [George Floyd](#) and other black Americans.**Body**

WASHINGTON - Driven by a swift-moving national debate, Senate Republicans are on the brink of introducing an extensive package of policing changes with new restrictions on police chokeholds and other practices as Congress rushes to respond to mass demonstrations over the deaths of [George Floyd](#) and other black Americans.

It's a sudden shift of GOP priorities, with President Donald Trump signaling support. The White House will announce its own executive actions on law enforcement procedures on Tuesday, a crush of activity that shows how quickly protests over police violence and racial prejudice are transforming national politics.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell opened the chamber Monday declaring that Senate Republicans are developing "a serious proposal to reform law enforcement."

While the emerging GOP package isn't as extensive as the sweeping Democratic proposal, which is headed for a House vote next week, it includes perhaps the most far-reaching proposed changes to policing procedures from the party long aligned with a "law and order" approach. Confronted with a groundswell of public unrest over police violence, in cities large and small nationwide, even the most conservative senators are joining the effort.

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the sole African American Republican in the Senate, has been crafting the package set to roll out Wednesday, and said he spoke with Trump about it over the weekend. Scott warned that pushing voting into later this summer would be a "bad decision." He has said the chokehold, in particular, "is a policy whose time has come and gone."

The weekend shooting death of Rayshard Brooks by a white officer in Atlanta led to a renewed public outcry, more street protests and the police chief's swift resignation.

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Democrats have said the GOP package doesn't go far enough to match the outpouring of support for reforms. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer warned Republicans not to settle for minor changes.

"Now is the time to seek bold and broad-scale change, not change around the margins," Schumer said Monday.

Two senior administration officials told reporters that Trump's executive order would include establishing a database that tracks police officers who have complaints about excessive use of force in their records. The officials said the president wants to keep officers facing such accusations from being able to hop from one police department to another.

The officials said the executive order would also establish a national credentialing system that would give police departments a financial incentive to adopt best practices on such things as use of deadly force. The two officials briefed reporters on the executive order on the condition that they not be identified.

With the political debate fluid, it is unclear whether the parties will be able to find common ground. The proposals share many similar provisions but take different approaches to address some of the issues. Neither bill goes as far as some activists want in their push to "defund the police" by fully revamping departments.

The debate is changing almost daily, complicated by the fall election, with the Senate Republican majority at risk. McConnell, who is up for reelection in November, is backing the GOP effort after the death of Breonna Taylor when police entered her home in Louisville. It's a dynamic political environment in the aftermath of the killing of black Americans and the outpouring of protests and **Black Lives Matter** demonstrations that have overwhelmingly altered the national conversation.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to consider policing issues at a hearing Tuesday.

Central to the Republican package would be the creation of a national database of police use-of-force incidents, similar to what the president is proposing in the executive order to improve transparency so officers cannot transfer without public oversight of their records. The Democrats have a similar provision.

The GOP bill would encourage police body cameras and include a long-stalled effort to make lynching a federal hate crime.

Additionally, the Republican package is expected to restrict the use of chokeholds by withholding certain federal funds to jurisdictions that continue to allow the practice, according to a Senate Republican unauthorized to discuss the pending bill and granted anonymity.

While chokeholds have become a symbol of police brutality - and a ban is included in the Democrats' bill - the maneuver is already banned in many departments. Police nationwide are far more likely to kill someone by shooting.

Yet the Republican bill does not go as far as the Democratic proposal, particularly on the issue of eliminating "qualified immunity," which would enable those injured by law enforcement personnel to sue for damages. The White House has said that is a line too far. But it's a timely issue after the Supreme Court on Monday declined to get involved, rejecting cases to take up the issue. As an alternative, Scott has suggested a "decertification" process for officers involved in misconduct.

Still, Democrats signaled a willingness to look at the Republican approach for areas of common ground.

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"Nothing is a non-starter," said Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, the House's third-ranking Democrat, on a conference call with reporters.

Democrats face criticism over activists' calls to defund the police, and party leaders in Congress have distanced themselves from that approach. It focuses on shifting policing resources to other community services. Democrats did not include it in their bill, which instead provides grants for jurisdictions to consider new ways of policing.

Leading civil rights groups have backed the Democratic bill, but it's unclear if the Republican proposal will be extensive enough to gain broad support.

"This is really a moral issue at this point," said Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

In an interview, she warned that any bill with "half measures" will be "woefully insufficient to meet the moment."

At the same time, one large police union, the influential Fraternal Order of Police, said in a statement it is working with Congress and the White House on the proposals, having provided "feedback" on the Democratic bill and "substantial input" on the emerging GOP package from Scott.

Associated Press writers Mary Clare Jalonick, Kevin Freking, Colleen Long, Michael Balsamo and Padmananda Rama contributed to this report. [Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'](#) [Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect](#) [St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting](#) [Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest](#) [George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death](#)

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When I first became a law enforcement officer over two decades ago, I swore an oath to serve and protect the people of Duluth. As I watched the video of [George Floyd](#) dying at the hands of police officers who swore this same oath in Minneapolis, I was at a loss for words. What I saw in that video went against everything I stood for as a police officer. Their inhumane actions betrayed the badge and damaged the public's trust in law enforcement officers, the overwhelming majority of whom serve their communities with compassion and dedication.

[George Floyd](#)'s life mattered, and I believe the best way to honor his memory is by enacting meaningful and lasting change within police departments nationwide. Reforms must be made at all stages of policing to prevent more abuses of power and restore the public's trust.

When it comes to hiring an officer, there is no room for mistakes. Reforms must be made to ensure education standards, comprehensive psychological screening and extensive background checks before new officers are hired. When new officers hit the streets, they must follow a qualified training program administered by a training officer who is a leader within their department, understands the community they serve and operates under a community policing philosophy.

Police training officers must be chosen based on their character, community relations skills, knowledge and experience and must continuously train on relevant topics.

It is also imperative that officers and departments alike are held to the highest degree of accountability. This means implementing body cameras in every department. Body camera footage can be used for training purposes, to identify bad policing conduct, to assist in prosecution, and to exonerate.

Changes also must be made to help police chiefs fire bad police officers. Currently, in Minnesota, police departments are public employers and therefore state law allows any termination to be appealed. This process, called arbitration, is all too often the flip of a coin and allows officers who consciously and continuously make egregious mistakes to return to policing. This system must be reformed.

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During my 23 years on the police force, I became an expert in community policing. When community policing practices are properly implemented, you do not end up policing your community, you end up policing with your community. To build up trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve, it is crucial that police have meaningful interactions with their community on a regular basis.

Therefore, I believe one of the most important steps going forward is requiring police departments to implement a set of community policing standards, using best practices that allow officers to be viewed as participants in the community rather than just responders to calls for service. Any federal funding that is distributed must follow the implementation of community policing best practices.

As violent riots and civil unrest took place in the Twin Cities and across the nation, countless attacks on law enforcement and citizens occurred without repercussion. Despite what the Minneapolis City Council might think, law enforcement is necessary, and abolishing the *Minneapolis Police Department* is not the answer. We need to inspire the best and the brightest to come forward to serve as police in our communities, but it will be impossible to do so if violence against law enforcement is tolerated and if we don't recognize most of our police officers are of good character.

Assaults on a law enforcement officer must be met with consequences and we must encourage good people to enter policing.

As a former police officer turned congressman, I remain committed to enacting change at the federal level. However, implementing community policing best practices alone isn't going to be enough. Lasting reform truly begins at the kitchen table with our loved ones. We must teach our children to love their neighbor, encourage them to stand up for others, and inspire them to serve as forces for good in our respective communities.

As Americans, we all have a role to play in the healing of our nation. I have no doubt that we will rise to the occasion.

Pete Stauber, a Republican, represents Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District in the U.S. House.

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Injured photographer sues law enforcement

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INJURED PHOTOGRAPHER SUES LAW ENFORCEMENT

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A journalist who was covering the recent rioting in Minneapolis alleges in a lawsuit that law enforcement blinded her in one eye with a nonlethal projectile fired at her despite her declaring in words and documentation that she was a member of the news media.

Linda Tirado's suit, filed last week in U.S. District Court, names as defendants the city of Minneapolis and its police chief, Medaria Arradondo; Lt. Robert Kroll, in his capacity as head of the city's police union; state Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, and State Patrol Col. Matt Langer.

"John Does 1-4" are also among the defendants, referring to unidentified officers she alleges played a role in her injury soon after curfew on the night of May 29, when the 37-year-old from Nashville was wounded.

The suit does not specify which agency's officers injured Tirado; however, her attorneys told the Star Tribune on Monday that the officers who targeted her were with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

Tirado's attorneys provided a photograph that they say was her last at the scene and that it shows Minneapolis officers aiming at her before opening fire.

Police spokesman John Elder said in response that "it very well could have been us" who injured Tirado with a foam bullet as her attorneys contend.

Other than Elder's comments on behalf of the Police Department, defendants associated with the city have not responded to requests for reaction to Tirado's allegations.

While standing between protesters and a line of officers near the Third Precinct police headquarters in south Minneapolis, police "ignored the press credential she wore around her neck" and first marked her with a "ballistic tracking round" and then "shot her in her face with foam bullets," according to the suit.

A bleeding Tirado "cried out repeatedly, 'I'm press!' But the police ignored her," the suit continued, while also pointing out that Gov. Tim Walz's nighttime curfews during the unrest had exempted on-duty news media.

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The shot shattered her protective goggles, allowing tear gas to burn her eyes, the filing read. She continued to yell "I'm press!" while bleeding, but no law enforcement personnel came to her aid, her suit alleges.

Protesters led her to a medic before she was taken to a hospital, where she awoke from surgery and was told she was permanently blind in her left eye.

Bruce Gordon, a spokesman for defendants Harrington and Langer, said "the State Patrol is unable to discuss specifics of the litigation."

However, Gordon did point to a statement state law enforcement issued in reaction to an earlier lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of several journalists who were injured or arrested over the course of the protests.

"When conducting law enforcement operations to restore order and keep people safe, it can be difficult for officers to distinguish journalists from those who are violating a curfew order or not complying with commands to leave an area," the statement read. "While not all of the incidents involve the Minnesota State Patrol, we are reviewing the incidents involving our troopers in an effort to prevent similar incidents in the future."

Tirado, the mother of a 9- and 7-year-old, has lost some hearing in her left ear from the projectile hitting her in the head, the suit said.

Her injuries have meant that she "does not anticipate returning to anything approaching her usual work life for at least six months," the suit noted.

The suit does not specify a dollar amount being sought for Tirado, but it asks for punitive and compensatory damages along with an order from the court of the defendants to stop using "excessive force to stifle coverage of protests."

One of Tirado's attorneys, Davida Williams, said her client intends to donate a portion of what she might receive to social justice causes.

Along with being a photographer, Tirado is a published author. She wrote a memoir titled "Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America." She's also written for the Guardian in London, the Daily Beast and other online outlets.

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What's in Trump's executive order on police procedures? Here's a look.

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Congress is also moving toward passing policing bills, but Trump was anxious to put his own stamp on the issue with a Rose Garden press conference in which he was flanked by representatives from the nation's leading law enforcement groups.

Here's a look at some of the topics in the order:

WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROVISIONS?

The executive order would give police departments a financial incentive to adopt best practices and encourage programs in which social workers join police when they respond to nonviolent calls involving mental health, addiction and homeless issues.

The president's executive order also requires the attorney general to create a database tracking terminations, criminal convictions and civil judgments against law enforcement officers for excessive use-of-force. It encourages participation by providing certain grants only to those agencies that submit the required information.

WHY TRACK OFFICER MISCONDUCT?

Many officers who wind up involved in a fatal incident have a long history of complaints made against them by the public, including **Derek Chauvin**, the white Minneapolis police officer who has been charged with murder in the death of **George Floyd**. Chauvin had at least a dozen complaints made against him, according to records.

What's in Trump's executive order on police procedures? Here's a look.

But those records are often not made public, making it difficult to know if officers have a track record. And some police departments do a bad job of keeping track of misconduct claims, since not all are substantiated for a variety of reasons, and police reform groups say it's a missed opportunity to identify and correct problem behaviors before it turns fatal.

WHAT WILL A NATIONAL DATABASE DO?

A national database would force some departments into more transparency and accountability, but like other national clearinghouses, it depends on the locality's willingness to participate.

ARE CHOKEHOLDS BANNED?

Trump said he was banning chokeholds, but that's not the case. Rather, he's encouraging such bans through financial incentives.

Chokeholds have become a symbol of police brutality again following the death of Floyd. They are a potentially tactical maneuver in which an officer cuts off air to a person's neck. The officer involved in the death of Eric Garner was accused of using one, but has maintained he was employing a legal takedown maneuver called the seatbelt which is similar but doesn't block air. But chokeholds are already largely banned by many departments around the country.

CAN THE ADMINISTRATION SET CONDITIONS ON FUNDING?

That could be a matter of legal dispute.

There have been a number of lawsuits brought in the past against the Trump administration for attempting to condition the same law enforcement funding on specific policies.

A similar situation happened in 2017 when the Justice Department said it would withhold grant money from so-called sanctuary cities and states until they gave federal immigration authorities access to jails and provide advance notice when someone in the country illegally is about to be released.

Courts around the country have been divided on the issue.

A federal judge in Los Angeles ruled last February to block the Trump administration from imposing conditions that police departments cooperate with immigration authorities to receive law enforcement grants. But earlier this year, a federal appeals court in New York said the administration can withhold millions of dollars in law enforcement grants to force states to cooperate with immigration enforcement. That decision conflicted with three other federal appeals courts.

HOW WOULD CERTIFICATION WORK?

The executive order instructs the Justice Department to push local police departments to be certified by a "reputable independent credentialing body." Under the order, the Justice Department would ensure a department could only be credentialed if its use-of-force policies adhered to federal, state, and local laws.

An organization called the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies already credentials police departments. It lists more than 1,000 departments it has credentialed, out of roughly 18,000 nationwide.

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Matthew Hickman, a professor and criminal justice expert at Seattle University, said there's no definitive research proving credentialed agencies better serve the public.

"It's good for the public, arguably, to know that their agency has gone through a professional accreditation process," he said. "It says something about the commitment to best practices." [*Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'*](#) [*Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest*](#) [*George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death*](#)

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One Book One Minnesota is presented by Friends of the St. Paul Public Library acting as Minnesota Center for the Book, in partnership with State Library Services, a division of the Minnesota Department of Education. Its aim is to read a common title and come together to reflect and discuss.

Beth Burns, president of the Friends, explains in a prepared statement why this book was chosen:

"When we started this program two months ago with 'Because of Winn-Dixie' by Kate DiCamillo, it was in response to the isolation and resource gaps created by the COVID-19 pandemic...Since then, the Minneapolis police murdered ***George Floyd***, and, led by Black community members and activists, the world erupted in grief, protest, and perhaps finally a reckoning that we must confront institutional and ***systemic racism*** - and that means all of us. Reading this book in community offers some Minnesotans the opportunity to see their experiences broadly shared and others a chance to educate themselves and to discover ways to act on their convictions."

During the summer, through local libraries, Minnesotans will be invited to read the featured book and will have access to reading guides, conversation facilitators, and virtual book club discussions. All Minnesotans will be invited to participate in a statewide virtual discussion with the editor in August.

Read 'Race in Minnesota' free in latest statewide book club effort

The book is available on multiple platforms, including the digital book offered free on Ebooks Minnesota for 10 weeks. Hard copies will be available through the Minnesota Historical Society Press and independent bookstores around the state, as well as public libraries as social distancing allows. The public will be encouraged to visit their local library's website for information on the book and virtual discussions. [Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'](#) [Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect](#) [St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting](#) [Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest](#) [George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death](#)

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Sun Yung Shin is the editor of "A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota." (Courtesy of Dan Markworth)

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Downtown residents concerned over police proposals

ARTICLE DCCI. [**DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS CONCERNED OVER POLICE PROPOSALS**](#)

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Byline: DAVID CHANEN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Group speaks to Mpls. City Council members.

Body

Board members of a downtown Minneapolis neighborhood group Monday raised concerns about the City Council's intention to create a new public safety model.

Council Member Steve Fletcher spoke to the group of about 40 via Zoom teleconferencing. People on the call asked several questions, ranging from the possibility of a charter amendment to change the Police Department to the number of peace officers who would continue to be paid to respond to 911 calls.

"The city has been through a lot," said Fletcher. "Three weeks ago, we thought we were in a crisis we never thought we would be governing through because of COVID. Then we woke up to the aftermath of the death of ***George Floyd***."

The meeting was sponsored by the Minneapolis Downtown Neighborhood Association, which covers the Downtown West and East neighborhoods. Its website said it represents the interests of 150,000 people who live, work and own property in the area.

Board member Joe Tamburino, who frequently advocates for more downtown safety and police officers, said the City Council's announcement of a possible charter change for a new public safety model was "reckless" and "sent shock waves" to residents.

Board vice chairman Kevin Frazell said he knows something has to be changed with the Police Department, but hoped that neighborhoods could come together to discuss it. "I hear words like defund, abolish and dismantle, but there isn't a common definition of what these mean," he said. "Before voters go to the polls to change the charter, we need to know what will happen. Fear, anger and trauma can't be the guides for a new public safety department."

Board chairwoman Pam McCrea voiced some frustration about seeing only white faces during the meeting, but said "Floyd's death has brought us all together." She said she heard from relatives living in north Minneapolis that they don't call 911 because they have issues with police.

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Fletcher said he saw hope that a culture change might be happening after a group of Minneapolis police officers signed a letter condemning *Derek Chauvin*'s actions.

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Rumors, unrest in St. Cloud after officer shot in hand by teen

ARTICLE DCCII. **RUMORS, UNREST IN ST. CLOUD AFTER OFFICER SHOT IN HAND
BY TEEN**

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Byline: PAUL WALSH; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Police, civic leaders decry those spreading falsehoods on social media that police had shot two black men.

Body

A St. Cloud police officer was shot in the hand early Monday by a teenager who was resisting arrest, an encounter that ignited rumors of two black men being hit by police gunfire followed by swift rebuttals from civic leaders.

The encounter with the 18-year-old occurred about 12:10 a.m. and ended in the 1000 block of S. 10th Avenue, according to police. The officer was hospitalized with noncritical injuries.

The shooting comes in the midst of global outrage over the deaths of two black men in recent weeks during encounters with white police officers. Three weeks ago in Minneapolis, ***George Floyd*** died after officer ***Derek Chauvin*** kept his knee pinned to Floyd's neck for roughly 8 minutes. Late last week, a white police officer in Atlanta chased and fatally shot a black man.

In connection with the St. Cloud shooting, rumors were quickly posted on social media that two black men had been shot by officers, and a large and at times unruly crowd assembled outside police headquarters overnight, said Police Chief Blair Anderson.

The building "did experience some damage [from] people throwing rocks," the chief said. Officers directed tear gas and chemical irritants to disperse the crowd, and four arrests were made for minor offenses, he said.

Anderson expressed frustration with the role social media had in spreading the rumors.

"It's very dangerous," he said during a news conference at police headquarters. "This is the type of thing that could have escalated. ... This place

could have been on fire over a lie."

Denise Fale, president of the St. Cloud chapter of the NAACP, said the chief came to her about "the miscommunication" circulating in the community.

Rumors, unrest in St. Cloud after officer shot in hand by teen

Word of "two young African-American males being shot ... was not the case," Fale said at the police news conference.

Fale went on to praise how police responded at the scene, saying, "The young man had a gun. ... The officers could have shot him, but [they] showed a tremendous amount of restraint."

The Rev. James Alberts, pastor at the Church of God in Christ in St. Cloud, addressed at the same news conference the trouble that bubbled up outside police headquarters.

"We are sitting in an unprecedented time," Alberts said, pointing to global protests over police in the United States killing black men and women. "The community is rightfully concerned, but there is no one dead here today. We are thankful.

"I am thankful that our police department did not follow in some of the footsteps that we have seen around the country. It is possible to police and not kill."

St. Cloud officers do not wear body cameras, Anderson said. Department squad cars have dash cameras, but those at the scene did not record the incident, the BCA said. Investigators will review nearby video surveillance and video from cameras on police Tasers for evidence, the agency said.

According to a statement police released a few hours after the shooting and a follow-up statement from the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA):

Officers were attempting to stop and detain the suspect at a gas station for what Anderson later said was a suspicion that he had a gun. The suspect ran, and officers soon caught up with him near S. 10th Avenue and University Drive.

"At that point, the suspect physically resisted arrest," a statement from police read.

During the suspect's struggle with police, he drew a handgun and got off a shot that hit one of the officers in the hand.

No officers returned fire while subduing the teen and arresting him. The suspect suffered what appeared to be a cut during his arrest. He also was taken to a hospital and was in stable condition.

One gun was recovered at the scene and another in a nearby residential yard.

Police identified the suspect and said he lives in St. Cloud. The Star Tribune generally does not identify suspects before they are charged.

The wounded officer is a 14-year veteran of the St. Cloud Police Department, and he is among four officers on the force now on standard paid administrative leave. Their identities will be released, the BCA said, once initial interviews with them have been completed.

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'When does it stop?' Rayshard Brooks' family makes tearful plea

ARTICLE DCCIII. **'WHEN DOES IT STOP?' RAYSHARD BROOKS' FAMILY MAKES
TEARFUL PLEA**

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Byline: Russ Bynum, Kate Brumback

Highlight: ATLANTA (AP) - Pleading through tears Monday, the family of a black man killed by Atlanta police outside a drive-thru demanded changes in the criminal justice system and called on protesters to refrain from violence amid heightened tensions across the U.S. three weeks after **George Floyd**'s death in Minneapolis.

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An autopsy found that 27-year-old Rayshard Brooks was shot twice in the back late Friday by a white officer who was trying to arrest him at a fast food restaurant for being intoxicated behind the wheel of his car. Brooks tried to flee after wrestling with officers and grabbing a stun gun from one of them.

"Not only are we hurt, we are angry," said Chassidy Evans, Brooks' niece. "When does it stop? We're not only pleading for justice. We're pleading for change."

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms announced Monday that she was ordering changes to police use-of-force policies, including requiring that officers receive continuous training in how to deescalate situations and use those techniques before taking action that could be fatal. She said she also was requiring officers to intervene if they see a colleague using excessive force.

The mayor said that after Brooks' shooting, it was clear Atlanta did not have "another day, another minute, another hour to waste" in changing police practices.

Other cities nationwide are taking similar steps, and packages of police reforms have been proposed or are emerging in Congress.

About 20 of Brooks' children, siblings, cousins and other family members sobbed at a news conference as over 1,000 people gathered not far away at an NAACP-led protest outside the Georgia Capitol.

'When does it stop?' Rayshard Brooks' family makes tearful plea

Floyd's death May 25 after a white Minneapolis officer pressed his knee into the black man's neck touched off demonstrations and scattered violence across the U.S., and Brooks' killing rekindled those protests in Atlanta. The Wendy's restaurant where Brooks was shot was burned down over the weekend.

Evans said there was no reason for her uncle "to be shot and killed like trash in the street for falling asleep in a drive-thru."

"Rayshard has a family who loves him who would have gladly come and got him so he would be here with us today," she said.

Relatives described Brooks as a loving father of three daughters and a stepson who had a bright smile and a big heart and loved to dance. His oldest daughter learned her father was slain while celebrating her eighth birthday with cupcakes and friends, wearing a special dress as she waited for Brooks to take her skating, said Justin Miller, an attorney for the family.

"There's no justice that can ever make me feel happy about what's been done," said Tomika Miller, Brooks' widow. "I can never get my husband back. ... I can never tell my daughter he's coming to take you skating or for swimming lessons."

She asked those demonstrating to "keep the protesting peaceful," saying: "We want to keep his name positive and great."

Several Democratic lawmakers joined protesters and called for Georgia to pass reforms including the repeal of the state's citizen's arrest and stand-your-ground laws.

While some Republican leaders pushed back against swift action on some proposals, GOP House Speaker David Ralston endorsed rapid passage of a hate-crimes law, telling lawmakers that failure to act would be "a stain on this state we can never wash away."

Morgan Dudley, 18, skipped work to join the demonstration after her job kept her from joining protests following Floyd's death three weeks ago.

"I was like, 'You know what? This is not a trend. This is an actual problem that we're facing,'" said Dudley, who is black.

Officials nationwide are responding to calls for reform while protests persist. The New York City Police Department is disbanding the type of plainclothes anti-crime units that were involved in the 2014 chokehold death of Eric Garner and have long been criticized for aggressive tactics, Commissioner Dermot Shea said Monday.

In Chicago, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said a panel of residents, activists and one police official will review the Police Department's policy on when officers can use force. Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mayor Tim Keller said he wants a new department of social workers and civilian professionals to provide another option when someone calls 911.

And New Jersey's attorney general ordered police to begin divulging names of officers who commit serious disciplinary violations.

In Congress, Republicans are on the brink of introducing a bill with restrictions on police chokeholds and other practices, while a Democratic proposal would limit legal protections for police, create a national

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database of excessive-force encounters and ban chokeholds. The White House will announce its own executive actions Tuesday.

In the Atlanta shooting, Officer Garrett Rolfe, who fired the shots that killed Brooks, was fired, and the other officer at the scene, Devin Brosnan, was put on desk duty. Police Chief Erika Shields resigned.

Police released the officers' disciplinary histories, which showed Rolfe received a written reprimand in 2017 for use of force with a firearm but provided no other details. Rolfe, who was hired in October 2013, also got a written reprimand in 2018 and an oral admonishment in 2014, both for vehicle crashes. A firearm discharge case from 2015 listed no conclusion.

Brosnan was hired last June and had no disciplinary history.

Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said he hopes to decide by midweek whether to charge the officers. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation took over the investigation.

Police were called to the restaurant over complaints of a car blocking the drive-thru lane. An officer found Brooks asleep in the car.

Police video showed Brooks cooperating with the officers for more than 40 minutes until a breath test determined his blood-alcohol level was over the legal limit. When one of the officers moved to handcuff him, Brooks tried to run and the officers took him to the ground.

Brooks broke free and took off with a stun gun but was shot. Rolfe told authorities that Brooks fired the stun gun at him.

Asked why Brooks ran, family attorney L. Chris Stewart suggested that he may have feared for his life.

"They put ***George Floyd*** in handcuffs and he was subsequently killed," Stewart said. "So just getting put in handcuffs if you're African American doesn't mean, oh, you're going to get nicely taken to the back of a police car."

Bynum reported from Savannah, Georgia. Associated Press writer Ben Nadler in Atlanta contributed to this report. [*Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'*](#) [*Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest*](#) [*George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death*](#)

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Brainerd man arrested in Colorado for Minneapolis police fire

ARTICLE DCCIV. **[BRAINERD MAN ARRESTED IN COLORADO FOR MINNEAPOLIS
POLICE FIRE](#)**

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Highlight: A Minnesota man arrested in Colorado has been charged on suspicion of setting some of the fires that destroyed a Minneapolis police station on a night when protests over the death of **George Floyd** turned violent.

Body

A Minnesota man arrested in Colorado has been charged on suspicion of setting some of the fires that destroyed a Minneapolis police station on a night when protests over the death of **George Floyd** turned violent.

Dylan Shakespeare Robinson, 22, appeared briefly in federal court in Denver by video on Tuesday to be advised of the aiding and abetting of arson charge filed against him. He was arrested Sunday in the parking lot of the recreation center in the ski resort community of Breckenridge by the U.S. Marshals and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Investigators initially traced him to the Denver area.

Robinson, of Brainerd, is represented by assistant federal defender Edward Harris, whose office does not comment on cases. He will be kept in custody at least until a detention hearing is held on Friday.

According to the criminal complaint, Robinson is suspected of lighting a Molotov cocktail that was thrown by another person into the police station on May 28 as he stood nearby and throwing another incendiary device into the building himself. He is also accused of setting another fire inside the station that night, which was allegedly captured in a video posted on Facebook. According to the document, a video posted on Robinson's Snapchat account showed at least one person who appeared to be making a Molotov cocktail while others discussed how to do it and someone objected to making one.

A mother of a former classmate at a school in the Brainerd area identified him as one of the arson suspects shown in surveillance video images released by authorities, according to the complaint. The document also said that Robinson is on probation for possessing hallucinogens and had told his probation officer he wanted to move to Denver.

Last week, **Branden Michael Wolfe**, 23, of St. Paul was charged with aiding and abetting arson in connection with the police station fires. According to the criminal complaint, Wolfe was arrested June 3 a few blocks

Brainerd man arrested in Colorado for Minneapolis police fire

from a Menards home improvement store in St. Paul where he was fired earlier in the day from his job as a security guard. He was wearing body armor with his name written on duct tape on the back, a police utility belt and carrying a baton as he tried to get into the store, the complaint said. [Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'](#) [Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect](#) [St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting](#) [Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest](#) [George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death](#)

Graphic

Dylan Shakespeare Robinson was identified in surveillance video images from the May 28, 2020, Minneapolis 3rd Precinct arson fire, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. (Courtesy of U.S. Attorney, District of Minnesota)

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Minnesota Senate debates police accountability proposals

ARTICLE DCCV. [MINNESOTA SENATE DEBATES POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY PROPOSALS](#)

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Highlight: The Republican-controlled Minnesota Senate on Tuesday debated a package of police accountability measures drawn up following the death of [George Floyd](#), but with a more extensive set of bills advancing in the Democrat-dominated House critics warned the Senate proposals don't go far enough. The full House is expected to vote this week on a package [...]

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The Republican-controlled Minnesota Senate on Tuesday debated a package of police accountability measures drawn up following the death of [George Floyd](#), but with a more extensive set of bills advancing in the Democrat-dominated House critics warned the Senate proposals don't go far enough.

The full House is expected to vote this week on a package developed by the bicameral People of Color and Indigenous Caucus that has some elements in common with the Senate plan.

But the House slate also includes proposals that Republicans have ruled out, including having the state attorney general prosecute all police-involved deaths. Democratic Attorney General Keith Ellison is already prosecuting the four former Minneapolis police officers charged in Floyd's May 25 death. GOP leaders oppose giving more power to Ellison, a fiery progressive and longtime police critic.

An early procedural vote on a series of Democrat-proposed amendments split along party lines and set the stage for the rest of the debate. Democratic Sen. Melisa Franzen, who belongs to the caucus, called the process a travesty.

"This is a disgrace and I'm going to call it out, because this is an injustice. ... Play the political games that people are tired of hearing. You will reap the consequences in November," she said.

Earlier Tuesday, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to encourage better police practices and establish a database to keep track of officers with a history of excessive use-of-force complaints. Mirroring the partisan divide in the Minnesota Legislature, the GOP-led U.S. Senate and Democratic-controlled House are working on competing policing reform packages.

Minnesota Senate debates police accountability proposals

It remains to be seen whether the Minnesota chambers will agree on any changes during the special session. Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, of East Gull Lake, reiterated that he intends to adjourn Friday, regardless of what the House does.

The main thrust of the Senate plan is to ban the use of chokeholds and neck restraints in all but the most dire situations, and add a duty to intervene and report when one officer sees another officer using excessive force. The rewrite of a statewide model policy would stress the importance of the sanctity of life. Law enforcement agencies would be obligated to update their use-of-force policies accordingly.

The Senate package would also preserve a \$9 million annual funding stream that supports diversity training for officers, which is due to revert to \$3 million after next year. It would require that any use of force resulting in death or great bodily harm be reported to the state - something most Minnesota law enforcement agencies already do. Confidentiality would be protected for officers and other first responders who get peer support after critical incidents. Background checks, currently required during officer hiring, would be extended to other police employees.

"These are important first steps. This is laying foundation stones for more subjects to be addressed in the future," Senate Judiciary Chairman Warren Limmer, of Maple Grove, said at a news conference ahead of the Senate's floor debate.

House Democratic leaders, including Speaker Melissa Hortman, of Brooklyn Park, said the GOP proposals won't deliver justice or public safety for all.

"Not a single item in the Senate proposals addresses the problem of a lack of accountability for police," Hortman said in a statement. "The House proposals, shaped by working with members of our communities, would take the first steps in making systemic change that will lead to accountability."

None of the GOP proposals has attracted significant opposition, and they have the support of law enforcement groups. But state Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero and several others who testified at a hearing Tuesday said the Senate is wasting an opportunity to make bold change.

"While the policy proposals before you today address some of those concerns, I don't believe they go far enough," State Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell said.

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Employee's fundraising effort saves The Fixery repair shop in Highland Park

ARTICLE DCCVI. [**EMPLOYEE'S FUNDRAISING EFFORT SAVES THE FIXERY REPAIR SHOP IN HIGHLAND PARK**](#)

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Highlight: Loyal customers and staff have come to the rescue of The Fixery, a St. Paul repair shop that was looted during the unrest that followed ***George Floyd***'s death on Memorial Day. On May 28, the Highland Park shop was robbed of nearly all its merchandise during the rioting that unfolded after Floyd's death in Minneapolis [...]

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Loyal customers and staff have come to the rescue of The Fixery, a St. Paul repair shop that was looted during the unrest that followed ***George Floyd***'s death on Memorial Day.

On May 28, the Highland Park shop was robbed of nearly all its merchandise during the rioting that unfolded after Floyd's death in Minneapolis police custody. More than 200 watches and watchbands were stolen. But acts of generosity have helped it recover.

The Fixery has been in the Highland Park neighborhood for more than 40 years. Mark Wilsey has been an employee for 27 of them, hired right out of high school by store owner Mark Kafka.

"My dad worked at The Fixery since the time I was in elementary school," Wilsey said. "He talked the owner into employing me despite him hearing for years that I was always causing trouble at home."

The Fixery used to be a multi-store franchise. Now, the St. Paul location at Cleveland Avenue and Ford Parkway is sole survivor, and Wilsey is the only employee.

"The Fixery is my life," he said. "When we got broken into, it was like someone broke into my house."

Kafka is not one to take donations, Wilsey said. But Wilsey knew insurance wouldn't cover all the damage and theft, and The Fixery hadn't generated income for two months after closing during the coronavirus pandemic. So he secretly started an online fundraising effort to support Kafka and his business.

The [GoFundMe page](#) was launched on June 1 with a \$10,000 goal, which was met Tuesday morning.

"We were on the fringe of going out of business," Wilsey said. "But through social media and donations, we are going to survive this."

Employee's fundraising effort saves The Fixery repair shop in Highland Park

The Fixery has reopened since the break-in and is performing repairs, battery changes and other services. Business is slow, but it's better than it was during the beginning of the pandemic.

Wilsey's fundraising efforts only remained a secret for a few days. Kafka was grateful when he found out, but reluctant to accept the donations. But for Wilsey, the fundraiser was about more than saving a business.

"After being around someone for close to two-thirds your life, you consider them family, not your boss," Wilsey said. "And when they're hurt, so are you."

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Floyd decal spurs renaming discussion for park

ARTICLE DCCVII. [**FLOYD DECAL SPURS RENAMING DISCUSSION FOR PARK**](#)

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Body

Minneapolis Park Board leadership is discussing the renaming of a park in honor of ***George Floyd***, the agency's president said two days after a "Floyd" decal was mysteriously placed on a park sign and later removed.

"I do not know who put the decal up" on the George Todd Park sign, Park Board President Jono Cowgill told the Star Tribune late Monday afternoon, "but I commend whoever it was for their creativity and detailed work."

"I am very open to a park name change for ***George Floyd***," he said, "and have had a few preliminary conversations on the topic with other commissioners."

He said that any decisions about such a move "must be grounded in black and brown community voices."

The unauthorized alteration of the sign along the eastern border of the park occurred Saturday night and was spotted by a maintenance worker on Sunday.

Board spokeswoman Dawn Sommers said the agency had no immediate plans to peel off the Floyd decal to reveal Todd's name underneath.

"I learned [Monday] that the decal is gone," Sommers said. "On Sunday, we had issued the directive to our staff to not remove the decal. ... Unfortunately, one of our early morning weekday crew members was unaware of the directive and removed the decal [Monday] morning."

As for the label, which was a good match to the sign's design, "it was unsalvageable and could not be re-adhered."

Sommers said maintenance workers routinely remove materials posted or displayed throughout the park system, "so it's unfortunate the early morning staff that start at 6 a.m. were unaware of the directive ... to not remove the decal."

Floyd decal spurs renaming discussion for park

The park east of Diamond Lake and along the 5600 block of S. Chicago Avenue sits about 2¼ miles south of where a police officer pinned Floyd to the pavement before he died May 25.

George Todd was a park commissioner from 1957 to 1963. The board named the park in honor of Todd. The World War I veteran had cancer at the time. He died in 1964 at age 71.

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New twists in Bremer lawsuit

ARTICLE DCCVIII. [**NEW TWISTS IN BREMER LAWSUIT**](#)

Finance and Commerce

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FINANCE & COMMERCE**Section:** NEWS**Length:** 812 words**Byline:** Brian Johnson**Body**

Recently unsealed court documents are shedding new light on the legal dispute over ownership of Bremer Bank, an acrimonious battle that pits members of the Otto Bremer Trust against seven directors of the Bremer Financial Corp.

The dispute dates to November, when the Bremer Financial Corp. and seven of its directors sued three other directors who are also trustees of the Otto Bremer Trust to stop a planned sale of the bank.

Otto Bremer Trust owns more than 90% of the bank's voting shares, but it controls only three of the 10 board seats and 20% of the voting shares. Bremer employees and directors own the remaining voting shares. In the lawsuit, the seven directors claimed among other things that the sale would violate terms of the trust's founding documents, which required the trust to hold Bremer shares "in perpetuity" except in the case of "unforeseen circumstances."

On Monday, the trust cited newly unsealed court documents as evidence that the trust had a "clear right" to sell its Bremer Financial Corp. holdings, and that Bremer Financial management and directors were "informed of this right" as long ago as 1988.

For example, the trust cited a 1988 presentation from Bremer Financial Corp. senior management. The presentation states that an offer to buy or merge "could be received" at some point and that trustees "have a responsibility to consider any valid offer."

The trust argues that if the sale of the bank had gone through as planned last fall, the trust could have doubled its charitable giving to everything ranging from low-income housing to rebuilding efforts in the wake of the George Floyd protests.

A spokesman for the Otto Bremer Trust said in an email Tuesday that the trust made charitable investments totaling \$56.8 million in 2019 to 650 organizations in Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Assets for Otto Bremer Trust were \$1.03 billion last year. Various sources reported that the bank could have been sold last year for \$2 billion, and if that had happened the trust's assets would have doubled, the spokesman said.

New twists in Bremer lawsuit

In a statement, the trust said the unsealed court documents show that the bank “has known for decades that [Otto Bremer Trust] trustees have the right, in fact the responsibility, to sell if they believe a sale enhances the trust’s charitable purposes.”

“BFC’s seven non-Trustee directors have not only wasted millions of dollars in needless legal fees at the expense of the trust and its beneficiaries, their improper tactics have deprived OBT of the opportunity to substantially increase its charitable assets by selling the bank before recent events severely disrupted the marketplace. Those wasted and lost assets could have should have been better spent to help those in need across our service area: individuals and families struggling against daily challenges, against a pandemic, a severe economic downturn and, as we’ve been painfully and tragically reminded by the killing of George Floyd, against the corrosive effects of persistent racism. It is long past the point at which the bank’s obstruction should have ended,” the statement continues.

In addition, the trust has argued that the sale is necessary to keep the trust in compliance with federal tax law, and that the deal would benefit shareholders, employees and customers, as well as the charities it supports.

A spokesperson for Bremer Bank said in a statement that the trustees’ allegations “are false and legally improper, and cannot change the pattern of self-interested transactions at issue in the lawsuit.”

“It is disappointing that the trustees now appear to be relying on the pandemic to support their baseless claims, and it is unfortunate that they continue to rely on intimidation to further their arguments. Bremer Bank was not for sale last October, and it is not for sale today.

“Bremer was founded in 1943 and the trust was established the next year for the express purpose of ensuring that as long as the bank existed, the communities it served would benefit from its profits. That is a partnership Bremer Financial Corp. has been proud to be a part of for more than 75 years, serving as the financial engine that powers the trust’s charitable works. Since 1989, Bremer has distributed over \$800 million to the Otto Bremer Trust, including over \$80 million in 2019 alone.

“Bremer’s financial results and market position remain strong. We remain focused on serving our customers and our communities through this extraordinary global crisis, including making nearly \$1.5 billion in Paycheck Protection Program loans to organizations throughout our footprint, helping to protect the paychecks of more than 170,000 people,” the bank said.

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Tennessee man charged with pointing gun at public employee during St. Paul parking dispute

ARTICLE DCCIX. **TENNESSEE MAN CHARGED WITH POINTING GUN AT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DURING ST. PAUL PARKING DISPUTE**

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Highlight: A Tennessee man has been charged with assault after allegedly pointing a gun at a St. Paul city employee during a dispute over parking at a downtown hotel. The early June incident was noted this week by a Ramsey County commissioner, who praised police for their handling of the matter and used it as an [...]

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A Tennessee man has been charged with assault after allegedly pointing a gun at a St. Paul city employee during a dispute over parking at a downtown hotel.

The early June incident was noted this week by a Ramsey County commissioner, who praised police for their handling of the matter and used it as an example of ongoing racial tensions in the city.

"The individual who was threatened with a gun was an African-American male working for us on contract at the time," Commissioner Toni Carter said at Tuesday's board meeting. "It definitely had overtones of racial injustice."

According to the criminal complaint, James Bailey, 56, of Seymour, Tenn., has been charged with second-degree assault and making threats of violence.

About 1:30 p.m. June 4, officers were called to the Hampton Inn at 200 W. Seventh St.

A hotel employee had called the police after Demond Jackson parked his vehicle in the hotel's valet space and allegedly refused to move it. Jackson was working under contract for Ramsey County on providing temporary housing for the homeless at the Holiday Inn across the street from the Hampton Inn.

The employee told police that Jackson was hostile and aggressive, causing her to be afraid. She was working alone and had been fearful because of the recent civil unrest after ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis police custody.

The employee contacted a woman who had been staying in the hotel for the last month, telling her she needed help. The woman brought her friend Bailey to the lobby.

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Bailey allegedly pointed a handgun at Jackson, telling him to move his car. When he realized it was a parking dispute, he put the gun away, police said.

Jackson told police that the hotel employee had been rude to him when she asked him to move his car and that he was afraid for his life when Bailey approached.

Carter said the city contacted the hotel and both she and Mayor Melvin Carter spoke with the hotel's general manager and with a Hampton Inn executive, who promised an apology to Jackson and disciplinary action for the employee.

"We are looking forward to hearing more from the corporate office about additional steps that are being taken, including the dismissal of the employee who was involved," said Toni Carter, who is the mayor's mother.

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THEY'RE YOUNG AND READY TO STAND UP FOR JUSTICE

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The killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police has pulled thousands of people across the country out of quarantine and into the streets. Protests and rallies in Minneapolis have drawn those living just blocks from the intersection of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue, where Floyd was killed, as well as those who traveled hours to get here. As the city enters its fourth week of protests, young people in particular have turned out to voice their anger and mourn Floyd's death. Some were inspired to attend their first-ever protests in recent days. Many of these participants are currently out of work because of the coronavirus, or have yet to find their first post-graduation job. With so much time on their hands, some said there is nowhere else they'd rather be.

Desiree Falkowski, 22, and Shannyn Chesley, 22, of Minneapolis

As recent graduates from Winona State University, Desiree Falkowski and Shannyn Chesley finished their education just before Floyd's death. On Wednesday, they were taking in artwork at the memorial outside of Cup Foods, where the incident began.

"I moved back here, got done with my degree and not even a week later ***George Floyd*** was murdered," Falkowski said. "I didn't want to just sit in the suburbs with my education and feel that guilt of not taking action. I'm here, it's COVID, I don't have a job, so I might as well go out there and show up for my community."

It was Falkowski's second visit to the memorial.

"In the beginning I felt more anger, just a lot of emotions," she said. "Now when I come to this site it feels like more of a celebration."

Falkowski said she has recently made connections with other young adults who are passionate about justice issues.

At Winona State, causes like women's or LGBTQ rights were well represented, both Chesley and Falkowski noted, but there were few opportunities to uplift people of color.

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"It was very quiet for the black community," Chesley said.

Chesley studied social and political sciences. She said being silent right now was not an option.

"With an education, it's your duty as a young individual to be out there, educating and helping where you can," Chesley said.

Sadie Tollefson, 24, and Cody Rogala, 25, of Edina

Cody Rogala has black friends. But seeing how Floyd died and how the country has rallied around him opened his eyes to the reality of being black in America.

"I think that everyone needs to speak out and everyone needs to stand up, because if we don't then it's just going to be silenced," Rogala said.

Neither Rogala nor Sadie Tollefson had ever participated in a protest before Floyd's death. But they both felt it was necessary to do their part to better the nation.

"I just think it's important to realize that we all have a part to take in this," Tollefson said. "It's time to open our eyes and realize what we need to do to help."

The recent University of North Dakota graduates would normally be working on a June day. But without jobs because of the coronavirus, taking action felt natural.

"I'm currently laid off, so it's kind of a good time to take the time that you would usually be working to try and help any way you can," Rogala said.

They are both hopeful that other young people continue to show up in the Twin Cities and across the country.

"I think a lot of young voices are more progressive and actually want to make a change in the world," Rogala said.

Patricia Rogers, 23, of Minneapolis

Patricia Rogers has protested before, notably after the fatal shooting of motorist Philando Castile by a St. Anthony police officer in 2016. But she's never protested like this.

The 23-year-old said she has been out every day since Floyd was killed, with no plans to slow down. "Out of all of them, this was the one that hit me the most," she said.

Other police killings, while no less horrifying, often involve a firearm. Watching the video of Floyd struggling to breathe with a Minneapolis officer's knee on his neck was particularly chilling.

"My ancestors weren't able to record, they weren't able to speak up for themselves," Rogers said. "They were lynched. They were killed for speaking up for themselves. I'm not going to stop coming out here until I see justice."

She has seen people of all ages participate, but she has been particularly encouraged by teenagers and people in their 20s who have made protesting a priority in recent weeks.

Rogers hopes that youth participation only increases, because black and brown people are tired, she said. Either way, she will keep showing up.

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"I refuse to live in a world where I'm not equal," she said.

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Jim Newton: Rodney King's beating provides a road map for investigating police misconduct

ARTICLE DCCXI. [**JIM NEWTON: RODNEY KING'S BEATING PROVIDES A ROAD MAP FOR INVESTIGATING POLICE MISCONDUCT**](#)

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Highlight: So, which is it? Are police officers who commit misconduct simply "bad apples" scattered among the 99% of good cops? Or is their behavior symptomatic of a deeply flawed system infected with racism and brutality? It is possible to find the answer, and the historical example of Rodney King's brutal beating by police provides a [...]

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So, which is it? Are police officers who commit misconduct simply "bad apples" scattered among the 99% of good cops? Or is their behavior symptomatic of a deeply flawed system infected with racism and brutality?

It is possible to find the answer, and the historical example of Rodney King's brutal beating by police provides a road map for making the determination. When a commission was established to investigate that incident, it took on a mission that went beyond simply determining what happened. It looked at the far broader culture of policing in Los Angeles, which is what needs to happen in all cases of serious misconduct.

For starters, it was important to understand the events that preceded King's beating. On the night in 1991 that he was beaten, one of the LAPD officers involved had responded earlier to a domestic violence call involving a black couple. He described it to a fellow officer, using the department's official, monitored message system, as "right out of 'Gorillas in the Mist.'"

And then there were the circumstances of the beating itself. More than a dozen officers from the Los Angeles Police Department, the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles School Police watched as other officers beat King into submission - a brutal attack that was overseen and directed by a police sergeant. Not one officer at the scene made any formal report of misconduct based on what they'd seen; indeed, they joked about it later.

The following year, a civilian commission under the leadership of Los Angeles lawyer - and later, Secretary of State - Warren Christopher uncovered electronic messages, again from the LAPD's official system, using coarsely racist language. One particularly pungent piece of code: Officers' shorthand for domestic incidents involving African Americans was "NHI," short for "no humans involved."

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Rodney King was not beaten because an officer or two had a bad day. He was the victim of a deliberate use of force, directed by a veteran supervisor, observed by others and laughed about later. He was the victim of police misconduct, yes, but also of a debased and racist police culture.

These distinctions matter. When a Minneapolis police officer jams his knee into the neck of a black man suspected of passing a phony \$20 bill, that suggests misconduct; when three of his fellow officers stand by for more than eight minutes while the suspect pleads for help, that points to a cultural problem. When Buffalo, N.Y., officers knock down a 75-year-old white man for merely being in their way, that could be evidence of a couple of bad apples; when the colleagues of those officers applaud them as they leave a court hearing, it suddenly looks like a cultural issue.

Let's take something simple. When officers cover their badge numbers or black out the names on their uniforms, as has happened in cities around the country during the recent protests, that's cultural, not individual. They should be fired, for starters, but the inquiry should not stop there. Whoever authorized or encouraged those actions also needs to come under scrutiny, along with whatever culture suggested that hiding police identities was appropriate. The leadership of their departments bears responsibility, not a few "bad apples."

Before the problem of rogue police can be solved, it has to be characterized correctly. If the LAPD's problem in 1991 was that Officer Laurence Powell, who delivered most of the blows to King, was an aberrant, out-of-control cop, then the solution would be to fire him or put him in jail, or both. Powell was, in fact, convicted of violating King's civil rights and served time in prison.

But that didn't begin to address the real issue, the one that was illustrated by the blase reactions of bystander officers or the policing mindset that led to such vile electronic messages. The methods for addressing those alarming revelations included forcing out Police Chief Daryl F. Gates, strengthening civilian oversight, improving training and tracking complaints against police using modern technology. Together, those reforms - many implemented pursuant to a federal consent decree - bought improvements because they recognized and addressed cultural corruption. Was it enough? Not nearly. Reform has to be an ongoing process.

In Minneapolis, firing and prosecuting Officer ***Derek Chauvin*** may protect those he might have later tried to arrest, but they won't address the question of why his fellow officers seemed untroubled by his actions or why so many complaints of police abuse in that department appear to have received little attention. In Buffalo, the bigger question is not why two officers knocked a 75-year-old man to the pavement, but why others thought that was something to cheer about.

Yes, some acts of police misconduct are nothing more than the work of a stray, misguided officer, a bad apple. But contrary to the 1970 Osmonds hit, one bad apple can spoil the whole bunch. And once a few officers in a department have started to rot, a whole new barrel is needed.

Journalist and author Jim Newton covered the LAPD for the Los Angeles Times from 1992 to 1997. His most recent book is "Man of Tomorrow: The Relentless Life of Jerry Brown." He wrote this column for the Los Angeles Times.

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3M Open on, but fans out

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 2C**Length:** 477 words**Byline:** JERRY ZGODA; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Tournament personnel will be only observers at July 23-26 PGA Tour stop.**Body**

The PGA Tour will play next month in Minnesota, with major championship winners Brooks Koepka and Dustin Johnson expected, but without spectators admitted.

The 3M Open arrives at TPC Twin Cities in Blaine for a second year, and tournament organizers revised a 29-page proposal submitted to state officials nearly a month ago that would have allowed a limited number of fans - 6,000 maximum.

They will proceed instead with one that requires only about 1,200 workers - players, caddies, officials, staff, television crews, media, volunteers - needed to stage it as a made-for-TV event spread over 250 physical-distancing acres. It will be telecast July 23-26 by Golf Channel and CBS, part of a 2020 PGA Tour schedule completely remade because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"We're very disappointed we're not allowed to have fans," 3M Open executive director Hollis Cavner said. "On the other hand, we have to be safe and the governor's office felt it wouldn't be prudent with galleries."

Fans who bought tickets starting last winter can get a refund, donate the money to the tournament's designated charities or apply it to next year's fee.

Pro-am days that fund tournament operations and the charities it benefits will be Monday and Wednesday during tournament week. This year, those charities will include ones that are pandemic-related or help rebuild parts of Minneapolis and St. Paul after unrest following the killing of [George Floyd](#) by police that shook both cities.

Cavner and his Pro Links Sports company's staff chose their path forward after they conferred with Gov. Tim Walz's office and state health officials, as well as tour officials and 3M's board. They did so after they considered canceling, as the John Deere Classic in Illinois did. It had been scheduled two weeks before the 3M Open.

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"This very well could be the only live [pro sports] event in Minnesota this summer," 3M Open tournament director Mike Welch said.

The PGA Tour returned to action last week in Fort Worth, Texas, after it suspended its season March 13. It did so without spectators at historic Colonial Country Club; Daniel Berger won the Charles Schwab Challenge in a playoff. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan called it a "phenomenal start to our return."

The PGA Tour will pay for rapid viral testing for players, caddies and many others on site. Everyone entering the grounds must answer a health questionnaire and have their temperatures measured.

If current guidelines continue, food and beverage workers and possibly others will be required to wear face masks.

Tournament officials will monitor the latest coronavirus statistics and adjust safety policies if there's an increase in cases in Minnesota, Welch said.

Cavner said he doesn't foresee circumstances where the 3M Open still could be canceled. "There'd have to be something very drastic happen not to host the event now," he said.

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ATF releases photos of 14 arson suspects during riots, looting

ARTICLE DCCXIII. [**ATF RELEASES PHOTOS OF 14 ARSON SUSPECTS DURING RIOTS, LOOTING**](#)

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Highlight: Rewards offered for info leading to a conviction.

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Federal authorities announced a \$70,000 reward for help identifying suspects wanted in connection with fires set during unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul following the death of *George Floyd*.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) also released surveillance images Monday of 14 suspects and offered \$5,000 for information that leads to identification, apprehension and conviction of each suspect (tinyurl.com/ATFsuspects).

"We have methodically worked each of the fire scenes, collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses and reviewing video footage to help us solve these arson cases," FBI special agent William Henderson of the St. Paul field division said in a statement accompanying the release of the photos.

"We've narrowed in on particular individuals who we suspect started one or more fires throughout the Twin Cities. We would appreciate any assistance the public is willing to provide in order to bring these investigations to a successful conclusion."

The photos showed eight locations that were damaged by arson. Seven were in Minneapolis: A Wells Fargo branch, Office Depot, the Third Precinct police headquarters, Minnesota Transitions Charter School, H & R Block, Chicago Lake Family Dental and Auto Zone. In St. Paul, an Enterprise car rental outlet was on the ATF's list.

The ATF said tips can be submitted by e-mail at ATFTips@atf.gov, at www.ReportIt.com, or by 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477).

These cases are being investigated by the ATF with the help of law enforcement and fire department agencies in Minneapolis and St. Paul along with the state fire marshal, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota.

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Also Monday, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced that it has charged Montez T. Lee, 25, with arson in connection with a fire May 28 at the Max It Pawn Shop, 2726 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis.

Lee was arrested Monday in Rochester and will make his first appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

Prosecutors said they obtained a video of a masked man, later identified as Lee, pouring liquid from a metal container throughout the pawnshop.

A second video showed the masked man standing in front of the burning shop threatening to burn it down.

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DFL seeks \$300M for shops hit in riots

ARTICLE DCCXIV. [**DFL SEEKS \\$300M FOR SHOPS HIT IN RIOTS**](#)

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Ibrahim Demmaj listened as Democratic legislators and city leaders stood by the rubble of his Minneapolis furniture store on Monday to debut a roughly \$300 million plan to help rebuild communities damaged by arson, vandalism and looting.

"We need your help; we need your support. We don't want to be relocated," Demmaj said of his business near the corner of Chicago Avenue and Lake Street, an area hit hard by the unrest that followed ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis police custody.

Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman noted that the steel beams in his building "melted like noodles."

Demmaj's was one of more than 1,500 buildings damaged or destroyed in Minnesota during the protests and riots that shook the nation in the week after Floyd's death. The charred remains of his business served as the backdrop Monday for Democratic lawmakers and St. Paul and Minneapolis officials as they gathered to announce the "Promise Act," legislation they hope will pass during this week's special session at the State Capitol.

But prospects for a quick infusion of state aid remain uncertain during a legislative session that could adjourn as early as Friday.

Republican House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, said last week that leaders must learn more about communities' needs and financial options for how the state can help, adding, "This might take some creative tools." A House Republican spokesman said Monday that he had no comment on the DFL plan.

The Promise Act would include \$125 million in cash from the state's general fund for immediate grants and loans to business owners, said House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, DFL-Golden Valley. If the Legislature approves it in the next couple of weeks, he said, affected businesses could start seeing the money in two to three weeks.

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The plan, originating in the DFL-controlled House, also would set up a \$125 million special compensation fund that could take three to six months to start operating, Winkler said. It would be patterned after funds created following the I-35W bridge collapse and Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The money would also come from the state's general fund.

A slightly different rebuilding plan has emerged in the GOP-led Senate.

Sen. Eric Pratt, R-Prior Lake, has introduced a bipartisan bill that would use \$200 million in federal CARES Act money to reimburse the state for COVID-19 recovery expenses. Pratt's bill would then allow that general fund money to be used to help the riot-damaged areas.

Winkler also mentioned using CARES Act dollars to free up general fund money for aid. He said the federal assistance, along with reserves and other resources, would cover the DFL's \$300 million rebuilding effort even as the state faces a projected \$2.4 billion budget deficit.

Pratt suggested Minnesota follow the model of how the state spends money to respond to natural disasters, which allows the money to be sent immediately. "We should try to get something moving right away. ... We can't have a healthy Minnesota economy without a healthy Minneapolis and St. Paul," he said.

Business owners and city leaders are still trying to assess the extent of the damage, determine how much insurance policies will cover, and gauge the size of philanthropic donations, Pratt said.

"In the meantime, we just need to figure out a way to get some funding to these folks right away, not funding to set up a whole bureaucracy to see how it will work later," Pratt said, taking aim at a piece of the DFL proposal that would create a special panel to review cases of damage and direct the compensation.

A third, longer-term piece of the Democratic plan would seek to help build local businesses and microbusinesses in damaged areas while preventing gentrification and properties being sold off, Winkler said. It would use a new eighth-of-a-cent metro sales tax to support the work of a Metropolitan Area Redevelopment Corp. to come up with a long-term redevelopment plan. The DFL package also included property and sales tax breaks for some sites.

The hardest hit areas of the Twin Cities - the Lake Street corridor in south Minneapolis, W. Broadway in north Minneapolis and University Avenue in St. Paul - house many immigrant- and black-owned businesses that have historically struggled for access financial capital.

Demmaj said his business on Lake Street was underinsured and many others in the community are in the same position. He said business owners were already struggling from income lost during the pandemic; riot damage was additional devastation.

Before the special session began, legislators on both sides of the aisle and Gov. Tim Walz toured communities to survey the damage. One of Walz's stops during his community tours was Elsa's House of Sleep in St. Paul, where windows were damaged. Nneka Constantino, whose husband owns the store, said people showed up to clean the neighborhood after the unrest.

"The community is really stepping up," Constantino said. "And I expect legislators to - in a nonpartisan way - to follow suit aggressively."

Staff writer Briana Bierschbach contributed to this report.

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MN Gov. Tim Walz presses lawmakers to pass bonding bill

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Highlight: With just three days remaining in Minnesota's special legislative session, Gov. Tim Walz on Tuesday turned up the heat on lawmakers to pass a massive public infrastructure construction bill. That measure, known as the bonding bill, was the Legislature's main task heading into the regular session in February, but lawmakers could not reach a deal [...]

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That measure, known as the bonding bill, was the Legislature's main task heading into the regular session in February, but lawmakers could not reach a deal before the constitutional deadline for adjourning in May.

Passing that bill, plus providing aid to cities and counties for costs related to the COVID-19 crisis and responding to the rioting that followed [**George Floyd**](#)'s death while in Minneapolis police custody, were the main reasons Walz ordered lawmakers back to the Capitol last Friday.

The Democratic-Farmer-Labor governor proposed a record \$2.6 billion construction program in January. The House DFL majority supports his spending level, but leaders in the Republican-controlled Senate set a \$1.3 billion limit on bonding.

During a news conference, Walz said he's confident they can resolve their differences yet this week. "We will try to find common ground and compromise," he said.

And if they don't and Senate Republicans carry out their threat to adjourn and go home on Friday? "I could bring them back on Saturday," he said.

Walz suggested he would call as many special sessions as it takes to pass a bonding bill. He said that funding package is necessary to maintain and improve the land and buildings the state and local governments own, create construction jobs and revive Minnesota's economy in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

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He said he has been talking privately to legislators about cutting a deal, and he will continue to press them on that issue, as well as the COVID-19 relief bill and a package dealing with changes to the criminal justice system.

"Let's show (Minnesotans) that divided government can work," Walz said. "We can solve problems together."

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House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, continues to object to Walz's unilateral policymaking authority.

"Our priority is reducing our budget deficit and ending the governor's emergency powers," Daudt said in a prepared statement. "If the governor and the other legislative leaders are willing to have a discussion on those items, we remain open to a bonding bill."

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Poll: Americans are the unhappiest they've been in 50 years

ARTICLE DCCXVI. **POLL: AMERICANS ARE THE UNHAPPIEST THEY'VE BEEN IN 50 YEARS**

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - It's been a rough year for the American psyche. Folks in the U.S. are more unhappy today than they've been in nearly 50 years.

This bold - yet unsurprising - conclusion comes from the COVID Response Tracking Study, conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. It finds that just 14% of American adults say they're very happy, down from 31% who said the same in 2018. That year, 23% said they'd often or sometimes felt isolated in recent weeks. Now, 50% say that.

The survey, conducted in late May, draws on nearly a half-century of research from the General Social Survey, which has collected data on American attitudes and behaviors at least every other year since 1972. No less than 29% of Americans have ever called themselves very happy in that survey.

Most of the new survey's interviews were completed before the death of ***George Floyd*** touched off nationwide protests and a global conversation about race and police brutality, adding to the feelings of stress and loneliness Americans were already facing from the coronavirus outbreak - especially for black Americans.

Lexi Walker, a 47-year-old professional fiduciary who lives near Greenville, South Carolina, has felt anxious and depressed for long stretches of this year. She moved back to South Carolina late in 2019, then her cat died. Her father passed away in February. Just when she thought she'd get out and socialize in an attempt to heal from her grief, the pandemic hit.

"It's been one thing after another," Walker said. "This is very hard. The worst thing about this for me, after so much, I don't know what's going to happen."

Among other finding from the new poll about life in the pandemic:

- The public is less optimistic today about the standard of living improving for the next generation than it has been in the past 25 years. Only 42% of Americans believe that when their children reach their age, their

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standard of living will be better. A solid 57% said that in 2018. Since the question was asked in 1994, the previous low was 45% in 1994.

- Compared with surveys conducted after President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963 and after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Americans are less likely to report some types of emotional and psychological stress reactions following the COVID-19 outbreak. Fewer report smoking more than usual, crying or feeling dazed now than after those two previous tragedies, though more report having lost their temper or wanting to get drunk.

- About twice as many Americans report being lonely today as in 2018, and not surprisingly given the lockdowns that tried to contain the spread of the coronavirus, there's also been a drop in satisfaction with social activities and relationships. Compared with 2018, Americans also are about twice as likely to say they sometimes or often have felt a lack of companionship (45% vs. 27%) and felt left out (37% vs. 18%) in the past four weeks.

What is surprising, said Louise Hawkley, a senior research scientist with NORC at the University of Chicago, was that loneliness was not even more prevalent.

"It isn't as high as it could be," she said. "People have figured out a way to connect with others. It's not satisfactory, but people are managing to some extent."

The new poll found that there haven't been significant changes in Americans' assessment of their families' finances since 2018 and that Americans' satisfaction with their families' ability to get along financially was as high as it's been over nearly five decades.

Jonathan Berney, of Austin, Texas, said that the pandemic - and his resulting layoff as a digital marketing manager for a law firm - caused him to reevaluate everything in his life. While he admits that he's not exactly happy now, that's led to another uncomfortable question: Was he truly happy before the pandemic?

"2020 just fast forwarded a spiritual decay. When things are good, you don't tend to look inwards," he said, adding that he was living and working in the Miami area before the pandemic hit. As Florida dealt with the virus, his girlfriend left him and he decided to leave for Austin. "I probably just wasn't a nice guy to be around from all the stress and anxiety. But this forced an existential crisis."

Berney, who is looking for work, said things have improved from those early, dark days of the pandemic. He's still job hunting but has a little savings to live on. He said he's trying to kayak more and center himself so he's better prepared to deal with any future downturn in events.

Reimagining happiness is almost hard-wired into Americans' DNA, said Sonja Lyubomirsky, a psychology professor at the University of California, Riverside.

"Human beings are remarkably resilient. There's lots and lots of evidence that we adapt to everything. We move forward," she said, adding that she's done happiness studies since the pandemic started and found that some people are slightly happier than last year.

Melinda Hartline, of Tampa, who was laid off from her job in public relations in March, said she was in a depressed daze those first few weeks of unemployment. Then she started to bike and play tennis and enrolled in a college course on post-crisis leadership.

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Today, she's worried about the state of the world and the economy, and she wonders when she can see her kids and grandkids who live on the West Coast - but she also realizes that things could be a lot worse.

"Anything can happen. And you have to be prepared," she said. "Whether it's your health, your finances, whether it's the world. You have to be prepared. And always maintain that positive mental attitude. It's going to get you through it."

The survey of 2,279 adults was conducted May 21-29 with funding from the National Science Foundation. It uses a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points. [Experts say Twitter breach troubling, undermines trust](#) [Homeowners rush to refinance as 30-year rate falls below 3%](#) [Colorado governor issues statewide mask order as coronavirus cases rise](#) [US executes 2nd man in a week; lawyers said he had dementia](#) [Nick Cannon apologizes for 'hurtful' anti-Semitic comments](#)

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Wisconsin border comparison complicates COVID-19 response

ARTICLE DCCXVII. [WISCONSIN BORDER COMPARISON COMPLICATES COVID-19 RESPONSE](#)

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Body

Minnesota is showing signs of progress in the COVID-19 pandemic, reporting its lowest daily counts of deaths and hospitalizations since April on Monday, at a time when more than 20 other states are reporting rising case counts.

"We want to celebrate every day that those numbers are low," said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

But Minnesota has a Wisconsin problem.

While both neighbor states show declining growth in COVID-19 cases and deaths, Minnesota has reported 1,304 deaths so far in the pandemic compared with Wisconsin's 694. And Wisconsin achieved its progress despite being more populous and having its stay-at-home order lifted prematurely on May 13 via a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling.

The variation has grown from a statistical curiosity to a source of political tension that could upend Gov. Tim Walz's pandemic response, which included a 51-day stay-at-home order followed by a gradual reopening of businesses and activities. Late last week, Republican lawmakers used the variation to oppose an extension of peacetime emergency powers giving the governor sweeping authority over the state's response.

"It is difficult to make that case when Wisconsin has been doing fine without emergency powers for 4 weeks," said Rep. Pat Garofalo, R-Farmington, in

a tweet.

Minnesota health officials have reached out to their cross-border counterparts to learn what has worked, but state Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said on Monday that it is too simplistic to use the Minnesota-Wisconsin comparison as a referendum on whether stay-at-home orders are worth the economic pains they cause.

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"Even as the state restrictions [in Wisconsin] were relaxed, the more significant population centers, the cities, kept restrictions in place," she said. "So it wasn't like a complete, all-at-one-time reopening for the most part."

Minnesota was the 22nd of 39 states and the District of Columbia to declare a stay-at-home order, according to data from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Washington. Among 29 states that ended those orders, Minnesota's ranked 12th in length at 51 days.

Walz was cautious in scaling Minnesota back following the order, though. Limited retail shopping wasn't permitted until June 1, and limited indoor restaurant and bar service wasn't allowed until June 10.

Wisconsin reopened fully when the court lifted its order after 49 days, but cities such as Milwaukee imposed local restrictions. Arizona reopened fully as well on May 16 after 47 days - specifically barring local restrictions - and it has seen a near tripling of daily case counts that prompted some health officials to call for renewed restrictions to slow the spread of the virus.

"That doesn't mean you need to close down the state ... but if you wait too long that could become the only choice," Andy Slavitt, a former Medicare administrator and health care adviser who lives in Edina, said in a news conference for Arizona media on Monday.

The takeaway from the varied experiences is that it is foolhardy for now to compare Minnesota with any state, especially when the pandemic is "in the second inning of a nine-inning game," said Michael Osterholm, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.

Osterholm agreed that Arizona and other states need to take action on their rising COVID-19 cases, but that doesn't mean that every other state should do the same.

"I see far too many people out there making conclusions based on one state or comparing one state to another," he said. "I think we're way short of being able to do that with any scientific accuracy."

Osterholm predicted the virus would spread at different rates in different states but would ultimately infect at least 60% of the U.S. population unless a vaccine is developed.

The muddled national picture is reflected on the COVID Exit Strategy website, which lists 27 states as trending poorly, 18 states including Minnesota as making progress and six states including Wisconsin as getting better.

The key difference between Minnesota and Wisconsin, per this website's analysis, is that Wisconsin has more capacity in its available intensive care beds right now.

Minnesota as of Monday had 1,053 of its 1,253 available intensive care beds filled by patients with COVID-19 or other unrelated medical needs.

The state has another 944 ICU beds that could be readied if needed within 72 hours, though, and on Monday received final clearance to use a former long-term care facility in Roseville as an overflow facility for non-COVID-19 patients if needed.

The state on Monday reported a daily low since April 12 of six deaths and 353 COVID-19 patients who were hospitalized - below the peak of 606 hospitalized patients on May 28.

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Minnesota has now reported 30,693 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19, compared with Wisconsin's 22,932.

Malcolm said outbreaks in several food-processing plants - including the JBS pork plant in Worthington that contributed to 1,620 cases in Nobles County alone - could explain some of Minnesota's increased case count.

Almost all of the deaths in Minnesota involved the elderly or people with underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes or diseases of the lungs, heart, kidneys or immune system. And 1,034 of the deaths involved residents of long-term care or assisted-living facilities.

Malcolm said it is a relief that Minnesota's case growth is declining, but that it is unclear if the state could follow others such as Arizona that showed eventual increases.

The impact of recent events in Minnesota on disease transmission are unclear. Health officials expect to know by week's end whether the protests over the May 25 death of George Floyd in police custody resulted in an increase in cases.

Diagnostic testing is recommended for anyone involved in the mass events, regardless of whether they have any symptoms. Results of free testing for such people at four sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul last week found the virus in 1.8% of 3,200 people. HealthPartners reported a positivity rate of 0.99% in the recent testing of 8,500 asymptomatic people.

The state's current rate of positive COVID-19 tests is 3.5%. That higher percentage in part reflects the symptomatic patients who seek testing from their doctors and are more likely to be infected.

Health officials stressed that it is too soon to assess any increase in cases in Minnesota related to the relaxation of restrictions on June 1 and the latest steps on June 10 that allowed for the reopening of movie theaters and bowling alleys and for group meetings of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.

Ehresmann said it probably takes 21 days to see an effect based on the incubation period of two to 14 days for the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, and the usual delay before people who get sick seek medical attention.

Slavitt highlighted recent research showing higher average COVID-19 case growth in states that reopened faster. However, he said state comparisons aren't very meaningful right now and that Minnesota can benefit more by improving its strategies to prevent outbreaks in food processing plants and nursing homes, and its ability to respond to virus hot spots.

"We should understand that the virus, biologically, goes to the places where it hasn't been," Slavitt said. "So anyone that looks at New York or Arizona and says, 'Ah, we're smarter, we're better,' they're missing that fundamental understanding."

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Minnesota

30,693 Cases

1,304 Deaths

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3,630 People hospitalized

Wisconsin

22,932 Cases

694 Deaths

3,061 People hospitalized

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

30,693 -- Total cases

230 -- June 15 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,304 -- Total deaths

6 -- June 15

U.S. cases, new daily

2,103,990 -- Total cases

19,067 -- June 14

U.S. deaths, new daily

115,762 -- Total deaths

317 -- June 14

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Minnesota peace officer board to review George Floyd's death

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The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is required to review all misconduct complaints against licensed police officers. If the complaint is ruled justified, the board can revoke any officer's license, [the Star Tribune reported](#).

All four Minneapolis police officers who have been charged in the May 25 death of Floyd were fired from the department, but they are still licensed Minnesota peace officers.

The POST Board has asked the court for copies of the criminal complaints against former officer [Derek Chauvin](#), who is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter, as well as former officers [Tou Thao](#), [Thomas Lane](#) and J. Kueng, who are all charged with aiding and abetting. A witness video captured Chauvin, who is white, pressing his knee against Floyd's neck before the handcuffed black man died in Minneapolis.

In a statement, the board said Chauvin's actions do not reflect any training that officers receive.

"The video is troubling and disturbing and it is the Board's position that sanctity of life must be the guiding principle for all law enforcement officers," the statement said.

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Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, *Derek Chauvin*, *Tou Thao*, *Thomas Lane* and *J. Alexander Kueng*

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FBI director visits Minneapolis office to get update on George Floyd investigation

ARTICLE DCCXIX. [**FBI DIRECTOR VISITS MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE TO GET UPDATE
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Minneapolis FBI spokesman Kevin Smith said Wray came to the local office in Brooklyn Center on Tuesday morning for a quick "welfare check" on employees who have been working on the civil rights investigation, as well as investigations into violent protests and civil unrest. Smith said Wray offered his support and acknowledged the office's hard work.

Smith said Wray also got a thorough briefing on the civil rights investigation, and underscored that investigators need to move swiftly but correctly as they determine whether to charge former Minneapolis police officers ***Derek Chauvin***, J. Kueng, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***Tou Thao*** with violating Floyd's civil rights.

Floyd, a black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after Chauvin, who is white, pressed his knee into Floyd's neck, even after Floyd said he couldn't breathe and stopped moving.

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Goodman, Montgomery, Finney, Arneson, Brunzell, Miller: Women police leaders speak out about police reform and gender

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Highlight: Our state and nation are grieving. The horrific murder of ***George Floyd*** is an image that will be indelibly etched into our minds as our nation calls out for justice. We know this murder was not an isolated incident. Black and brown people are too often killed with impunity by police. Now may be a [...]

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Our state and nation are grieving. The horrific murder of ***George Floyd*** is an image that will be indelibly etched into our minds as our nation calls out for justice. We know this murder was not an isolated incident. Black and brown people are too often killed with impunity by police. Now may be a tipping point and we should not squander this opportunity to make fundamental changes in policing.

The psychology behind "group think," especially among male officers, results in an "us vs. them" mentality in police agencies even when there is benevolent leadership at the top. In Minneapolis, this is underscored by a union president (like other police union leaders who are usually men) who has been modeling this mindset for years. No matter how egregious the behavior, even in a video-documented officer-involved killing, he has not condemned the officers involved in the death of ***George Floyd*** and is seeking to have the fired officers reinstated.

Politicians, community leaders, police organizations, task forces are all advocating for change; from addressing ***systemic racism*** to making substantive reforms in policing.

From all of these meaningful ideas, we have yet to hear the voices of women in law enforcement or an analysis of how gender plays a role in the use of force by law enforcement.

When leaders do take initiatives, as President Obama did with his Task Force on 21st Century Policing or Minnesota did with its Working Group on Police-Involved Deadly Force Encounters, women in policing are seldom invited. How can anyone honestly be interested in changing the police culture and not have the voices of women police at the table?

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We know much about the differences between how men and women police. Research informs us that women usually do not use excessive force and tend to be more oriented toward community policing. We are not talking about a few token women, but when gender parity is realized, policing fundamentally changes.

This is not to say that women in law enforcement never act inappropriately or that they are better police officers than men, but the fact is that women in law enforcement respond differently. Women are comfortable with "policing by consent," the original model of community policing developed by Sir Robert Peel in 1829. Peel believed that the quality of people chosen to be police officers would contribute to the organization's legitimacy. The characteristics he deemed critical were that officers be even-tempered, reserved and principled in enforcing the law.

Current U.S. policing structures, including hiring practices, have historically been created by men to fulfill their idea of policing, which leans toward aggressiveness with an emphasis on physical strength and gaining compliance by force. Conversely, policing by consent includes problem solving, defusing disturbances, and working in diverse neighborhoods - being real community partners in preventing and solving crime. This is the kind of policing where women excel.

Despite compelling evidence that women police are less likely to use excessive or deadly force, on average the number of women in police departments in the United States is staggeringly low. Why? We know that there continues to be widespread discrimination in the hiring and selection practices of police departments. For example, in many departments, position descriptions still focus on the most extreme physical aspects of the job, generally followed by pre-hire physical agility testing that promotes brawn while minimizing the importance of community policing.

We are not recommending "lowering" the standards for becoming a police officer. We are asking for the standards to be realistic. In the 1970s, when we were young women testing for police jobs, one of the physical requirements was jumping over a 6-foot wooden fence - a prerequisite that we never actually did in our work. The 6-foot fence was a ruse - a subterfuge that kept many women and smaller-framed men out of policing.

Unfortunately, some of these antiquated fitness skills are still required. Many women get washed out during this process, or do not even apply. Consequently, departments squander opportunities to hire some really talented people who would be excellent officers. Police leaders everywhere need to rethink what skills are required to do the job, then have the courage to make changes.

We know there are myriad complex issues in addition to hiring more women that must occur to transform the police culture. The evils of *systemic racism* and racial disparities must change in a significant way. We also see promise in re-thinking policing to enhance public safety - ending the militarization of departments, dramatically increasing the recruitment and retention of women (especially women of color) and making real commitments to community policing. Policing is a noble profession and we are deeply troubled by those who resist change.

We call on all levels of government to put forward bold initiatives beginning with the ideas and voices of the communities most impacted by poverty, racism, and distrust of law enforcement. As we move forward, women in law enforcement must have a seat at the table. We have much to offer and would like to help.

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Laura Goodman was deputy chief of police, Brooklyn Center, and is a former Minnesota state ombudsman for crime victims.

Juliann Brunzell was a special agent at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and chairs the board of trustees of the International Association of Women Police.

Kris Arneson is a former assistant chief of police at the *Minneapolis Police Department*.

Linda Finney is former superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Deborah Montgomery was assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. She also is a former senior commander in the St. Paul Police Department and a former St. Paul city council member.

Linda S. Miller was a sergeant in the Bloomington Police Department and is founding director of the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute. She is the author of "Community Policing: Partnerships for Problem Solving."

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Aunt Jemima brand retired by Quaker due to racial stereotype

ARTICLE DCCXXI. [**AUNT JEMIMA BRAND RETIRED BY QUAKER DUE TO RACIAL STEREOTYPE**](#)

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NEW YORK - America's painful struggles over racism have finally caught up with Aunt Jemima, that ubiquitous fixture served up at breakfast tables for 131 years.

Quaker Oats announced Wednesday that it will retire the Aunt Jemima brand, saying the company recognizes the character's origins are "based on a racial stereotype." Indeed, the logo was inspired by 19th century minstrel celebrating the "mammy," a black woman content to serve her white masters. A former slave, Nancy Green, became the first face of the pancake product in 1890.

Aunt Jemima's downfall is the latest signal of the powerful cultural moment unleashed by the ***Black Lives Matter*** protests, which have spread around the world and prompted companies to rethink their policies, from hiring practices to giving employees off for Juneteenth, the anniversary of the end of the slavery in the U.S.

Other companies said they are reconsidering racial imagery in their branding.

The owner of the Uncle Ben's rice says the brand will "evolve" in response to concerns about racial stereotyping. Caroline Sherman, a spokeswoman for parent company Mars, said the company is listening to the voices of consumers, especially in the black community.

Geechie Boy Mill, a family-owned operation in South Carolina that makes locally-grown and milled white grits, said it is "listening and revising our overall branding," though no decisions have been made. Geechie is a dialect spoken mainly by the descendants of African-American slaves who settled on the Ogeechee river in Georgia, according to Merriam-Webster.com. In a statement to The Associated Press, the company said a name change has been under consideration for the past year and discussions have ramped back up given the current climate.

Earlier this year, Land O'Lakes announced that it would no longer use the Native American woman on its packages of butter, cheese and other products since the late 1920s.

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But reconsideration of the images also raises questions about why they have endured for so long in the first place, beyond the Civil Rights movement and ensuing decades of protests against discrimination and violence against African-Americans. Brands with ethnic and racial stereotypes still abound, from Nestle's Eskimo Pie and Miss Chiquita of banana fame, to the ongoing debate over the Washington Redskins football team.

Riché Richardson, an associate professor of African American literature at Cornell University, called for Aunt Jemima's retirement five years ago in a New York Times opinion piece - part of a wider discussion about Confederate statues and other imagery after the massacre of nine black parishioners at a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Richardson said Aunt Jemima epitomizes the dark comfort that some Americans take from imagery of black servitude, so normalized that it's on their box of pancake mix. She said it was problematic that Aunt Jemima is such a ubiquitous symbol of black femininity when there are so many real women who are icons of African American history.

"The question becomes, 'do we want to hold onto images that hearken back to a past when blacks were servants and expected to know their place?'" Richardson said. "People who are holding onto these symbols are almost suggesting that those are times they are nostalgic about. I don't think people intend to send that message but at this time, we cannot afford to send mix messages."

Quaker, which is owned by PepsiCo, said its overhauled pancake mix and syrup will hit shelves by the fourth quarter of 2020. The company will announce the new name at a later date. PepsiCo also announced a five-year, \$400 million initiative "to lift up black communities and increase black representation at PepsiCo."

"We recognize Aunt Jemima's origins are based on a racial stereotype," said Kristin Kroepfl of Quaker Foods North America. "While work has been done over the years to update the brand in a manner intended to be appropriate and respectful, we realize those changes are not enough."

Quaker tried over the years to purge Aunt Jemima of her "mammy" roots, exchanging her kerchief for pearls by 1989. Still, the image was of eager domesticity and her name could not be dissociated from its racist origins.

Aunt Jemima's years of success as a marketing image made it risky for the company to part with it completely, said Brenda Lee, founding director of the marketing research firm Vision Strategy and Insights.

"It's a huge deal. They've invested quite a bit in establishing that brand with all that goes along with the logo," Lee said. "The calling to make this change has been around for years and the most they had been willing to do was update her looks, but they were not willing to relinquish the name."

Lee said the risk calculation for companies is quickly changing, in part because of the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement's effort to draw attention to where black dollars are spent.

Earlier this week, the singer Kirby posted a TikTok video called "How to Make a Non Racist Breakfast" explaining some of the backstory of the Aunt Jemima brand. That video went viral.

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READERS WRITE Kroll should want what we want

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POLICE

My interpretation of Lt. Bob Kroll's job as president of the Minneapolis police union is to protect and serve the ones who are sworn to protect and serve us. Just as it is misplaced for the public to paint all police with the same brush as brutes with badges, wouldn't it be mistaken for him to tarnish the badges of good cops by affording bad cops the same protections?

Wouldn't the idea of weeding out incompetent officers actually strengthen his union and therefore strengthen the police force?

Throughout our lives we all know who the bad apples are: In school we knew who the troublemakers, bullies and disrupters were by their propensity for bad behavior; in the military we knew who in our platoon was the malcontent bringing trouble down on us from our superiors; in the workplace we could all spot the slacker, liar, cheat. It would be disingenuous to believe that everyone from the rank-and-file patrol officer through top command doesn't have someone on their radar as a bad cop.

Want to build a better police force? Want to serve your worthy union members better? Don't let the ineffective, ill-trained and incapable infect our police. Serve your constituents better by proactively replacing bad cops. Reinforce proper training, and institute stringent requirements. Maybe, just maybe, the public would be happy to pay for more police if we knew they all served us with a higher standard.

Terry Friedlander, Minneapolis

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This man had a burned out taillight. This man failed to dim his headlights. This man fell asleep in his car. This man may have stolen a couple of cigars. This man allegedly tried to pass a fake \$20 bill. This man was trying to sell cigarettes on the sidewalk. And a few minutes later all of these people were either choked or shot dead.

Have we lost our minds? When doing police training, does anyone ever talk about the difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law? Is the fine art of de-escalation being taught anywhere these

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days? Committing a felony demands one kind of response. Committing a minor infraction of the law, if that, demands a very different kind of response.

I realize that policing today is a very difficult job, but none of these men should have been killed. What if the police told that man to go get his taillight fixed this week? End of story. Or, "Next time, dim your headlights"? End of story.

The prophet Micah asks us to do justice but also to show mercy to others and to walk humbly with our God. Ancient words that are still so relevant, and needed, for today.

Paul L. Harrington, Rosemount

The writer is a pastor.

'GONE WITH THE WIND'

A undeniably racist film

I was appalled by Bonnie Blodgett's claim in her commentary that "Gone with the Wind" is not racist ("Why 'Gone with the Wind' should not be gone," Opinion Exchange, June 15). Black people were protesting it from the day it came out. Even as children in the 1950s, we laughed at the caricatures of black slaves in the film. Later, we realized just how much the slave-era South and the Confederacy were normalized and even glorified in the film.

The book is even worse. According to a June 14 article in the New York Times, "Scarlett, while riding alone through a shantytown, is nearly raped by a black man, which prompts a retaliatory raid by the Klan." In the film, "the attacker is a poor white man, and the nature of the posse that rides out to avenge her honor is not specified." Even David O. Selznick, the film's producer, couldn't stomach making the Ku Klux Klan avenging heroes.

I understand white nostalgia for racist, sexist or just plain lousy films, but nostalgia shouldn't blind us to their very real faults.

Daniel Pinkerton, Minneapolis

PROTESTS

Gatherings spread disease, no matter why we have them. Right?

Since the tragic and senseless death of *George Floyd* at the hands of the *Minneapolis Police Department*, understandable calls for justice and action of transpired. We've seen tens of thousands of Americans all throughout the country raise their voices in an effort to foment just change.

Circa six weeks ago, there were also protests around the country by Americans whose livelihoods have been destroyed. Unemployment is at an all-time high, people can't afford their bills, and people grew desperate. Protesters stormed state capitols and demanded COVID-19 lockdown restrictions be lifted.

The reaction to these two types of protests, which happened within a month, could not be more stark. One one hand, we've seen people who claimed if someone is anti-lockdown and they protest, they are selfish and they "want grandma to die." The government, at all levels, said it was irresponsible for people to be gathering in the protesting.

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But later, we saw tens of thousands of people congregate (and continue to do so to this day) to protest racial inequity. Where have the voices who claimed those who protest want grandma dead gone? Why has the government shifted its attack on relatively smaller protests to passively encouraging the nationwide protests we see today?

COVID-19 hasn't disappeared, but you can still pass along the coronavirus at a social justice protest as well as a "reopen America's economy" protest.

If anything, these large protests have become an experiment to truly test the infectivity of COVID-19. If the U.S. doesn't see the largest spike of infections since all of this started, it is time to fully reopen America.

Nathan Dull, Eden Prairie

REMOVING MONUMENTS

He still did it, even without a statue

This may be a way to think about the question of whether or not to take down Confederate leaders' statues: Let's say your high school named you the valedictorian of your graduating class. And in your honor, they awarded you a trophy and put it in the school's trophy case. Then, after many years, the trophy case became too crowded and they had to move some trophies into storage, so students could no longer pass by your trophy and see your name.

Would this mean that you were no longer the valedictorian of your class? Of course not. The record would still show that you had earned that honor. It would simply mean that the trophy, emblematic of your work, was no longer displayed in the school trophy case.

Jon Hersch, Hamel

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I hope the statue of me in our backyard will not someday be torn down because I offended some liberal in the past.

Darrell E. Ritzema, Fridley

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I've never given much thought to public statues. Most pay tribute to old dead guys who probably did as much as good as bad. Except Ole Bull. My grandpa, Ernest/Ernie/Ole Olson, used to take me for walks and play in Loring Park in the early 1950s. I still remember the statue of Ole Bull, so tall and magnificent - stirring really. He was a violinist. And not a killer of people like so many other men who have monuments in public squares.

Let's have more statues of violinists instead of killers.

Mike Fralick, Litchfield, Minn.

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After unrest in St. Cloud, 18-year-old charged with shooting officer

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AFTER UNREST IN ST. CLOUD, 18-YEAR-OLD CHARGED WITH SHOOTING OFFICER

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Highlight: ST. CLOUD, Minn. - Prosecutors charged an 18-year-old man Wednesday with shooting and wounding a St. Cloud police officer who was trying to arrest him - a shooting that sparked unrest after rumors surfaced that police had shot two black men. The Stearns County Attorney's Office charged Sumaree Boose, of St. Cloud with first-degree assault, [...]

Body

ST. CLOUD, Minn. - Prosecutors charged an 18-year-old man Wednesday with shooting and wounding a St. Cloud police officer who was trying to arrest him - a shooting that sparked unrest after rumors surfaced that police had shot two black men.

The Stearns County Attorney's Office charged Sumaree Boose, of St. Cloud with first-degree assault, using deadly force against a peace officer who was shot in the hand. Bail was set at \$400,000 with conditions.

Boose denied that he intentionally shot the officer, whose name hasn't been released. On the contrary, he said the officer, perhaps unintentionally, shot him in the chin during the struggle early Monday and that the bullet also went through the officer's hand, authorities allege in the criminal complaint.

Authorities deny Boose's version of events, saying no officers opened fire while arresting him.

After the shooting, a rumor spread on social media that police had shot two black men, leading to a crowd gathering early Monday outside of police headquarters. Officers used tear gas to disperse the crowd.

After two nights of unrest, the Rev. James Alberts of Higher Ground Church of God in Christ shared a megaphone with people Tuesday night who wanted to talk about their experiences with racism and other issues.

Alberts encouraged the roughly 150 demonstrators to keep the gathering peaceful, which they did.

"We are not here at this moment in time because everything is peachy keen, but we are also not here to burn things down," he said, according to the St. Cloud Times.

The protests have been over ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis and racial injustice. Floyd, who was black and handcuffed, died May 25 after a white police officer used his knee to pin down Floyd's neck for several

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minutes as Floyd begged for air and eventually stopped moving. His death has sparked protests around the world.

[Two men arrested in connection with Wednesday's fatal shooting have been released; investigation continues](#) [Former Anoka middle school theater teacher charged with 7 counts of criminal sexual conduct](#) [Iowa meth kingpin is 3rd executed by US government this week](#) **Black Lives Matter** [signs stolen and damaged, Roseville police say](#) [Dead raccoons left near others.](#) [St. Paul man said 'speak the language I speak,' then drove into woman at Little Canada park, bias charges say](#)

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High school athletes move to help Lake Street rebuild

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES MOVE TO HELP LAKE STREET REBUILD

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Byline: ERIN ADLER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Hundreds of athletes will try to raise a total of \$8,460 on Wednesday.

Body

What started as a single soccer team trying to help out has blossomed into hundreds of students running, walking, biking or swimming to raise awareness of racism along with money for Minneapolis businesses damaged by rioting after ***George Floyd***'s death.

On Wednesday, Rachel Winkey, a captain of the Blake High School girls soccer team, will meet up with 40 other players at Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail to jog and walk 8.46 miles to represent the 8 minutes, 46 seconds a Minneapolis police officer knelt on Floyd's neck before he died.

Athletes from eight other soccer teams - Breck, Coon Rapids, Washburn in Minneapolis, Eagan, Edina, Minnetonka, Orono and Wayzata - will join the Blake Bears, exercising on their own turf for the same purpose.

The teams hope to funnel \$8,460 into one GoFundMe account to give to the Lake Street Council in Minneapolis. The money will aid businesses along a devastated stretch of Lake Street as they rebuild. As of Tuesday afternoon, the fund had raised \$4,925.

Blake head girls soccer coach Kelsey Hans got the idea to have her team raise money from the UCLA women's soccer team, which ran 8.46 miles on June 8, generating tens of thousands of dollars for ***Black Lives Matter***.

"I thought it was really neat," Hans said. "I initially thought I'd have to do most of it but [the team] was really excited about it."

Winkey, who had recently pitched in by participating in a food drive for areas hit hard by the riots, picked the Lake Street cause when she heard many businesses didn't have insurance to cover the damage.

Soon, the Blake boys team was on board, then Edina girls soccer joined in. Coon Rapids High School is having all of its sports programs participate, as are many of Orono's teams. Several metro-area soccer club

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teams, including Tonka Fusion, Tonka United, Minnesota Thunder Academy and Minneapolis United, are signed up, too.

"I think it's really important for kids to get involved because it allows them to be informed," Winkey said, adding that it's especially crucial when they are young and still learning. Winkey said she believes the collaboration will meet its financial goal.

Every team is meeting at a different place and time Wednesday. If students have a conflict, they can do it on their own. When done, Winkey said, they're encouraged to post a photo of themselves with the hashtag #MN846ForChange.

Hans said this project shows how passionate high school students can be.

The team is less focused on how they raise than they are on getting as many students involved as possible, she said.

Katie Aafedt, Edina High School's head girls soccer coach, said she had "total buy-in" from her players. Thirty to 40 of them will show up at 3 p.m. Wednesday, where they will alternately walk and run a 2-mile loop around Kuhlman Field, the site of their home games. The fundraiser is a way to contribute that's in the girls' wheelhouse as athletes, she said.

"It's important for these girls to see what life's like outside their own world," Aafedt said. "It forced some discussion that would have never happened otherwise."

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Minnesota State schools to review police training following George Floyd killing

ARTICLE DCCXXV. [**MINNESOTA STATE SCHOOLS TO REVIEW POLICE TRAINING
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Highlight: The Minnesota State college and university system will convene a work group to examine what's being taught in its law enforcement training programs following the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody. Chancellor Devinder Malhotra said during Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting that the group will include faculty, campus administrators, students and community members. [...]

Body

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Chancellor Devinder Malhotra said during Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting that the group will include faculty, campus administrators, students and community members.

Their task will be to support the "critical examination of current law enforcement curricula and pedagogy using an anti-racism and equity-focused lens," he said.

Malhotra said that beyond reviewing law enforcement training, the system of 30 state colleges and seven universities will undergo ongoing anti-racism training and review its policies and procedures with an eye toward equity.

Derek Chauvin, who is charged with second-degree murder for kneeling on Floyd's neck for several minutes on May 25, attended three of the system's schools. Chauvin is white and Floyd was black.

Three other officers are charged with aiding and abetting murder. [*House committee advances bill to assist Twin Cities businesses damaged in George Floyd unrest*](#) [*Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'*](#) [*Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest*](#)

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Feds charge man in 3rd precinct fire

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FEDS CHARGE MAN IN 3RD PRECINCT FIRE

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3B**Length:** 522 words**Byline:** STEPHEN MONTEMAYOR; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Dylan Shakespeare Robinson was arrested Sunday in Colorado.**Body**

Federal authorities on Tuesday charged a 23-year-old Brainerd-area man in connection with fires started at the ***Minneapolis Police Department's*** Third Precinct building amid rioting over the May 25 police killing of ***George Floyd***.

Dylan Shakespeare Robinson, 23, made his first appearance in federal court in Colorado, two days after being arrested in Breckenridge, Colo., as he traveled west along Interstate 70.

Robinson - identified as having grown up in the Brainerd area and currently serving a probation sentence for drug possession - was recorded by security cameras tossing incendiary devices at the Third Precinct building the night it burned, according to a federal criminal complaint. A Facebook video also showed Robinson setting a fire just outside the first-floor stairwell on the building's west side, the complaint said.

Robinson is charged with two felonies related to aiding and abetting arson. His next court appearance is scheduled for Friday in Colorado. An attorney representing Robinson was not immediately available.

According to the federal criminal complaint affidavit sworn by an agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Robinson also posted footage on Snapchat of himself and others trying to make Molotov cocktails near the precinct building.

At one point in the comments section of the video, Robinson posted, "These guys have never made a Molotov," and called them "Rookies," the complaint said. When another Snapchat user commented that the group should siphon gasoline for the devices, the charging document said, Robinson replied, "Got it covered."

According to charges, investigators scoured publicly available social media accounts, including YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok in the days after the Third Precinct building - and numerous others - were damaged or destroyed by fires as unrest raged across the Twin Cities following Floyd's death.

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A day after the ATF publicly released photos of suspects involved in the fires, a woman who said her son had attended Pillager Area Charter School with Robinson identified the man in one of the photos. The ATF says she also provided a link to Robinson's Facebook account and told agents that he was also responsible for the fire that destroyed an AutoZone store near the Third Precinct.

Agents also used cellphone data to trace Robinson near the Third Precinct building the night of May 28 and into the early morning of May 29. They later tracked him to the Denver area.

Robinson's arrest is the latest in an ongoing federal law enforcement probe of scores of fires set around the Twin Cities after Floyd's death. On Monday, federal authorities announced a \$70,000 reward for help identifying, arresting and prosecuting the suspects involved. William Henderson, special agent in charge of the ATF's St. Paul field division, said that authorities have "narrowed in on particular individuals who we suspect started one or more fires throughout the Twin Cities."

The photos showed eight locations damaged by arson.

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Carter goes before Senate policing panel

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CARTER GOES BEFORE SENATE POLICING PANEL

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WASHINGTON - St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter on Tuesday urged Congress to make broad national police accountability reforms, including standards that would outlaw chokeholds or neck restraints like the one that cost ***George Floyd*** his life at the hands of Minneapolis police.

"We can establish a national standard of policing to curb brutality, end racial profiling, and eliminate qualified immunity," Carter told a Senate panel considering police reforms. "Undoubtedly, you will be pressured by powerful friends who will paint these critical reforms as hostile to law enforcement, but our work to restore Americans' faith in our justice system is a lifeline for officers who serve in good faith."

Carter's testimony came as President Donald Trump signed an executive order providing incentives for better police training, higher certification standards and a national database to track police misconduct, though his reform package fell short of the demands of many protesters and activists.

Carter's comments, delivered remotely at a hearing of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, came in the wake of the anger that enveloped the Twin Cities after Minneapolis officer ***Derek Chauvin*** pressed his knee into Floyd's neck as Floyd begged for his life.

Carter, whose father was one of St. Paul's first black police officers, said mayors like him need federal support to regain control in an atmosphere where use of force often takes precedence over helping address what causes crime to begin with.

"Our country's enforcement-heavy public safety strategies aren't designed to address the root causes of crime, only the symptoms," Carter said. "We deserve more than a swift response after a crime is committed, we deserve investment to reduce the number of times we have to call police in the first place."

Carter also asked for a national record-keeping system that will help localities and states weed out problem officers. "We fire officers only to see them shielded from accountability, reinstated through arbitration, or hired into another agency that has no knowledge of their past," he said.

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Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota invited Carter to address the Senate committee as Republicans and Democrats in Congress work on separate packages of police reforms. House Democrats have proposed reforms that would ban police chokeholds and make it easier for victims of police brutality to sue officers and departments, something many Republicans oppose.

Trump, working with Senate Republicans, offered a more limited package that also bans chokeholds except in certain circumstances. Echoing many reform activists, the president's order calls on departments to involve social workers and mental health professionals on calls dealing with homelessness, mental illness and addiction.

State lawmakers in St. Paul also are working on police reform legislation this week, though the outcome remains unsettled.

Agreement in Congress may prove more difficult. Democrats and Republicans differ on how much criminal and civil immunity police officers should receive for alleged misconduct. Democrats generally favor less immunity.

Klobuchar, a Judiciary Committee member, pointed to unsuccessful attempts by her and other senators to persuade the U.S. Justice Department to investigate police practices in Minneapolis. The ability of federal officials to compel changes in police behavior, such as prohibiting the use of chokeholds, may find common ground. Other details of reform will likely need negotiation, committee members seemed to agree.

Facing pressure to take action following Floyd's death, Trump announced his order in a Rose Garden gathering where he praised both law enforcement and the families of those who lost their lives during interactions with police.

"We have to find common ground," Trump said "But I strongly oppose the radical and dangerous efforts to defund, dismantle, and dissolve our police departments. ... Americans know the truth: Without police, there is chaos; without law, there is anarchy; and without safety, there is catastrophe. We need leaders at every level of government who have the moral clarity to state these obvious facts."

Among those attending the White House rollout was Republican U.S. Rep. Pete Stauber of Minnesota, a former police officer. "The death of George Floyd calls for lasting change, and I am proud to see the President take decisive action on this issue," Stauber tweeted afterward.

Andy Skoogman, executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police, said the chiefs welcome the "consistency" that will come from policies set at by the state and federal government. "We do have agencies across the state that have different policies," he said.

Skoogman pointedly noted, however, that the hold used by Chauvin and Floyd was "unacceptable, unreasonable and unnecessary."

Steve Linders, spokesman for the St. Paul Police Department, said chokeholds already have been banned for years in St. Paul. "No one in our leadership can remember when they were even taught in the academy," Linders said, adding that a new policy in the wake of the Floyd killing made it "crystal clear" that they are "explicitly" banned.

South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, the only black Republican in the Senate, is expected to introduce a GOP police reform package Wednesday that could win Trump's support. But Judiciary Chairman Lindsey

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Graham of South Carolina, a top Trump ally, cautioned that Republicans and Democrats cannot talk "past one another" if they want to pass a reform law.

He referred to Scott, who has been stopped five times by police in the capital, saying, "Tim and I have completely different experiences with the cops. Why is it?"

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POLICING REFORMS DEBATED AT CAPITOL

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Republicans in control of the Minnesota Senate faced pushback on a package of police reform proposals on Tuesday from Democrats and community members who said the bills don't go far enough to hold officers accountable in cases of deadly force.

A wide gulf remained between House Democrats and Senate Republicans on the lengths of police reform measures in the wake of *George Floyd's* May 25 killing by Minneapolis police, which sparked outrage across the globe. It's unclear what both chambers will be able to pass during the short special session of the Legislature, which Republicans say they plan to adjourn Friday.

"This is a first step in a special session that has limited time," said Sen. Warren Limmer, R-Maple Grove, the chairman of the chamber's judiciary committee. "This is not a last step; we need to continue this discussion, regardless of what happens in the November election."

The bills being advanced by the GOP-controlled Senate late into Tuesday evening

continue state funding to reimburse local governments for law enforcement training on crisis intervention and implicit bias. The Senate package also expands support for officers struggling with their mental health, increases background checks for law enforcement employees and requires reporting of some use-of-force cases to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Another bill requires the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, which handles law enforcement licensing and standards, to develop a statewide policy banning chokeholds and neck restraints like those used on Floyd by former Minneapolis police officer *Derek Chauvin*, who now faces murder charges. The POST board also would have to adopt policies that require officers to intervene and report in some cases of excessive force.

Those measures line up with a handful proposed by Democrats in control of the House, but their package of roughly 20 public safety and criminal justice bills go further than the Senate measures. The DFL bills

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would ban "warrior-style" training, eliminate cash bail for misdemeanor offenses, and spend \$15 million on community interventions and policing alternatives.

House Democrats also are pushing to give Attorney General Keith Ellison's office responsibility for prosecuting officer-involved deaths, a measure GOP leaders oppose. Another point of contention is a DFL measure to restore felons' voting rights while they are on probation.

GOP lawmakers have raised concerns with tying felon voting restoration to police reform and said they oppose having Ellison, an outspoken progressive Democrat, handle cases of deadly or excessive force.

"We don't think that the attorney general should have more powers. He used to be the [DNC vice chairman.] We think he's partisan and we don't think he's the right guy to have more powers," said Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake. "We don't think we should have felon voting, and we don't think we should dismantle the police."

Calls by a majority of the Minneapolis City Council to disband or dismantle the city's police force have become a focal point of criticism for Republicans nationwide, including President Donald Trump, who issued an executive order Tuesday outlining a more limited set of police reforms.

But some witnesses in a nearly three-hour Minnesota Senate hearing said the GOP legislation doesn't go far enough to address broader problems with police accountability.

Department of Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell, who previously served as chief of police in Inver Grove Heights, encouraged senators to support a House DFL bill that changes the arbitration process to prevent some problematic officers from returning to their job after being fired.

"The spotlight is turned on us, the world is watching us as Minnesota is at the center of another tragedy," he said. "We cannot accept that things will just calm down; we cannot accept that things will get back to normal after this. That's just not possible."

Policing reform is just one issue legislators are trying to tackle during the special session, which was triggered by Gov. Tim Walz's extension of his emergency powers in response to the coronavirus.

The Senate passed a bill that would allocate more than \$841 million in federal aid for local governments struggling with COVID-19 costs.

The House has yet to hold a special session hearing on the federal aid but it has bipartisan support.

Lawmakers also want to help businesses damaged during riots in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Walz asked the Legislature on Tuesday not to leave until they have police reforms as well as a bonding bill to fund public works projects statewide.

Walz has proposed a \$2.6 billion bonding bill to renovate state buildings, water systems, roads and other infrastructure. Gazelka has said he's willing to go up to \$1.35 billion.

"This is the rainy day that Minnesota has been preparing for," Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said. "The time for a robust bonding bill is right now and we must act." House Republicans, however, are still demanding that the governor first end his emergency powers, which they say are no longer needed.

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'Better Angels': St. Paul public art honors Lincoln's first inaugural address

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'BETTER ANGELS': ST. PAUL PUBLIC ART HONORS LINCOLN'S FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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Highlight: On the brink of civil war, President Abraham Lincoln addressed the nation with a simple plea: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies." More than a century later, the words from Lincoln's First Inaugural Address inspired St. Paul artist Nicole Mary Milligan's next public art installation in downtown St. Paul: A [...]

Body

On the brink of civil war, President Abraham Lincoln addressed the nation with a simple plea: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies."

More than a century later, the words from Lincoln's First Inaugural Address inspired St. Paul artist Nicole Mary Milligan's next public art installation in downtown St. Paul: A piece called "Better Angels."

The steel framework is 20 feet long, 10 feet wide and 14 feet tall and includes several hundred blue and white pinwheels resembling angel wings. When assembled, the pinwheels appear as one large pair of angel wings.

Landmark Plaza, adjacent the Landmark Center, is hosting the project until Sept. 30. The plaza hosted [another art installation by Milligan](#) last summer.

In his address, Lincoln asked a divided America to be inspired by "the better angels of our nature" - a message that will be posted on a sign alongside the installation.

While especially relevant amid ***Black Lives Matter*** protests taking place across the country, Milligan says the concept for "Better Angels" was developed last year.

"I just noticed that there has been a lack of civility," said Milligan, who is working with her husband and fellow artist, Allan Milligan. "For some reason the world is at this particular crucial moment, and we as citizens of the world have to go, 'Where is my humanity? Where is the humanity in others? Who are we?'"

The installation was sponsored by the St. Paul Downtown Alliance, the Rice Park Association and Landmark Center.

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Landmark Center director Amy Mino said the installation is an opportunity for people to enjoy art this summer despite COVID-19 restrictions.

"The reason we sponsored it is because it's creative and inspiring, and we hope it inspires people to think big," Mino said.

Milligan encourages you to see the angel wings, share photos of them on social media with the hashtag #BetterAngelsStPaul and remember that "we're all supposed to get along."

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Hamline professors: If they want to improve policing in Minnesota, legislators need to know this

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Highlight: The Minnesota House of Representatives and Senate are debating several bills to "reform," "reclaim" and "re-imagine" police oversight and accountability. However, much of the proposed legislation fails to address the systemic failures inherent in police education, licensing and training in Minnesota. Understanding why these bills will not reform policing in Minnesota requires an understanding of [...]

Body

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Understanding why these bills will not reform policing in Minnesota requires an understanding of Minnesota's licensing model and the fundamental breakdowns built into this complex system. Here are the key breakdowns:

Pre-service

Minnesota is one of the few states that requires a post-secondary degree to become a peace officer. Individuals seeking a career in law enforcement can choose to attend one of the 30 Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) accredited education programs. The board certifies that these schools are covering the 410 learning objectives adopted by the MN POST Board.

However, Minnesota rules do not require that accredited schools evaluate or provide assessment of how they are meeting objectives. There is no standardization of who is teaching the courses, what is being taught, and the POST board does not require proof that students are mastering individual learning objectives.

Psychological exam

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At this point, potential officers have to pass a standardized psychological exam - typically the MMPI - administered by private psychologists throughout the state. The MMPI is a personality inventory designed to measure abnormal behavior.

But it has shown limited ability to predict officer performance. And the MMPI has been criticized for being racially biased, with black applicants failing the exam more often than white applicants in law enforcement settings.

Skills

After completing their educational training and passing the psychological exam, new potential officers have to pass a skills program at one of 10 providers in Minnesota. Taught by current and former officers, skills programs follow a paramilitary structure

Some curriculum follows the nationwide trend of being largely stress-based or "based on the military model and typically involves intensive physical demands and psychological pressure."

This fear-based model trains officers to view every interaction as a threat or a potential threat.

Written exam

All potential officers must now pass a written exam - administered by Pearson Vue.

But students and their universities are only told whether they pass or fail the computerized exam - not what score they received or which areas they are weak in, such as communication or cultural competency. This misses an early, critical opportunity for intervention. Law enforcement agencies also don't have access to the data for hiring decisions.

Screening by departments

At this point, potential officers apply to individual law enforcement agencies. Each department has its own hiring procedures and screening that may include another psychological exam.

This process is different for each department and can result in a potential officer failing one agency's psychological exam but passing another's. There are no agreed-upon requirements, resulting in officers across the state who have failed psychological testing and some who have no required experience with diverse populations.

Field training

After being accepted as a police officer, each department requires supervised field training. The length of field training varies by department, with Minneapolis requiring six months.

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As we have now learned, *Derek Chauvin* was a training officer in the MPD, illustrating that an officer with 17 citizen complaints and several prior use-of-force incidents can be promoted to a training officer.

In-service training

Officers in Minnesota are required to attend 48 hours of in-service training every three years - with use-of-force training required every year.

But there is little to no screening of course content or trainer qualifications, and no evaluation of the training or its impact.

In fact, the POST board does not keep application materials and therefore makes any sort of evaluation difficult, if not impossible.

The "gold standard" in de-escalation training, for example, is CIT Training, which is taught by current and former officers, costs \$700 plus a week of salary per officer, and little can be said about its effectiveness.

The last two officers to face murder charges in Minnesota - *Derek Chauvin* and Mohamed Noor - were both CIT-trained officers.

Re-licensing

Officers have to renew their license every three-years using an online form.

Re-certification in many pre-service skills and physical fitness standards are not required, and background checks are not re-run as part of this process - current officers have to self-report any changes to their criminal histories like DUIs and domestic assaults.

POST Board

Oversight for all of this falls to the POST Board.

The POST Board operates outside the authority of the Department of Public Safety, thus, it is unclear who has the authority to hold the POST Board accountable. The majority of seats on the board are law enforcement members.

The POST Board has authority over "selection, training, and licensing of peace officers," however, when it comes to enforcing authority over active officers, the board does not oversee discipline of officers and instead defers to the agency of employment. Under this oversight, license revocation in Minnesota is unlikely without a criminal conviction. The result is a well-documented problem of hundreds of officers with charges of misconduct, excessive use-of-force complaints, or even criminal convictions who continue to work in Minnesota agencies.

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Minnesota policing has some bad apples - which should have been screened out at multiple checkpoints - growing on a rotten tree. The problems we've detailed here relate to reimagining the very concept of policing - its purpose and values as well as its practice.

Some of the proposals on the floor of the Minnesota Legislature could have a real impact on policing in Minnesota - like creating citizen-led critical-incident review boards, requiring record-keeping, changing the use-of-force statutes, and having the attorney general prosecute officers accused of serious crimes.

Other proposals miss the mark entirely, like requiring more in-service training that is not research-based.

And the reforms do not go far enough because they fail to adequately rethink the role and authority of the POST Board.

Our current system of training and overseeing police in Minnesota has failed. For real reform, we have to admit the tree is rotten. It's time to plant a new one.

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St. Paul Public Schools weighs removal of police officers following George Floyd's death

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ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEIGHS REMOVAL OF POLICE OFFICERS FOLLOWING GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH

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Highlight: The St. Paul school board will decide next week whether to continue placing police officers at seven of its high schools. School district administrators are recommending the continuation of the school resource officer program despite a flurry of opposition following the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody. Superintendent Joe Gothard said [...]

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School district administrators are recommending the continuation of the school resource officer program despite a flurry of opposition following the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody.

Superintendent Joe Gothard said school district officials recently have received over 1,000 emails on the subject, most of which urged them to end the program. High school principals, however, think the officers should stay, he said.

Students also overwhelmingly support having officers in seven high schools, according to a survey of high school juniors last year.

School board members discussed the matter at length Tuesday night but did not reach a consensus. They're expected to decide June 23 whether staff should negotiate another contract with the city police department.

Board member John Brodrick favors keeping the program, saying the district has had a good partnership with the police.

Zuki Ellis said she doesn't think police officers belong in schools. At the same time, she said, the officers in the St. Paul schools "are really good people and we've been fortunate to have them in our schools."

Steve Marchese said he's willing to remove the officers at some point but first wants to see a plan for how schools will operate without them.

The school board has debated the merits of the program each year since 2016, fueled by the forceful arrest, caught on video, of a former student who was trespassing at [*Central Senior High*](#).

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An advisory team of students appointed by the board [ushered in changes](#) to school police practices later that year. The membership of the Student Engagement and Advancement Board has changed but the board renewed a call on Tuesday to remove the officers.

"I don't think I'd feel safe going back to school," said Kalid Ali, a Como Park high schooler who said he might not return to school in the fall if a police officer is in the building.

Chauntyll Allen, a board member and former educational assistant, said some of the changes to the program, which included a more casual uniform, made no difference.

"It was the same gun on their hip, and it was the same cuffs on their other hip," she said, suggesting the money can be better spent on staffers who positively support students.

The St. Paul school board has come close to ending the program, but its most recent vote, last December, was [unanimous in favor of another one-year contract](#). The board was told then that 97 percent of juniors said it was a "good idea" to have officers posted in schools.

The current contract expires this month. It calls for the school district to pay the city up to \$775,000 for the use of seven officers; the actual cost will be smaller this school year because the officers were reassigned after schools closed in March due to the coronavirus pandemic. [Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'](#) [Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect](#) [St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting](#) [Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest](#) [George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death](#)

Six of the district's seven school resource officers are people of color.

Tuesday's discussion came as law- and policymakers across the country were weighing a response to Floyd's death, which has captured the world's attention like perhaps no other case of police brutality.

Earlier this month, the Minneapolis school board said it would end its relationship with that city's police department.

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BLACK WOMEN HEED CALL TO RUN

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Marquita Stephens has been active in her Woodbury community for more than 20 years, working with victims of domestic violence and advocating for safe placements for black children up for adoption. A few months ago, in a moment of prayer, she made a promise to herself: if someone called upon her to take her work to the next level, she would.

She didn't expect that person would be ***George Floyd***, a man she's never met, seen on a video crying out for his mother while a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck.

"To have him holler for his mother at that point, you know you had to respond," said Stephens, the mother of two black sons. "If something would happen to them, I'm putting on my shoes and I'm going. That's what a mom does."

Days later, Stephens filed to run for a seat in the state Senate, a 162-year-old institution that has yet to elect a black woman. And she wasn't alone. Three other black women have filed for state Senate seats since Floyd's death, while a half-dozen others filed to run for offices from the state House to Congress.

They're scientists, lawyers, business owners, real estate agents and former employees of corporate America who have been organizing in their communities for years. They're all women, and most are mothers of black children. Only a few had planned to run for office this year before Floyd cried out to his mother and took his last breath. Now they're on the ballot, saying they're answering his call.

"There's never going to be a right time. There's never going to be a time when all the stars are going to align," said Zina Fizer, a self-described "mom first," longtime activist and independent consultant who filed to run for an open state Senate seat in Plymouth. Before Floyd's killing, she planned to wait until 2022 because of the pandemic. "You have to get in right now, because this is the state of emergency that we're in. In order for things to change, it has to be while we're in this perfect storm."

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Some are running against other Democrats in primaries. But they say their reason for running now goes beyond traditional political alliances - they want to be at the table for decisions about police reform and racial disparities.

While the number of people from communities of color serving in the Legislature has grown over the years - to 21 out of 201 members - it's still not representative of the state as a whole. People of color make up 20% of Minnesota's population statewide, but only 10% of the Legislature. There are six black and Somali-American legislators currently serving, or 2% of the total Legislature. Statewide, people who identify as black or African-American make up 8% of the population.

In response to Floyd's killing, Democratic state lawmakers are pushing a wide-ranging overhaul of law enforcement. Some of their ideas have Republican support. But previous efforts over the years have been thwarted by divided government or lack of political will. Organizers say they've spent too long working behind the scenes to prop up other candidates who made similar promises, notably after black men like Jamar Clark and Philando Castile were killed at the hands of police.

"You know what? We don't have time for folks to figure it out anymore," said Anika Bowie, vice president of the Minneapolis NAACP. "We don't have time for elected officials, no matter what side of the aisle you are on, to finally treat members of the African-American community and black community with dignity."

During a rally for Floyd, Bowie got on Facebook Live and put out the call to other black organizers: if you're thinking about running for office, now is the time. She teamed up on recruitment with Alberder Gillespie, a candidate in the Fourth District in Congress and co-founder of Black Women Rising.

Gillespie started the group after years of working in DFL politics helping train and coach other candidates, many of them white. But when it comes to black women running themselves, she said she's heard it all: "It's not our time, we shouldn't do that, we would love it, but ..." she said. "There's not a system that's supportive of us. The idea that they can represent me, but I can't represent them."

When Gillespie called Laverne McCartney Knighton about running for a state Senate seat in St. Paul, her first response was: "Me for Senate, are you crazy?" McCartney Knighton worked for 13 years in philanthropy at Target and now connects black students with college scholarships at the United Negro College Fund. She'd pondered running for local office before, but never imagined she'd run for the Senate.

But after discussing it with family and pondering this moment, she said it made sense. "It's weighed on me in ways I didn't even know it would, and I ask myself every day, what are you doing? What are you getting ready to do?" she said.

Husniyah Dent Bradley is a lawyer who works at Mitchell Hamline and ran unsuccessfully for the DFL endorsement in a south Minneapolis House seat. She was weighing whether to run in a primary when her phone started lighting up with messages about Floyd from friends across the country. She ran over to 38th and Chicago, the site where Floyd was killed, and before long she was addressing the crowd. After that, her decision became clear.

"Regardless of if I win, my community needs me and they need voices like mine to lift up their experiences and circumstances," she said.

Aarica Coleman is running in a district represented by Sen. Warren Limmer, R-Maple Grove, the chairman of the chamber's judiciary committee. He's become a target of legislative Democrats, who say he blocks

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everything from gun control to criminal justice reforms. That's one reason Coleman is running. But as a real estate agent and longtime advocate for affordable housing, she's also running to tackle the larger ecosystem of disparities for black residents from housing and education to economic opportunity.

"I've already been pushing for this and advocating for policy and action that follows it up. There are so many people who have gone unheard and unlistened to," Coleman said. "What happened to **George Floyd** put it over the top for me."

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Grocery donation effort to areas hit by unrest spreads throughout metro

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GROCERY DONATION EFFORT TO AREAS HIT BY UNREST SPREADS THROUGHOUT METRO

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The idea is starting to catch on and could be coming soon to a community near you.

Minneapolis resident Sarah Friedman wanted to do something to feed those in need after fires and looting left several communities in need of essentials. At the same time, she wanted to make sure that whatever items she assembled into bags would be used.

To take out any guesswork, Friedman reached out to community organizations mobilizing pop-up food shelves to find out what families were saying they needed the most. Common themes were shelf-stable foods and personal-care items.

"I asked around to several pop-ups and it seems these are the items that are needed across the board. Healthy, shelf-stable items were needed the most," she said. "And as people are donating more and more food, self-care items are becoming a need as well."

She knew others wanted to give, too. But some didn't have the time. Others didn't know what items were needed. Some didn't know where to donate to.

Friedman and a group of volunteers decided they could coordinate all of those things to make it easier for others to contribute to various pop-up food shelves that continue to be organized around town. She needed a place with groceries and personal-care items available for purchase where people could donate. At first, Friedman ran into hurdles finding a grocery partner.

"Some grocery stores I talked to only donated to a specific nonprofit," she said. "And you don't get a tax writeoff with these pop-up food shelves."

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Friedman eventually found a partnership with the Cub Foods near her home.

"I thought that it was a great idea," said Vicky Brekke, store director at Cub Foods in Fridley. "Someone can come in and do their regular grocery shopping and pick up a bag and drop it off right away and it will get delivered. Once it caught on, people would just start picking them up."

The two worked together to find a way to make it easy to get food and supplies to areas that needed it.

How it works: Friedman and volunteers bag items containing things community organizations say are needed. One bag might have foods like cereal, tuna, pasta, peanut butter and jelly. Another might have personal-care items.

Their grocery bags are displayed at a table in the store and available for purchase. Customers can add the bags, priced around \$10 to \$20 depending on what's in them, to their carts and pay for them at the register along with their other groceries. There's a drop-off bin to place the donated grocery bags into before leaving the store.

Each week, Friedman and a group of volunteers pick up the bags and deliver them to the pop-up food bank that has been chosen for the week. The first week, enough money was raised to donate 100 grocery bags to Sanford Middle School. Food banks will change throughout the week, with ones such as Northside Emergency Resource Pop Up on the roster this past week.

Brekke said having volunteers bag and deliver the groceries is a huge help.

"We'll donate bags to organizations year-round," she said. "What makes it so much easier is that she's willing to pick it up and drop it off."

Brekke said word is spreading about the store's efforts. And this past week, other Cub Food stores across the metro began participating too. Donation bags are now set up at several Cub Foods throughout the Twin Cities area, including Stillwater, Maplewood, Lakeville, Blaine and Coon Rapids.

She said her store will continue to feature the donation display in the coming weeks.

"We'll have it up there for a while," Brekke said. "There are a lot of people in need right now and we have a lot of giving people that want to help."

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Minnesota Freedom Fund plans next steps with more than \$30 million raised - and criticism pouring in

ARTICLE DCCXXXIV. **[MINNESOTA FREEDOM FUND PLANS NEXT STEPS WITH MORE THAN \\$30 MILLION RAISED - AND CRITICISM POURING IN](#)**

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That outpouring of support came in response to ***George Floyd***'s death on Memorial Day and the massive protests that followed.

While the movement started in the Twin Cities, and eventually reached an international stage, somewhere along the way the Minnesota Freedom Fund emerged as a worthy cause, raising so much money that it actually had to tell people to stop donating.

As the money started to roll in, with big-name celebrities like Justin Timberlake calling for donations, board member Jared Mollenkof recalls going through a full palette of emotions.

Thrilled. Overwhelmed. Terrified

"All of those things at once," Mollenkof said. "It was a huge responsibility to take on knowing that such a small organization was being entrusted by so many people with so much money."

In an effort to be transparent, the Minnesota Freedom Fund [disclosed on Twitter earlier this week](#) that it had spent well over \$200,000 of the money raised, which immediately sparked criticism from people saying it wasn't nearly enough.

That overall reaction was reasonable, according to Mollenkof, who said he understands why so many people are calling for transparency right now. After all, the Minnesota Freedom Fund is a local nonprofit that had previously never broken \$200,000 in annual donations.

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"I completely get being afraid that this moment is going to be co-opted by people that don't have the interests of black activists at heart," Mollenkof said. "There are people that genuinely want to hold folks accountable in service to the movement and that doesn't bother me at all.

What does bother Mollenkof are the people pushing a more divisive rhetoric.

"I think the reality is that a number of right-wing organizations were involved in orchestrating some of the outrage and that's fairly obvious by looking at my (social media) mentions," Mollenkof said. "That's frustrating when people get distracted by folks that are not engaging in a good-faith conversation."

There was also misinformation spread on social media saying the board of directors comprised mostly white people. That information was outdated, according to Mollenkof, who added that four of seven current board members are people of color.

As for how the Minnesota Freedom Fund plans to handle the unprecedented number of donations, Mollenkof emphasized that it's going to take some time. While it has bailed out every protester it has become aware of over the past few weeks, it needs to continue to grow to make an even bigger impact down the road.

As recent as last month the local nonprofit - which was established in 2016 and pays bail bonds mostly for inmates booked on low-level charges - had one full-time employee and a part-time employee. It now has two full-time employees and one part-time employee on staff and is committed to widening its reach across the state.

There are already tangible signs of growth, according to Mollenkof, who said the Minnesota Freedom Fund has bailed out 50 people exactly in the past few weeks. For context, it bailed just shy of 130 people total from New Year's Day to Memorial Day.

"Just an enormous scaling up in the rate at which we are bailing people out," Mollenkof said. "We are continuing to pick up momentum, too, which is exciting for us."

That's largely due to the influx in donation, which Mollenkof still has a hard time contextualizing in the grand scheme of things. This wasn't a select group of billionaires that cut a bunch of large checks. This more than a million individual donors that wanted to make a difference.

"I think it was something like \$46 for our average donation," Mollenkof said. "Just an incredible number of people wanting to do something in this moment and entrusting us to help them do that."

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Maybe the biggest thing Mollenkof wants people to understand is that the local nonprofit was not created in response to the protests. The Minnesota Freedom Fund's ultimate goal has always been to abolish a "discriminatory, coercive and oppressive" system of cash-bail that disproportionately punishes low-income people.

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"We wanted to bail out protesters and we let people know we were going to bail out every single protester (who) got arrested," Mollenkof said. "We were bailing people out before that, though, and we are going to keep bailing people out until the government abolishes this unjust practice."

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Ifeadi Odenigbo hopped into a car and told the driver to find a protest.

Odenigbo didn't wake up May 31 planning to march in Chicago, where the Vikings' fourth-year defensive end attended Northwestern, but he wanted to take action six days after **George Floyd** was killed while in Minneapolis police custody. Odenigbo quickly found himself in a crowd of strangers unaware that an NFL player was walking with them.

"I just quietly joined in and didn't say a word," he said. "Marched with them for a good 2 miles."

Speaking up is what Odenigbo, the first member of his Nigerian family born in the United States, encourages most in the fight against police brutality and social injustice.

"It was cool to see people of all skin colors," Odenigbo said. "To the people who weren't black, I said, 'Hey, thank you. This wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for you marching or protesting or speaking up.' I'm really grateful for that."

Odenigbo shared his experiences, why he believes education is a root for change and more in an interview for the Access Vikings podcast. This excerpt has been edited for length and clarity.

To listen to the full interview, go to startribune.com/sports.

Q: What led you to jump into that car?

A: You watch that footage and you see a man begging for his life. Asking for some pity. The fact that officer did not give him any type of pity. I'm pretty empathetic, but I think every black person watches that footage and says that could've been me. It's almost like a moral responsibility I have to do something. Hopped in an Uber and said, "Hey driver, I want to go protest." He was a cool Jamaican guy; he was like, "I'm with you, mon." He ended up dropping me off in the middle of downtown Chicago. Ten minutes later, by the grace of God, I was able to see a bunch of people protesting perfectly peacefully. Then I just quietly joined in and didn't say a word and marched with them for a good 2 miles.

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Q: What was your emotion like seeing the video in Minneapolis?

A: It didn't really hit me hard like that, because I was almost thinking like, "Man, another black person dying in America." But I called my mom about it and when I was talking to my mom, I broke down and started crying. This man was calling for his mom. You take everything away from him. For a grown man to call for his mom and you still didn't let up? That was devil's work right there.

Q: How have you taken in the way protests have spread across race and nationalities?

A: The murder of *George Floyd* really opened everyone's eyes, like yo, this has been going on for a while and we just live in an era where we have cameras now. So now we have proof this is happening. The '90s, '80s, you have musicians that rap about it and talk about it and say this is what the police do, but nobody really believes you.

Q: You've said education can create change and you want to talk with Northwestern about solutions. How can that help?

A: I have a platform and I want to do whatever I can to try to educate people - the people who say they don't understand. Segregation wasn't just 150 years ago. The way people talk about segregation and racism and different bathrooms stalls as if it was 150 years ago, but your parents may remember when there were colored bathrooms, and that doesn't get talked about at all. How you can help is educating yourself, the history of why this has been happening. Once you have the education, you can be empathetic.

Q: How have your experiences shaped your perspective?

A: I was arrested when I was 18 years old in Chicago for hopping the turnstile. At the time, I was wrong. Not saying I wasn't wrong, but at the time they didn't accept credit cards so I needed \$2.25 and I simply didn't have \$2.25, and I hopped it. Usually a citation, but an undercover cop saw me, put me in handcuffs immediately, read me my rights and asked me if there was a warrant for my arrest. I had a Northwestern jacket and he's asking me, "Where did you steal this jacket from?" I remember just being mindblown by that stuff. I'm just an 18-year-old college kid who didn't have \$2.25 on him.

Q: What about the NFL changing its rhetoric about protests during the national anthem?

A: It's the right steps, but I think they were kind of late. Obviously, my teammates like Eric Kendricks had to speak up and let the NFL know like, "You guys were late." We'll find out in the years to come how authentic it is. I did economics, and the thing you got to realize is people have incentives. Obviously from the NFL standpoint, they were getting a lot of heat so they had to speak up. We gave them no choice but to speak up.

Q: What else would you like to add?

A: People in privileged positions should speak up and have their voices be heard. As a minority, I can only say so much. We need the majority of people to speak up and put those people in check that are doing these racist things or forms of racism.

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\$30M raised, \$250K spent by nonprofit

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Body

The Minnesota Freedom Fund became a viral sensation on social media, with celebrities and donors around the world giving \$30 million to bail out protesters after ***George Floyd***'s death.

But the instant social media fame is also drawing Twitter attacks and strong scrutiny of the small Minneapolis nonprofit for so far spending only \$250,000 of what it collected. That funded bail for 42 people in Hennepin and Ramsey county jails since May 28.

The nonprofit says it wasn't prepared to handle the unprecedented flood of donations, just adding a third paid employee last week in addition to an all-volunteer seven-member board. The leaders say they will continue to spend donations on bail for any other protesters as well as others who are incarcerated, such as in immigration cases.

"Folks are angry and upset and they rightfully should be and they rightfully should call for transparency," said board president Octavia Smith, adding that the nonprofit is "rapidly scaling up to meet the demand of our current environment."

Greg Lewin, one of the nonprofit's three paid staff and the former board president, said he was doxxed online Tuesday when his home address was shared on Twitter. But beyond the personal threat, he said, he wasn't surprised by the storm of criticism - some of which came from right-wing commenters and some from black civil rights activists.

"People should keep their rage. I'm very sympathetic to impatience," he said. "We'd like them to shout with us."

Hundreds of people were arrested protesting in Minneapolis after Floyd's death at the hands of police. But Lewin said an estimated 400 to 600 people were released without having to post cash bail while others were charged without being imprisoned. The nonprofit has to be notified by the person or their attorney about their case and has paid every request it has received, Lewin said.

\$30M raised, \$250K spent by nonprofit

Leaders of the small nonprofit, which aims to abolish cash-bail, vow to use the rest of the millions of dollars in donations to continue to pay bails, including planning its first-ever "mass liberation" of a jail by bailing out a large group of people. Smith said they could also use donations to back a campaign for policy change, such as lobbying at the Capitol to end the cash-bail system. The Minnesota Freedom Fund's position is that the "discriminatory, coercive and oppressive" system of cash-bail disproportionately punishes low-income people.

Besides Lewin, the nonprofit also hired staff to oversee communications and operations, and Lewin said they could hire more staff as the nonprofit grows. Usually, the Minnesota Freedom Fund receives about \$150,000 a year in donations and grants.

"We've never broken \$200,000, let alone \$30 million," said Steve Boland, the board treasurer. "It's not that people are sitting in jail not being helped. We're being successful in getting them released without bail, which is great. That means that there are more resources used to help other people who are jailed for other things and to end the process of cash-bail in the first place."

The \$250,000 the nonprofit has spent on bail in the past two weeks compares to the usual \$1,000 a day the nonprofit typically paid in bail before the outcry over Floyd's death. It would cost \$50 million to bail out everyone currently in the Hennepin County jail for any charges, Boland said.

Growing quickly

The Minnesota Freedom Fund has grown quickly since registering as a nonprofit just three years ago with all volunteers.

Criticism about the lack of transparency to donors is a reflection of the nonprofit not having a system in place to communicate to the more than 900,000 donors who contributed in the past two weeks, Boland said.

The Minnesota Freedom Fund didn't conduct an organizing campaign to seek donations and yet cash flooded in, boosted by celebrities such as Justin Timberlake and Steve Carell promoting it on Twitter. The average donation: \$41.

The nonprofit received so many donations that it asked people to donate elsewhere, to other local nonprofits fighting for racial justice or rebuilding Minneapolis businesses that were burned and looted.

President Donald Trump and the Republican National Committee then criticized staffers on former Vice President Joe Biden's presidential campaign for donating to the Minnesota Freedom Fund, saying it was posting bail for people arrested for destroying the city.

In 2018, the nonprofit spent only about \$15,000, according to the most recent tax forms filed publicly. But Boland said that's because most bail bonds are returned when the person makes their court date, and the funds can be recycled to spend helping someone else with bail. When asked if the small nonprofit needs \$30 million, Lewin, a former research analyst, said, "We've got a lot of work to do."

Criticism on Twitter, however, expanded beyond an impatience for the nonprofit to spend donations.

Local civil rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong called the spending "unacceptable" on Twitter and added that "we literally have buildings burned down in North Minneapolis and Black businesses and families without essential resources." She also criticized the board for not having any black members.

\$30M raised, \$250K spent by nonprofit

Of seven board members, four are people of color, including Smith, who added that the nonprofit has historically had a majority of white leaders and is working to continue to increase diversity. She said that for safety reasons, the Minnesota Freedom Fund isn't posting names of its board publicly.

She also said the organization can't legally spend money on issues unrelated to its mission and bylaws.

Smith said those actions will "just take a little bit more time and they can't happen in the span of two weeks. But we are dedicated and committed to the work."

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City official admits communication was lacking

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[CITY OFFICIAL ADMITS COMMUNICATION WAS LACKING](#)

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Highlight: Mark Ruff, the city coordinator, cited multiple crises, vowed to restore trust.

Body

The top staff in Minneapolis City Hall Tuesday apologized for what they described as a lack of communication following the killing of [George Floyd](#) last month, vowing to regain the trust of residents as they work to rebuild devastated areas of the city.

Leaders of the city's health, public works, housing and economic development departments shared the latest statistics in the aftermath of Floyd's death in police custody.

City Coordinator Mark Ruff said they were committed to racial equity as the city began to emerge from "multiple crises," including the coronavirus pandemic, the destruction of buildings and lack of shelter for a surfacing homeless population.

"We as staff know that we have lost some of your trust in the actions over the last three weeks, that we have not met your expectations in terms of response, that we have seen parts of our city that have been frankly impacted that will take years to recover from," Ruff said. "We will be here shoulder to shoulder with you to bring a better future for our city as soon as possible."

Ruff, who was chosen as the city coordinator in April after serving as its chief financial officer, said city departments could have communicated better over the past several months, adding that they sometimes stayed silent while they worked to certify information related to the pandemic and the tally of destruction across the city.

"We want to be 95% sure the information we're giving you is completely accurate. Until we have that certainty, we usually don't distribute information. In a time of crisis, that's not always possible. Sometimes, the silence was worse than having information that was 60% or 70% or 80% accurate."

He continued: "Hearing nothing is disturbing in a sense that there's not a functioning level of government."

Although the city's 911 emergency response was overwhelmed in the days following Floyd's death, the fire department is now "fully operational" and the police department is "at the ready," Ruff said. He recognized

City official admits communication was lacking

some may be hesitant to call the police but that people should "rely on reliable, licensed options for security."

More than 1,000 buildings were reported by the city as having damage, many of them at or around the Lake Street corridor. Erik Hansen, the city's director of economic policy, said it was too early to get an accurate cost of the final damage, though previous estimates were at least \$150 million.

Steve Poor, the city's director of development services, encouraged business owners to call their insurance companies before beginning to clean up and rebuild, and said a dedicated phone line to the city's zoning office would be posted on the city website Wednesday. Appraisers with the city assessor's office have also begun to reassess damaged properties.

Two affordable housing complexes built with city financing were damaged during the unrest, and another that was under construction was destroyed, said Andrea Brennan, the city's director of housing policy and development. Thirty-five households were displaced, she said, 21 of which were able to return after their homes were repaired.

The city's health department is also doing a "public health assessment" of two growing encampments in Powderhorn Park in south Minneapolis, Brennan said, where many homeless residents moved after they were evicted from a nearby hotel that had been turned into a makeshift shelter by volunteers.

The department leaders praised them and other residents who over the past month helped clean tons of debris and trash, set up food pantries and protect businesses across the city.

"I wept over it, seeing that we, the city, were bolstered by our volunteers," Public Works Director Robin Hutcheson said. "It was possible to feel a sense of inspiration."

Ruff acknowledged the past few weeks of unrest were "a result of structural racism within every institution," and that white leaders, including all the department heads at Tuesday's briefing, would need to stop being defensive in order to make meaningful change for people of color.

"We are all, as leaders, tired. We have spent not just the last three weeks but the last three months working 10- to 12-hour days," he said. "But we are keenly aware of those who work within the city and outside the city who say, 'We are tired from 30 years of living with structural racism. We are tired of being the ones to carry forward the message.' "

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Coronavirus Wednesday update: 12 more Minnesota deaths and 414 more cases

ARTICLE DCCXXXVIII. [**CORONAVIRUS WEDNESDAY UPDATE: 12 MORE MINNESOTA DEATHS AND 414 MORE CASES**](#)

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Highlight: Minnesota Department of Health officials say a delay in a private laboratory reporting led to Wednesday's record number of daily test results. Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said the daily record of 19,442 test results reported Wednesday actually stretch back into tests completed late last week. Issues that led to the delayed reporting of results have [...]

Body

Minnesota Department of Health officials say a delay in a private laboratory reporting led to Wednesday's record number of daily test results.

Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said the daily record of 19,442 test results reported Wednesday actually stretch back into tests completed late last week. Issues that led to the delayed reporting of results have been remedied, she said.

The 414 new positive coronavirus cases reported in the results are roughly double the number of daily new cases reported this week. Malcolm says downward trends related to daily case numbers, hospitalizations and test positivity rates continue to hold true.

"It does look to us that the general pattern over the weekend and early this week did represent a continuation of the gradual decline in positive test results that we have been reporting," Malcolm said. "That pattern appears to be holding, at least to this point."

The state also continues to receive results from testing of residents who participated in demonstrations and other large gatherings after the Memorial Day death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police. Another 2,000 people were tested Tuesday at community testing sites in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

About 1 percent of participants in mass gathers have tested positive for the coronavirus, but all of the test results have not yet been returned. Despite the first protests being more than three weeks ago, health officials say they want to leave a relatively long window to gauge the impact.

"We want to be cautious in how we interpret what that means going forward," said Kris Ehresmann, director of the state Department of Health's infectious disease division.

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Mower County saw an 11 percent increase in positive cases, a rise of 73 infections for a new total of 733 coronavirus patients. Ehresmann said health officials will offer widespread community testing over the weekend to better understand why Mower County now has the second largest infection rate per capita in Minnesota.

Nobles County has the highest per capital rate in the state. The largest total number of infections remain in the Twin Cities metro's two most populous counties of Hennepin and Ramsey.

In addition to a backlog of test results, the state Department of Health reported another 12 deaths Wednesday caused by COVID-19. Those whose deaths were reported ranged in age from their 60s to more than 100 years old, and 10 were residents of long-term care.

There are 27,404 patients, more than 87 percent of all confirmed cases, who have recovered enough to no longer need to be isolated.

Hospitalizations are continuing to trend downward with 351 patients hospitalized and 181 of them in critical condition.

The test results reported Wednesday bring the statewide total to 448,587 samples screened since local testing began in March. The number of positive results also continues to trend downward with a 3.1 positivity rate Wednesday.

Correction: An earlier version of the "MN coronavirus hospitalizations, deaths, positive tests" chart had an inaccurate deaths trend line because of a data entry error.

[*M Health Fairview offers antibody tests for \\$45*](#) [*MN small business relief grant winners selected from pool of 27,400 applicants*](#) [*Stress rises for unemployed as extra \\$600 benefit nears end*](#) [*As coronavirus regulation complaints stack up, officials warn bars and restaurants to enforce them*](#) [*Minnesota hospital group urges Gov. Tim Walz to require masks to slow COVID-19 spread*](#)

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Don't overabbreviate the special session

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DON'T OVERABBREVIATE THE SPECIAL SESSION

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Highlight: Deliberations need not drag on, but there are a variety of issues to tackle.

Body

Minnesota is at the midpoint of what may be a one-week legislative special session if the Republican-controlled Senate has its way. It is time to consider whether enough work can be done in the remaining days to be considered successful, or to acknowledge that 201 adults with competing views and equal standing may need more time to accomplish anything meaningful.

This special session, unlike most, started with Gov. Tim Walz calling lawmakers back to St. Paul without the usual carefully negotiated set of agenda points and an agreed-upon end date. By Minnesota law, only the governor can declare a special session, but only the Legislature can end it. In this case, one half of that equation, the Senate, filled in the missing date, declaring that all work would be done within a week.

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, in talking with an editorial writer, said that much of the work before them had been heard in regular session, such as bonding, but failed to make it over the finish line. Police reform had resurfaced after *George Floyd*'s death in police custody, but Gazelka said Senate Republicans had adopted some proposals from the People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus, such as a ban on chokeholds and neck restraints, along with additional training and a requirement that use-of-force reports be filed to the state.

Walz, on the other hand, saw the aftermath of Floyd's death as a time to think bigger on police reform, to address long-festering inequities not just in criminal justice, but also in education, the economy and other aspects of society.

One vision leaves too little time to meet the demands of the moment. Underrepresented communities must be given a chance to be truly heard, to be part of forming the solution. The other vision is so vast that it must be given dimension and deadlines if it is to have any chance of being realized. Walz acknowledged as much on Wednesday, saying that "a deadline is not a bad thing."

There is obvious common ground here, and much of it has taken shape just recently. Both sides now are on record in favor of greater police accountability and some specifics. Though a gulf separates them on the amounts, both sides want a bonding bill. That is needed now more than ever given a pandemic-induced

Don't overabbreviate the special session

recession. It is too important an issue to get hung up on Walz's emergency powers, which governors in nearly every state are still using to deal with COVID-19.

We urge Walz, Gazelka, House Speaker Melissa Hortman, the POCI Caucus and others to work together on legislation that takes a little from both, that is both pragmatic and innovative, attuned to what can be done soon, but goes beyond just the expected.

That will take longer than a week, but it shouldn't be open-ended. Consensus takes a little time and a little willingness. If the Senate passes bills but leaves no time to work out differences with the House, nothing meaningful will have been accomplished.

There is a chance in the special session to do something worthy on several important fronts, to respond in a meaningful way to events that have thrust this state onto the world stage for the worst possible reasons.

That is worth a little extra time.

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HCMC's bullish use of steroid backed

ARTICLE DCCXL. [**HCMC'S BULLISH USE OF STEROID BACKED**](#)

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A British trial showing that a common steroid could reduce deaths in severe COVID-19 cases by one-third was good news for Minnesota physicians who have been battling the infectious disease without a vaccine or proven treatment - and even better news for intensivists at Hennepin County Medical Center.

They have been using the drug for treatment of severe COVID-19 cases almost from the start of the pandemic, despite discouragement from national medical societies.

"This is helpful because it kind of supports what our practice has been," said Dr. James Leatherman, director of HCMC's medical ICU.

The debate over dexamethasone for treatment of severe COVID-19 cases - patients needing ventilation and suffering from acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) - might have been overshadowed by the political fervor over whether to use hydroxychloroquine to treat the disease. But doctors are split over whether the risks of this steroid outweighed the benefits.

Leatherman said most of the 80 patients with COVID-19 and ARDS at his ICU received dexamethasone. Three weeks ago, the hospital also started offering it to COVID-19 patients outside of the ICU to prevent the onset of ARDS that can increase death risks.

"Since we are not randomizing patients, I can't say what would happen if we didn't use it, but it's been our impression that a number of patients seem to improve after we initiate the treatment with these steroids," said Leatherman, though some severely ill patients still died.

Across town at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, doctors resolved to wait for clinical trial results before using a steroid that had the potential to boost the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Studies of the drug's use in the SARS and MERS viral epidemics suggested it had this effect.

Preliminary results of the Recovery trial led by the University of Oxford suggest a strong benefit. The researchers issued a news release Tuesday showing that the drug reduced mortality by one-third in COVID-

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19 patients placed on ventilators and by one-fifth in patients receiving supplemental oxygen without ventilation.

The drug offered no benefit to patients who didn't need respiratory support. The study was based on 6,400 patients - with one-third randomly selected to receive the steroid and two-thirds receiving standard care.

"COVID-19 is a global disease - it is fantastic that the first treatment demonstrated to reduce mortality is one that is instantly available and affordable worldwide," said Martin Landray, a leader of the trial and an Oxford population health professor.

In Minnesota, COVID-19 has been diagnosed through testing in 30,882 patients and caused 1,313 deaths.

Growth in cases has been ebbing, but state health officials are watching for upticks in cases and hospitalizations this week. Protests following the May 25 killing of George Floyd in police custody could have spread the virus.

Any effect from those demonstrations should appear this week, said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director, but increased mobility following the relaxation of state restrictions in June could increase virus transmission as well. That effect might not show up for two weeks.

A state health analysis of the first 2,428 people hospitalized in Minnesota for COVID-19 showed that 666 needed intensive care, 365 needed ventilation, and 335 died in hospitals.

The results of the steroid trial fit the evolving narrative of COVID-19, said Dr. Timothy Schacker, vice dean for research at the University of Minnesota's School of Medicine. Dexamethasone doesn't appear to help in the early stage of COVID-19 when the virus is spreading and symptoms are emerging, but he said it could play a lifesaving role in the next phase when the immune system overreacts and exacerbates breathing problems in some patients.

"Most of the damage being done late stage is all about inflammation and an overzealous immune response," Schacker said. "Dexamethasone suppresses that."

Schacker said he wouldn't endorse the drug for Minnesota patients until the full study results are published. The release of preliminary data before it's published is rare in medicine but more common amid the race to find treatments for COVID-19.

Schacker called dexamethasone a "blunt hammer that just sort of shuts everything down" and said more targeted immune system therapies might end up working as well.

The U has been studying a cancer drug, tocilizumab, that blocks an inflammatory protein called IL-6. Patients with COVID-19 are screened for IL-6 levels to determine if that drug might help prevent immune system overreactions.

Infectious disease experts at Abbott met Tuesday and discussed the findings by respected British researchers but didn't see enough proof yet to prescribe dexamethasone.

"These are fine investigators, but we have squat for information," said Dr. Frank Rhame, a virologist at Abbott.

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The Infectious Disease Society of America discourages corticosteroids for COVID-19 patients with pneumonia and encourages their use for patients with COVID-19 and ARDS in clinical trials only. The Society of Critical Care Medicine issued only a weak recommendation for steroids in treatment of COVID-19 with ARDS.

Research is finding niches for drugs to treat COVID-19. A U.S. trial validated treatment of COVID-19 with an antiviral drug, remdesivir, which appears most effective in patients who are hospitalized but whose infections haven't resulted in the need for ventilation.

Studies have found no benefit of hydroxychloroquine. The U will soon publish findings on whether the drug treats early symptoms, but the Food and Drug Administration on Monday revoked its emergency use authorization as a treatment for COVID-19.

Leatherman said other hospitals are using dexamethasone aggressively for COVID-19, and that the decision to offer it earlier to patients, before they developed ARDS and needed ventilation, was based on success at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Leatherman is awaiting the final published results of the British study as well, but said the preliminary data suggests even broader use of the drug.

"The problem with COVID has been that it has exploded on us so fast," he said. "Ideally, we always want to operate on best evidence, which usually means randomized trials. But people have had to make decisions with empirical data. If this [benefit] turns out in fact to be true, it's very helpful."

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

30,882 -- Total cases

197 -- June 16 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,313 -- Total deaths

9 -- June 16

U.S. cases, new daily

2,124,082 -- Total cases

20,092 -- June 15

U.S. deaths, new daily

116,210 -- Total deaths

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448 -- June 15

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Minnesota firms make Juneteenth a holiday

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Highlight: Target, Best Buy, U.S. Bank join celebration that marks the end of slavery

Body

Minnesota-based companies Target Corp., Best Buy and U.S. Bank have moved to establish Juneteenth, the June 19 celebration of the emancipation of African-Americans from slavery, as an official company holiday as more businesses continue to adjust their internal policies in the wake of widespread streets protests on racial equity.

While all Target stores and distribution centers will remain open on Friday, full-time hourly team members will have the option to take the day off with full pay. Hourly employees who decide to work that day will be paid time and a half. The Minneapolis headquarters offices will be closed in observance.

"We recognize that the racial trauma the country is experiencing now is not new, but throughout recent weeks there has been a sense that this time is, and has to be, different," said Brian Cornell, Target's chairman and chief executive, in a statement. "Juneteenth takes on additional significance in this moment."

Best Buy, which began to reopen stores to walk-in traffic this week, will give all employees a paid volunteer day that can be used Friday or any remaining day this year. The stores will remain open Friday. Next year, Juneteenth will become a formal, paid company holiday.

"We do this with the sincere hope that any employee who

chooses to use this time as one of reflection, speech, protest or community service will be able to without worry or cost to them," the company said on its corporate blog.

In its announcement, Best Buy leadership also said for the first time ever, the company will shorten hours of operation on Election Day, Nov. 3.

U.S. Bank said it will close its offices and branches early at 1 p.m. on Friday in recognition of Juneteenth. The nation's fifth-largest bank, it has more than 2,700 branches in 26 states.

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"The events of the past few weeks have changed the conversation and added a sense of urgency that has motivated more people across the globe to act to address social injustice," Andy Cecere, U.S. Bank CEO, said in a statement. "We are encouraging our employees to use this time to serve in our communities, commit to inclusion and advocacy, or simply educate themselves on this very important topic."

National push

There has been a national push to make Juneteenth a federal holiday, a campaign that has intensified in the wake of the case of ***George Floyd*** who died in the custody of Minneapolis police last month and ignited global demonstrations on equality and police brutality. Target, Best Buy and U.S. Bank join several other companies that have announced the move to recognize Juneteenth as a company holiday, including Twitter, Nike and Minneapolis-based employee scheduling software company When I Work.

The holiday (a mash-up of the words June and 19th) celebrates June 19, 1865, when Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger informed slaves in Galveston, Texas, that the Civil War had ended and they were free.

Minneapolis has been home to one of the largest Juneteenth celebrations in the country.

At Target, Juneteenth is now observed in addition to six other paid holidays. Target stores are closed on Easter and Christmas Day and for a portion of the day on Thanksgiving. The Juneteenth announcement follows Target's pledge of \$10 million to social justice organizations, as well as community rebuilding efforts.

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Pandemic, civil unrest, recession, election year ... can Minnesota government rise to the occasion?

ARTICLE DCCXLII. [**PANDEMIC, CIVIL UNREST, RECESSION, ELECTION YEAR ... CAN MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT RISE TO THE OCCASION?**](#)

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Highlight: Here's a quick summary of progress on the big issues before the Legislature in this week's special session.

Body

Under an unprecedented crush of circumstances stressing the fabric of society, the economy and government, Minnesota's elected lawmakers returned to St. Paul this week.

And promptly drew political lines in the sand, pointing fingers in predictable partisan directions.

It is, after all, an election year. Every seat in the state House and Senate will be on the ballot in November, as will a president who has inspired polarization like few others.

Yet, an undercurrent of bipartisanship exists for the big issues now before the Legislature in its special session: responding to the coronavirus pandemic, reforming police departments in the wake of the killing of ***George Floyd***, and a public works and infrastructure spending plan that members of both parties see as necessary and a potential shot in the arm to a struggling economy.

Whether common ground will be found, whether it could be found in days, or whether, if it's not found in days, they'll give up and go home all remained unclear Tuesday as Gov. Tim Walz implored: "I think the next three days are really critical ... to the psychology of Minnesota, that we can solve problems together."

Republicans have set a [*Friday deadline*](#) to get the work done or leave. Walz could always call them back.

Here's a quick summary - based on the priorities Walz articulated when he called the lawmakers back into session last week.

POLICE REFORM

On Tuesday, Senate Republicans, who hold the majority in that chamber, [*pushed ahead with several changes to law enforcement statutes*](#) that Democrats derided as weak and not getting at the core of the problem of police killing unarmed black men.

The Republican-backed proposals seek to ban chokeholds in nearly all situations, increase mental health training for officers and strengthen requirements for cops to step in if they see a fellow officer using

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excessive force. Democrats, meanwhile, who control the House, are pushing a [suite of bills](#) that range from creating new crimes for officers who use excessive force to allowing municipalities to reinstate residency requirements for cops.

Whether Democrats will settle for less, and whether Republicans will entertain more, remains to be seen. Debate continued into Tuesday evening. It's possible nothing could ultimately reach Walz's desk.

LOOTING DAMAGE

As of Tuesday, there was no formal proposal for how to help businesses that were damaged in the violence that erupted from some protests following Floyd's death. Walz said he's angling for a funding mechanism that is likely to face skepticism from Republicans, who note that the recession has [turned the state's projected \\$1.5 billion budget surplus into a projected \\$2.4 billion deficit](#).

COVID-19 FUNDING

The Senate moved ahead with a bill that guides how [more than \\$841 million in federal coronavirus response](#) can be spent. While there was wide bipartisan support in the Senate on Tuesday, there's some disagreement in how the money is doled out, especially when it comes to how it affects local governments. Also, Walz wants assistance for renters, arguing it should be part of an economic stimulus package. Its future was uncertain Tuesday.

BONDING BILL

Walz has proposed a record \$2.6 billion borrowing-and-spending plan to repair aging infrastructure, from sewers to National Guard armories, while Senate Republicans have set a \$1.3 billion ceiling. Bipartisanship, even in the Democratic-controlled House, is needed. There's widespread bipartisan support for such a plan, but it remains [unclear whether lawmakers will be able to overcome the differences](#) over the dollar amounts.

[Gov. Walz predicts bonding deal and says face mask mandate still possible](#) [Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'](#) [\\$1.35 billion bonding bill, tax cuts advance at Minnesota Capitol](#) [What would \\$1.8B bonding bill cover? \\$52M for Third St/Kellogg Bridge, \\$55 for bus rapid transit lines, more](#) [Legislative leaders agree to \\$1.8 billion infrastructure deal, but minority parties could block it](#)

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Shooting in north Mpls. wounds man and leads to standoff; suspect escapes

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STANDOFF; SUSPECT ESCAPES**](#)

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Body

One person was shot Tuesday morning before a standoff with officers at a north Minneapolis apartment building that stretched into the afternoon until authorities realized the suspect had eluded capture, police said.

SWAT teams and negotiators were at the building on the northwest corner of Broadway and Irving avenues shortly after gunfire was reported about 8:45 a.m.

Many onlookers, angry with police in the wake of George Floyd's death while under arrest on May 25, were agitated but remained peaceful.

Around 1:40 p.m., police realized the suspect had fled and remains at large, said department spokesman John Elder.

"We know who he is," Elder said. "We will arrest him."

A man also inside the building at the time was suffering a medical episode and was assisted out by emergency personnel, Elder said.

The victim of the gunfire was taken to a hospital in critical condition around 9 a.m., Elder said.

Elder added that the victim, who is expected to survive, was not hit by gunfire from law enforcement.

Authorities have not disclosed the circumstances of the standoff or the shooting. Identities of those involved have yet to be released.

The victim was described by medical responders as a man in his mid-20s with a gunshot wound to the upper right chest, according to emergency dispatch audio.

He was "alert and oriented" just before being taken to North Memorial Health Hospital, one of the responders reported to dispatch.

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 777 words**Byline:** JEAN HOPFENSBERGER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** A Minneapolis nonprofit pivots from food relief to business stipends and more**Body**

Olivia Rodriguez spent the week sweeping up the shattered remnants of the car audio systems that she sold in her small Lake Street store before it was ransacked in the violence following [George Floyd](#)'s death at the hands of police.

She didn't know it yet, but she and her neighboring small-business owners on Lake Street were in for a much-needed surprise.

In the weeks ahead, about 140 businesses are expected to receive stipends of several thousand dollars to help replenish inventory, repair broken glass and rebuild under a new project of Urban Ventures, a nonprofit supporting children and families in south Minneapolis.

Many businesses also will be cranking out gift cards and gift certificates, which will be purchased by Urban Ventures and donated to the community to spark reinvestment and jobs in the neighborhood.

"We want to help those businesses that didn't burn to the ground, and we want to do it fast," said Urban Ventures CEO Dave Hawn. "We can do that right now, while other [larger] business programs work through their requirements."

Fast financial aid would definitely be a boost, said Rodriguez.

"We lost about \$25,000 in merchandise," said the owner of El Rey Car Audio. "If I had more money, I would buy more merchandise, a computer, a security camera. It would be a big help."

As charities and faith groups have rushed to provide emergency food relief for Lake Street-area residents whose grocery stores were shuttered during the protests, Urban Ventures is among the organizations able to now pivot to a second relief phase aimed at the future.

Thanks to a wide network of business, religious and individual supporters, and a recent \$800,000 anonymous donation, the south Minneapolis nonprofit next hopes to feed the finances of its business neighbors.

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Its emergency grocery donations and giveaways will continue until at least the end of the month, said Hawn. The Minnesota Timberwolves organization, for example, was on hand Tuesday with thousands of boxes of donated food and household supplies. Megachurches such as Eagle Brook, which brought a semitrailer of goods about two weeks ago, is launching a similar donation Wednesday, Hawn said.

But helping neighborhood grocery stores and other essential services reopen is a critical part of the food equation, said Hawn. Offering free gift cards to purchase locally is a win-win situation, he said.

"Giving away free stuff is great in a crisis," said Hawn. "But we need to get these small grocery stores, markets and restaurants back open."

Cash jump-start needed

Urban Ventures, in a typical summer, offers academic support for neighborhood students, music lessons, athletics and other services to support families. Much of that is now online because of health restrictions related to COVID-19. Instead, for the past month its gymnasium has been converted into an enormous food and household goods center, with thousands of residents walking or driving over to retrieve them.

More recently, staff have been taking an inventory of their business neighbors to learn what they need to rebuild. The overwhelming conclusion: They needed cash to jump-start.

That cash suddenly became available when two anonymous donors, a local businessman and his father, offered \$800,000 for direct aid, said Hawn. Those funds soon will be directed to businesses on Lake Street between Portland Avenue and Interstate 35W.

A walk down Lake Street shows a dire need. Most storefronts near Urban Ventures, located near 4th Avenue and Lake Street, remain boarded up. A few have opened back entrances, such as the Lake Plaza mall, which offers Latin American and East African wares.

Rodriguez was among several store owners at the mall cleaning up the shards of her livelihood. She said she's been helped by Urban Ventures ever since she first began cleaning up the place, first with free meals as she sorted through the mess and next with information on how to apply for programs that could help her rebuild.

"We had insurance, but it didn't cover robbery or vandalism," Rodriguez sighed. "In two hours, they destroyed what took us 10 years to build."

Nearby, Sahra Jama took a break with her daughter in an empty stall of her Diriye Store that once held carpets, curtains, blankets and other home decor items from Africa and the Middle East. They had repainted a section of the walls, added some shelves. But they were still grappling with \$40,000 in lost or damaged merchandise.

Such scenes are repeated over and over in the Lake Street area, said Hawn. He wants to focus on long-term economic recovery, adding, "Recovery is not just as bricks and mortar, but as recovering the whole community."

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Keith Ellison and Mike Freeman go back nearly three decades - sparring in courtrooms, praising each other at inaugural ceremonies and examining together how police killings are handled in Minnesota.

Now, two of the state's biggest legal personalities are again reunited to confront a legal quagmire that could either gild or tarnish their careers: the prosecution of four former Minneapolis police officers involved in the May 25 killing of *George Floyd*.

For Ellison, the state's first black and Muslim attorney general, it has also required defending a partnership with a white male prosecutor who lost the trust of many people of color.

"I would hope that if people want us to do something that really has not been done yet, which is to convict a police officer of second-degree murder, that people would not try to prescribe how I do it and who I do it with," Ellison said in an interview last week. "We're trying to come up with *justice for George Floyd*, and for anyone to say you've got to do it this way and only with these people seems to me kind of unfair."

Freeman declined to comment for this article. He has not spoken publicly since May 31, when Ellison took the lead in prosecuting former Minneapolis police officers *Derek Chauvin*, *J. Alexander Kueng*, *Tou Thao* and *Thomas Lane*. Instead, the former two-time gubernatorial candidate and longtime Hennepin County prosecutor has been silent. Ellison, meanwhile, has become the public face of the prosecution, participating in a battery of national news interviews since the case began.

At the outset, theirs has been a union of necessity: Freeman leads the state's biggest criminal prosecution unit and last year won the only murder conviction against a Minnesota police officer: Mohamed Noor, who fatally shot Justine Ruszczyk Damond in Minneapolis three years ago.

Ellison, who has a deep history in civil rights activism, enjoys a trust from Minnesota's black community that Freeman cannot claim.

"They both need each other and, quite frankly, I think that justice requires it in the context of their partnership and working this case together," said Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, who was the first to

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charge a Minnesota officer in the death of a civilian when he unsuccessfully prosecuted former St. Anthony Police Officer Jeronimo Yanez in the 2016 killing of Philando Castile in Falcon Heights.

Gov. Tim Walz said he asked Ellison to take over the case upon the urging of Floyd's family. Ellison faces continuing calls to elevate the murder charges against Chauvin to first degree, which would require proof of premeditation. His partnership with Freeman could also fray Ellison's support among the same civil rights activists with whom Ellison has marched for decades.

"When you start off praising Mike Freeman, then where is our justice going to come from?" said Spike Moss, a longtime Minneapolis civil rights activist, who said Ellison surprised him in May when he brought Freeman to a meeting that Moss helped arrange with the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Activists like Moss point out that Noor - the only police officer convicted by Freeman's office - was a black man who shot a white woman. Many took issue with what they described as Freeman's boastful tone while highlighting that case when he announced the initial charges against Chauvin: third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

More than 20 years ago, Moss led a protest after a black 16-year-old Minneapolis boy was shot by police and charged with threatening the officers with a pellet gun. Ellison represented the boy and rejected a plea deal before Freeman agreed to drop charges. At the rally, Ellison told a Star Tribune reporter that "police brutality ... won't change unless we're willing to do something about it."

In 2015, then a congressman, Ellison flew back to Minneapolis to huddle with protesters enraged at the Minneapolis police killing of Jamar Clark. The case prompted an 18-day encampment at the city's Fourth Precinct police station. Freeman declined to file charges in that case, citing evidence that the officers involved feared for their lives during a struggle over a gun. Ellison met with Freeman and urged him to stop using secretive grand juries to make charging decisions in police killings. Freeman has since made those calls himself.

Clark's death was among the many deadly police encounters that weighed on Ellison's mind as he and Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington convened a working group on the subject last year. Freeman spoke at several public forums and voiced support for giving Ellison's office authority to lead all of the state's prosecutions of officers charged with killing civilians.

Earlier this month, the Minnesota County Attorneys Association formally agreed to recommend legislation that would require such cases to be investigated by Ellison's office. Washington County Attorney Pete Orput said the decision followed a "very, very long and intense discussion."

Orput gave up jurisdiction in a recent manslaughter case against a sheriff's deputy in his county to avoid accusations of a conflict of interest. He supports this being standard practice for all police-involved homicides.

"Because there's some cynicism out there, and I'm not sure it's not unwarranted," Orput said.

Ellison has a long record of trying cases, but all of that has come as a defense attorney. He said in an interview that he "probably" won't personally try the four former Minneapolis officers charged in the death of Floyd. Either way, longtime prosecutors and former attorneys general still say his work on approaching cases from the defense's perspective could serve him well.

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"The interesting thing in this is that ... the facts involved in this matter are known - they're on videotape, for crying out loud," said Mike Hatch, a former Minnesota attorney general. "So it's not going to be a great deal of investigation going on to find out what happened. What it's going to be is a great deal of legal issues that crop up - everything from a change of venue to the difference between second- and third-degree [murder]."

Freeman, 72, is not expected to seek re-election in 2022. He faced swift pressure to charge all four officers in the case after a bystander's video went viral, showing Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as he pleaded that he couldn't breathe.

Freeman's public comments around the initial charges he filed against Chauvin failed to stem the growing unrest over Floyd's death. The first criminal complaint was seen as hastily assembled. Critics noted that it misspelled Floyd's name twice and that it seemed to provide more of an argument against prosecution than in support of charges.

"The charges didn't fit the crime at all, and any intelligent judge would've dismissed it," said Joe Friedberg, a veteran Minneapolis defense attorney.

Two days after Chauvin's arrest, Freeman asked Ellison for help and sent out a news release saying the two would jointly be working the case. But the governor caught Freeman off guard later that evening by publicly declaring that it was his call to tap Ellison to take the lead.

It threatened to implode the partnership before it could begin. But the men quickly agreed to work together on what soon became a crucial chapter in the case.

"We just talked a lot, shared ideas, listened to each other, and we got there," Ellison said.

Less than 48 hours later, Chauvin faced tougher charges of second-degree unintentional murder and the three other former Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd's death were jailed and accused of aiding and abetting.

With Freeman standing quietly by his side in front of a room full of national and local press, Ellison reminded all that he would do the talking in this case.

"We have one goal and one goal only: *justice for George Floyd*," Ellison said.

As the attorney general opened the news conference up for questions, Freeman left the room without explanation.

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State licensing board to review Floyd killing

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STATE LICENSING BOARD TO REVIEW FLOYD KILLING

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The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) said in a court filing Tuesday that it will review the circumstances surrounding the killing of **George Floyd**.

The POST Board, which licenses and sets training standards for all officers in the state, is required to review all misconduct complaints against licensed police officers. If the complaint is ruled justified the board can revoke any officer's license.

While all four officers who have been charged in the killing of Floyd were fired from the **Minneapolis Police Department**, they are still licensed Minnesota peace officers.

The POST Board has asked the court for copies of the criminal complaints against former officer **Derek Chauvin**, who is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter, as well as the complaints against former officers **Tou Thao**, **Thomas Lane** and **J. Alexander Kueng**, who are all charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder.

As witness videos of Floyd's killing in police custody were seen by millions and sparked protests around the world, the POST Board released a statement saying that Chauvin's actions do not reflect any training that officers receive.

"The video is troubling and disturbing and it is the Board's position that sanctity of life must be the guiding principle for all law enforcement officers," the statement said.

Due to the "extraordinary global interest" in the cases of the four former officers, the court also issued an order Tuesday to create a web page where all public documents in each of the four cases will be uploaded. The site is at mncourts.gov/media/StateofMinnesotavDerekChauvin.aspx.

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Minnesota prosecutors acknowledged Wednesday that a Minneapolis police officer had his knee on the neck of ***George Floyd*** for 7 minutes, 46 seconds - not the 8:46 that has become a symbol of police brutality - but said the one-minute error would have no impact on the criminal case against four officers.

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Minnesota prosecutors acknowledged Wednesday that a Minneapolis police officer had his knee on the neck of ***George Floyd*** for 7 minutes, 46 seconds - not the 8:46 that has become a symbol of police brutality - but said the one-minute error would have no impact on the criminal case against four officers.

The initial May 29 complaint alleges ***Derek Chauvin*** "had his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds in total. Two minutes and 53 seconds of this was after Mr. Floyd was non-responsive." But timestamps cited in the document's description of the incident, much of which is caught on video, showed Chauvin had his knee on Floyd for 7 minutes, 46 seconds, including 1 minute, 53 seconds after Floyd appeared to stop breathing.

"These kinds of technical matters can be handled in future amendments to the criminal complaint if other reasons make it necessary to amend the complaint between now and any trials," Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman's office said in a statement. "The one minute error made no difference in the decision to charge nor in the continuing legal hearings."

The office had no further comment.

The Associated Press began asking about the error the day after the initial charges were filed, and continued to inquire about it after Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison became the lead prosecutor on the case. Prosecutors repeatedly declined to address the discrepancy, even as the time frame of 8:46 began being used by protesters worldwide.

Prosecutors repeated their timeline and the 8 minutes, 46 seconds detail on June 3 when they added a more serious murder charge against Chauvin and announced charges against the other three officers. The AP published a story about the issue June 4, and at the time John Stiles, a spokesman for Ellison's office, said prosecutors were continuing to review new evidence.

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Stiles had no additional comment Wednesday.

Floyd, a black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after Chauvin, a white officer, used his knee to pin Floyd to the ground. Chauvin, who kept his knee on Floyd's neck even after he said he couldn't breathe and stopped moving, has been charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter.

The other officers, J. Kueng, *Thomas Lane* and *Tou Thao*, have all been charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired. If convicted, they potentially face the same penalty as Chauvin: up to 40 years in prison.

It was not immediately clear whether the criminal complaints would be amended. In this case, one minute is unlikely to have a major legal significance.

But in the days after Chauvin's initial charges, outraged protesters, politicians and mourners seized on 8:46 as a quiet way to honor Floyd at a time of angry and sometimes violent clashes with police. It also became a symbol of the suffering Floyd - and many other black men - have experienced at the hands of police.

"A one-minute difference is not significant in the grand scheme of things," said Nekima Levy Armstrong, a civil rights activist and former head of the Minneapolis NAACP. "The bottom line is, it was more than enough time for *Derek Chauvin* to know that he was literally choking the life out of *George Floyd*."

When someone takes a moment of silence for 7:46, or 8:46, you realize just how much time that is, Levy Armstrong said.

"It was more than enough time for any rational, compassionate and professional human being to know that their actions were deadly and unconscionable," she said.

Earlier this month, in Boston and Tacoma, Washington, demonstrators staged "die-ins" for precisely 8 minutes, 46 seconds. In Washington, Democratic senators gathered in the U.S. Capitol's Emancipation Hall for the nearly nine minutes of silence. Mourners at a memorial service for Floyd in Minneapolis stood in silence for 8 minutes, 46 seconds, after the Rev. Al Sharpton asked them to "think about what George was going through, laying there for those eight minutes, begging for his life."

"We can't let this go," he said at the memorial. "We can't keep living like this." [*House committee advances bill to assist Twin Cities businesses damaged in George Floyd unrest*](#) [*Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'*](#) [*Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#) [*Wisconsin duo wants stiffer penalties for wrecking statues*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#)

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The length of time prosecutors said a Minneapolis police officer planted his knee into ***George Floyd***'s neck - 8 minutes and 46 seconds - has become a rallying cry for those seeking justice across the country.

The symbolism of 8:46 has been held up and embraced throughout the country in ways big and small. It has echoed in sanctuaries where Floyd has been memorialized, is starkly displayed on T-shirts and street art and is the length of moments of silence in Floyd's name.

But now, nearly three weeks after those charges were filed with 8:46 emphasized, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office on Wednesday acknowledged that the length of time is off by one minute. Now-fired officer ***Derek Chauvin*** had Floyd pinned to the pavement for 7 minutes and 46 seconds.

The publicized 8:46 comes down to a math error in the complaints signed by Matthew Frank, the assistant attorney general under Keith Ellison, who is heading the prosecution of the former officers. As of now, the County Attorney's Office has no plans to change any of the complaints.

"These kinds of technical matters can be handled in future amendments to the criminal complaint if other reasons make it necessary to amend the complaint between now and any trials," said office spokesman Chuck Laszewski.

Laszewski also made it clear that "the one-minute error made no difference in the decision to charge nor in the continuing legal hearings."

The complaints say that Chauvin "pulled Mr. Floyd out of the passenger side of the squad car at 8:19:38 p.m., and Mr. Floyd went to the ground face down and still handcuffed. ... The defendant placed his left knee in the area of Mr. Floyd's head and neck."

Later, the complaint read, "At 8:27:24, the defendant removed his knee from Mr. Floyd's neck."

The discrepancy was brought to the attention of the Star Tribune after a Seattle Times inquiry. A reporter first asked the County Attorney's Office about the time conflict on June 3, five days after the charges were filed.

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"There is way too much stuff going on for anyone to look into this," Laszewski said at the time. "Ultimately, as this case moves along, if there is a discrepancy, it will have to be dealt with."

Star Tribune inquiries continued until the error was acknowledged Wednesday. Laszewski declined to say why the office took so long to confirm the error.

Eric Nelson, Chauvin's attorney, declined to comment.

Earl Gray represents Thomas Lane, who was pinning Floyd's legs. Gray was unaware of the incorrect calculation but doesn't believe it changes the cases as they go forward for his client or the others.

"Who signs the criminal complaint isn't the person who testifies," Gray said.

Still, the change in time is unlikely to affect the widespread impact of 8:46.

It's the title of a Netflix commentary on police brutality by comedian Dave Chappelle that has been viewed by millions. From Boston to Tacoma, Wash., demonstrators held "die-ins" for precisely 8 minutes, 46 seconds.

In the U.S. Capitol's Emancipation Hall, Democratic senators gathered, some standing, some kneeling on the marbled floor in silence for that length of time.

Mourners at the memorial service for Floyd in Minneapolis stood in silence for 8 minutes, 46 seconds, asked by the Rev. Al Sharpton to "think about what George was going through, laying there for those eight minutes, begging for his life."

On Wednesday, high school athletes planned to jog and walk 8.46 miles on the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail in Floyd's memory and with the goal of raising \$8,460 to aid businesses along a devastated stretch of Lake Street as they rebuild from unrest late last month.

Regardless of the mistake, "my initial reaction, 8:46 or 7:46 is too long and should not have happened," said Kelsey Hans, the girls' head soccer coach at Blake School who helped organize the event and got the idea from the UCLA women's soccer team, which ran 8.46 miles on June 8 to raise money for Black Lives Matter.

"The number is symbolic [and] more just about raising awareness of issues that have been happening for a long time and have gone unchecked," Hans said. "Whatever the minutes he was on the ground and held there is too long."

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Law firm co-founder Don Lewis: White communities hold the key to changing Twin Cities

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Editor's note: This week, Business Journal reporters sought out black business leaders on their beats to get their thoughts on how the killing of ***George Floyd*** has raised up and changed the conversation on racism and equity in the Twin Cities. These leaders also spoke on how businesses can be part of the solution. This is one of those conversations.

If the Twin Cities is going to put ***systemic racism*** behind it, white people, white business leaders and white policymakers will need to lead the way, says Don Lewis, a co-founder of the law firm Nilan Johnson Lewis.

Lewis was born and raised in St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood. He later received an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in the Chicago area and then a law degree from Harvard University. He's a former assistant U.S. attorney for Minnesota, a former dean of the Hamline Law School, and co-founder of the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers.

Law firm co-founder Don Lewis: White communities hold the key to changing Twin Cities

Lewis spoke this week with the Business Journal about George Floyd's death, how the Twin Cities heals after the riots and what needs to change. The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

I've seen it many times. I think I saw it when most of the country did. I was watching "CBS Morning News" and it was a breaking story. I remember very vividly Gayle King's reaction. She was overcome by it. I was just struck by the barbaric nature of the act. It was really tough to watch. The one thing I'll never forget is the look in Derek Chauvin's eyes. We've all seen a lot of police videos, but we rarely got to look in their eyes. It was chilling in terms of his facial expression, just so deliberate and cold.

I want to answer that question, but keep in mind that the George Floyd incident occurred in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Both of those have done a lot to unmask systematic inequalities. Regarding Covid-19, it unmasked the inequalities in health care. Regarding Floyd, I think the biggest outcome is people now understand, I think more so now than at any other point, the systemic racism issues. It's being understood more broadly and being talked about by youth. They're the ones protesting.

If you ask me what's the most important thing, and I think it's starting to be addressed, it's that white citizens, white institutions and white-owned businesses need to take ownership of systemic racism. They have to solve it. The issues will not be erased until the majority community owns it and solves it. Black and brown institutions can help and be resources, but at the end of the day it has to be white communities that deal with it.

Secondly, I think major reforms to public safety, police and criminal justice need to happen. One of the inequities in criminal justice, for example, are drug and nonviolent crimes in black communities. Those criminal records tend to block them from employment, which hurts businesses from being able to diversify, so it becomes a business community issue, too. We have to take advantage of the momentum building. People are talking about disbanding or defunding the police department. Those calls resonate with me. It's not much different than zero-based budgeting for a business. Instead of tweaking expenditures, why not approach it by throwing out the budget and starting over and starting fresh? I'm a strong proponent of taking that approach.

I think the third thing we have to do is rebuild the business corridors that were destroyed. We need to look at the approach that New York City took after [the terrorist attacks of] 9/11 or here after the Interstate 35W bridge collapsed. It needs to be urgent and have an expedient timeframe. We need that urgency and spirit and to rebuild with more resources than before.

There's many more, such as education, housing and health care, but the three I mentioned are where I'd start.

Well, they have a major role to play in how the Twin Cities goes forward. Systemic racism here helped build the Minneapolis business community. The business community has a key role in taking ownership of the problem. I would like to see some version of The Itasca Project where individuals tackle these issues. I don't think the business community has done enough. We need businesses to adopt values and activist strategies where solving some of the problems of minority communities is a priority.

I am hopeful some positive change comes out of this. I can't help but be hopeful because the alternative is unacceptable. I've always been struck by Martin Luther King Jr.'s observation that the arc of the universe is long but bends towards justice.

I think those are two very different cases. In the Castile case, there were some facts that had ambiguity. The key fact was that Castile had a firearm, legally, but the officer got scared and shot him. That's a far contrast

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from what we see with ***Derek Chauvin*** in terms of ***George Floyd***. There was some minimal resistance at first. While he was on the ground he was not a threat. There will be some interesting arguments with the other three officers who have been charged. I think those cases are less clear-cut than Chauvin.

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12 ways to observe Juneteenth in the Twin Cities

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Length: 774 words**Byline:** Isabel Saavedra-Weis**Highlight:** Juneteenth commemorates the day enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas, first heard the news they had been freed. It was on June 19, 1865, that a Union Army general arrived in the port city telling residents the Civil War had ended and that the slaves were free. That was about two months after Confederate Gen. Robert [...]**Body**

Juneteenth commemorates the day enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas, first heard the news they had been freed.

It was on June 19, 1865, that a Union Army general arrived in the port city telling residents the Civil War had ended and that the slaves were free. That was about two months after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered and two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Events in the Twin Cities metro area provide opportunities to celebrate, protest, learn and do community service on Juneteenth. Here's a list:

St. Paul Virtual Juneteenth Celebration

The city of St. Paul, St. Paul Public Library and Ujamaa Place are presenting an [online celebration](#), including remarks from St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and music by ArtUs Youth Drummers and The War and Treaty. The program will begin at 9 a.m on June 19. Website: .

June 19th Community Celebration

This event will provide free food, a chance to connect with local businesses, and access to mental health resources for those experiencing trauma after the death of ***George Floyd***.

Location: 1900 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis Time: June 19, 2-5 p.m. Juneteenth: Community Festival and Rally for Justice

Racial Justice Network, Guns Down Love Up and CAIR-Minnesota organized a rally in honor of ***George Floyd***, and a free giveaway of food, household items and mental health kits for children. There will be food and musical performances.

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Location: 701 Broadway Ave. W., Minneapolis Time: June 19, 12-6 p.m. Juneteenth Celebration - Unite and Rebuild MSP

Voices from the Ashes and Rights and Passage are hosting a family friendly celebration with live music, food trucks, and guest speakers. Attendees are encouraged to bring donations for their food and supplies drive for nonprofits A Mother's Love and Voices from the Ashes.

Location: Target parking lot at Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis Time: June 19, 3-8 p.m. Juneteenth Cookout and Donation Drive

There will be free food and open mic performances at the Cup Foods near the site where George Floyd was killed.

Location: 3759 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis Time: June 19, 3 p.m. Blackout Bike Ride

Slow Roll, Free Black Dirt and Paige Ingram are planning a community bike ride. The ride will start and end at the Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, and will make stops at the Walker Art Center and George Floyd's memorial on 38th and Chicago.

Location: 2001 Plymouth Ave. N., Minneapolis Time: June 20, 4-5:15 p.m. Caravan Parade

Attendees are invited to decorate their cars and join the caravan that will loop through North Minneapolis. The route starts and ends in the Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center parking lot, and closes with a community prayer.

Location: 2001 Plymouth Ave. N., Minneapolis Time: June 20, 11 a.m. Reparations Rally at Minnesota State Capitol

Black Lives Matter Minnesota, Communities United Against Police Brutality, St. Paul for Justice and the Green Party of Minnesota are hosting a rally to demand economic reparations from President Donald Trump and the U.S. government.

Location: 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul Time: June 19, 1-4 p.m. Social Justice Rally at Brooklyn Park City Hall

A social justice rally will be hosted by Sen. John Hoffman, Hennepin County Commission candidate De'Vonna Pittman and community members Denise Butler, Lee Henry Jordan and Cedrick Frazier.

Location: 5200 85th St. N., Brooklyn Park Time: June 19, 5-8 p.m. Ashes to Beauty Block Party

A celebration of the African-American community in Apple Valley will include music, speakers and family activities. It will also feature black-owned food and retail vendors.

Location: 6855 Fortino St., Apple Valley Time: June 19, 5-8 p.m. A Day of Service: Serving our Northside Community

Positive Image is hosting a day of service in North Minneapolis. They are looking for over 50 male volunteers to help cook and distribute food.

Location: 710 Broadway Ave. W., Minneapolis Time: June 19, 10 a.m.

12 ways to observe Juneteenth in the Twin Cities

ABC News will air a primetime special about the legacy of Juneteenth and its relevance to current events. It will air on June 19 at 8 p.m. Eastern time. [Thousands have protested over **George Floyd's** death. These are the stories of 4 and what they're trying to change. *sppl.org/juneteenth*](#) [The quiet life of **Derek Chauvin** before the public death of **George Floyd**](#) [House committee advances bill to assist Twin Cities businesses damaged in **George Floyd** unrest](#) [Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'](#) [Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect](#)

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Second central Minnesota man charged in Minneapolis police station arson

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POLICE STATION ARSON**](#)

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Byline: Jennifer Kraus

Highlight: BRAINERD, Minn. - Another central Minnesota man was charged in federal court this week in connection with the burning of the [**Minneapolis Police Department's**](#) 3rd Precinct during the violent unrest that followed the death of [**George Floyd**](#) in police custody on Memorial Day. On Wednesday, U.S. Attorney Erica H. MacDonald announced the charges filed against [...]

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On Wednesday, U.S. Attorney Erica H. MacDonald announced the charges filed against a second man - 26-year-old Bryce Michael Williams of Staples - for conspiracy to commit arson. On Tuesday, MacDonald's office announced charges against a 22-year-old Brainerd man, [**Dylan Shakespeare Robinson**](#), who was charged with aiding and abetting an arson in connection with the Minneapolis police station fire.

Williams, who was arrested Tuesday, made his initial appearance earlier Wednesday before Magistrate Judge David T. Schultz in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis.

According to the allegations in the complaint, on the night of May 28, the 3rd Precinct was overrun and heavily damaged due to vandalism and arson. Investigators with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives identified multiple separate fires that were started in the building on East Lake Street.

Investigators stated they were able to identify Williams in surveillance video footage from the police station. Williams, who was wearing a mask, a baseball cap, and a hooded sweatshirt, can be seen in the video standing near the entrance of the police station holding a Molotov cocktail while other individuals attempt to light the wick. Soon after, the surveillance video shows the crowd mostly disperse and Williams is fully viewable holding the Molotov cocktail.

ATF investigators also reviewed videos posted on Williams' TikTok account May 28 and May 29. In one of the videos, Williams can be seen standing in front of the burning 3rd Precinct building wearing clothing consistent with the clothing he was wearing in the surveillance video, the complaint stated. In another video,

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Williams' face is clearly visible and he appears to be in close proximity to the 3rd Precinct, prosecutors stated in the complaint.

Williams was booked into the Hennepin County Jail in January 2015. This booking photo matches the face of the unmasked individual depicted in the videos, which includes a distinctive bird tattoo on his chest.

During the investigation, authorities reviewed a video posted on Instagram, with an account holder identified as "n830show" who conducted an interview with Williams. During the interview, Williams told the person that he was "there when they first burned down the police station" referring to the night of May 28. Williams also told the person he participated in the protests during the day and the riots at night.

Williams said, "I participated in the riots at night of course, cause I'm with my people. They all doing (explicit) and getting tear gassed, of course, I'm going to riot too."

During the interview, Williams was asked if he would consider burning down the building part of the rioting?

"Yeah, definitely that's part of rioting, its mass destruction - that's what a riot is, its mass destruction," he said as quoted in the complaint.

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Bryce Williams

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Law enforcement programs to receive systemwide review

ARTICLE DCCLII. **LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS TO RECEIVE SYSTEMWIDE REVIEW**

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Body

Minnesota's system of public universities and community colleges will conduct a "critical examination" of its law enforcement training programs after Minneapolis police killed **George Floyd** during an arrest.

Ex-officer **Derek Chauvin**, who pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes, attended a Minnesota State community college, as did the three other officers charged in Floyd's death. The state college system educates approximately 80% of Minnesota police officers through its 22 professional peace officer education programs.

Minnesota State Chancellor Devinder Malhotra told the Star Tribune this week that system leaders believe law enforcement needs to be "transformed" after the "senseless and tragic death" of Floyd. A systemwide working

group will soon begin meeting to review and re-envision Minnesota State's law enforcement curricula and teaching methods using an "anti-racism and equity-focused lens," he added.

"Our colleges and universities certainly have a part and a role to play," Malhotra said. "At Minnesota State, we are fully committed to ending discrimination and racism in all its forms."

The Minnesota State system joins a growing list of higher education institutions that are acting in response to Floyd's death. This week, the University of Minnesota and Hamline University announced scholarships in honor of Floyd. The University of St. Thomas announced Wednesday the formation of a new "Racial Justice Initiative," which will facilitate research, conduct community engagement and sponsor conversations on history, race and obstacles to progress.

Minnesota State's police officer programs are certified by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). System law enforcement programs include training on skills such as firearm safety, SWAT, interrogation, crime scene investigation and threat assessment.

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Minnesota State can do more than just meet the POST Board's requirements for certification, Malhotra said. It can better educate aspiring officers on cultural competence, systemic racism and social justice issues.

Details are still being hashed out, but the group will begin its work soon "given the sense of immediacy and urgency," Malhotra said. System officials will work with campus administrators, faculty and students to review programs and curricula.

The college student association LeadMN, which represents 165,000 community and technical college students across Minnesota, called on Malhotra to establish this working group in a resolution on June 6.

"What we've seen repeatedly is when students put pressure on those decisionmakers ... it can drive reform, it can drive change," said Michael Dean, executive director of LeadMN.

Students were surprised to learn the four officers charged in Floyd's death attended a Minnesota State college; three of the officers attended a Minnesota State law enforcement program.

"This has become a wake-up call that we are contributing to this unhealthy culture of racial bias and excessive force in policing," said Oballa Oballa, president of LeadMN and a student at Riverland Community College in Austin, Minn.

Andy Skoogman, executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, said the working group is a logical step forward in light of recent events. It could also lead to more consistency in law enforcement training.

The POST Board puts out numerous learning objectives for police officer programs, leaving colleges and universities with "a great deal of leeway" in determining what's in their curricula, Skoogman said.

"The first courses will help shape our future police officers, so I think it's critical that they are taught some of the key principles of law enforcement and then they're taught in a very consistent manner," he said.

Mylan Masson, a longtime Minneapolis police officer and former director of Hennepin Technical College's law enforcement and criminal justice education center, is doubtful that curriculum changes can make a difference without police department reforms.

New officers are "taught differently on the streets," she said, and those who don't do what they're told may be ostracized quickly.

"Our students were told many times, 'Forget what you were taught in skills, forget what you were taught in school. We're going to teach you the right way on the street,'" Masson said.

"That never sat well with me at all."

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What Mpls. can learn from Camden

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Highlight: New Jersey's police reforms aren't a perfect model, but there are critical takeaways.

Body

The death of [George Floyd](#) while in police custody has prompted calls to defund or dismantle the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) and other law enforcement agencies around the nation. As a result, Camden, N.J., has been held up as a model for doing just that. Seven years ago, that city abolished its police department and started over.

Since then, statistics from the city of 74,000 indicate some success. Excessive use-of-force rates plummeted, and homicides and other violent crimes decreased in a municipality that was once dubbed the most dangerous city in the state. Yet the New Jersey city's reforms cannot simply be superimposed on Minneapolis. For starters, the political circumstances in Camden a decade ago must be understood.

In the early 2010s, Camden was a city in deep financial trouble and was facing laying off about half of its 300-plus officers. The department had a reputation for use of discriminatory policing in a city that was more than 90% black and Hispanic. Police were often accused of corruption and of using excessive force.

In May 2013, the Camden City Council voted to eliminate its police department and establish a new one under county control with the blessing and funding from the state. The remaining city cops were all laid off and had to reapply to work for the county, under far less generous, nonunion contracts. The force was increased to nearly 400 officers.

The Camden police reforms remain politically divisive. That's in part because union contracts were thrown out, leaving many on the force earning a lower salary with fewer benefits. Eventually, collective bargaining returned with a contract that allowed the chief and his managers more disciplinary and termination power.

It's also critical to note that some members of the Camden community fought the changes and filed a lawsuit to save the department. The case ultimately ended up in front of the state Supreme Court, which ruled 6-0 in favor of the residents in 2015. But at that point it was too late: The Camden County Police Department had been established, and the old force was gone.

From 2012 to 2018, Camden experienced a 23% drop in violent crime and a 48% drop in nonviolent crime, although many factors likely played a role. Crime rates dropped in most New Jersey cities during that same period.

What Mpls. can learn from Camden

Officers on the reinvented Camden force say they see their jobs in a new way, and there's greater emphasis on community relations and de-escalation. Beat cops are more apt to check in with individuals and businesses even when they are not responding to calls for service. Officers marched with protesters after Floyd's death.

Camden increased the number of cops on the streets while pushing through a number of now-progressive police reforms that changed the culture of the force. And leaders mustered the political will to get needed contractual changes so that the chief and his managers could hold officers accountable for their actions.

Although Camden is not a perfect model for Minneapolis, there are lessons to be learned from the New Jersey experiment.

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Man from Staples charged with arson

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Highlight: Bryce Michael Williams is at least the tenth to face federal charges since unrest over George Floyd's killing.

Body

In the days after protesters set the Minneapolis Police Department's Third Precinct station ablaze, Bryce Michael Williams trekked across the country with a documentary film crew to join other protests over George Floyd's killing in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Denver.

Recounting the journey on an Instagram interview show this month, the 26-year-old self-described semiprofessional basketball player and "TikTok influencer" from Staples, Minn., explained that he was there when the Third Precinct caught fire.

"But at night, I participated in the riots at night of course, cause I'm with my people," Williams told the interviewer. They're "getting teargassed, of course I'm going to riot too."

This week, Williams became the latest in a largely homegrown group of people charged in connection with rioting and destruction of buildings that erupted across the Twin Cities after Floyd's killing by police on May 25.

Williams was charged Monday with conspiracy to commit arson in a sealed federal criminal complaint, which became public Wednesday after he made his first appearance in federal court. He is being held in Sherburne County jail ahead of a Friday detention hearing.

According to a criminal complaint affidavit sworn by a U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent, Williams was recorded by surveillance cameras at the entrance of the precinct holding and helping light a Molotov cocktail.

Williams is at least the tenth person charged with either federal rioting or arson charges in connection with the unrest over Floyd's death. All but one of the defendants are from Minnesota thus far and federal court documents have yet to detail any affiliation with organized groups.

Man from Staples charged with arson

As with previous cases, investigators described relying heavily on videos posted online on platforms including YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok. In this case, authorities said Williams posted to his TikTok account a video of himself standing outside the burning Third Precinct building. According to charges, a New York Times photo depicted Williams holding a Molotov cocktail outside the precinct. A YouTube compilation video of the unrest also purportedly shows Williams holding a Molotov cocktail while another person tried to light it, the complaint says.

Investigators also relied on the June 14 interview Williams gave to an Instagram account called the "n830show," during which Williams described participating in the demonstrations in Minneapolis.

At one point, the interviewer asked Williams whether he considered "burning down the buildings part of the rioting."

"Yeah, definitely that's part of rioting, it's mass destruction - that's what a riot is, it's mass destruction," Williams said.

At the end of the interview, a commenter asked what it was like watching the precinct burn.

"It's just a surreal moment," Williams said. "For once we feel like we're in complete control. The police can't do anything. We're burning down their sanctuary, their home."

Williams criticized the looting of area stores, however, "because it defeats the overall purpose of the entire protest."

The interviewer asked, "At what point does violence become justified in the face of injustice?"

Said Williams: "To the point where you're finally heard. I honestly believe in do whatever it takes."

His court appearance came one day after a Brainerd-area man appeared in federal court in Colorado on arson charges related to the Third Precinct fire. Dylan Shakespeare Robinson, 22, was arrested in Breckenridge, Colo., on Sunday.

Federal authorities say Robinson is on probation for drug possession. He was recorded by security cameras tossing incendiary devices at the Third Precinct building the night it burned, according to a federal criminal complaint. A Facebook video also showed Robinson setting a fire just outside the first-floor stairwell on the building's west side, the complaint said.

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Minneapolis Fed president says systemic racism hurts the economy

ARTICLE DCCLV. [**MINNEAPOLIS FED PRESIDENT SAYS SYSTEMIC RACISM HURTS THE ECONOMY**](#)

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Highlight: By Jeanna Smialek Two days after *George Floyd* was killed at the hands of police and as videos of his death circulated on social media, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Neel Kashkari, did something unusual for an official in his position: He sharply and publicly denounced law enforcement actions. The Fed [...]

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By Jeanna Smialek

Two days after *George Floyd* was killed at the hands of police and as videos of his death circulated on social media, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Neel Kashkari, did something unusual for an official in his position: He sharply and publicly denounced law enforcement actions.

The Fed is a famously tight-lipped institution when it comes to social issues, and most of its officials are not active on social media, so it was notable when Kashkari posted on Twitter that the killing indicated "institutional racism that is actively taught and reinforced."

His colleague Mary Daly, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, followed two days later with a post stating that "hate thrives when people stay quiet." And Raphael Bostic, the Atlanta Fed president and the Federal Reserve's only black policymaker, published a post online Friday decrying *systemic racism*.

The comments mark the latest stage in long-running evolution at the Fed, which has increasingly weighed in on societal concerns with an economic bent - like wealth and income inequality and job market disparities - in recent years.

In an interview with the New York Times, Kashkari, who joined the Fed in 2016, said he believed it was important to use his platform to speak up and that race in America ties back to foundational economic issues, from who has the opportunity to obtain a good education to who has the resources to build wealth. Racial disparities, he said, are holding back workers from reaching their full potential.

Kashkari, a former assistant secretary in the Treasury Department who oversaw the Troubled Asset Relief Program, the \$700 billion bailout that Congress passed in 2008, also discussed the lessons the Fed was

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taking from the financial crisis as it rushes to save a pandemic-damaged economy, and what dangers might lie ahead in the banking sector. The following is a partial transcript of that Friday conversation.

Q: You wrote on Twitter that the fact that police treated Floyd so violently while being recorded "indicates institutional racism that is actively taught and reinforced." That is an unusually strong remark for a Fed president to make on a social issue. What prompted you to express your views?

A: It was just an honest expression of my reaction. It had been in the news for the past day or so, and I'd seen it, and I'd seen other footage of black men being killed by the police, and I was struggling to figure out - why did this feel so different to me? And it felt so different to me because you could see, there were witnesses standing around the police officers, and the police officers didn't care. They were so confident in what they were doing; they were sending a message - that we're not doing anything wrong.

I think I've just learned, if we don't speak out about what we're seeing, if everyone doesn't speak out about what they're seeing, then nothing changes.

Q: Do you think it's the Fed's place to weigh in on such matters, and, if so, why?

A: I don't think it's the Fed's place to weigh in on partisan political issues or picking sides Republican versus Democrat. But I live in Minnesota. I'm a voter in Minnesota. Our employees live here. We live in our community, and if there are really pressing issues in our community, I think we have a responsibility to speak up. We've launched the Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute; we've already made a commitment that we're going to do what we can to improve economic outcomes for all Americans. We've already said this is going to be an important issue for us. And then you have George Floyd being murdered in Minnesota itself - the epicenter of this. I think it's totally appropriate for us to weigh in.

Q: Do you think institutional racism hurts the economy, and do you see that playing out in Minneapolis?

A: If white children in Minneapolis had the educational attainment that African-American children have, this problem would have been solved a long time ago. I think racism is an undercurrent of the status quo. And then you have huge chunks of our population who are not getting a good education, who do not have good job opportunities - it absolutely holds our economy back.

There are big chunks of our population whose innate human capital is basically being squandered because they are not getting an education that enables them to take advantage of their natural talents and gifts. That not only hurts them; that hurts all of us. It hurts our society and our economy.

Q: What role can the Fed play here?

A: If we can use our economic research capabilities to analyze issues using the best data and evidence possible and put forward policy recommendations that other policymakers can implement, that's an important contribution for us to make.

The Fed has a big role to play, even if it's outside of monetary policy, because people trust us as honest researchers.

Kashkari has pushed for legislation in Minnesota that would make quality education a right in the state. The Minneapolis Fed is also conducting an analysis of what the impact would be of a local minimum wage increase, he said.

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Q: This isn't the only thing on your mind right now, clearly. There's a debate at the Fed right now about whether banks should be forced to conserve more capital as the pandemic continues, including halting dividend payments. You've been outspoken that they should. Why?

A: The longer this crisis goes on, the more likely the losses roll up into the banking sector. When the virus crisis flared up, we didn't know - maybe it will only be a two-month crisis.

It seems very clear now this is a year, 18-month, even two-year journey that we're on now until the economy fully recovers.

Kashkari has called for a suspension to bank dividend payouts and thinks that banks should raise equity instead. While the Fed Board in Washington could stop banks from making payouts, it has so far chosen not to. Officials have suggested that could change after the results of annual bank stress tests are reported June 25.

Q: The Fed is also a cornerstone of the government's relief program for businesses and local governments. What lessons did you learn during TARP that should carry through to the current moment?

A: We have to err on the side of being generous.

We tried to be very targeted in our assistance, helping homeowners who were deserving, who needed only a little bit of help. It ended up that we didn't help very many homeowners, and the housing correction was more severe than it needed to be. It's better to be generous in your assistance, even if that means you help people who are quote-unquote not deserving.

Q: Will more be needed, especially on the fiscal side, and if so, what?

A: I think more will be needed on the fiscal side.

Many of these jobs are not going to come back for a long time. Those workers who have been laid off are going to need to be able to pay their bills.

More focus on unemployment assistance for those jobs that are not coming back anytime soon - I think that's going to be critical, not only for the families themselves but also for the economy as a whole. If people can't pay their rent, can't pay their mortgage, that's how things start to spill over.

Q: When the economy does rebound, should the Fed pay attention to racial unemployment rates when it thinks about when to raise rates?

A: I don't think we have the ability to say, "We're going to target a reduction in this type of inequality through interest rates." But I do think paying attention to these disparities gives us better insight into labor market slack in general.

The fact of the matter is - the Fed raised rates too quickly and too soon - referring to increases that began in late 2015 as the central bank tried to make sure inflation didn't rocket higher as the jobless rate fell. We thought there was less slack out there than in fact there turned out to be. We have to learn from that. And how were we surprised? It turned out that there were more minorities who wanted to work and more old people who wanted to work than our models anticipated. We need to understand the disparities.

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Graphic

Neel Kashkari took office as president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis on January 1, 2016. (Courtesy of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)

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READERS WRITE Add school funding to the list

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ADDRESSING INEQUALITY

Recent events have publicly exposed wide-ranging racial and class-based inequities and the need for change. If state officials are serious about addressing these inequities, one thing they should address is the formula for K-12 funding that uses property taxes of the community surrounding public schools. This inequitable formula perpetuates disparities in school funding and opportunities among school districts. Wealthier, more affluent school districts with higher property values are able to generate more funding than low-income districts. This makes educational funding dependent upon property values in the district, not on providing an equal opportunity education.

The formula perpetuates inequities that will not fix themselves. Low-income districts and communities suffer. Kids lose good teachers, programs and activities are cut, and opportunities are lost. They should not be left to the uncertainty of a local levy referendum.

Continuing the status quo is unacceptable. What are we waiting for?

Stephen C. Fiebiger, Burnsville

MINNEAPOLIS LEADERSHIP

That commentary sure didn't help

In his June 17 commentary ("Defund and disband City Hall leadership"), former Sen. Norm Coleman writes that "in times of great tragedy there are those who rise from the ashes to give comfort to the afflicted" and that "there are those who provide leadership when communities are clamoring for a way out from desperation."

Coleman rises from the ashes to do neither. Instead, he casts blame from afar, regurgitates conservative half-truths and sows division. He offers no constructive suggestions or solutions. Rather, as someone who staunchly defended the status quo throughout his career, he has the temerity to criticize Minneapolis leaders for not ending the status quo. Same old Norm: opportunistic, divisive and hypocritical. We haven't missed you, senator.

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Ed Butterfoss, St. Paul

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Coleman's commentary regarding the disbanding of the *Minneapolis Police Department* is right on the mark. The city has for years been run by Democrats, and how they can now all of a sudden say the Police Department has issues when they (Democrat) politicians have not been able to solve the issues in all these years is absurd. Hope for the sake of Minneapolis citizens that the politicians read it and pay heed.

Jerry Bich, Wayzata

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The president, the Republican Senate and aging Republican spokesmen like Coleman send a clear message - no change. They acknowledge a few bad apples and they promise to frown on chokeholds - but not ban them; and they run from holding police accountable. They cast blame on mayors and council members for not protecting the businesses destroyed in the looting - property always being more important than black lives.

To be sure, not all police people are racist, but those who tolerate racism among their peers are as guilty as those who practice it. Changing the way we police is important from both a practical and a symbolic perspective. Police have demonstrated dramatically that they cannot "protect and serve." We need to answer that with real change.

Robert Veitch, Richfield

BAIL NONPROFIT

Tune out Freedom Fund detractors

The emerging local and national criticism of the Minnesota Freedom Fund is both grossly unfair and does a disservice to the small staff and volunteer board ("\$30M raised, \$250K spent by nonprofit," June 17). The organization's mission is simple - to end cash bail and create a criminal justice system that does not keep people in jail for minor offenses simply because they cannot afford a minimal bail.

The skyrocketing financial support since the *George Floyd* tragedy has been incredible. In an average year, the fund received around \$150,000 in donations and grants and spent around \$1,000 a day posting bail for people who could not afford to pay. In the 14 days following Floyd's killing, the fund received more than \$30 million donated by almost 1 million people and has spent an average of over \$17,000 a day posting bail. That is an incredible success story.

The recent criticism of this worthwhile program was started by the usual conservative media and commentators. Among them is the president, whose campaign criticized members of Joe Biden's staff for donating. These groups are simply opposed to the fund's mission and are creating a controversy where none exists. The Minnesota Freedom Fund shows years of commitment to a just cause. It has reacted to the unprecedented donations professionally and is actively seeking additional staff and volunteers to manage the tremendous growth.

The fund should be praised for its work, and I look forward to a follow-up article in six months showing the positive impact these donations and this organization have had on all Minnesotans.

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Jason Lonstein, St. Paul

MINIMUM WAGE

It's a bad time to inch toward \$15

As we watch the private enterprise employers in Minneapolis try to rebuild from the travesties of recent days, be it civil unrest or a pandemic, we also watch as a wage increase nears for those who work in this fair city. A \$0.75-per-hour increase for small businesses over last year's minimum is required by July 1. Many believe \$15 an hour is the line in the sand where poverty starts and stops, but now is not the time to put this burden on those who hope to build or in many cases rebuild their legacy and future in Minneapolis.

We need to delay the increase. Be it for a year or only six months, the entrepreneurs in this town need help, as do the employees. Now is the time to work with those owners as they work so desperately hard to resurrect their businesses and our city at the same time.

Jim Fisher, Eden Prairie

MASKS

Would you risk these odds?

Take a six-shooter. Load one chamber. Spin the barrel. And then point it at me.

That's what they're doing to me, every time unmasked shoppers enter my grocery store. They hem me in with a 1 in 6 chance of dying a miserable death. Because those are the precise odds, in my age range, of dying once infected with COVID-19. So says the data from the Minnesota Department of Health.

I'm not a fan of Russian roulette. That's why I set my alarm to shop at the few early morning hours set aside for COVID-vulnerable populations. But there they are. Again. The barefaced shoppers. Tainting the only brief bubble of safety we might have.

Yes, Patrick Henry indeed proclaimed, "Give me liberty or give me death." Barefaced shoppers need to note, however, that he was speaking about sacrificing his own life, not condemning others to death for his benefit.

Please, folks, stop imperiling our lives. Stop pointing that gun at our heads. Enjoy your liberty at times other than those set aside for your vulnerable neighbors, so that they, too, might continue to enjoy theirs.

C. Mannheim, Apple Valley

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Real estate pro D'Angelos Svenkeson explains how his industry - and yours - can become more diverse

ARTICLE DCCLVII. ***REAL ESTATE PRO D'ANGELOS SVENKESON EXPLAINS HOW HIS INDUSTRY - AND YOURS - CAN BECOME MORE DIVERSE***

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D'Angelos Svenkeson is co-founder of NEOO Partners, a commercial real estate and community engagement firm based in downtown St. Paul.

Svenkenson grew up in St. Paul's Rondo and Frogtown neighborhoods and lives in Rondo today. He was previously vice president of development for Minneapolis-based Thor Cos., which has since shut down.

He spoke to the Business Journal in an interview about racism in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd***. It has been edited for length and clarity.

Given the death of ***George Floyd*** and ensuing protests and riots in the Twin Cities and across the nation over police brutality and institutional racism, what would you like to see happen next in the Twin Cities, and what role should the local business community play?

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From the Fortune 500 companies all the way down to ... the startup world, there's four things that are really tangible that they can do without having to ask a lot of people, so that means there's not a lot of red tape. No. 1 and probably the simplest thing is hire. You can hire, diversify your staff, your boards and your committees to be more inclusive and have diverse perspectives, but also be more representative of the future population that the U.S. is really going to look like. There's a lot of statements that have gone out from organizations and this is the basic accountability check for organizations. Show me how this shows up in your hiring practice and how do people who don't look like the majority feel about your organization who already work there?

The second thing is spend. Our Fortune 500 community, as well as our local businesses, can do a lot by spending or procuring services, goods and commodities from diverse businesses. There's a social justice component to everything, but because I'm in business, I understand that we cannot have less economic inclusion while we're fighting for social justice.

The third and fourth things I would say is, share leadership and partner. I sent out an email to our stakeholders talking about basic things that people can do, and the No. 1 thing is to partner. A lot of organizations do not have the expertise. They don't have the vision, but they also don't have the lived experience to make the solution for community, whether it's a physical solution or whether it's a service solution. If they're going to have a systemic change, they need to have strategic partnerships where they are not the leader. They bring their resources and their horsepower to the table and they allow others who are more adept at getting solutions acutely for the community to be their partner and drive the initiative.

To what extent do you think systemic racism is an issue in the Twin Cities?

It permeates everything in the Twin Cities and in the country. I don't think it's anything that is in other states and not here. It shows up in all the things that I talked about - hiring practices, procurement and leadership opportunities. [Robin] DiAngelo talked about it in her "White Fragility" book. Progressive white allies are the ones who have the hardest time seeing their privilege because they believe they're so evolved in their thinking when they still have issues that create a systemic barrier for others. Because we have such a strong, progressive, purple-ish state, we can be blind to our own biases that are still permeating throughout and that still reinforces barriers in banking, business and churches. So we have these natural barriers, whether you're conscious or unconscious about it, that perpetuates systemic racism.

There are fears that the calls to action will fade and again little progress will be made. How does the business community and broader community not lose momentum and keep pushing?

Having been in conversations with elected officials over the past two weeks, there are a lot of people in the community who want to fight for small wins right now and think the small wins return the populace back to a level of comfort. And in order for us not to resort back to the status quo and for the energy to fade, we have to keep the discomfort present.

There's a hard push right now to say we can't just wait for small wins. We can't go for low-hanging fruit right now. Right now is the time for widespread systemic change. What I'm seeing on social media right now is not for small wins. I think organizational leaders see small wins, but the populace of the community does not care about a small win. They want to see broad sweeping change that shows widespread results.

You work in an industry that is overwhelmingly white male, and I'm talking about commercial real estate. That industry has been talking for years about becoming more diverse, but I've seen very little progress in

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that regard. Do you agree with that, and what do you think needs to be done to make CRE a more diverse industry?

Real estate is an historic wealth industry. I've seen the emails come to me from my colleagues around acknowledging that they can't be a part of the status quo any longer. Institutional real estate developers acknowledge that they are going to double down on the partnership, because they're doing projects in urban communities, and they know that they and their staff don't look and reflect those communities. They're keenly aware of their deficits now, despite their balance sheets. So they're going to focus on partnerships, but if you have no reflectivity of that community, you cannot provide solutions for that community.

Beyond partnership, shouldn't the big developers and brokerages in town be hiring more people of color? Because 99% of the big deals in town are done by white people.

You can hire as much as you want, but if your culture or your workplace are toxic to diversity or toxic to black, indigenous, Hispanic, Latino and Asian people, they're not going to stay. That's what Greater MSP found with Make it. MSP. is that you can hire people from all over the country, but if your workplace culture is toxic - which gets back into the business practices around white liberal or progressive mindsets that they've evolved - they still can have a toxic environment for people of color to be retained. Most people love the Twin Cities, but if they can't find an employer or a pathway within the work environment for growth, they're not going to stay. People aren't going to put up with lip service on the hiring process, but no follow through on employee development.

Is there anything else on your mind?

People keep asking, what should they do? Stand up. Take action. Hold friends, family and loved ones accountable for their hatred and bigotry. Partner where you've never partnered before. Give where you've never given before. And most importantly, love where you've never loved before.

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This is the season I become a full-time starter. It is exciting. Everyone kind of knows the situation, especially the ugly duckling part. I was cut twice by the Vikings, once by Cleveland, once by Arizona. Finally to get an opportunity as a starter is a dream come true, and I'm going to take full advantage of it.

Now I'm the black swan. That's what I call myself. It's my alter ego, my persona, on the field. One of my favorite movies is "The Black Swan." People think that's a weird movie to make your favorite movie. You have to understand the gist of it. Natalie Portman does a great job being the white swan but she has a hard time tapping into that dark side, the black swan.

I'm the white swan during practice. When game day hits, for 60 minutes of regulation, it's all black swan right there.

I can play in this league. I know I can. I just have to be patient.

You don't just give a spot (in the starting lineup) to a person. You have to work for it. That's what I have to do. Nothing is given to you in life. You have to earn everything. I have to earn it.

The first impression is the most important thing. I think when I first got to the Vikings, my first impression was terrible. I think I was intimidated, looking at all the older vets. That might have got into my head. I was cut and on the practice squad. I decided to keep my head down and learn the technique. I was going against starters every day and realized this is one helluva privilege to do that.

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I've always felt I belong, but I don't think my first impression rubbed people the right way. I didn't realize how raw I was coming out of Northwestern. It's about refining the little details.

It's working out.

When I talk to kids, I say, "Don't ever give up. You don't know where the finish line is." It's an invisible finish line, and a lot of people give up right before the finish line.

I haven't thought much about kneeling. I think the most important thing is getting a message across and really educating people. Everyone thought kneeling was disrespecting the flag. But what Colin Kaepernick was trying to do was promote awareness. I haven't thought about kneeling or not. I'm just trying to start this year.

If I'm not starting or playing well, I won't even have an opportunity to kneel.

We haven't met as a team. It's hard to get people's vibe when you do Zoom meetings. When we get to camp, we'll talk more. We can voice our opinions on Zoom, but it's different than one-on-one.

After that whole ***George Floyd*** tragedy, everyone who watched that footage, especially people who are black ... People who are white simply just don't understand. They don't have to worry about it. You're not a minority. Every day, everywhere you walk in, you're with a bunch of white people. You see that footage and realize ... That could have been me.

If someone were to tell me a police officer did that and they had no footage, I wouldn't have believed them. I feel terrible to say that, but I'd say, "There's no way someone could be that wicked." That's the closest thing I've seen to the devil right there.

A man is pleading for his life, saying he can't breathe, and (the policeman) has his hands in his pocket. You'd think he'd done it multiple times.

I get sad even thinking about it, that someone has it in his heart to do that.

In the offseason, I like to stay in Chicago because of the connections I made at Northwestern. When protesting happened, I got up Sunday morning and said, "Yo, man, I'm angry. I'm going to have kids someday and my kids are going to say, 'Dad, tell me about 2020. What did you do?' " I'd be very disappointed in myself if I did absolutely nothing. I have a moral obligation to speak up. I'm going to be a father someday and I want something my kids can be proud of, and I'm standing up for what's right.

I'm first generation. My parents were born in Nigeria.

I've faced quite a bit of racism. I went to an all-white school near Dayton, Ohio. At times, I felt like an outcast. I had no one to share what I was going through. A lot of my African-American brothers went to integrated schools. I would hear the most racist things ever. I'm the minority. I grew up with a bunch of white people. You have situations where they get drunk and get comfortable and I hear more racist things.

A lot of black people can tell when they walk through places how people view them. I have been called the N-word before. I heard it in middle school and everybody tried to downplay it.

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Ask any black person and they can tell you the moment they were first called the N-word. I heard it the first time in seventh grade during recess. When that kid said that to me, it really opened my eyes. "I am a minority and don't ever forget that, Ifeadi."

I'm so numb to this that I forget how crazy that is.

We're people. We have hearts. We sleep. We dream. We want to be at an equal playing level. It's a weird thing.

I just hope this doesn't become a trend. ***Black Lives Matter***: Yeah, I'm all on board. Six months later, COVID is done. Hey, black people we gave you our attention, now I have to focus on work.

To be a police officer, your moral compass needs to be in the right place. Your job as a police officer is to protect someone.

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What needs to happen is people need to understand the history of the tension of African-Americans and whites. Nobody wants to talk about slavery because it's awkward to talk about.

Your father remembers when there were colored bathrooms, which is a crazy concept. When I talk to my D-line coach, he's 60 years old, Coach (Andre) Patterson. He was telling me he remembered colored bathrooms. That blew my mind.

If I wasn't playing football, I probably would have gotten into investment banking. What I really want to do is impact people. I've lived a pretty blessed life, being a first-generation immigrant. I want to get my story out and inspire other people.

I'm excited for the season and excited to work with Coach Patterson.

My first name is pronounced If-AH-Dee. And my last name is O-Denny-Bo.

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Minnesota Democrats press for sweeping policing changes; GOP says it's pushing ideas 'both sides can support'

ARTICLE DCCLIX. [**MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS PRESS FOR SWEEPING POLICING CHANGES; GOP SAYS IT'S PUSHING IDEAS 'BOTH SIDES CAN SUPPORT'**](#)

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Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has challenged Republican lawmakers to approve a Democratic-backed package of police accountability bills crafted following *George Floyd's* death so he can have the "poetic justice" of signing them Friday to celebrate Juneteenth, which marks the end of slavery in the country.

The Minnesota Senate's GOP majority passed a limited set of measures late Tuesday and early Wednesday that the Democratic governor dismissed as "weak sauce." He said at a news conference Thursday that he would consider this week's special session "a total failure" if lawmakers don't pass the policing overhaul as well as relief for neighborhoods damaged during the unrest that followed Floyd's death on May 25.

Leaders of the House Democratic majority scheduled a series of votes for Thursday night to pass their policing measures. But Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said he still intends to adjourn Friday night, regardless of whether the two chambers have reached any agreement. The partisan split in Minnesota mirrors the divide in Congress over policing reform.

"If destiny and history is not raining down on Minnesota today and tomorrow, I don't know what is," Walz said. "The image of us and the Senate walking away from systemic change on Juneteenth adds to the legacy of what the rest of the world is looking at here. It is unacceptable. ... And the poetic justice and the decency of being able to sign those bills on Juneteenth to make a change in this state is pretty obvious."

Gazelka told reporters the governor's comments shocked him. He said Republicans have focused on policing ideas that both sides can support instead of proposals that won't pass, and that most Minnesotans support their local police, with exceptions in Minneapolis.

He said negotiations were continuing.

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The Republican leader said Minnesotans are upset about the "lawlessness" during some protests over Floyd's death and Walz's slow response, and for allowing protesters to tear down a Christopher Columbus statue on the Capitol grounds.

The People of Color and Indigenous Caucus developed the Democratic package, and caucus members joined the governor in complaining that their community was shut out of the process of drafting the Senate's legislation. Walz said three of his cabinet members were given only three minutes each to testify at a committee hearing.

Democratic Rep. Rena Moran of St. Paul said she considered the GOP package an insult.

"We are in a moment in time here in Minnesota to do the right thing, to hear the voices of the people - black people, indigenous people, Asian people, Latino people, brown and black people from across the world, and white people," she said. "This is not a black issue. This is not a people of color issue. This is a world issue."

The 22 House proposals are wrapped into three bills on the themes of "Reclaiming Community Oversight," "Reforming Accountability" and "Reimagining Public Safety." It includes several proposals that Republicans have ruled out, including having the state attorney general prosecute all police-involved deaths and restoring voting rights for felons.

The Senate package consists of five modest proposals that partially overlap some House proposals, including banning the use of chokeholds and neck restraints, mandating a duty for officers to intervene and report when they witness another officer using excessive force, and providing help for officers recovering from traumatic events.

Rep. Carlos Mariani of St. Paul, who chairs the House public safety and criminal justice reform committee, said getting rid of the bad apples in policing requires Senate help to grow a healthy new tree.

"I call on them to stop 'coming small' to the table," he said. "They have small stuff, it's OK. I can do that small stuff. Most of us can do that small stuff. That's not the issue. Stop coming in small. Let's have the conversation about the tree. I call on the Senate to see the tree, to change the system, and to join the people who want to begin growing a healthy tree."

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Mixed Blood Theatre starts pop-up pantry, commissions local artists

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With theater performances on pause for the foreseeable future, the Mixed Blood Theatre in Minneapolis is lending its space and platform to community members and local artists.

Mixed Blood Theatre is located in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, which is home to a large African immigrant community. Many of its residents relied on Lake Street stores for their groceries, but civil unrest after the death of **George Floyd** left many of those stores damaged, looted or burned.

Members of the Cedar-Riverside community reached out to Mixed Blood, asking if they could use their space to set up a small food pantry. Mixed Blood agreed, and after sharing details about the pop-up pantry online, donations started rolling in.

"We were expecting to have one table, but we have a whole theater filled with food," said Hanah Ahmed, a community leader in Cedar-Riverside.

The 23-year-old Ahmed is a regular volunteer at the food shelf. She knows English, Arabic, Somali and Swahili, which has been useful when speaking with residents in the diverse neighborhood.

"It feels really good to be helping our community," Ahmed said.

The overwhelming flood of donations have been consistent for the past three weeks, said Catherine Campbell, the theater's production manager. Just last week, a group of neighbors showed up with 10 cars filled with food and supplies.

"Everyone is pitching in. It felt like the whole of Minneapolis came together," Ahmed said.

Looking forward, community leaders and theater staff are adjusting to fit community needs. Since Brian Coyle Center already has a food pantry in Cedar-Riverside, Mixed Blood now only collects non-food items.

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Long-term plans are undecided, but the theater plans help its neighbors for as long as it is needed, Campbell said.

"Serving others when we can't do theater is at the front of our attention," she said.

Mixed Blood has also launched Mixed Blood Responds, a project engaging and amplifying the voices of local actors and artists as they process the aftermath of Floyd's death.

The theater commissioned a racially diverse group of artists to share their messages of anti-racism, solidarity, and pain. Their work has been posted to Mixed Blood's website and social media.

"It's important to activate those who identify with black and indigenous communities, and communities of color at this time, because theater doesn't always do that," Campbell said.

While the financial impact the pandemic and shutdown will have on the theater's future remains uncertain, those concerns takes a back seat to helping the community, Mixed Blood leaders said.

"We must lend our attention to the systemic racism and issues that have been hidden and unveiled in our industry for centuries," Campbell said.

For more information about the food shelf or Mixed Blood Responds, visit mixedblood.com.

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Officer charged with murder for shooting Rayshard Brooks

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ATLANTA - Prosecutors brought murder charges Wednesday against the white Atlanta police officer who shot Rayshard Brooks in the back, saying that Brooks was not a deadly threat and that the officer kicked the wounded black man and offered no medical treatment for over two minutes as he lay dying on the ground.

Brooks, 27, was holding a stun gun he had snatched from officers, and he fired it at them during the clash, but he was running away at the time and was 18 feet, 3 inches from Officer Garrett Rolfe when Rolfe started shooting, District Attorney Paul Howard said in announcing the charges. Stun guns have a range of around 15 feet.

"I got him!" the prosecutor quoted Rolfe as saying.

The felony murder charge against Rolfe, 27, carries life in prison or the death penalty, if prosecutors decide to seek it. He was also charged with 10 other offenses punishable by decades behind bars.

The decision to prosecute came less than five days after the killing outside a Wendy's restaurant rocked a city - and a nation - already roiled by the death of **George Floyd** under a police officer's knee in Minneapolis late last month.

"We've concluded at the time that Mr. Brooks was shot that he did not pose an immediate threat of death," Howard said.

A second officer, Devin Brosnan, 26, stood on Brooks' shoulder as he struggled for his life, Howard said. Brosnan was charged with aggravated assault and violating his oath.

The district attorney said Brosnan is cooperating with prosecutors and will testify, saying it was the first time in 40 such cases in which an officer had come forward to do so. But an attorney for Brosnan

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emphatically denied he had agreed to be a prosecution witness and said he was not pleading guilty to anything.

A lawyer for Brooks' widow cautioned that the charges were no reason to rejoice.

"We shouldn't have to celebrate as African Americans when we get a piece of justice like today. We shouldn't have to celebrate and parade when an officer is held accountable," attorney L. Chris Stewart said.

Brooks' widow, Tomika Miller, said it was painful to hear the new details of what happened to her husband in his final minutes.

"I felt everything that he felt, just by hearing what he went through, and it hurt. It hurt really bad," she said.

The news came on a day of rapid developments involving race and equal justice. Republicans on Capitol Hill unveiled a package of police reform measures. And the movement to get rid of Confederate monuments and other racially offensive symbols reached America's breakfast table, with the maker of Aunt Jemima syrup and pancake mix dropping the 131-year-old brand.

Brooks' killing Friday night sparked new demonstrations in Georgia's capital against police brutality after occasionally turbulent protests over Floyd's death had largely died down. Atlanta Police Chief Erika Shields resigned less than 24 hours after Brooks died, and the Wendy's restaurant was burned.

Rolfe was fired after the shooting, while Brosnan was placed on desk duty.

Ahead of the district attorney's announcement, Rolfe's lawyers issued a statement saying the officer feared for his safety and that of others around him and was justified in shooting Brooks. Rolfe opened fire after hearing a sound "like a gunshot and saw a flash in front of him," apparently from the stun gun.

"Mr. Brooks violently attacked two officers and disarmed one of them. When Mr. Brooks turned and pointed an object at Officer Rolfe, any officer would have reasonably believed that he intended to disarm, disable or seriously injure him," the lawyers said.

But the district attorney said the stun gun that Brooks held had already been fired twice and was thus empty and no longer a threat.

Brosnan's lawyer, Amanda Clark Palmer, said the charges against the officer were baseless. She said Brosnan stood on the wounded man's hand, not his shoulder, for a short period of time - seconds - to make sure Brooks did not have a weapon.

Police had been called to the restaurant over complaints of a car blocking the drive-thru lane. An officer found Brooks asleep behind the wheel, and a breath test showed he was intoxicated.

Police body-camera video showed Brooks and officers having a relatively calm and respectful conversation - "almost jovial," according to the district attorney - for more than 40 minutes before things rapidly turned violent when officers tried to handcuff him. Brooks wrestled with officers, grabbed one of their stun guns and fired it at one of them as he ran through the parking lot.

An autopsy found he was shot twice in the back. One shot pierced his heart, the district attorney said. At least one bullet went into a vehicle that was in line at the Wendy's drive-thru.

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After Brooks was shot, he was given no medical attention for over two minutes, despite Atlanta police policy that says officers must offer timely help, Howard said.

The district attorney said Rolfe and Brosnan had until 6 p.m. Thursday to surrender. He said he would request \$50,000 bond for Brosnan and no bail for Rolfe.

The charges reflect a potential "sea change" in tolerance for violence by police, said Caren Morrison, a Georgia State University law professor who used to be a federal prosecutor.

Morrison said the view until now has generally been that officers are justified in using deadly force in a case in which the suspect had a stun gun or other weapon that could cause "grievous bodily harm."

Later Wednesday there had been reports that Atlanta police officers were walking off the job or calling in sick in protest of the charges against Rolfe and Brosnan. The APD said in a Tweet that it is experiencing a higher than usual number of officers calling out for their shifts but that, "We have enough resources to maintain operations & remain able to respond to incidents."

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said on CNN that many of the department's partners had been notified just in case they needed to call others in but that "we are fine" (tonight) and that the true test would be on Thursday.

"If we have officers that don't want bad officers weeded out the force then that's another conversation we need to have," Bottoms said.

In the Minneapolis case, ***Derek Chauvin***, the officer who put his knee on Floyd's neck for several minutes, has been charged with murder. Three other officers have been charged with aiding and abetting. All four were fired and could get up to 40 years in prison.

In Washington, meanwhile, Senate Republicans announced the most ambitious GOP police-reform package in years, including an enhanced use-of-force database, restrictions on chokeholds and new commissions to study law enforcement and race.

The bill is not as sweeping as a Democratic proposal set for a House vote next week, but it shows how swiftly the national debate has been transformed since Floyd's death.

A new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research says more Americans today than five years ago believe police brutality is a very serious problem that too often goes undisciplined and unequally targets black Americans.

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The University of Minnesota Law School has started a new scholarship honoring [George Floyd](#).

The fund will support a student of color - particularly a black law student who's pursuing a career in law - in hopes they can help diversify a largely white profession and help pursue racial justice.

The fund was started by two alumni, Catlan McCurdy and Sanjiv Laud, with a match from the U Law School. The married Minneapolis couple, who met at the school and are both lawyers, were inspired by North Central University, which hosted the Minneapolis memorial for Floyd and created a scholarship in his honor.

"[George Floyd](#)'s death was just a symbol of a larger problem of racial injustice in this country," Laud said. "And it was one thing we could do. He's never going to be forgotten at the law school."

The endowed scholarship will continue indefinitely. The first scholarship will likely be awarded in 2021. (To support the fund, go to law.umn.edu.)

Garry Jenkins, dean of the University of Minnesota law school, said in an e-mail to the school's community that they are doubling down on "promoting racial justice and changing perspectives, practices, and institutions (in all kinds of ways) to help contribute to the change we need."

Floyd, 46, died May 25 after Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#) pinned his neck to the pavement. Chauvin has been fired and charged with murder and manslaughter. Three other officers involved in the incident have been charged with aiding and abetting manslaughter and murder.

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'Belief' is at heart of deadly force debate

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Years before Minneapolis police killed ***George Floyd***, the world saw Philando Castile's last moments on Facebook Live as a St. Anthony officer shot him in his car.

In the racially charged case, the officer, Jeronimo Yanez, was ultimately acquitted of second-degree manslaughter and endangering safety. The ruling hung on a central question: Did the officer reasonably fear that Castile was reaching for a gun, one he disclosed having when he was stopped?

That question - and the state law that prompted it - is now central to the debate as lawmakers and community leaders call for massive overhauls of policing.

During a special session of the Legislature, Democrats are pushing to dramatically change the state's deadly force statute, which allows officers to use such force when they "reasonably believe" someone will cause "death or great bodily harm" if not apprehended. Deadly force is also allowable under law if used by officers to protect themselves or others, or to capture someone they know or have "reasonable grounds to believe" has committed or will commit a felony using force.

When Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St. Paul, reads the law, one word sticks out: "believes."

"The officer believes that something is going to happen, whether or not it is a real threat, he just believes it is," she said. "It's so open to their beliefs, or how they see the world, or how they see people of color."

That subjectivity, critics argue, allows for bias, even as officers often have to make split-second decisions about life and death.

Moran and others say the current standard gives wide latitude to officers to use force, and it has kept officers from facing charges or being prosecuted when those encounters turn deadly. Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman cited the deadly force law when he declined to charge the officers involved in the killing of Jamar Clark in 2016 and Thurman Blevins in 2018, both black men killed by Minneapolis police.

'Belief' is at heart of deadly force debate

In 2019, Freeman successfully prosecuted former Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor for fatally shooting Justine Ruszczyk, a white woman, while responding to her 911 call. Noor, who is Somali-American, is believed to be the only officer convicted of murder in the history of the state.

Derek Chauvin and three other officers involved in Floyd's arrest are facing charges.

More than 100 cases of excessive use of force resulted in death or injury over the past five years, according to a state report this year on police encounters. Despite many high-profile cases occurring in the Twin Cities, 60% of those events took place outside the metro area, said Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington. Half of the cases involved people in a mental health crisis.

Moran is pushing a proposal to make legislative intent clear: The authority to use deadly force is "a critical responsibility that shall be exercised judiciously and with respect for human rights." It would also require an "imminent" threat of death or harm to an officer or someone else before deadly force is used. Moran also wants the state attorney general to handle all deadly force cases, instead of local prosecutors who have close relationships with police.

Those provisions have run into strong resistance from Republicans who control the Senate. They are pushing their own proposals that direct a statewide officer licensing board to draft a policy to ban tactics like chokeholds and neck restraints, such as those used on Floyd. The bill would also require the state board to establish sanctity of life standards respecting the value of all human life and requiring officers to intervene when they see a colleague using excessive force.

"Oftentimes when you go in, the situation has already exploded into violence. But we really want to make sure the training emphasizes sanctity of all life," said Warren Limmer, R-Maple Grove, the author of the bill. "Not only protecting the officer but the people they [interact with]."

Another proposal, from Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, R-Alexandria, would require law enforcement agencies to report monthly use-of-force cases to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. It's something many agencies already do, he said, but requiring it would increase transparency.

"When you get down to [small] agencies, a chief and one person or two people in smaller rural communities, they are probably having more difficulty with that," said Ingebrigtsen, who spent 34 years in law enforcement.

But those hoping to change the language in the law argue it's not just about accountability after the fact: Officers would be more likely to try de-escalation or other tactics if the law was less open-ended on when they can use force.

In 1985, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that under the Fourth Amendment officers can't shoot fleeing suspects unless they have probable cause to believe they pose a threat to the officers or others. That ruling led to a change in laws and to a 13% to 23% decrease in deadly force in states, according to a 1994 study.

"The idea is to instill a new culture, a new belief system, so that when there's training and awareness made of these laws, officers know that something is different," said Jim Hilbert, a Mitchell Hamline School of Law professor and civil rights attorney. "That's the whole point of laws: to help encourage certain behaviors and then provide accountability when people don't match what the law requires."

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Pohlada knows MLB needs to return soon

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POHLAD KNOWS MLB NEEDS TO RETURN SOON

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While the NBA, NHL, NFL and MLS have all come up with some kind of plan for how to resume their seasons, Major League Baseball owners and players continue to be in a big labor dispute that has really hurt the image of the game over the past few weeks.

The latest offer from MLB to be made public features a 60-game season with 100% of prorated salaries for players with games starting on July 19.

Twins owner Jim Pohlada said in a Wednesday interview that everyone wants baseball back, and the faster the two sides can reach an agreement, the better.

"Everybody wants it back as soon as possible," Pohlada said. "The fans want it back as soon as possible, MLB wants it back as soon as possible and the players want it back as soon as possible. So from a baseball standpoint and a brand standpoint, I think it is really important that it gets back as soon as possible."

While Commissioner Rob Manfred said last week that he was 100% certain there would be baseball played this summer, that became less certain this week as the MLB Players Association and the owners continue to be far apart on a deal.

Pohlada's optimism about a season being played has changed over time.

"It's really hard to say. All I can do is sense optimism coming from the commissioner's office," Pohlada said. "And that has gone back and forth."

Pohlada said communication with the commissioner's office has been steady with the club, but not directly between himself and Manfred.

"There are weekly calls [with] just a control person on the call, and those are update calls for the most part," Pohlada said. "They don't call for a lot of action, but they are updates and we have those. Then there is infrequent contact with the commissioner on a one-on-one basis."

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Baseball's role

With the country going through various stages of lockdown over the coronavirus and with Minneapolis being the center of a nationwide discussion about social justice and racism, Pohlad said the role of baseball has never been clearer.

"Baseball at its best is an activity, a diversion for people for enjoyment, social interaction, competition, so I think in all those respects with what everybody has gone through, it is very important," he said. "But we can't in any way minimize the importance of the health of people in the country as a result of the pandemic and the fight for social justice. Because those are two way more important issues than baseball."

The Twins and the Pohlad Cos. - run by Jim, Robert and Bill Pohlad - made a recent contribution of \$25 million which they said will be used to help fight systemic racism in the United States.

Jim Pohlad said this has been one of the most important times for his family in terms of finding ways they can help the community. The Pohlad Family Foundation already has done a lot of charitable work involving homelessness and housing, but with the coronavirus and now the growing discussion on racism, the family has looked for even more opportunities to help.

"Well, it's really important. I mean, hugely important for us," he said. "There are a lot of difficult decisions to be made during all of this time, starting probably [when coronavirus concerns surfaced] in mid-March, and there have been a lot of difficult decisions. But the decision to support a movement toward social justice, racial justice came about relatively recently and the moment with George Floyd has just magnified [getting more involved] for us and for everybody, we hope."

State of the Twins

Pohlad reported that the Twins are financially stable, even though they currently have almost no revenue coming in. He said he believes the club can weather whatever happens this season.

"The Twins are in satisfactory financial condition right now," Pohlad said. "I mean, there is no club that can say they're in great financial condition because we have a lot of expenses and virtually no revenue, so that's not a good situation. But we're confident of the organization's ability to make it through all of this."

Last season the club drew 2.29 million fans, their most since 2013, and had visions of attracting at least 2.5 million this season. But Pohlad said he believes fans aren't likely to return to Target Field in 2020.

"Baseball has deferred to the public health officials on that one," Pohlad said. "I would think that it would be unlikely, for sure in the regular season, to see any fans in the stands. If the playoffs happen and if the Twins were to be in the playoffs, I just don't know. I can't say [for sure] about fans, [it's] possible and you can judge your degree of probability."

The Twins were coming off one of the most enjoyable seasons in a decade, winning 101 games and hitting the most home runs in MLB history. With the addition of former MVP Josh Donaldson at third base and a bolstered rotation, this club has World Series aspirations.

So how hard is it to not have games scheduled at this point?

"The offseason breeds optimism at every club, but the Twins were coming off a great season last year and I thought we made some really key, good signings," Pohlad said. "We were excited about our prospects,

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about the returning team and the new players. I would say that we were highly anticipating the 2020 season and the success that we believed the Twins would have."

If baseball does get restarted, the Twins are going to have as good a chance to win the World Series as any club. Not only do they have a great major league club, but their minor league prospects are as good as any organization in baseball.

Operation changes

Pohlad said for the most part, the Twins have tried to operate as normally as possible, but that has been difficult even with events such as the MLB draft.

"We have operated as normal as we can be, given the fact that we're not playing any games," he said. "I think that people have, clearly, less to do, some more than others. So I think that we're operating normally but in a weird environment. I have been very pleased with the Twins and our organization throughout the Pohlad Companies, of how everybody has adapted to the change that is required here.

"I think that we're a highly communicative organization, so everybody has stayed in contact with one another and is doing a good job."

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Body

Scorn for the brown brick corner store keeps pouring in: "They call the cops on black people," one person says in an online business review. "Racially profiled a man." "Disgusting."

The outrage is aimed at Cup Foods, a neighborhood market in South Minneapolis where a teenage clerk called 911 to report that George Floyd had bought cigarettes using a fake \$20 bill. Floyd was sitting in a parked car just outside the store when a white police officer responding to the call pinned Floyd's neck to the asphalt for nearly nine minutes.

"People were saying we were responsible for his death, that we had blood on our hands, that we're the reason he died," said Mahmoud Abumayyaleh, an owner of the market.

Now, Cup Foods has become indelibly connected to the police killing of a black man that set off weeks of protests and a national reckoning over racism in policing and in many other parts of American life.

On Monday, Cup Foods reopened its doors for the first time since protesters poured into the neighborhood. The deli was again stocked with fresh vegetables and meat, but the newspapers on the rack were precisely three weeks old - the last editions before Floyd's death began to dominate every front page.

The air inside was still, and customers were scarce in the morning. A newly hired security guard paced in and out of the building. Inside, signs commemorated Floyd and declared that "Getting arrested shouldn't be a death sentence."

In the weeks since Floyd's killing May 25, mourners have sought to transform the pavement and sidewalks outside the store into hallowed ground. They have left hundreds of bouquets, hung banners and signs, and painted a mural of his face on the store's exterior walls.

The vigils and protests echo scenes from the Triple S Food Mart in Baton Rouge, La., where police killed Alton Sterling in 2016, and the Ferguson Market and Liquor in Missouri, where a report of a "stealing in

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progress" precipitated the police killing of Michael Brown in 2014. Over the weekend in Atlanta, protesters burned down the Wendy's where a white police officer had shot and killed Rayshard Brooks, a black man who had aimed a Taser at an officer while running away.

For more than 30 years, Cup Foods has been a neighborhood mainstay but also a source of complaints at the corner of Chicago Avenue and 38th Street.

"Cup Foods is the hub," said Rashad West, owner of Dragon Wok, a restaurant across the street whose surveillance video captured part of Floyd's arrest. "This is like their block."

It is a lifeline where customers, Floyd among them, bought cigarettes, fresh produce and more minutes for their cellphones. Neighbors said they swung by to pick up cilantro and limes for tacos, and adults remember spending childhood hours playing the Street Fighter II arcade game there. Abumayyaleh said his family was on a first-name basis with many customers.

But it is also a place where shootings have erupted nearby and undercover officers have surveilled patrons. Amid reports of rising crime more than 20 years ago, the Police Department urged the store to call 911 on people loitering outside. In the 1990s, police reported spotting a series of drug sales around the store, and the Minneapolis City Council tried at one point in 2000 to revoke Cup Foods' business licenses.

As the neighborhood began to gentrify and barbershops and clothing stores closed as a cafe and art spaces moved in, Cup Foods - the name originally stood for "Chicago Unbeatable Prices" - did not budge.

Floyd's apartment in St. Louis Park was about a 20-minute drive from Cup Foods, but he often visited the store to buy cellphone credits at the market's MetroPCS counter. Eric Hardin, a friend, said Floyd knew many of the store's employees.

"He'd been going there for years," said Hardin, who called Floyd by a nickname Slim. "Any problems with his phone he would take it to them and get a resolution. Slim was comfortable with those people."

In an interview, Abumayyaleh provided new details of the moments before Floyd's fatal encounter with four Minneapolis police officers, saying that another man had tried to use a fake \$20 bill minutes before Floyd walked into the store.

The first man handed the bill to an older employee who had worked at the shop for several years and used a special marker to determine that the bill was counterfeit, Abumayyaleh said. The employee refused the sale and handed the bill back to the man, who left.

A few minutes later, Floyd walked in and gave a \$20 bill to a teenage clerk, who did not immediately recognize the bill as fake. After a machine scan determined that the bill was counterfeit, the young clerk followed Floyd outside, asking him to return the items he had bought, but he refused, according to a transcript of the clerk's call to 911.

"He's only been in the States for about a year," Abumayyaleh said of the teenage clerk, who is no longer working at the store. "It's his first time probably ever calling the police."

Abumayyaleh, who is Palestinian American and has spent all of his 35 years in Minneapolis, said he had left the store about three hours before the killing. It had been a busy day, like most Mondays, Abumayyaleh recalled, but he was used to that. The store had always been in his family, and by age 10, he was helping out behind the counter. By 15, he was working there full time.

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That night, just after 8 p.m., an employee called Abumayyaleh, crying and screaming, saying, "they're killing him," he recalled. He said he told the employee to record the scene and "to call the police on the police."

Since then, Abumayyaleh said, he has been bombarded with hateful messages. He asked a member of a local violence prevention group to serve as a spokesman and issued a public statement condemning Floyd's killing and saying that the store supported the protesters and shared their rage.

Things have been even worse for the teenage clerk, Abumayyaleh said, describing the aftermath as "a nightmare." He also said that Cup Foods has been rethinking when its workers should call police. Abumayyaleh said they will now only call 911 to report violence.

Floyd's death was not the first time that Cup Foods has been drawn into a killing that drew national scrutiny.

When a 17-year-old boy went on trial for the 2002 killing of an 11-year-old girl, he insisted he was at Cup Foods and not at the scene of the crime. Sen. Amy Klobuchar was the district attorney in Hennepin County who oversaw the first prosecution of the teenager, Myon Burrell, and an investigation by the Associated Press raised serious questions about the verdict and shadowed her presidential campaign.

Investigators never followed up with two people whom Burrell said he was with at Cup Foods during or following the shooting. Both told the AP they were with him.

Since the killing of Floyd, several residents have said they support the store and its owners. On Monday, Kendrick White, 26, arrived at the store to connect with some friends, something he has done for years.

"You see brothers, sisters, cousins, people from the neighborhood," White said. "There are people who grew up here who have been coming here their whole lives."

But everything had changed. The streets were barricaded off, and many nearby businesses were still closed. Visitors snapped photos as they wandered around the memorials and wilting flowers.

"We respect the fight, but it's emotionally draining for those of us who have been in the heart of it," said Ebony Wright, 38, who lives near the store and has been kept awake by people shouting into megaphones and playing music from speakers. "People who come down here don't realize that there are people who actually stay here."

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Cup Foods in Minneapolis reopened its doors on June 15, 2020, three weeks after **George Floyd** was killed by the police outside the store. Cup Foods has become indelibly connected to the police killing of a black

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man that set off weeks of protests and a national reckoning over racism in policing and in many other parts of American life. (Caroline Yang/The New York Times)

Customers inside Cup Foods in Minneapolis after the stores reopening on June 15, 2020. Cup Foods has become indelibly connected to the police killing of a black man that set off weeks of protests and a national reckoning over racism in policing and in many other parts of American life. (Caroline Yang/The New York Times)

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***GREATER MINNESOTA GBETA DIRECTOR PRECIOUS DREW
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Editor's note: This week, Business Journal reporters sought out black business leaders on their beats to get their thoughts on how the killing of ***George Floyd*** has raised up and changed the conversation on racism and equity in the Twin Cities. These leaders also spoke on how businesses can be part of the solution. This is one of those conversations.

Precious Drew was just one year removed from college when she became the director of Gener8tor's gBETA startup accelerator in St. Cloud.

A co-founder of skin care startup Perk while she was still at College of St. Benedict, Drew joined Gener8tor in September 2019 and led the accelerator through its first cohort. She's recruiting the program's second cohort now.

While Drew works in St. Cloud, she lives in Brooklyn Center and has borne witness to the protests and civil unrest that have shaken the Twin Cities since ***George Floyd*** was killed by a Minneapolis police officer.

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Drew recently spoke with the Business Journal about why the protests aren't that shocking to her and what obstacles black entrepreneurs and startup founders face as they grow their businesses. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

I've definitely done my part as far as protesting and donating. I think it really boils down to, you can only do a people wrong for so long before it hits the ceiling. I think what we're seeing here is over 400 years of built-up pain and intolerance have gotten people to the point where they don't think being peaceful works.

I think this moment is different for nonblack people. This is something that the black community has faced before again and again. Philando Castile was killed in our backyard a few years ago. I think the dramatic change here is the amount of nonblack people who are now becoming enraged with injustice. That's not to say we haven't had nonblack allies in the past, but we certainly haven't had them at this level, in my opinion. You know, we watched a man die for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. I think that any human who has feelings will be enraged.

I had this conversation with a white counterpart last weekend, and she expressed feeling guilty in this moment. Though she didn't kill *George Floyd*, she felt guilty that another person did. And what I encouraged her to do, to be completely transparent, I told her to sit in her guilt. It's OK to sit in that guilt, feel the guilt, think about the guilt, reflect on the guilt, because it's a systemic issue. However, I don't want you to just sit in that guilt. I want you to figure out how you can invoke change, invoke conversation with your white counterparts beyond when this isn't in the news anymore. Let that guilt empower change. Let it empower conversation.

I think the first thing is that, across the industry, we're definitely failing our black entrepreneurial community, and that's really at every level, from recruitment to hiring at high levels within companies to investment. We really miss the mark at every level, and there's definitely room for improvement. We might be doing a little bit better over the years, don't get me wrong, but there's so much more we can do.

What are some concrete examples of obstacles black entrepreneurs face?

I think one of the biggest things is the network. You know, anybody can email an investor. However, if I, as a black founder, don't have anyone in my network to introduce me, that's already set me back a stage. As far as recruitment efforts go, I don't think lack of diversity is done intentionally. However, that doesn't make them excusable.

That's another thing, coming up and doing some entrepreneurial ventures as a young black kid, I never looked at it as, "Hey, I'm an entrepreneur." I was just doing it to survive, just to have extra money on the side. There's a language barrier of, "Do I even consider myself an entrepreneur? Do I consider calling myself a founder? Why should I be thinking about investment opportunities? Why should I be thinking of scaling?" Because for myself and a lot of people in the black community, especially when you're looking at the inner city, some people are just trying to survive, to buy a new pair of shoes, buy school supplies, buy a snack on the weekend. So it's looked at in a different way, and if you don't have that lived experience, it's harder to even understand what I'm saying.

Absolutely. That's where my role as a director comes in. There are a lot of companies that need investment dollars, but there's also a lot of work to be done before you get to the point where you should be looking for investment. It's a free space to fail, as well as to learn.

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Black people, if they fail once, especially when you're looking at the entrepreneurial world, that could be the end. There may not be a network that's going to help you get back up. However, when you're looking at nonblack founders, they're allowed to fail one, two, three, four, five times. They maybe even have a mother or father help them with their living situation. But when you're looking at black founders, especially from those underrepresented neighborhoods, it's like, "Yeah, I'm doing this startup on the side, but I also have a full-time, 40-hour job because I need to feed my family."

When you look at roles within different organizations, are there hiring opportunities at that high level for black people besides your diversity and inclusion role? You want to hire black people at a high level, but just in that role? What about marketing? What about finance, accounting, CEO, president? We are deserving of these roles, as well.

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George Floyd's young daughter Gianna declared that her dad is going to "change the world." Those words struck a note of hope that reverberated across not just our city but the entire country.

In the last two weeks, a chorus of diverse and diverging views on the future of public safety and policing have emerged. But one common thread running throughout each of those views? George's family is right: What happened to their father and their brother will change the world. That change must start in Minneapolis.

We need to move forward with the urgency the moment demands and the deliberation required to get overdue reforms right.

Let's start with continuing the push to shift police culture.

J.J. Scott Thomson, the former president of the Police Executive Research Forum, recently noted that, "Within a Police Department, culture eats policy for breakfast." He's right, and our ability to deal with the officers who build the culture is limited. The Minneapolis Police Federation has for decades worked to resist changes that would allow for effective disciplinary measures or termination.

Presently, if Chief Medaria Arradondo fires an officer, that decision is nearly as likely to be overturned through arbitration as it is to stick. Successful leaders and managers - in any workplace - need a full range of proven tools to help their organization thrive. Sometimes that includes discipline or even termination.

We need to use a scalpel, not an ax, to fix this broken piece of the arbitration process embedded in state law.

Legislators can and should seize the opportunity presented by the special session to usher in accountability for police departments across Minnesota.

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The House is taking a closer look at how arbitrators are selected and their qualifications. That's a fine start. But it's even more important that the state addresses the core problem: arbitrators' authority to reverse or reduce disciplinary decisions.

Lawmakers should update state statutes to completely remove arbitrators' authority to reverse or reduce the discipline imposed by police chiefs when the employer demonstrates that a peace officer engages in gross misconduct. Examples of such conduct could include engaging in unreasonable use of force, providing an untruthful formal statement or failing to intervene when witnessing another officer use unreasonable force.

In the meantime, we're pursuing new ways to help shape officer conduct in the line of duty.

A new officer's conduct and overall approach to the job can be profoundly shaped by their partner - for better or worse. Researchers at Northwestern University thoroughly reviewed the records of Chicago police officers named in multiple complaints from 2007 to 2015 to understand the role officers play in shaping the likelihood of misconduct among their peers. One key takeaway: An officer exposed to the use of excessive force is more likely to be named in such complaints in later years. In other words, bad behavior begets bad behavior.

We need smarter guidelines around pairing new officers to help curb this "social transmission" of misconduct. That's why we're proposing a policy to limit new officers' exposure to those who have a history of sustained misconduct complaints.

New technology has paved the way for massive change and disruption across every profession, public safety should be no exception. We have, at our fingertips, software that makes it possible to go further.

Chief Arradondo announced last week that the department is moving forward with a first-of-its-kind, research-backed early intervention system. The new system includes a series of predictive models and algorithms that can more precisely identify high-risk conduct and allow supervisors to intervene earlier.

Our commitment to the new program's success needs to be cemented in policy.

That's why we're strengthening our use-of-force reporting requirements to consistently feed more data points into the system. Our officers will now be required to report, among other things, when they draw or point a firearm, manipulate an individual's joints, or use escort holds. The new data collected coupled with the new system will help supervisors see in real time which officers need early intervention to get them back on track and which officers should no longer be police.

Finally, we're in this for the long haul and we know the hard work of transforming public safety will require community leadership and support. Last week we announced the creation of three task-forces that will feature community members, national experts and local government leaders. Each new group will bring to bear their experience and expertise to help shape new initiatives and policy recommendations.

Since its inception, our criminal justice system has failed communities of color. Now for the first time in generations, we have the necessary momentum on our side to change that very system. George Floyd's pleas for help went unanswered, but we can honor his memory and his family's words by answering their call: Changing the world starts here, in Minneapolis.

Jacob Frey is mayor of Minneapolis.

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Black-owned salons reopen with caution, resilience

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As the protests have settled and social-distancing restrictions have eased, Twin Cities black-owned beauty salons and barbershops are reopening their doors and trying to find their feet again on radically upturned ground.

They'll be working hard to make up for business they've missed since Gov. Tim Walz ordered them to shut their doors March 17. Reopening at partial capacity - with masked staff and reservation-only service - has been on the table for barbershops and salons since June 1, but some owners decided to wait in light of the recent protests.

Omari Brow Studio, a St. Paul salon on 1050 Selby Ave. that specializes in facial hair removal and threading, has seen an influx of new customers since reopening on June 9. Omari's owner, Syreeta Seve, attributes the influx to a desire among some St. Paul residents to support black-owned businesses in the wake of the killing of *George Floyd*.

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But Seve is unsure whether these new customers will become regulars or are just a temporary boost. At the same time, her usual clientele is cautious to come to the shop, and she fears she's lost some of her regulars altogether.

"I'm not really optimistic, I'm not pessimistic either, I'm just going with the flow," Seve said. "Even though we are trending busy, revenue-wise, we aren't where we need to be to make all of our bills comfortably."

Seve estimates Omari has missed out on \$38,000 in business since shutting down in March. That blow has been softened a bit by a \$29,000 DEED loan Seve received, as well as a \$3,000 PPP loan, in addition to some grants from community nonprofits.

The pandemic also played havoc with the Beauty Lounge Minneapolis and The Nail Bar, businesses that had just moved into new shared space on Hennepin Avenue in December, an effort that cost a combined \$85,000.

Beauty Lounge owner Melissa Taylor successfully applied for a PPP loan in the second round and recently received an Economic Injury Disaster Loan. Nail Bar owner Kiara Ellis also received a PPP loan from the Community Reinvestment Fund.

Those loans helped lessen the blow and let them prepare for a reopening with social-distancing measures. But both businesses had to delay planned openings again after the *George Floyd* protests. "I kind of started planning for Covid, but I definitely didn't plan for a revolution," Taylor said. Ellis reopened her business June 3, and Taylor this week.

"It is a rollercoaster," Ellis said. "I think we've been resilient and I think that's the story of minority entrepreneurs."

Ellis says that since The Nail Bar reopened, she's seen an uptick in business from white clients, as well as more reviews and postings on social media about her business.

While the new customers have been good for business, Ellis has mixed feelings. "It's almost like they didn't see us before," Ellis said. "They see us now, but will it continue?"

Taylor, for her part, is counting on a diverse customer base. She'd developed The Beauty Lounge after observing how multiracial families visited different salons for service, she said, and weddings would have to hire different stylists to handle different hair textures. So when she started Beauty Lounge in 2011, she wanted it to be a place anyone could go to get their hair done.

"The beauty industry has always been really segregated, and I think that we've grown so accustomed to the way it always has been," Taylor said. "But the more that we got our mission out in front of people and our values out in front of people the more people began to realize that, yes, this is important, and yes, there is power in this."

Wilson's Image, a barbershop on 2124 West Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis, also reopened on June 3, and has seen customers trickling back in. Not as many customers as usual, owner Teto Wilson said, but he added the business is "doing okay."

Wilson's regulars have shown caution due to the pandemic - many have called Wilson to ask to come in when business is slow.

Black-owned salons reopen with caution, resilience

Shutting down in March was hard, as Wilson didn't have revenue to pay rent with. Because his staff is contracted and not on payroll, he didn't apply for a PPP loan. Luckily, Wilson worked out a deal with his landlord to reduce payments.

"I'm optimistic that things will get back to normal capacity at some point, I just don't know how long that may take," Wilson said. "But I'm pretty positive about it."

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Businesses impacted by coronavirus, riots can receive free services through new program

ARTICLE DCCLXIX. **[BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY CORONAVIRUS, RIOTS CAN RECEIVE FREE SERVICES THROUGH NEW PROGRAM](#)**

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More than 40 Chamber of Commerce member companies have agreed to extend their services to struggling businesses through the program, which includes legal services, construction and business advising among others.

"These businesses are integral to the fabric of these local communities and through our efforts, we hope to help them rebuild and restore important community services and jobs," Chamber of Commerce president Doug Loon said in a statement.

To receive or donate services, visit the [Restoration and Recovery Resources page](#).

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9 shot in separate incidents, continuing a run of violence

ARTICLE DCCLXX. **9 SHOT IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS, CONTINUING A RUN OF VIOLENCE**

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Body

Nine people were wounded by gunfire across Minneapolis on Tuesday, including eight in a two-hour span, adding to a rash of violence since last month's unrest over the police killing of **George Floyd**.

Police Department statistics show that a record 149 people have been shot since the start of the year; nearly half of those happened within the past three weeks.

The most recent violence started shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday, when patrol officers responded to calls of gunfire in the 2900 block of Columbus Avenue, only to learn that a male victim had been dropped off at a hospital. A preliminary investigation showed that an argument between a group of people preceded the shooting, according to police, who offered few other details.

About 11:25 p.m., police were called to a reported drive-by shooting in the 1100 block of N. 21st Avenue, a block west of the Hawthorne Crossings strip mall. When they arrived, they found two women with gunshot wounds; officers applied a tourniquet to help save one of the women's lives, a department spokesman said. A third victim showed up later at a hospital, with a nonlife-threatening injury from the same incident, police said.

Police said that about seven minutes after the 21st Avenue shooting, gunfire broke out a few blocks east of that location, in the area of N. 5th and W. Broadway; two men were later dropped off at a hospital, both with nonlife-threatening injuries, police said.

Around the same time, two men with gunshot wounds showed up at HCMC after apparently being injured when gunfire rang out in the area of S. 38th and Chicago avenues. The block, thrust into the international spotlight after Floyd's killing by a former Minneapolis officer May 25, has long had a reputation for gang violence, police and neighbors said.

No arrests have been announced in the incidents.

9 shot in separate incidents, continuing a run of violence

The exceptionally violent stretch Tuesday night followed a shooting earlier in the day, which resulted in an hourslong standoff that ended when police realized the suspect had eluded capture.

The violence comes amid a sharp rise in shootings in the 22 days since Floyd's death. From May 26 to Tuesday, 66 people have been shot, or about 45% of the total shooting victims for the year, according to data from police.

The first week after Floyd's death saw a record 22 gunshot victims, while the following two weeks had 16 and 19 victims, respectively - all among the top five most violent weeks in the city since 2016. Overall, 149 people have been struck by gunfire so far in 2020 - the highest tally in at least the past five years.

Criminologists have noted similar patterns in other cities, most recently Baltimore, which have seen violent crime rise in the wake of a controversial police killing. MPD officials were not immediately available for comment.

In an unrelated incident, police said a man was stabbed at 12:41 a.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of W. 32nd Street. The victim reportedly told police he didn't know what happened.

On Sunday, seven people were wounded in a shootout outside the Broadway Pub & Grille, 200 W. Broadway, which officials said involved more than 100 rounds fired. One victim, Marcus Lashaun Banks Jr., 22, of Spring Lake Park, died the next day of a gunshot wound to the head, according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner.

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Coronavirus Thursday update: 19 more Minnesota deaths and 379 new infections

ARTICLE DCCLXXI. **CORONAVIRUS THURSDAY UPDATE: 19 MORE MINNESOTA DEATHS AND 379 NEW INFECTIONS**

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The southern Minnesota county along the Iowa border now has the state's second largest number of cases per capita with 744 confirmed infections. That's about 18 cases for every 1,000 people in a small rural county with about 40,000 residents.

Most Minnesota cases are in the Twin Cities metro, but several counties with meatpacking facilities have also seen outbreaks. State health officials said this week the outbreaks in Mower could be tied to large employers in the area.

Testing will be available at the Mower County Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

State health officials have already offered free testing over the Memorial Day weekend at six National Guard sites. Organizers were surprised by the demand for testing, collecting roughly 10,000 samples, which was about 150 percent higher than expected.

Health officials just completed their second week of community testing in St. Paul and Minneapolis for residents who attended protests and other mass gatherings after the death of **George Floyd** at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said more than 7,000 people were tested at four sites in the Twin Cities. Early results suggest about 1 percent of those tests were positive.

Minnesota has tested 460,879 patient samples for the coronavirus since local testing began in March.

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The Minnesota Department of Health reported another 379 new laboratory-confirmed coronavirus cases and 19 more deaths Thursday. Those who died ranged in age from their 30s to more than 100 years-old.

Kris Ehresmann, state director of infectious disease, noted the Hennepin County resident in their 30s who died did not have any underlying health conditions. She said it was a point of caution for young people to take precautions to slow the spread of the coronavirus such as wearing a mask, social distancing and frequent hand washing.

"It is a stark reminder that COVID-19 is not only a disease of advanced age," Ehresmann said. "This disease continues to surprise us in unfortunate ways."

The vast majority of those who have died of COVID-19 have been over the age of 60. But there are 91 of the state's 1,344 deaths younger than 60 and several of the young people who have died did not have underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk.

There are 27,566 patients, about 87 percent of the state's 31,675 confirmed cases, who have recovered enough they no longer need to be isolated. There are 345 patients hospitalized with 171 in critical condition.

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Evers orders Juneteenth flag flown over Wisconsin Capitol

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EVERS ORDERS JUNETEENTH FLAG FLOWN OVER WISCONSIN CAPITOL

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Highlight: MADISON, Wis. - The Juneteenth flag celebrating the day that commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. will fly over the Wisconsin Capitol for the first time in state history, Gov. Tony Evers announced Wednesday. The Juneteenth flag will fly over the Capitol's east wing on Friday, replacing the rainbow gay pride flag for [...]

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The Juneteenth flag will fly over the Capitol's east wing on Friday, replacing the rainbow gay pride flag for one day. That flag is up all month and flew for the first time in Wisconsin history last year. The U.S. flag and Wisconsin state flag will continue flying on the same flagpole above the Juneteenth flag. The POW-MIA flag will continue flying on a different flagpole as it does every day, Evers' office said.

Juneteenth, which is also called Emancipation Day and Freedom Day, is celebrated on June 19. Wisconsin is one of 47 states and Washington, D.C., that recognize Juneteenth. Although it is a state holiday only in Texas, there is a movement nationally to bring more recognition to the day, including making it a holiday in more states and nationally.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when news finally reached African Americans in Texas that President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves living in Confederate states two years earlier. When Union soldiers arrived in Galveston to bring the news that slavery had been abolished, former slaves celebrated.

The flag was created in 1997 by Ben Haith, the founder of the National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation. It was later revised in 2000 and 2007. The red, white and blue design with a star in the middle is meant to represent the history and freedom of American slaves and to declare that they, along with their descendants, are all Americans, according to the foundation's website.

The flag is a "symbolic reminder of the injustices of our past, our current moment, and hope for our future," Evers' order calling for it to be flown said.

Evers orders Juneteenth flag flown over Wisconsin Capitol

"As a state that sees some of the most disparate outcomes for Black Wisconsinites, it is as important as ever that we recognize and reflect on our history, celebrate Black resiliency, and move forward in solidarity and strength toward a more racially equitable and just society," Evers said in a statement.

Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, Wisconsin's first black lieutenant governor, said Juneteenth has particular significance this year in the middle of a movement for racial justice. ***George Floyd***'s death last month after a Minneapolis officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck sparked protests across the country, including in Madison in and around the state Capitol.

Also Wednesday, 29 Democrats in the Wisconsin Assembly asked Evers to call a special legislative session starting Friday to enact changes to the criminal justice system, including to police use of force policies. The Legislative Black Caucus first made the request last week.

Evers did not immediately respond to the request Republican legislative leaders, who can also call a special session, also did not immediately respond.

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Firefighters blast city riot response

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FIREFIGHTERS BLAST CITY RIOT RESPONSE

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Firefighters within the Minneapolis Fire Department are criticizing their leaders' response in the nights of unrest following the killing of ***George Floyd***, challenging the fire chief who did not call in major reinforcements as gas stations, post offices and businesses burned across the city.

Chief John Fruetel relied on mobile units of firefighting crews and increased staff by about 10 during the height of the unrest. He did not follow St. Paul's example in calling in more off-duty firefighters and, with one exception, did not call surrounding city fire departments for help.

The president of the local firefighters union, Mark Lakosky, said he was dumbfounded by the department's strategy during its biggest and longest crisis in modern history.

"There were a couple of nights that some engines didn't run and I know that fires were burning," Lakosky said this week. "How many buildings have to be on fire before you call people in and start running every rig you got?"

He and other firefighters are also questioning the whereabouts of Fruetel, who has served with the department for 41 years and on Wednesday was nominated by Mayor Jacob Frey for another term as chief as they transition to a replacement later this year.

In a statement, Frey acknowledged firefighters could not respond promptly to fires until Saturday, four days after riots broke out, but said the reason was a lack of protection.

"Our firefighters responded to every single call they received - delays were not the result of insufficient fire department capacity, but insufficient law enforcement presence to ensure firefighters' safety prior to the National Guard's arrival," he said. "Our firefighters displayed courage in preventing the fires from spreading to residential housing, and deserve recognition that there was no loss of life."

Minneapolis firefighters responded to at least 69 fires between May 27 and 31, according to the city. More than 100 buildings were either damaged or destroyed by fire, according to data compiled by the Star Tribune.

Firefighters blast city riot response

In an interview Wednesday, Fruetel said he was proud of the department's response that week, saying it was nimble and effective, and that they did not need backup from other cities.

"Some people had time to prepare for something in their communities because they watched what was happening in Minneapolis. We didn't have that advantage. This just happened and within hours it expanded dramatically," Fruetel, 67, said. "Once we had security secured for our firefighters, I thought it worked out very, very well."

Instead of dispatching crews from the city's strategic information center, Fruetel was out on the field during much of the week, driving back and forth between fires and relaying decisions from the ground.

Lakosky questioned that decision. "I don't know how you assess the big picture if you're not out where all the cameras are and where all the information is flowing in."

But Fruetel said that it was better to be down on the ground looking out for firefighters rather than at the information center.

"I felt that I needed to be out on scene to actually help with ensuring the safety of the firefighters," he said.

Fruetel was on the phone being interviewed live by CNN's Don Lemon as flames burst from the Third Police Precinct building May 28. "Chief, you said you've had a number of fires in the area. Your department is stretched thin," Lemon told Fruetel.

"It's a challenging time for us right now, Don, I'll be honest with you," Fruetel responded. "And everybody is working really hard and we're doing it a little bit short-staffed because of the way we've defined our response at the present time."

The response was drastically different in St. Paul, which saw fewer fires and days of devastation. The St. Paul Fire Department brought in dozens of additional firefighters on overtime pay, bringing their staffing to almost 200 firefighters between May 28 and 31, according to St. Paul Deputy Chief Roy Mokosso. It also called in crews from Roseville, Maplewood, Woodbury and other jurisdictions. Fire Chief Butch Inks sat alongside Mayor Melvin Carter in the emergency operations center for much of the week receiving and prioritizing calls.

"The St. Paul firefighters felt very confident in the resources that our administration gave us," said Mike Smith, president of the St. Paul Firefighters Local 21. "We were well-prepared for the worst-case scenario."

St. Paul crews were ready to assist Minneapolis, Smith said.

"For the amount of fires that they had Wednesday, Thursday, Friday [and] Saturday, I'm surprised that St. Paul wasn't called in to help them," he said.

Like St. Paul, Minneapolis used a "task force" model that included a combination of fire and rescue vehicles and that allowed them to move through blazes quickly, Fruetel said. The department used about four task forces to respond to fires; St. Paul formed seven.

That was in part due to the safety of the firefighters, who were pelted with rocks and bottles as they attempted to fight some of the biggest fires; Fruetel told Lemon the windows on his own car were busted by rocks as he surveyed the scene. Response to some fires was delayed until law enforcement agencies secured the area.

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Still, other firefighters were eager to help but were never called upon, Lakosky said.

On May 29, firefighters from Station 8 on 28th Street and Blaisdell Avenue reached out to Lakosky wondering why they weren't being dispatched as a post office burned just blocks away on 31st Street.

"I had guys calling me: 'Why aren't we going? Why are we sitting here?'" he said.

Fruetel said there was one callback for additional firefighters the night before the precinct burned, though Lakosky disputed how many firefighters showed up and whether they were actually used. The department then staffed up from 110 to 120 firefighters each consecutive night.

Firefighters from Edina were also called in to help with one unrelated fire near 58th Street and Xerxes Avenue, Fruetel said. Two additional task forces made up of other partners were organized but never used.

"We did not request them because we didn't feel the need," Fruetel said.

Council Member Linea Palmisano, chair of the city's audit committee, said Wednesday that she felt the fire department was limited in its response because it lacked enough security. She said she wants the department leadership to debrief and learn from the days after Floyd's death to prepare for future unrest.

"We need to take a very systematic look at how communications broke down across three shifts," she said. "It sounds like there might have been some serious communication problems within the fire department, and I'm looking to get that corrected."

Post offices, gas stations, pawnshops and a large apartment building under construction were set ablaze during the middle of confrontations between protesters and police that week. Dozens of households had to be evacuated.

On one night, an entire apartment building in south Minneapolis was evacuated as an O'Reilly Auto Parts and Family Dollar were engulfed in flames. Firefighters did not arrive to extinguish the fire until about two hours after neighbors called 911.

"I don't understand our response model anymore," said Lakosky, who responded to the I-35W bridge collapse in 2007 and the tornado that swept through north Minneapolis in 2011.

One fire captain, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said firefighters were "in tears because of frustration and shame and anger" by the end of the first week of unrest. Morale is low, he said, and the department as it stands is a "very frustrating and dispiriting environment."

"It was harrowing, if you think about seeing the city that you live in and or serve burning," he said. "A lot of the people took personally that we failed the citizens."

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Fuji-Ya closes at Lyn-Lake, building for sale

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[FUJI-YA CLOSSES AT LYN-LAKE, BUILDING FOR SALE](#)

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Fuji-Ya, the pioneering Japanese restaurant that debuted in the Twin Cities more than 60 years ago, has closed its doors and put its Lake Street location on the market.

City Pages [reports on the closing and uncertain fate](#) for Fuji-Ya, whose building at 600 W. Lake St. was damaged in last month's riots along the retail thoroughfare in the wake of **George Floyd's** death. But the restaurant had actually shut its doors weeks earlier, [announcing May 7 on Facebook](#) that it was "temporarily closed until further notice."

A [statement on Fuji-Ya's website](#) now reads, "Thank you for your support. Unfortunately we are closing our doors."

A listing agent with Carlson Partners told City Pages that the building is currently for sale.

Fuji-Ya was founded by Reiko Weston in 1959 in downtown Minneapolis, later moving to the riverfront and finally to Lyn-Lake. Weston died in 1988 but the business was relaunched a decade later by her

Fuji-Ya closes at Lyn-Lake, building for sale

daughter, Carole Hanson (who [talked with the Star Tribune](#) for the restaurant's 50th anniversary in 2009). Hanson and her husband sold the business to [Synergy Property in 2014](#).

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Longtime landlord Sabri says Lake Street will rebuild, but businesses shouldn't wait for 'freebies'

ARTICLE DCCLXXV. ***LONGTIME LANDLORD SABRI SAYS LAKE STREET WILL
REBUILD, BUT BUSINESSES SHOULDN'T WAIT FOR 'FREEBIES'***

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Basim Sabri owns 15 properties on Lake Street or within six blocks of the bustling corridor that was severely damaged during late May riots.

His properties are largely occupied by immigrant-owned businesses, including Karmel Mall, the International Bazaar, Sabri Commons and the nearly complete Rana Village apartment complex.

Almost every one of his properties was damaged during the riots, but none more than Lake Plaza at 417 E. Lake St. It's known as Plaza Mexico because of the 100 primarily Latino-owned businesses that sell food, clothing and jewelry.

"It was heavily looted," Sabri said. "This property is very close to me. It touched my heart the most because many of my tenants have no insurance and what they had in there was what they lived off."

Longtime landlord Sabri says Lake Street will rebuild, but businesses shouldn't wait for 'freebies'

Those businesses had already been reeling from more than two months of government-mandated shutdowns of shops and restaurants due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They were getting ready to reopen when the riots struck Lake Street. Because of the shutdowns, Sabri said he only collected about 50% of rent from his retail tenants, though he was able to defer payment on his loans.

Sabri said he donated \$305,000 to his tenants at Plaza Mexico and \$200,000 to tenants at his other Lake Street properties who didn't have insurance. He is also going to waive the next two months of rent for them.

Sabri is working to repair broken windows and doors and to get the plaza reopened in late June.

"I'm very determined to bring it back," he said.

So far, he said, none of the 100 businesses in Plaza Mexico have told him they are going to call it quits.

Sabri has spent the past 25 years acquiring and developing properties along Lake Street, building a portfolio of 1.5 million square feet. Many of his tenants have branched off to open larger businesses in other properties.

He is confident that the street will rebound.

"A lot of those owners have insurance," Sabri said. "They're not going to just take the money and run. They're going to either rebuild or sell it. And if they sell it to someone, the [buyer is] not going to let it sit vacant."

Sabri said the damage done on Lake Street is only material.

"I don't get too attached to things. Buildings are things and money is things, and they come and go," he said. "You can replace things, but you certainly can't replace [*George*] *Floyd*'s life, for instance."

Sabri said that when he saw the damage, it reminded him of 1967 when he was a little kid and living in a Palestinian city near the border of Israel. The city of 25,000 to 30,000 people were told to leave the town and had to live in exile for 45 days.

"Upon my return, my home looked like Lake Street [after the riots]. It kind of reminded me a little bit of that destruction and looting," he said. "Everything was looted from my house."

Business and property owners shouldn't wait around for "freebies" from the city, state or federal government, Sabri said, because that will slow down the rebuilding of Lake Street.

However, he did have one suggestion for the city and county. Lake Street businesses near Interstate 35W have dealt with a trifecta of pain: the freeway construction project, Covid-19 and riots.

"If the government wants to help everybody across the board, waive the real estate taxes completely for the year 2020," he said.

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Minnesota promises late July decision on K-12 schools

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MINNESOTA PROMISES LATE JULY DECISION ON K-12 SCHOOLS

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Length: 645 words**Byline:** Steve Karnowski**Highlight:** MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Minnesota health and education officials on Thursday asked school administrators to plan for three scenarios on reopening in the fall under the cloud of the coronavirus, and promised a decision by the last week of July on whether students can return for in-person classes.**Body**

Minnesota health and education officials on Thursday asked school administrators to plan for three scenarios on reopening in the fall under the cloud of the coronavirus, and promised a decision by the last week of July on whether students can return for in-person classes.

The state health and education departments asked K-12 school administrators to prepare for: in-person learning for all students; hybrid learning with social distancing and capacity limits; and distance learning only. They said their decisions may change toward fall as officials determine which contingency plan will best serve health and safety, and conceded that distance learning didn't work well for all students or their families.

Deputy Education Commissioner Heather Mueller said at a briefing that it's even possible that schools may have to switch models mid-year if coronavirus cases start to rise again.

The Minnesota Department of Health this week also issued new guidance for long-term care facilities, including nursing homes and assisted living centers, on how to allow window visits and outdoor visits as the pandemic unfolds.

Restrictions on visitors that have been in place since March have kept many older Minnesotans isolated from their families, Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm acknowledged. Many safety restrictions must remain in place she said, but added that officials understand the need to balance health concerns with psychological and social well-being.

Mueller said Minnesota schools just ended "a year like we've never seen before, that brought uncertainty and unforeseen challenges for our students, their families, our educators and our school communities. ... We know it was not easy, and it was especially hard for our communities of color and our indigenous communities."

Minnesota promises late July decision on K-12 schools

The Department of Health issued a 16-page planning guide for schools, while the Department of Education published a more extensive 100-page document.

"The trauma experienced by our students with the dramatic changes (that) the pandemic brought to their lives, and with the murder of *George Floyd*, students are going to need the caring and thoughtful adults in their lives to show up for them now more than ever before," Mueller said.

Republicans quickly criticized the state for waiting until late July to make a decision. Rep. Ron Kresha of Little Falls and Rep. Sondra Erickson of Princeton, the GOP leads on a pair of education committees, said in a statement that locally elected school boards and superintendents should be allowed to "chart the best path forward."

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, of East Gull Lake, called it a "non-announcement ... This direction is as clear as mud, and the inability to make a decision will hamper learning for students in the fall."

Gazelka noted that the usage of intensive care beds by COVID-19 patients is down, the daily death toll is trending lower and the feared spike in cases after the mass protests over the Floyd's death hasn't materialized.

Gov. Tim Walz gave the order in mid-March for Minnesota public and charter schools to close and switch to distance learning as coronavirus cases were just starting to show up in the state. That order affected nearly 900,000 students and their families. The governor followed his school closure order with a statewide stay-at-home order later in March.

The governor later extended the closure through the school year, and essentially banned large-scale high school and college graduation ceremonies for the class of 2020 as the number of coronavirus cases in Minnesota grew. [When will Minnesota announce its decision about the 2020-21 school year? Millions of US kids told full return to school in fall unlikely](#) [Superintendent of South Washington School District to depart early](#) [Trump administration rescinds rule on foreign students](#) [Virus spread, not politics should guide schools, doctors say](#)

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Mobile post office comes to Lake St.

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MOBILE POST OFFICE COMES TO LAKE ST.

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Highlight: It will park at Kmart lot and serve those whose 2 facilities were ruined.

Body

A mobile post office will open this week in the Kmart parking lot off Lake Street in south Minneapolis to help fill the service gap left by two postal facilities destroyed in the unrest following the death of **George Floyd**.

The mobile office at 10 W. Lake St. will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, though it may return at a future date, according to U.S. Postal Service officials.

Customers may buy stamps and money orders and send packages at the mobile unit, using cash, checks and credit or debit cards. Post office box services and package pickups won't be available.

During the riots and looting that followed Floyd's death on May 25, the Minnehaha and Lake Street post offices were reduced to burned-out husks.

Postal officials say they are exploring options to re-establish permanent service for the neighborhoods along the Lake Street corridor. In a news release Wednesday, officials said the Postal Service "is already moving forward to provide customers with a local facility to call their own."

It was unclear whether both facilities will be replaced. The Lake Street site was owned by the Postal Service, while the Minnehaha facility was leased.

Customers in the 55406 ZIP code area who used the Minnehaha facility were referred to the main post office in downtown Minneapolis. Those who used the Lake Street post office from ZIP codes 55408 and 55409 are temporarily using a postal facility in Loring Park.

Special windows have been set up at the downtown facility for post office box customers and to retrieve mail held for damaged businesses or residences. About 1,300 customers had post office boxes in the destroyed facilities, officials said. Identification will be required for mail pickups.

Postal officials also said that street mailboxes removed from Minneapolis and St. Paul neighborhoods as a precautionary measure in recent weeks will be restored.

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"They will be back in service when it is deemed safe to do so, and when we are able to collect the mail within them without incident," officials said.

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Portraits of former Confederate leaders removed from Capitol

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**PORTRAITS OF FORMER CONFEDERATE LEADERS
REMOVED FROM CAPITOL**

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Length: 651 words**Byline:** Matthew Daly**Highlight:** WASHINGTON (AP) - Portraits honoring four former House speakers who served in the Confederacy were removed Thursday after Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared that the men "embody the violent bigotry and grotesque racism of the Confederacy.?"**Body**

WASHINGTON - Portraits honoring four former House speakers who served in the Confederacy were removed Thursday after Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared that the men "embody the violent bigotry and grotesque racism of the Confederacy.?"

Pelosi directed the House clerk to oversee the immediate removal of portraits depicting former speakers from three Southern states: Robert Hunter of Virginia, James Orr of South Carolina and Howell Cobb and Charles Crisp, both of Georgia.

Calling the halls of Congress "the very heart of our democracy,?" Pelosi said, "There is no room in the hallowed halls of Congress or in any place of honor? to commemorate the Confederacy.

Hours later, the portraits were gone, taken away by workers and placed in storage. The ornately framed portraits had hung outside the House chamber for decades, barely noticed by lawmakers, staffers and journalists who crowded into the carpeted Speaker's Lobby adjacent to the chamber.

Three of the portraits hung near a staircase used by lawmakers to enter the House chamber; Crisp's portrait was in the Speaker's Lobby, where portraits of House leaders dating to the earliest days of the republic are displayed in honor.

Pelosi noted that Friday is Juneteenth, honoring the day in 1865 when many African Americans learned of the end of slavery after the Civil War. She called Juneteenth "a beautiful and proud celebration of freedom for African Americans" and noted that this year's celebration comes "during a moment of extraordinary national anguish, as we grieve for the hundreds of Black Americans killed by racial injustice and police brutality, including George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and so many others."

Orr, who served as speaker from 1857-59, swore on the House floor to "preserve and perpetuate" slavery in order to "enjoy our property in peace, quiet and security," Pelosi said in her letter to the House clerk. Hunter,

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who served at nearly every level of the Confederacy, including as Confederate secretary of state, was speaker from 1839-41.

Cobb served as speaker from 1849-51, while Crisp served after the Civil War, from 1891-95.

Earlier this month, Pelosi urged the removal of Confederate statues from the Capitol and the renaming of U.S. military bases that honor Confederate Army officers.

The abrupt removal of the Confederate portraits brought back memories of 2015, when then-Speaker Paul Ryan ordered the removal of a portrait of former Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., after he pleaded guilty in federal court to breaking banking laws in a hush money scheme. The payments were meant to silence a male student that Hastert had sexually abused while he was teaching high school decades before.

In the Senate Thursday, Democrat Cory Booker of New Jersey, one of three black senators, unsuccessfully pressed for immediate passage of a bill to remove statues of Confederate notables such as Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, president of the Confederate States of America, from display in the Capitol.

"The continued presence of these statues in the halls is an affront to African Americans and the ideals of our nation," Booker said.

The chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said he is open to holding a hearing on the bill, but he opposed immediate action because it would upend a process set in law governing the display of state-sponsored statues in the Capitol.

Blunt, a member of the GOP leadership team, said he is heartened by states such as Arkansas that are replacing Confederate statues on their own.

Associated Press writer Andrew Taylor contributed to this story. [John Lewis, lion of civil rights and Congress, dies at 80](#) [Federal court restores DACA after Supreme Court ruling](#) [Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg says cancer has returned, but she won't retire](#) [Colorado governor issues statewide mask order as coronavirus cases rise](#) [Mail delays likely as new postal boss pushes cost-cutting](#)

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Public transit CEO Luther Wynder says change can start in Minnesota

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**[PUBLIC TRANSIT CEO LUTHER WYNDER SAYS CHANGE CAN
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Luther Wynder said he was so busy at work that it just didn't register with him immediately that something happened in Minneapolis on Memorial Day. He was eating when his brother called, in tears, to tell him about ***George Floyd***.

Then it sank in.

The CEO of Minnesota Valley Transit Authority, the public transportation agency for the south metro, since 2016, Wynder moved to Minnesota from the East Coast, having previously served as chief performance officer for Delaware Transit Corp. Now he's a one-man marketing team for the state, having convinced his brother and a cousin's family to relocate here.

Wynder recently reflected on Floyd's death and all that has followed in an interview with the Business Journal. The conversation has been edited and condensed.

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I think what has been heartening to see is individuals coming together for some level of healing, to try to move the conversations forward about what changes need to be made here in the Twin Cities, and maybe nationally. Not only nationally; this started a global conversation in places as far away as Syria.

The great thing about public transit is we've been there. We've dealt with these kinds of issues, obviously, with Rosa Parks and the civil rights movement, and that's what led to integration on buses. I'm so proud to work in an industry that has seen change, that has seen change from a demonstration, from protest.

I hope the Twin Cities continues to move in a direction where it's just like public transit is today, where it's just a microcosm of society.

There are very few individuals of color who would say they have not had issues where they believe they maybe ran into some level of unconscious bias or racism. There are many different terms for it, but it all says that uneasy feeling.

I've always felt from personal experience that this place has been very welcoming and very accommodating. But just like any other place in the country, in the world, there's always work to do.

I knew if change was going to happen it was going to come from here, because it's a different perspective here, that I don't think people get unless you come here. It's not that the issues aren't here, but I do think there's a willingness to have the conversation, tackle those issues or try to work on those issues, to move forward.

In order to have change, you have to have discussion. In order to have change, you have to have realization that there's a problem.

Now, once you have some level of consensus from most individuals that there is a problem, that's when change can start to happen, because dialogue starts. I'm pleased to see the dialogue I've seen.

Whether it be some of the things the governor has talked about in terms of reform or what the Legislature is looking at - just that conversation, I think that's how change comes about. Now, what that looks like, I don't know. But I do think definitely some benefit is going to come from that.

I think it's about inclusion. I think the more voices you have at any table, the better the conversation is.

It won't be a harmonious conversation, but we don't necessarily want a harmonious conversation. We want an authentic dialogue, and that's how you move things forward.

If you feel that your business or you feel as if your organization doesn't have the minority representation that you may see in the diverse population, what steps can you take as an employer, what steps can you take as a government entity, what steps can you take to maximize, at least, opportunity for individuals to access those boards or those places of employment or those government jobs?

That's the thing: Everyone just wants the opportunity. Everyone wants the opportunity to have an encounter with any type of law enforcement and come out exactly the same. Everyone wants the opportunity to be seen, heard and move forward.

It's up to us as business leaders, up to us as organizations, as electeds, as community members, just to keep that in the forefront.

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Any given day there's news cycle. Any given day there's a new issue. A couple of weeks ago, it was about Covid, and Covid is still there. Covid is still very much a reality, very much a reality. But also, too, so is us trying to get to that more perfect union.

I have had friendships and acquaintances and talked to individuals who have disliked me just based on the color of my skin, but I have forged in my lifetime good working relationships with those individuals just through dialogue and talking about what our common humanity is, what our common goals are.

There's no parent alive who doesn't want their kids to go to school and come back safely. That's universal. There's no parent who doesn't love their son, daughter, sister, brother.

Once we start talking in those terms, we start to humanize each other. I think that's why this is different. That's why this will be different, hopefully. Because we should all be seeing each other just as human beings who want the same things.

Luther Wynder

CEO, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority

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St. Paul's Midway businesses plan comeback from destruction

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**ST. PAUL'S MIDWAY BUSINESSES PLAN COMEBACK FROM
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At the Furniture Barn on University Avenue in St. Paul, you could hear the fans blowing from the street last week.

They were there to dry out the store, which was flooded by its sprinklers after looters set two fires in the building during civil unrest that followed the killing of **George Floyd** while in custody of Minneapolis police.

What merchandise wasn't looted from the sales floor was destroyed by water damage, as was all the furniture in the warehouse beneath the shop. Windows were broken. Tools and two delivery trucks were stolen.

"For the most part, we might as well say we got destroyed," said Randy Young, Furniture Barn's store manager.

However, at Furniture Barn, as well as elsewhere in the Midway neighborhood, many business owners plan to be open sooner rather than later. Young, for example, thinks the store will reopen sometime in July.

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Even businesses that were totally leveled by arson are finding ways to get their feet under them.

Lloyd's Pharmacy on Snelling Avenue, which was completely destroyed by fire, plans to open in a smaller location nearby in July, said Chad Kulas, executive director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Lloyd's expects to reopen its current location sometime in 2021.

Bolé Ethiopian Cuisine, a restaurant on University Avenue, expects to operate out of a food truck for the time being while its owners plan its long-term future, Kulas said. Bolé has raised over \$151,000 through a GoFundMe campaign since the restaurant was destroyed.

A group of local organizations called Neighbors United Funding Collaborative has launched the Midway United fund. Unlike some of the funds that are providing riot relief, Midway United is intended to provide long-term support for the neighborhood. It was already helping local businesses recover from economic losses due to Covid-19, receiving donations from corporations like Allianz Life Insurance Co. of North America, as well as from individuals.

Moving forward, the fund will try to support businesses owned by black, indigenous and people of color, as well as immigrants, said Brandon Long, executive director of the Union Park District Council. One reason for that focus is to help protect Midway's diverse character, which is threatened by not just Covid-19 and the cost of riot repairs, but also by outside developers attracted by the \$957 million Green Line and the \$250 million Allianz Field.

During a booming economy, redevelopment had sparked the creation of new small businesses like the LGBTQ bar Black Hart of St. Paul and new housing along University Avenue. Now that times are tougher, some business owners might opt to cut their losses, which Long and Kulas worry could be a recipe for gentrification.

"I'm definitely concerned we could lose that [neighborhood character] if people come in and redevelop," Kulas said.

Some businesses owners, like Nancy Rosenberg of Big Top Liquors, have said they're weighing all of their options moving forward and aren't committed to reopening.

A full picture of the damage to the neighborhood won't emerge until business owners hear back from insurance companies, if they're fortunate enough to be insured, Kulas said.

Furniture Barn's losses are likely covered by insurance. Young said that he noticed after the fires that the store had been paying \$36 annually for a riot insurance policy. He joked that he would have deemed the clause a waste of \$36 had he noticed it earlier.

"In St. Paul, Minnesota?" he said.

He's not complaining now.

"Thank God it was there," Young said

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West Broadway will rebuild, but who will benefit from it?

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***WEST BROADWAY WILL REBUILD, BUT WHO WILL BENEFIT
FROM IT?***

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There's no question that the business district on West Broadway Avenue in North Minneapolis will recover from damages sustained in the days after a Minneapolis police officer killed ***George Floyd***.

Who will lead the rebuilding, however, is an open question.

Community and business leaders are worried about land grabs and gentrification, fearing that North Minneapolis' main business district will be remade by outsiders.

Warren McLean, president of Northside Economic Opportunity Network, said he's already heard about land speculators who have made low-ball offers to entrepreneurs affected by destruction and arson. Those speculators are taking advantage of the desperation of others, he said.

While the bulk of the civil unrest after Floyd was killed happened along Minneapolis' Lake Street, a smaller group of people looted grocery stores, smashed windows and set fires in North Minneapolis the week Floyd

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died. That group also set fires in local businesses, including some blocks away from West Broadway's busiest areas.

Many local businesses are particularly vulnerable because they either don't have insurance or have questionable policies, said Sarah Clyne, executive director at Northside Funders Group.

Clyne was on the street cleaning debris and boarding up business windows Friday, May 29, with Felicia Perry, an artist and executive director of the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition (WBC), when they decided to join forces and raise money to support the local community.

Their fundraiser has pulled in \$1.95 million so far. The WBC will distribute the money as grants to local businesses, though parameters around the maximum size of a grant and who will be eligible haven't yet been determined. It will be similar to a separate \$400,000 fund that Northside Funders Group distributed earlier this year to assist with economic recovery related to Covid-19; that fund supported 89 businesses with grants of up to \$5,000.

The money is a nice start, but it won't be enough to return West Broadway to what it was, Clyne said. She doesn't yet have a figure for the damage, but is sure it's more than \$1.95 million.

She believes that recovery will eventually require city, state and corporate partners, who won't understand what the area needs as well as those who live there. Clyne is urging those partners to focus their efforts around black Minneapolitans and native Northsiders.

"Rebuilding and restoration needs to be in the hands of the community that was impacted. We certainly don't want to displace folks in this moment," she said.

The week after the destruction, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey announced a coalition to rebuild affected neighborhoods that included Perry of the WBC. Neither Perry nor a representative of the mayor's office could be reached for comment.

Much of the damage on West Broadway was to local, black-owned businesses. Flora's Hair Design, a black-owned hair salon that has operated in North Minneapolis since 1986, was destroyed by fire four days after Floyd was killed. Black-owned barbershop Fade Factory was also burned down. GoFundMe pages have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help those businesses reopen.

Organizations in North Minneapolis have long imagined a business community that is prosperous, led by multicultural entrepreneurs, and is sustainable, NEON's McLean said. Sustainability meaning that businesses on the Northside will have the stability to do things that other businesses take for granted, like buying quality insurance.

"The goal for our community is not just rebuilding, but transformation," he said.

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JUNETEENTH: A DAY OF JOY AND PAIN - AND NOW NATIONAL ACTION

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Highlight: In just about any other year, Juneteenth, the holiday celebrating the day in 1865 that all enslaved black people learned they had been freed from bondage, would be marked by African American families across the nation with a cookout, a parade, a community festival, a soulful rendition of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

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But in 2020, as the coronavirus ravishes black America disproportionately, as economic uncertainty wrought by the pandemic strains black pocketbooks, and as police brutality continues to devastate black families, Juneteenth is a day of protest.

Red velvet cake, barbecued ribs and fruit punch are optional.

For many white Americans, recent protests over police brutality have driven their awareness of Juneteenth's significance.

"This is one of the first times since the '60s, where the global demand, the intergenerational demand, the multiracial demand is for systemic change," said Cornell University professor Noliwe Rooks, a segregation expert. "There is some understanding and acknowledgment at this point that there's something in the DNA of the country that has to be undone."

Friday's celebrations will be marked from coast to coast with marches and demonstrations of civil disobedience, along with expressions of black joy in spite of an especially traumatic time for the nation. And like the nationwide protests that followed the police involved deaths of black men and women in Minnesota, Kentucky and Georgia, Juneteenth celebrations are likely to be remarkably more multiracial.

"I think this year is going to be exciting to make white people celebrate with us that we're free," said 35-year-old Army veteran David J. Hamilton III, who has organized a Juneteenth march and protest through a predominantly black, Hispanic and immigrant neighborhood in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

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Hamilton, who is black, said this year is his first treating "Juneteenth with the same fanfare as the Fourth of July or Memorial Day."

In Tulsa, a day ahead of a planned presidential campaign rally Saturday for Donald Trump, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Tiffany Crutcher, the twin sister of a black man killed by a city police officer in 2016, plan keynote addresses about the consequences of racial prejudice. Their commemoration will take place in the Greenwood district, at the site known as Black Wall Street, where dozens of blocks of black-owned businesses were destroyed by a white mob in deadly race riots nearly a century ago.

In Washington, D.C., and around the country, activists affiliated with the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement will host in-person and virtual events to celebrate the history of the black liberation struggle and amplify their calls for defunding police in the wake of high-profile police killings of African Americans.

As of Thursday, organizers with the Movement for Black Lives said they had registered more than 275 Juneteenth weekend events across 45 states, through its website.

Rashawn Ray, a David Rubenstein Fellow at the nonprofit public policy Brookings Institution, said many now view Juneteenth as an opportunity for education and to push to dismantle structural racism.

"There's going to be a lot of people who are also going to double down on the push for reparations," Ray said. "There's no reason why black people have been the only group in the United States to be systematically discriminated against, legally, by the federal government and not receive reparations."

Juneteenth marks the day on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers told enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, that the Civil War had ended and they were free. The Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in the South in 1863 but it was not enforced in many places until after the end of the Civil War in 1865.

The day is recognized in 47 states and the District of Columbia, according to the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. Hawaii, North Dakota and South Dakota are the only states without an official recognition. And it is not yet a federal holiday. It took roughly 18 years after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. before his birthday was observed as a federal holiday.

Still, more workers than perhaps ever in history will have the day off on Friday: Nike, the NFL, Twitter and its mobile payments services company Square, along with a handful of media outlets, have announced plans to observe Juneteenth as a company holiday. On Wednesday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday for state employees.

The abolition of slavery in the U.S. was followed by the birth of Jim Crow segregation, relegating many black Americans to poor, redlined neighborhoods with under-resourced schools. After the passage of landmark civil rights protections in the 1960s, decades of mass incarceration policy and employment discrimination eroded opportunities and economic stability for black people and families. All along, police brutality has been a fixture of the black American experience. And now, COVID-19 is killing black people at more than three times the rate that it kills white people.

Much of the ***systemic racism*** and atrocities visited on black Americans have gone unanswered. This week, the Equal Justice Initiative, which in 2015 cataloged thousands of racial terror lynchings of black people by white mobs, added nearly 2,000 Reconstruction-era lynchings confirmed between 1865 and 1876, bringing the total number of documented lynchings to nearly 6,500.

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"Our continued silence about the history of racial injustice has fueled many of the current problems surrounding police violence, mass incarceration, racial inequality and the disparate impact of COVID-19," said Bryan Stevenson, director of the Equal Justice Initiative.

"We need a new era of truth and justice in America," he said in a statement. "We must acknowledge our long history of racial oppression and then repair the damage this history has created - including the presumption of dangerousness that gets assigned to black people by police and others."

Juneteenth also comes at a time when the nation is at a political crossroads, and Black Voters Matter co-founder LaTosha Brown said it is shaping up to be a politically defining moment ahead of the November election.

"The devaluing of black lives is built into this American system to the point that the ideas around democracy don't apply to us the same way that they apply to white folks," Brown said, adding black voters are demanding change.

"So Juneteenth is a celebratory event but we're not celebrating the country. We're celebrating our own freedom and our own ability to be liberated and the resiliency of black people."

Stafford and Morrison are members of the AP's Race and Ethnicity team. Follow Morrison on Twitter at <https://www.twitter.com/aaronlmorrison>. Follow Stafford on Twitter at https://twitter.com/kat__stafford. [*The quiet life of **Derek Chauvin** before the public death of **George Floyd**. Thousands have protested over **George Floyd**'s death. These are the stories of 4 and what they're trying to change. House committee advances bill to assist Twin Cities businesses damaged in **George Floyd** unrest. Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'. Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#)

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AP-NORC poll: Many in US say protest impact will be positive

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[AP-NORC POLL: MANY IN US SAY PROTEST IMPACT WILL BE POSITIVE](#)

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Body

NEW YORK - Ahead of the Juneteenth holiday weekend's demonstrations against **systemic racism** and police brutality, more than 4 in 10 Americans say they expect recent protests around the country will bring positive change. A majority say they approve of the protests.

Despite headline-making standoffs between law enforcement and protesters in cities nationwide, the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds a majority of Americans think law enforcement officers have generally responded to the protests appropriately. Somewhat fewer say officers used excessive force.

The findings follow weeks of peaceful protests and unrest in response to the death of **George Floyd**, a Black man who died pleading for air on May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer held his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. A dramatic change in public opinion on race and policing has followed, with more Americans today than five years ago calling police violence a very serious problem that unequally targets Black Americans.

Bill Ardren, a 75-year-old retired resident of Maple Grove, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis, said he supports the protests. He blames protesters and law enforcement equally for why some demonstrations turned into ugly clashes scarred by looting and arson.

"People finally got fed up because of this last incident," said Ardren, referring to Floyd's death, "and it spread all over the country."

The new poll finds 54% of Americans say they approve of the protests, while 32% disapprove. Another 14% say they hold neither opinion.

More think the protests will mostly change the country for the better than bring about negative change, 44% to 21%. A third say they won't make much difference.

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An Associated Press tally of known arrests through June 4 found more than 10,000 people were arrested at demonstrations in the U.S., many of which defied citywide curfews and some daytime orders to disperse. The count grew by the hundreds each day, as protesters were met with overwhelming shows of force by local officers, state police and National Guard members. Los Angeles had more than a quarter of the nation's arrests, according to the AP's tally, followed by New York, Dallas and Philadelphia.

One of the nation's largest demonstrations took place in Philadelphia on June 6, when tens of thousands of people met near the Philadelphia Museum of Art and peacefully marched through Center City. Kipp Gilmore-Clough, a resident of the city and associate pastor at Chestnut Hill United Church, joined that day's protest and said that kind of response to police abuse was "long overdue."

"I've been fairly heartened by the ongoing presence in the streets, because the systemic racism that has generated these protests is longstanding and deeply embedded," said Gilmore-Clough, who's among those who believe the protests will have a positive impact. "My hope is that this persistence leads to results, changes of laws, changes of institutions and changes to our patterns that have normalized white supremacy."

Seven percent of Americans say they've participated in a protest in the past few weeks. While Black Americans were significantly more likely to say so than white Americans, the poll found about half of those who said they protested were white. The demonstrations have been noted as remarkably diverse compared with those seen as affiliated with the Black Lives Matter movement that emerged nearly seven years ago.

About 8 in 10 Black Americans say they approve of the protests. About half of white Americans approve, while about a third disapprove.

Overall, Americans are somewhat more likely to say the protests have been peaceful than violent, 27% vs. 22%, but 51% think there's been a mix of both. White Americans are more likely than Black Americans to call protests violent, 20% to 7%, though 54% of white Americans say there has been a mix.

Gilmore-Clough said he was disappointed by law enforcement's use of excessive force at the protests. At times, police officers across the country were caught on video indiscriminately swinging batons, firing rubber bullets, deploying tear gas and pepper spray - even shoving people to the ground. Officers in many other places joined protesters, including some symbolically kneeling alongside demonstrators.

A majority of Americans, 55%, say law enforcement responded to recent protests appropriately, while fewer, 44%, say they used excessive force. And 54% say President Donald Trump's response to the recent unrest - he suggested sending the U.S. military into cities where local officials struggled to quell unrest, before later backing off the idea - made things worse.

Just 12% say Trump made things better, while 33% say his response had no impact.

Anne Oredeko, a supervising attorney in the racial justice unit of the Legal Aid Society of New York, one of the nation's largest public defender agencies, said the New York Police Department's response to peaceful protests undermined civil rights. Mass arrests also threatened public health during the coronavirus pandemic, making the idea that anyone believes the law enforcement response was appropriate troubling, she said.

"There's something deeply bankrupt about our inability to see the value of life, across color and ethnicity," Oredeko said. "There's something missing in this country. If you understand the point that protesters are

AP-NORC poll: Many in US say protest impact will be positive

making, saying that there is a deep distrust of police and a need for systemic reforms, your response shouldn't be to maim them."

While 7 in 10 Black Americans said law enforcement officers responded to the protests with excessive force, about half as many white Americans said that. Roughly 6 in 10 white Americans said law enforcement officers responded to protests appropriately.

Destiny Merrell, a 20-year-old Black college student from Unadilla, Georgia, said she has not participated in the protests out of fear she could be harmed by police or other demonstrators.

"We matter, but we don't matter to certain people," she said.

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Fingerhut reported from Washington.

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The AP-NORC poll of 1,310 adults was conducted June 11-15 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

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This story has been corrected to show the associate pastor's surname is Gilmore-Clough, not Gillmore-Clough. [Family wants charges in Lake Street pawnshop shooting; prosecutors seek witnesses](#) [Minneapolis police experience surge of departures in aftermath of George Floyd protests](#) [Federal agents, local streets: A 'red flag' in Oregon](#) [MN House declares racism a public health crisis](#) [Minneapolis police investigate death of man found in burned-out Lake Street store](#)

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Even after Lynx season starts, their battle for justice will continue

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EVEN AFTER LYNX SEASON STARTS, THEIR BATTLE FOR JUSTICE WILL CONTINUE

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Byline: Jace Frederick

Highlight: Though the WNBA season is set to begin next month, the Lynx's work on reform - centered racial equality and criminal justice - is far from finished. Cheryl Reeve made that much clear Thursday. "This is really what's at the forefront of our minds," Minnesota's coach and general manager said in a conference call Thursday. [...]

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Though the WNBA season is set to begin next month, the Lynx's work on reform - centered racial equality and criminal justice - is far from finished.

Cheryl Reeve made that much clear Thursday.

"This is really what's at the forefront of our minds," Minnesota's coach and general manager said in a conference call Thursday. "Playing basketball is what we do, but a bigger part of us is wanting to make the world a better place for everyone."

Reeve didn't mince words when discussing what must be done locally - specifically with the **Minneapolis Police Department** - to spark such changes.

"If we don't have change at the top, this is never going to get better," she said. "So we continue to call for the removal of (Lt.) Bob Kroll as the head of the union."

The Lynx and Kroll have a history. In 2016, days after Philando Castile was shot and killed in Falcon Heights, the Lynx decided to hold a pregame news conference featuring Rebekkah Brunson, Maya Moore, Seimone Augustus and Lindsay Whalen. They wore T-shirts stating "Change Starts With Us" on the front and "**Black Lives Matter**" on the back, and spoke out against racial profiling and a two-tier criminal justice system. It was an attempt to raise awareness of the issues and start working toward change.

Four off-duty Minneapolis Police Officers who were set to work security that night walked out of the arena in protest of the Lynx's protest.

Kroll responded to various media outlets that week by saying the Lynx were "wading into waters that they shouldn't," adding they're professional athletes who should "stick with playing ball." He also said the Lynx only needed four off-duty officers at games because they "have such a pathetic draw."

Even after Lynx season starts, their battle for justice will continue

In the midst of the riots that stemmed from Floyd's killing last month, Kroll wrote a letter to union members blasting the state's leadership for their lack of support as the city burned. He also said Floyd had a "violent criminal history" and said he was working with labor attorneys to "fight" for the jobs of the four cops fired for the part they played in Floyd's death, saying they were "terminated without due process."

Several entities have decided to part ways with the MPD, from Minneapolis Public Schools to the Park Board. Reeve was asked if the MPD would still work Lynx games at Target Center. She suggested that isn't the organization's call. Target Center is city owned. And while Reeve would be in favor of removing MPD from the sidelines at games, she doesn't think that's a long-term solution to current issues.

"The solution is to make meaningful change," Reeve said, "as (MPD) chief (Medaria) Arradondo is trying to do."

Reeve insinuated the union, as currently constructed, is getting in the way of such change. She said the union was supposed to be "a voice for the black and brown employees, not to be a safe haven for aggressive cops."

"And until that changes, it doesn't matter what we do," she said.

And Reeve doesn't think that will change so long as Kroll is in a leadership position. How do you remove him? She's not sure.

"I just know that there is a union and a vote and people say it's hard to remove somebody. But I would say the laundry list of his discriminate behavior would be enough, which is concerning, because he was voted to be that leader," Reeve said. "The culture is rotten, and we've got to cut off the head of the snake to make real progress."

Reeve suggested people are now truly understanding the work Moore, who is set to miss another Lynx season, has been doing to help reform the criminal justice system. Reeve herself is proud of the work the Lynx put forth in an attempt to make change in 2016, "but I also feel like we didn't get there, so to speak."

"Not a whole lot had changed," Reeve said. "So I want to be better."

So she and her players will keep this current discussion as an "A" topic in the constant conversation about what needs to change and how. Reeve will keep talking about it, and she hopes the media doesn't grow tired of listening.

[*Fitness is a concern as Lynx, rest of WNBA kick off play this weekend Lynx guard Shenise Johnson back after long battle with knee injuries Key mentors getting rookie Mikiah Herbert Harrigan up to speed at Lynx training camp Karima Christmas-Kelly has played just six games for the Lynx. Now she's a team captain. John Shipley: So far, nothing enjoyable about rebooting pro sports*](#)

"This is what's interesting, during this time, is when people start talking about things that black people have been talking about for years. ... We've been talking about these things, we've been talking about it for years. I think this is the tipping point for many of us," she said. "We're not going away and you have to be relentless, just as the great players are relentless in their pursuit of being great. This is what it's going to take to reach the idea that it's not enough just to do one or two things. Reaching an equitable situation for all, that's a tall order, because there are many people that don't want that change."

Even after Lynx season starts, their battle for justice will continue

Reeve said there have been many conversations centered on what players can do in this continued battle, while also playing out the season. She said players will be "hard at work" finding different ways "to continue to amplify these problems."

"I think what we're going to do down there in Bradenton," she said, "should end up proving to be pretty powerful."

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Other voices: The timely lessons of Juneteenth

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OTHER VOICES: THE TIMELY LESSONS OF JUNETEENTH

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Length: 851 words**Byline:** The Baltimore Sun**Highlight:** The cause of equal rights for African Americans got a modest, yet thoroughly unexpected, boost from perhaps the least likely of figures when President Donald Trump announced he was going to hold his first political rally in months in Tulsa, Okla., on June 19. This is the date known as Juneteenth, when the end of [...]**Body**

The cause of equal rights for African Americans got a modest, yet thoroughly unexpected, boost from perhaps the least likely of figures when President Donald Trump announced he was going to hold his first political rally in months in Tulsa, Okla., on June 19. This is the date known as Juneteenth, when the end of slavery in this country is commemorated. And Tulsa is the site of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921, an awful incident of racial violence in U.S. history that may have left hundreds dead (unreliable records leave the exact count in dispute 99 years later).

A furor so pronounced that even the White House noticed ensued, and the rally was moved one day. A small victory for the cause of social justice, admittedly, but a telling one. Symbols and holidays, statues and flags, they all have meaning. And 2020 deserves to be one of the most meaningful Juneteenth celebrations on record.

It is not overly dramatic to suggest that the United States is having a racial reckoning right now. The televised death of ***George Floyd***, who pleaded for his life while under the knee of a now-former Minneapolis police officer, was the May 25 kickoff. And how police specifically, and the criminal justice system generally, deals unfairly with minorities has been the central focus. But ***Black Lives Matter*** and the protests that have spread across the country these last three weeks also address something much more fundamental: How is the founding document's aspiration of "all men are created equal" looking nearly 244 years after it was signed up the road in Philadelphia?

The answer? Clearly still aspirational. We are not yet there, not by any reasonable measure. Not when blacks suffer higher unemployment, worse health care outcomes - including a greater likelihood of death from the coronavirus - more often victimized by violence, more commonly imprisoned, receive lower pay and less schooling than their white counterparts. And the list of inequities is much longer than that.

That makes Juneteenth the right holiday for the times. Not just because it's about achieving freedom and equality for those who had previously been enslaved, but because of its peculiar circumstances. Juneteenth

Other voices: The timely lessons of Juneteenth

is not set on the day that Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox. That was more than two months earlier, on April 9. It is not celebrated on the day that Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. That was more than two years prior, on Jan. 1, 1863.

No, Juneteenth recognizes the day the last outpost of slavery was given the word that the chains were coming off. It's the day in 1865 when Gordon Granger, a Union general, came to Galveston, Texas, to read aloud orders that all enslaved people in Texas had been set free - and had with him enough troops to make sure that directive was enforced.

The lesson here is that freedom isn't achieved with the stroke of a pen. It isn't always granted equally or willingly or peacefully. And so, to cap a week that saw the self-described "law and order" president sign an executive order intended to encourage police reform, and when stronger measures to prevent tragedies like the murder of ***George Floyd*** are being debated in Washington, D.C., and in state capitals across the nation and in seats of local government, we are reminded that this moment is neither the beginning nor the end of the crusade.

To quote civil rights activist and lyricist James Weldon Johnson, there is a hopeful future "out from the gloomy past," so let us "lift ev'ry voice and sing." Not because new laws are being debated or politicians are making speeches but because the cause is just and Americans increasingly support it.

What could not have been imagined a few years ago let alone a century and a half is the degree to which the current protests have won over hearts and minds around the world. A poll published this week by the Pew Research Center found about two-thirds of Americans support the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement. Support among minorities is higher, but even six out of 10 whites contacted for the survey endorsed it (or roughly the same percentage as Americans who find President Trump "prejudiced" under another recent Pew poll).

The evidence can be seen everywhere. In police officers kneeling with protesters. In the diversity of the crowds, young and old, black and white, urban and rural. In parallel protests in foreign countries. This nation has come a long way since Gen. Granger read that order. It still has a way to go. As many will likely sing on Juneteenth and beyond, "Let us march on 'til victory is won."

Editor's note: This editorial originally referred to Union General Gordon Granger as "The Rock of Chicamauga." That was incorrect. Union General George Henry Thomas was known as "The Rock of Chicamauga."

[*Other voices: Hey, Congress, this time bail out child care providers*](#) [*Other voices: 'My fellow Canadians, let's build a wall ...'*](#) [*Other voices: Drawing a line in Atlanta after the murder of a child*](#) [*Other voices: Will Voice of America now lose credibility?*](#) [*Other voices: The feds build a case against Ghislane Maxwell; it must not stop there*](#)

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Juneteenth events pop up across metro area

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JUNETEENTH EVENTS POP UP ACROSS METRO AREA

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Byline: KIM HYATT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Annual holiday takes on added weight this year.

Body

Juneteenth, a day of celebration marking the abolition of slavery for millions in the United States, has merged this year with the wave of activism sparked in Minneapolis by the death of **George Floyd** to take on added significance.

And while the last holiday, Memorial Day, brought Floyd's death, organizers say that Juneteenth will be the first holiday since then to celebrate his life.

The Twin Cities' biggest Juneteenth festival was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But a long slate of events are planned for Friday in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the metro suburbs, many featuring entertainment, free food and rallies, and incorporating donation drives.

Misha Bartlett said the fresh attention paid to the holiday shows how far the country has come, though there's still a long way to go.

"I think there has been a place in time that has been opened up and I think it's going to define us all as a world," said Bartlett, an organizer of the Juneteenth celebration sponsored by Unite & Rebuild MSP, one of the events planned Friday in the Twin Cities.

An 8 a.m. memorial run for Floyd will kick off outside Cup Foods at the south Minneapolis corner where he died, followed by a cookout and donation drive. People are planning to gather outside the State Capitol for a Juneteenth Reparations Rally at 1 p.m. hosted by **Black Lives Matter** Minnesota and other activist groups.

The day also will be marked in some suburbs. Apple Valley's Kelley Park will host Ashes to Beauty Block Party Friday evening, with food ven

dors and retail from black owners. At Brooklyn Park City Hall, local leaders will hold a social justice rally.

Juneteenth events pop up across metro area

Juneteenth marks June 19, 1865, when enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas, first learned that the Civil War was over and that they were free under the Emancipation Proclamation signed 2½ years before.

Minneapolis for years has hosted large Juneteenth celebrations. In 2010, more than 15,000 people came together on the North Side for Twin Cities Juneteenth, one of the largest such celebrations in the country.

Now activists are calling for Juneteenth to be recognized as a national holiday. Officials with Target, U.S. Bank and Best Buy all recently announced they will make it a company holiday.

"There is going to be an absolute large number of people that will engage in [Juneteenth] because of the time and space we're in. I think this is going to be a really great day of awareness for people," Bartlett said.

Sounds of Blackness singer Jamecia Bennett will perform at the Unite & Rebuild MSP event in the parking lot of Target in the Longfellow neighborhood of south Minneapolis, the center of much of the protesting and rioting along E. Lake Street that followed Floyd's death.

The popular ensemble is releasing a new single in honor of Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and other recent victims of racist violence. Music director and producer Gary Hines said the song, "Sick and Tired," was inspired by the words of the late black activist Fannie Lou Hamer.

"Juneteenth is the vanguard of really highlighting the relevance of everything that's happening today with 1865. It's all part of the same story and all interconnected even though a century apart," Hines said.

Bennett, who will perform with her band J Movement, said this Juneteenth will be different from years past. While she didn't like to see buildings burn in the aftermath of Floyd's death, she said, "It was a battle cry of 'See us, hear us, feel us.' We are free and we have to be treated as such."

"We celebrate this day every year, but I think this year has a much broader meaning," she said. "I think people have become more involved since the *George Floyd* incident. People's eyes have been open to a lot of things. ... For the first time, we're at a pause. We have no choice but to allow this to resonate."

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JUNETEENTH EVENTS

Juneteenth Celebration, Unite and Rebuild MSP

When: 3 to 8 p.m. Friday

Where: Target parking lot, E. Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis

Juneteenth: Community Festival and Rally for Justice

When: Noon to 6 p.m. Friday

Where: Cub Foods, 701 W. Broadway Av., Minneapolis

Reparations Rally at Minnesota State Capitol

When: 1 to 4 p.m. Friday

Juneteenth events pop up across metro area

Where: Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul

June 19th Community Celebration

When: 2 to 5 p.m. Friday

Where: 1900 S. Nicollet Av., Minneapolis

Juneteenth Cookout and Donation Drive

When: 3 p.m. Friday

Where: Cup Foods, 3759 Chicago Av., Minneapolis

Social Justice Rally at Brooklyn Park City Hall

When: 5 to 8 p.m. Friday

Where: City Hall, 5200 N. 85th Av., Brooklyn Park

Ashes to Beauty Block Party

When: 5 to 8 p.m. Friday

Where: Kelley Park, 6855 Fortino St., Apple Valley

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ARTICLE DCCLXXXVII. **POLICING**

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The death of **George Floyd** was a chapter in a story that is as old as our nation and is, sadly, still being written in communities across the country. Philando Castile, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks: These names serve stark notice that policing across the United States needs transformational reform.

The problems with policing are deeply rooted in the structural racism that permeates our society and its institutions. The current rallying cries around "defunding," "dismantling" or "abolishing" the police are grounded in a basic truth that sweeping and visionary reforms are needed.

The answer is not to simply defund or dismantle the police. We need to address societal racism and rebuild our infrastructure so that we can reduce our reliance on policing. Minneapolis receives more than 400,000 calls for police services every year. Housing, education, health care, mental health and the environment are key fronts for enhancing safety.

Without a doubt, the **Minneapolis Police Department** needs transformational reform. But we oppose the current proposal to amend the Minneapolis City Charter to remove the Police Department. This charter amendment will not advance the transformational reform that is needed. In fact, it is a distraction from the necessary work at hand.

We believe we have a leader in place who can bring about the much needed change in the Police Department if he has adequate support. Chief Medaria Arradondo is an ethical, professional and compassionate leader. He knows our city and loves its people. He has a reform agenda, but has experienced opposition from the police union and has lacked support from the City Council. We call on our citizens to support Chief Arradondo in his effort to transform our Police Department.

We have an opportunity brought about by tragedy but it is an opportunity we can't waste. Minneapolis can become a model for the nation by rethinking the mission of policing. Only then can Minneapolis fulfill this moment and develop a new, bold model for a safe, inclusive community.

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Walter Mondale is former vice president of the United States. Josie Johnson is a civil rights activist, former higher education executive and author of "Hope in the Struggle." Sharon Sayles-Belton is former mayor of Minneapolis. Robert Bruininks is president and professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota. This statement is submitted on behalf of dozens more community leaders.

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Amy Klobuchar withdraws from consideration to be Biden's running mate

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[AMY KLOBUCHAR WITHDRAWS FROM CONSIDERATION TO BE BIDEN'S RUNNING MATE](#)

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Highlight: WASHINGTON - Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota announced late Thursday that she was withdrawing from consideration to be the running mate of former Vice President Joe Biden on the Democratic ticket. Klobuchar, who mounted her own campaign for the presidency before dropping out and becoming one of Biden's most spirited surrogates, said during an MSNBC [...]

Body

WASHINGTON - Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota announced late Thursday that she was withdrawing from consideration to be the running mate of former Vice President Joe Biden on the Democratic ticket.

Klobuchar, who mounted her own campaign for the presidency before dropping out and becoming one of Biden's most spirited surrogates, said during [an MSNBC interview](#) that she called Biden on Wednesday night and told him he should choose a woman of color to be his running mate.

Klobuchar, a moderate and veteran of the Senate like Biden, was known to have a strong rapport with the presumptive Democratic nominee and was an early favorite of a significant number of his donors and supporters. But her case for being Biden's running mate was badly damaged after the Memorial Day killing of [George Floyd](#) in the custody of Minneapolis police officers. The death, which has prompted weeks of demonstrations and protests against police violence across the country, led to renewed scrutiny of Klobuchar's career as Hennepin County attorney.

Klobuchar oversaw the first prosecution of 17-year-old Myon Burrell in the 2002 killing of an 11-year-old Minneapolis girl, and [an investigation by the Associated Press](#) raised serious questions about the verdict and shadowed her presidential campaign.

"After what I've seen in my state and what I've seen across the country, this is a historic moment and America must seize on this moment," she said on MSNBC. "I truly believe, as I told the vice president last night, that I believe that this is a moment to put a woman of color on that ticket."

In a Twitter post late Thursday, Biden praised Klobuchar and described her as a key ally in the contest to beat President Donald Trump in November.

Amy Klobuchar withdraws from consideration to be Biden's running mate

Biden committed to naming a woman as his vice presidential pick during a debate with Sen. Bernie Sanders on March 15. His team's search committee has contacted roughly a dozen women, and eight or nine are being vetted more intensively, according to people familiar with the process.

Sen. Kamala Harris of California, who also ran against Biden and is the only black woman in the Senate, is widely regarded as a strong candidate for the vice presidential slot. Several other black women are being vetted by Biden's search committee, including two whose prospects have risen as the national debate over racial justice amplifies calls for him to select a woman of color: Rep. Val Demings of Florida and Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms of Atlanta. Biden is also considering Susan Rice, the former national security adviser under President Barack Obama, the people familiar with the process have said.

Klobuchar was still being vetted until her Wednesday night phone call to Biden, according to a person familiar with Biden's selection process. But in conversations earlier this week, Klobuchar suggested to friends that she recognized that her own history made it difficult for Biden to select her, given the widespread ***Black Lives Matter*** protests.

As Hennepin County attorney, Klobuchar developed a tough-on-crime reputation 20 years ago that is a difficult fit with modern Democratic Party politics. Although she has rebutted criticism that she failed to prosecute police misconduct, her record was scrutinized during the presidential campaign and would quite likely have become a major headache for Biden's campaign had he selected her as the running mate.

One person she spoke with Monday said Klobuchar relayed then that she understood she would not be selected and said she cited the scrutiny of her record as prosecutor. A Klobuchar spokeswoman disputed the recollection of the call.

Klobuchar's declaration that Biden should choose a woman of color created something of an awkward political dynamic for Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, another former presidential rival who is being considered by Biden as a possible running mate. Warren is the most prominent and formidable white candidate in the running, and she is far along in the vetting process.

Other white candidates under consideration include Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Gov. Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island.

Asked by MSNBC host Lawrence O'Donnell if her past record as a prosecutor would have made it difficult for her to "function" as Biden's running mate, Klobuchar said it was not a factor in her decision.

"I think I could have functioned fine," she said. "There's a lot of untruths out there about my record, and now is not the time to debate them."

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Sen. Klobuchar drops from VP consideration

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[SEN. KLOBUCHAR DROPS FROM VP CONSIDERATION](#)

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Sen. Amy Klobuchar said Thursday night that she asked Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden to take her name out of consideration as his vice presidential running mate, and recommended that he choose a woman of color.

"America must seize on this moment, and I truly believe, as I told the vice president last night, that I think this is a moment to put a woman of color on the ticket," Klobuchar said in an interview on MSNBC.

In a follow-up interview with the Star Tribune, Klobuchar clarified that she reached out to Biden to ask him to pull her name from his VP list, not the other way around. She said she was still being vetted for the vice presidential slot, though many Democrats believe Klobuchar's chances suffered after the unrest that sprang up in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s killing by Minneapolis police officers on May 25.

"I told him how hard this has been in our state, and how tragic it's been, and how I've got a lot of work to do as Minnesota's senator," Klobuchar said. She said Biden was "kind" in response.

Many leading Democrats have called on Biden to choose a woman of color to round out his ticket, especially after the nationwide ***Black Lives Matter***-inspired protests that followed Floyd's death.

Klobuchar, who has represented Minnesota as a U.S. senator since 2007, mounted her own bid for the Democratic presidential nomination this year. She finished an unexpected third in the New Hampshire primary, but poor showings in several subsequent states pushed her out of the race by early March.

Klobuchar immediately endorsed Biden upon dropping out, which helped propel him to a surprise win in Minnesota's presidential primary. It also quickly put her on a shortlist of VP prospects, but she subsequently fell as pressure grew on Biden to choose a woman of color.

Klobuchar said such a move would help the country heal. She declined the chance to suggest any possibilities. Among those mentioned have been Sen. Kamala Harris of California, Rep. Val Demings of Florida, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, and New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Sen. Klobuchar drops from VP consideration

Klobuchar said she sees an important role for herself in the Senate in pushing legislation to respond to the questions and concerns raised anew by Floyd's death. Klobuchar is hoping to lead in the Senate on protecting and expanding voting rights, which has emerged as a contentious issue in this year's presidential race.

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Air Force reviewing use of reconnaissance plane during Minneapolis, Washington protests

ARTICLE DCCXC. [**AIR FORCE REVIEWING USE OF RECONNAISSANCE PLANE DURING MINNEAPOLIS, WASHINGTON PROTESTS**](#)

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Highlight: WASHINGTON - The Air Force inspector general is investigating whether the military improperly used a little-known reconnaissance plane to monitor protests in Washington and Minneapolis this month, the Air Force said on Thursday. The inquiry was apparently prompted by lawmakers who expressed concerns to Pentagon officials that the use of military surveillance airplanes may have [...]

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WASHINGTON - The Air Force inspector general is investigating whether the military improperly used a little-known reconnaissance plane to monitor protests in Washington and Minneapolis this month, the Air Force said on Thursday.

The inquiry was apparently prompted by lawmakers who expressed concerns to Pentagon officials that the use of military surveillance airplanes may have violated the civil liberties of the mostly peaceful protesters demonstrating against the police killings of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis as well as other African Americans around the United States.

"Following discussions with the secretary of defense about shared concerns, the secretary of the Air Force is conducting an investigation into the use of Air National Guard RC-26 aircraft to support civil authorities during recent protest activity in U.S. cities," Brig. Gen. Patrick S. Ryder, the chief Air Force spokesman, said in response to questions from the New York Times.

In a statement, Ryder declined to address any other questions, pending completion of the investigation led by Lt. Gen. Sami D. Said, the Air Force inspector general.

The Air Force's action comes days after the Pentagon's top intelligence policy official told Congress that the nation's military intelligence agencies did not spy on American protesters during the wave of nationwide demonstrations.

In a letter last week to the House Intelligence Committee, Joseph D. Kernan, the undersecretary of defense for intelligence and security, said he had received no orders from the Trump administration to conduct such surveillance, and he underscored citizens' constitutional right to protest peacefully.

Air Force reviewing use of reconnaissance plane during Minneapolis, Washington protests

Kernan reminded lawmakers of the role of Pentagon intelligence agencies to help defend against foreign interference in domestic political affairs.

The deployment of more than 5,000 National Guard members to the nation's capital, and thousands more to cities across the country to help quell the civil unrest, has cast a harsh spotlight on the National Guard's response to the protests.

Defense Secretary Mark T. Esper last week ordered a review of the National Guard's response, and the new Air Force inquiry is expected to shed light on how and why the secretive RC-26 and some supporting ground units were deployed.

The deployment of U.S. military intelligence units on American soil in support of domestic law enforcement operations is unusual, but it has happened before.

In 2002, at the request of the FBI, the Army deployed secret surveillance planes as part of a broadening effort to catch a sniper in the Washington area.

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Atlanta police call out sick to protest charges in shooting

ARTICLE DCCXCI. [**ATLANTA POLICE CALL OUT SICK TO PROTEST CHARGES IN SHOOTING**](#)

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Highlight: ATLANTA (AP) - Atlanta police officers called out sick Thursday to protest the filing of murder charges against an officer who shot a man in the back, while the interim chief acknowledged members of the force feel abandoned amid protests demanding massive changes to policing.

Body

ATLANTA - Atlanta police officers called out sick Thursday to protest the filing of murder charges against an officer who shot a man in the back, while the interim chief acknowledged members of the force feel abandoned amid protests demanding massive changes to policing.

Interim Chief Rodney Bryant told The Associated Press in an interview that the sick calls began Wednesday night and continued Thursday, but said the department has sufficient staff to protect the city. It's not clear how many officers have called out.

"Some are angry. Some are fearful. Some are confused on what we do in this space. Some may feel abandoned," Bryant said of the officers. "But we are there to assure them that we will continue to move forward and get through this."

Prosecutors brought felony murder and other charges against Garrett Rolfe, a white officer who shot Rayshard Brooks after the 27-year-old black man grabbed a Taser during a struggle and ran, firing it at the officer, Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said.

Howard said Brooks was not a deadly threat at the time and that the officer kicked the wounded man and offered no medical treatment for over two minutes as he lay dying. Another officer, Devin Brosnan, who the district attorney said stood on Brooks' shoulder as he struggled for his life, was charged with aggravated assault and violation of his oath.

Rolfe and Brosnan both contend their actions were justified and turned themselves in Thursday. Jail records show Brosnan was released on a signature bond, meaning he only has to pay if he fails to show up for court, while Rolfe was being held without bond. Rolfe has been fired and Brosnan placed on desk duty.

A few hours after reporting to the Fulton County jail in Atlanta, Rolfe was moved to the jail in neighboring Gwinnett County, according to online records.

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The decision to prosecute the officers came less than five days after the killing rocked a city - and a nation - still reeling after ***George Floyd***'s death at the hands of police in Minneapolis set off nationwide protests that have urged an extensive rethink of policing and an examination of racism in the United States.

L. Chris Stewart, a lawyer for Tomika Miller, Brooks' widow, told reporters the charging of the officers brought the family no joy.

"Some people thought that we'd be happy and be celebrating and have a fist in the air, but it's more a disappointment that this is the state of policing and this is where we're at," he said.

Bryant, who took over after the previous chief resigned in the wake of the shooting, wore a navy blue shirt Thursday, rather than the white shirt typically worn by command staff, to show solidarity with the officers.

In the roughly three weeks since protests of Floyd's killing first broke out in Georgia's capital, officers have worked shifts of 12 or more hours and have been yelled at, spit on and had things thrown at them, Bryant said.

"At some point, people get tired, I recognize that, and physically exhausted," he said. "We will definitely get beyond it, and I'm certain that we will see our sick-outs drop back to normal, average."

The weeks since Floyd's killing have seen lawmakers pass police reforms, Americans reconsider statues commemorating controversial figures, and ideas like defunding police become part of the national conversation. The largest labor group in the Seattle area voted to expel the city's police union Wednesday, saying the guild representing officers failed to address racism in its ranks, and California's police chiefs on Thursday endorsed a plan to more aggressively weed out cops who break the law or have a history of complaints.

But the drive for change has also drawn pushback, and divisions over the role police should play are becoming a major political flashpoint.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, a Republican, issued a strong message of support for police on Thursday.

"We remember those who died in the line of duty and their families, who still mourn their passing," he said in a video his office posted to social media.

While some have hailed the prosecutor's office for moving quickly in the Brooks killing, Bryant said he was surprised at the speed, noting that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation hadn't yet finished looking into it.

He would not say how many officers called out. But just one officer showed up for work Thursday morning in one zone, which several dozen are assigned to patrol, according to Vince Champion, southeast regional director for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers.

Atlanta officers are walking off their shifts or not responding to calls because they feel "abandoned, betrayed, used in a political game," Champion told the AP.

Champion said he's heard from several officers that they fear using force to protect themselves will get them fired or arrested.

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Brooks' funeral is set for Tuesday at Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, which was the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s congregation, the Rev. Raphael Warnock announced. Tyler Perry, the actor and filmmaker, has offered financial help for the services, officials said.

Warnock urged people to remember all the lives lost in recent weeks in interactions with police.

"Tragically and involuntarily they all have become visible victims in an urgent public conversation about justice and fairness in our nation," said Warnock.

Police in Atlanta were called to a Wendy's last week over complaints of a car blocking the drive-thru lane and found Brooks asleep behind the wheel. A breath test showed he was intoxicated. Officers had a relatively calm conversation with Brooks before things rapidly turned violent when officers tried to handcuff him.

Rolfe shot Brooks after he grabbed a Taser, fired it and ran, Howard, the prosecutor, said. But when the officer fired, Brooks was too far from him for the Taser to be a danger, and it had already been fired twice, so it was empty, Howard said.

Rolfe's lawyers said he feared for his and others' safety. Rolfe opened fire after hearing a sound "like a gunshot and saw a flash in front of him," apparently from the Taser.

The felony murder charge against Rolfe, 27, carries life in prison or the death penalty, if prosecutors decide to seek it. He was also charged with 10 other offenses punishable by decades behind bars.

The district attorney said the other officer, Brosnan, 26, is cooperating with prosecutors and will testify. But his attorneys said he hasn't agreed to be a witness for prosecutors.

One of this lawyers, Don Samuel, said Thursday that Brosnan suffered a concussion during the struggle with Brooks and put his foot on Brooks only briefly when he heard gunshots because he didn't know where they were coming from.

"He's worried that he may have access to a weapon," Samuel said.

Associated Press writer Jeff Martin in Atlanta contributed to this report. [*The quiet life of Derek Chauvin before the public death of George Floyd. Thousands have protested over George Floyd's death. These are the stories of 4 and what they're trying to change. House committee advances bill to assist Twin Cities businesses damaged in George Floyd unrest. Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'. Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect*](#)

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Leah Dorschner-Karim: Update our school standards now - we need non-white voices, too

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NOW - WE NEED NON-WHITE VOICES, TOO**

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Minnesota State Science Standards are changing to include standards about climate change. I applaud the Minnesota Department of Education for taking a stance on this increasingly urgent issue. I would like to see similar progressive action taken for English Language Arts.

The death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis has pushed the world into an urgency for action. Minnesota State ELA Standards need to reflect this desire for change. I propose making a change to explicitly include standards about race and inclusivity.

As a high school English teacher, I have appreciated the freedom the standards allow in terms of texts and assignments. This freedom is necessary for culturally relevant pedagogy so that teachers can pick texts and assignments that are relevant to their students. However, the standards explicitly cite Shakespeare as a necessary text (11.4.4.4 and 11.4.7.7). Yet, the word "race" is never mentioned. Page 8 of the ELA Academic Standards states that "The Standards define what all students are expected to know and be able to do, not how teachers should teach." In order to be an informed citizen in the United States, it is necessary to study American race relations because it affects all aspects of American life. I would argue that reading and viewing texts from diverse racial perspectives is at least as necessary and helpful as reading Shakespeare.

The standards as they are make it possible for a school to have an English curriculum with all white authors. In my years as an educator, I have noticed a resistance to including non-white authors, particularly as you move farther away from the Twin Cities. For example, I was teaching at a high school 45 minutes from Minneapolis. The veteran teachers had a curriculum that I had to follow; I could not deviate from what they had already set up. Throughout the year, I noticed a lack of diversity. When I suggested that we include some authors of color, my five colleagues unanimously said no. However, I do not think they were racist individuals.

Leah Dorschner-Karim: Update our school standards now - we need non-white voices, too

Teachers feel comfortable teaching the status quo because classic works like "The Great Gatsby" seem safe. Race is uncomfortable to talk about. Some teachers are scared to talk about race themselves, afraid of saying the wrong thing. Their solution then is to just not talk about it, which is how most white Americans deal with race. But there is also a fear of administration. There is a fear that white students and parents will complain, and if your administration does not support you, this could mean losing your job.

We saw this happen when Shannon Gibney was reprimanded for discussing race at MCTC because white students complained that it made them uncomfortable. In every school that I have worked at, teachers were constantly afraid of losing their jobs - tenured and non-tenured alike - which made them hesitant to tackle difficult topics in their lessons. If teachers could point to a state standard and say, "I am doing what I am supposed to do," it would relieve this fear of being reprimanded for talking about race.

The world is watching how Minnesota will change its policing to prevent instances of police brutality. But, in the event of a trial, our criminal justice system relies on the decision of a jury. We need to see students as future jurors and we need to make sure that the 12 people who make a jury will not allow skin color to cloud their judgement. This undoing of 400 years of racism begins in the classroom.

The current conversation around race has been focusing on the difference between not being racist, and being anti-racist. The English curriculum needs to be anti-racist.

In my years teaching 10th grade, I have successfully taught Critical Race Theory and implicit bias. Students of color and white students alike have found these lessons engaging and beneficial.

Our schools need to stop talking about racism as if it is something that happened in the past. Literature has the power to humanize marginalized voices. The English Language Arts standards need to require that non-white voices be included in the curriculum to promote empathy among the races and to spark discussions about *systemic racism*.

Leah Dorschner-Karim, Bloomington, teaches high school English in St. Paul and has a masters degree in education from the University of Minnesota. [Jane Prince: Difficult decisions await. Mayor and City Council need to get on them, right now](#) [Rosario: Judge in George Floyd case has his work cut out for him](#) [Soucheray: Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That's not the fault of the police.](#) [Letters: Regarding 'The other First Minnesota,' amplifications and corrections](#) [Soucheray: This progressive transfer of wealth from renters to developers and big corporations](#)

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On Juneteenth, Twins remove statue of former owner Calvin Griffith

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[ON JUNETEENTH, TWINS REMOVE STATUE OF FORMER OWNER CALVIN GRIFFITH](#)

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Body

The Twins have removed the statue of former team owner Calvin Griffith, who once said he moved the team from Washington to Minnesota "when I found out you only have 15,000 blacks here," from a pavilion outside of Target Field.

The statue was removed early on Friday, the day celebrated as Juneteenth because June 19, 1865, was the day enslaved people in Texas were informed that the Civil War was over and they could no longer be another person's property.

"While we acknowledge the prominent role Calvin Griffith played in our history, we cannot remain silent and continue ignoring the racist comments he made in Waseca in 1978," the Twins said in a statement released Friday morning. "His disparaging words displayed a blatant intolerance and disregard for the Black community that are the antithesis of what the Minnesota Twins stand for and value."

On Sept. 28, 1978, former Pioneer Press columnist Nick Coleman [documented comments made by Griffith at a Lions Club dinner in Waseca](#) while working in the Rochester bureau of the Minneapolis Star. Griffith, who had moved the the Washington Senators to Minnesota before the 1961 season, told attendees he chose Minnesota, "When I found out you only had 15,000 blacks here."

"Black people don't go to ball games, but they'll fill up a 'rassling' ring and put up such a chant it'll scare you to death," Griffith continued. "It's unbelievable. We came here because you've got good, hard-working, white people here."

The Twins erected a bronze statue of Griffith outside of Target Field when the stadium opened in 2010, not far from the No. 29 entrance honoring former Twins all-star Rod Carew and his own bronze statue. Carew, now 74 and a ubiquitous presence with the club, left the Twins for the California Angels shortly after Griffith made his comments, saying, ["I'm not going to be another \(n-word\) on his plantation."](#)

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In a statement released Friday morning, Carew said he respected the Twins' decision and also believed Griffith's views on race changed over time, and that Griffith was the first person he called after Carew was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991.

"While I've always supported the Twins' decision to honor Calvin with a statue, I also remember how inappropriate and hurtful his comments were on that fateful day in Waseca," Carew said. "The Twins did what they felt they needed to do for the organization and for our community. While we cannot change history, perhaps we can learn from it."

"Rodney was right," Griffith's son Clark, 78, said Friday. "Rodney and I have been friends for a long time. Calvin was not a racist."

Clark Griffith, a longtime Twin Cities attorney, said it was "anticipated" that his father's statue would be taken down and that he had talked with the Twins about the possibility. He did not argue that it should be left up, Griffith said, but declined to elaborate.

"We're honored that it was up for 10 years," he said.

The Twins and the rest of Major League Baseball are on hiatus as the league and its players negotiate a return to play amid the novel coronavirus pandemic. The Twin Cities became the epicenter of protests over racial injustice after *George Floyd* died under the knee of a police officer in south Minneapolis.

"Our decision to memorialize Calvin Griffith with a statue reflects an ignorance on our part of *systemic racism* present in 1978, 2010 and today," the Twins said. "We apologize for our failure to adequately recognize how the statue was viewed and the pain it caused for many people - both inside the Twins organization and across Twins Territory. We cannot remove Calvin Griffith from the history of the Minnesota Twins, but we believe removal of this statue is an important and necessary step in our ongoing commitment to provide a Target Field experience where every fan and employee feels safe and welcome."

The Twins have been under the ownership of the Pohlad family since it bought the club in 1984.

Also Friday, Washington D.C. [removed the statue of the former owner of the Washington Redskins](#) from outside the team's former home at RFK Stadium. Protesters recently vandalized the statue of George Preston Marshall, the last NFL owner to integrate his team.

The complete Twins statement:

"When we opened Target Field in 2010 in conjunction with our 50th season in Minnesota, we were excited and proud to welcome fans to our 'forever ballpark.' As such, we wanted to pay permanent tribute to those figures and moments that helped shape the first half-century of Minnesota Twins baseball - including a statue of Calvin Griffith, our former owner and the man responsible for moving the franchise here in 1961.

"While we acknowledge the prominent role Calvin Griffith played in our history, we cannot remain silent and continue ignoring the racist comments he made in Waseca in 1978. His disparaging words displayed a blatant intolerance and disregard for the Black community that are the antithesis of what the Minnesota Twins stand for and value.

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"Past, present or future, there is no place for racism, inequality and injustice in Twins Territory."

Rod Carew's full statement:

"I understand and respect the Minnesota Twins' decision to remove the Calvin Griffith statue outside Target Field. While I've always supported the Twins' decision to honor Calvin with a statue, I also remember how inappropriate and hurtful his comments were on that fateful day in Waseca. The Twins did what they felt they needed to do for the organization and for our community.

"While we cannot change history, perhaps we can learn from it.

"I first met Calvin Griffith in 1964 when he traveled to New York City to watch me work out at Yankee Stadium. Calvin and longtime Minnesota Twins scout Herb Stein must have liked what they saw as they signed me to a professional contract shortly thereafter. I can tell you when I got to the major leagues with the Twins in 1967, Calvin was my most ardent supporter. He told manager Sam Mele that I was the Twins' everyday second baseman. I saw no signs of racism whatsoever.

"In 1977, my MVP year, I made \$170,000. When the season was over, Calvin called me into his office, thanked me for a great season, told me that I had made the team a lot of money and handed me a check for \$100,000. You could have knocked me over. A racist wouldn't have done that.

"There is no way I can apologize for what Calvin said in Waseca in 1978. His comments were irresponsible, wrong and hurtful. I recall my response at the time reflected my anger and disappointment.

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"Now that more than four decades have passed, I look back on Calvin's comments and our personal relationship with additional context and perspective. In my view, Calvin made a horrible mistake while giving that speech in 1978. I have no idea what happened that day, but who among us has not made a mistake? I know Calvin paid a heavy price for those comments and I believe his thoughts on race evolved over time.

"When he traded me prior to the 1979 season, Calvin told me he wanted me to be paid what I was worth. Later that year the Angels made me the highest paid player in baseball. A racist wouldn't have done that.

"In 1991, the first person I called after I was told I had been elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame was Calvin.

"I have long forgiven Cal for his insensitive comments and do not believe he was a racist. That was NOT my personal experience with Calvin Griffith - prior to or following that day in 1978."

Graphic

On Juneteenth, Twins remove statue of former owner Calvin Griffith

In this Sept. 26, 1965, photo, Calvin Griffith, president of the Minnesota Twins, sits in the press box at Metropolitan Stadium watching the Twins on television and awaiting the start of the Minnesota Vikings-Detroit Lions NFL game, in Minneapolis. The Minnesota Twins say they've removed a statue of former owner Calvin Griffith at Target Field, citing racist remarks he made in 1978. (AP Photo/Gene Herrick)

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Corrections officer fired for using excessive force

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CORRECTIONS OFFICER FIRED FOR USING EXCESSIVE FORCE

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3B**Length:** 461 words**Byline:** LIZ SAWYER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** "This one's for *George Floyd*," inmate allegedly said during brawl.**Body**

A Minnesota corrections officer accused of using excessive force on a restrained prisoner following a staff assault last Friday has since been fired from the agency.

The fight began around 6:40 p.m., as three officers responded to a reported policy violation in the B-west cellblock at Stillwater prison. A confrontation with two inmates quickly escalated. Two officers suffered a dozen blows to the face and head, while a third was stabbed in the ribs with a metal shank.

At some point during the attack, a prisoner reportedly said: "This one's for *George Floyd*."

All three officers were treated for noncritical injuries at an area hospital and later released.

Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell condemned the attack and vowed to seek criminal assault charges for the inmates involved. He praised his officers for their response, calling their initial use of force to detain the assailants as "reasonable, proportionate and measured."

However, he said things went awry when an injured officer - later identified by the Star Tribune as Travis Hansen - sprayed a subdued inmate in the face with chemical irritants.

"We are the professionals here and we have to hold people to our standards," said Schnell, who reviewed surveillance footage of the incident. "What happened to them was wrong ... it's a serious crime. But that absolute wrong does not legitimize an after-the-fact use of force on somebody who is already under our control. It can't."

Schnell declined to comment further on his disciplinary decision, citing restrictions under the state's Data Practices Act. But a department spokesman confirmed that Hansen was dropped from the payrolls on Tuesday.

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Hansen, a 16-year veteran at the agency, could not be reached for comment. As a union member, he is entitled to a lengthy appeals process. AFSCME Council 5, the union representing 2,500 state corrections officers, declined to comment for this report.

"We need to respect the process," executive director Julie Bleyhl said in a text message.

Hansen's public personnel file includes one commendation for his response to a large inmate altercation in 2013, where the associate warden applauded his ability to maintain "composure in a high stress environment." His file also includes two written reprimands, one of which was for refusing to work the post he was assigned to.

The attack came just three days after another officer at the same facility was placed on paid leave for an outburst during a statewide moment of silence for Floyd, who died under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer last month.

"Is this for the injustice of having *Derek Chauvin* locked up?" the officer reportedly said, referring to the fired Minneapolis officer now charged with second-degree murder in Floyd's death.

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Autopsy examiner in Floyd case defended as 'fair-minded'

ARTICLE DCCXCV. [**AUTOPSY EXAMINER IN FLOYD CASE DEFENDED AS 'FAIR-MINDED'**](#)

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Body

Nationwide, people expressed outrage when prosecutors released the preliminary findings of ***George Floyd***'s autopsy, highlighting cardiovascular disease and "potential intoxicants" in his system, as if those factors might explain his death as police officers pinned him to the ground.

The findings contained just one mention of physical trauma, noting that Floyd's body showed no signs of asphyxia or strangulation. The public and some medical professionals cried foul, putting Dr. Andrew Baker, Hennepin County's medical examiner, squarely in the hot seat.

But neither Baker nor his office had released those findings. He was still performing Floyd's autopsy at the time. The preliminary findings were summarized by prosecutors in the initial charging documents against former officer ***Derek Chauvin***, the veteran Minneapolis police officer who had pinned his knee onto Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes as Floyd begged for air and witnesses pleaded with officers to stop.

The preliminary findings hung over the case for five days before Baker released the full autopsy report. He ruled Floyd's death a homicide,

finding that the officers killed him by subduing him, restraining him and compressing his neck.

The way the preliminary results were first presented confused the public and prompted demands for Baker to resign or be fired. Opinion articles, published around the country, demanded that medical examiners have more independence from law enforcement. Two Hennepin County Board members voted against renewing Baker's contract.

Yet some defense attorneys say Baker's been given a bum rap.

"The details that we initially saw were cherry-picked by prosecutors," said Mary Moriarty, Hennepin County's chief public defender. "They were taken out of context of the entire report. But Dr. Baker was doing what a medical examiner does: document absolutely everything they see."

Autopsy examiner in Floyd case defended as 'fair-minded'

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office is independent. The examiner answers only to the County Board. Moriarty acknowledged, however, that even independent medical examiners or coroners can skew their findings in favor of prosecutors or police officers.

Baker has never been one of those medical examiners, she said.

"He has always been independent and fair-minded," Moriarty said. "We don't always agree, but he certainly is not affiliated with prosecutors or in anyone's pocket."

Baker declined to comment for this article.

The controversy

The earliest findings from the autopsy were released when Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman's office filed third-degree murder charges against Chauvin four days after Floyd's death. Prosecutors cited three preliminary autopsy findings: That there were no physical signs Floyd died of asphyxia, that he had cardiovascular disease, and that his health conditions, plus "any potential intoxicants" and the police restraints, likely caused his death.

Floyd's family and their lawyer cried foul. They hired two pathologists who conducted a second autopsy that concluded Floyd died of asphyxia.

A collective statement written on behalf of nearly 20,000 black physicians from around the country called the preliminary findings "misleading," saying they inappropriately raised doubts about Floyd's character and undermined Chauvin's role in his death.

The early findings had little medical relevance to the cause of death, said Dr. Derica Sams, a physician in Chapel Hill, N.C., who helped organize and write the statement. It was meaningless to point out that there were no traumatic signs of asphyxia, Sams explained, because asphyxiation can often occur without leaving behind obvious signs of trauma.

She said it was irresponsible at best for prosecutors to note that Floyd may have had drugs in his system before the toxicology reports were complete. That merely served to present Floyd in a bad light and indicate that other medical problems may have killed him, she said.

The full report

Facing a public outcry, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison took over the prosecution two days before the full autopsy was released. Once it became public, Ellison added more severe second-degree murder charges against Chauvin and charged the other three officers at the scene of the arrest as accomplices.

Baker's autopsy report found that Floyd died when his heart stopped as officers subdued and restrained him by compressing his neck. The report lists heart disease, fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use as "other significant conditions," indicating that they may have made Floyd's death more likely.

Listing underlying diseases and drug intoxication in an autopsy report is "usual practice" for a medical examiner, Dr. Sally Aiken, president of the National Association of Medical Examiners, said in a statement. "Death is a complex process and often occurs with multiple interacting contributing causes," she wrote.

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These kinds of restraint-associated cases are especially complex, said Dr. Judy Melinek, a forensic pathologist in the San Francisco Bay Area with no connection to the Floyd case. Forensic pathologists may disagree over what to include under "other significant conditions," Melinek said. "But it doesn't change the fact that it's a homicide."

Floyd's family paid for a second autopsy conducted by Dr. Michael Baden, a former chief medical examiner of New York City, and Dr. Allecia Wilson of the University of Michigan. While their full report hasn't been released, Baden and Wilson said at a news conference that they determined that Floyd died of asphyxia, caused when the police restraints cut off blood and oxygen to his brain.

Baden disputed Baker's findings of heart disease.

"I wish I had the same coronary arteries that Mr. Floyd had that we saw at the autopsy," he said.

Wilson hedged, however, noting that second autopsies have some limitations, and that they didn't have access to certain parts of organs.

Both Melinek and Aiken said second autopsies typically provide less information overall, because body tissues are altered during the first autopsy or even removed for further analysis. Melinek said she would expect any parts of Floyd's heart that showed disease to be removed and kept by the medical examiner's office.

Freeman's office declined to be interviewed for this story.

On June 11, the Hennepin County Board voted 5-2 to reappoint Baker to another four years as medical examiner. Explaining her no vote, County Board member Angela Conley cited the early findings that "any potential intoxicants" may have contributed to Floyd's death.

" 'Potential' does not necessarily mean that you are certain," Conley said. "So why would we list that?"

Conley said she believed the early findings were the catalyst for what she called the initial, "insufficient" third-degree murder charge against Chauvin.

Baker's bio

Baker has been the Hennepin County medical examiner since 2004. He graduated from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and served in the U.S. Air Force. In the late 1990s, he helped the FBI investigate crimes against humanity in Kosovo, providing evidence for an international criminal tribunal.

He was stationed in Washington, not far from the Pentagon, during the Sept. 11 attacks. For several months, he helped identify those who died at the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77.

Baker has often been an expert witness for prosecutors and defense attorneys alike. He is widely respected, said Barry Scheck, a longtime defense attorney in New York who co-founded the Innocence Project. His testimony in 2017 helped exonerate Kirstin Lobato, who had been wrongfully convicted in 2006 and sentenced to up to 45 years in prison. Lobato was represented by lawyers with the Innocence Project.

"If the prosecutors, the public defenders and your colleagues in the medical community all have respect for you, it says a lot," Scheck said. "He is a straight shooter."

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Scheck said that by highlighting that there were no physical signs of asphyxiation, prosecutors misled people into believing that Baker had ruled out neck compression as a cause of death, he said.

Scheck said he doesn't see much that separates Baker's official findings with the autopsy conducted at the behest of Floyd's family.

"Now that we've seen the ultimate conclusion, I don't see any material differences for legal purposes between the two autopsies," Scheck said.

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View beyond the game

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Cheryl Reeve is as good as her word.

The Lynx general manager and coach pledged last week to keep social justice issues on the front burner even as the WNBA prepares to get back to work. And so, in a Zoom conference call with local media Thursday, she did.

She noted how Maya Moore's work and sacrifice is finally being understood. She talked about the news that former Lynx guard Renee Montgomery had decided to take a year off to work on social justice issues.

"This is at the forefront of our minds," Reeve said. "Playing basketball is what we do. The other part of us is wanting to make the world a better place for everybody."

Reeve was asked if she would stop having Minneapolis police help with game security when basketball returns to Target Center. Reeve noted that, though she would be in favor of such a move, the team might not have that power because the arena is owned and operated by the city of Minneapolis.

And then she took on Bob Kroll, president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis. Saying the union had become a "safe haven" for aggressive cops, she called for change.

"If we don't have change at the top, this won't get better," she said. "The biggest step we can make right now is we cannot accept Bob Kroll as the leader."

And then, later: "The culture is rotten. And we've got to cut off the head of the snake to make real progress."

There is history. In 2016, after the shooting death of Philando Castile, the Lynx donned ***Black Lives Matter*** T-shirts before a home game, prompting officers providing security to walk off the job. Kroll supported their decision and was critical of the Lynx organization.

There was some basketball talk, too:

View beyond the game

· Asked if she was worried about the league preparing to play at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., because of the spike in coronavirus cases in Florida, she said assistant GM Clare Duwelius and head athletic trainer Chuck Barta went down for a site inspection.

"Every decision made is about safety, the integrity of the clean site," she said. "I will be stressing this with the group. For this to be successful and as safe as possible, we can't be dismissive or lax. The only thing I'll say is we won't be out and about."

· On the 22-game season, Reeve said: "You can't lose a week. That's three games. From a competitive situation, this will be pretty interesting."

· Playing without fans? The Lynx will lose one of the better home court advantages in the league. But? "Once the ball gets tossed up, and we're going, we'll just be competing," Reeve said.

· The overall positive, Reeve said, is that the game is returning. "We're going to be playing basketball," she said. "From a players' standpoint, that's going to be big." One key, she said, is getting as many games as possible on national television. "This could be an interesting way to grow our business," Reeve said.

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GEORGE FLOYD POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BILLS FAIL IN STALEMATE AT MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

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The Democratic-controlled House early Friday passed an extensive package of police accountability measures wrapped into one bill. It includes elements of five more modest policing bills that the Republican-controlled Senate passed earlier in the week but would make bigger changes than what Senate Republicans have said they'll accept.

As lawmakers huddled behind closed doors, or met on the floors to pass less-contentious legislation, around 400 demonstrators held a Juneteenth rally outside the Capitol, where they chanted Floyd's name and called for lawmakers to pass the House bill.

GOP Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, of East Gull Lake, repeatedly said that Friday, or early Saturday morning, was his deadline for adjournment, and that lawmakers should focus on proposals both parties can support. But Democratic leaders from both chambers urged him at a news conference to allow more time so that both sides could seek compromises on policing and other thorny issues. He postponed indefinitely his own news conference set for Friday afternoon.

"We have to do something on police accountability and reform," Democratic House Speaker Melissa Hortman, of Brooklyn Park, told reporters. "The tragic murder of **George Floyd** on May 25th changed the entire legislative agenda. There is no way for us to look away from this injustice, and to not do the work

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that thousands of Minnesotans and millions of people around the world are demanding that governments take up."

That basic dynamic - Democrats claiming a moment in history demanded action while Republicans argued their more modest proposals were more prudent but still profound - never really changed. However, around 1 a.m., significant progress appeared to be in the making as Republicans agreed to several Democratic demands, while Democrats gave to several Republican demands, including abandoning a plan to have the state attorney general's office be the lead prosecutor in all instances of police killings of civilians.

Democratic Gov. Tim Walz said Friday night on TPT's "Almanac" public affairs program that he remained hopeful a compromise can be reached and that negotiations were continuing.

"We have gone through some of the most tumultuous times in Minnesota's history," Walz said, citing the killing of Floyd and the state's reopening from the coronavirus shutdown. "And I think there's a desire of folks here to seize that moment and make those systemic changes."

On Thursday, Walz challenged lawmakers to put the House bill on his desk in time to sign on Juneteenth, a holiday that has long commemorated the emancipation of enslaved blacks but turned this year into one of protest against police brutality and racism following the killing of Floyd, an African American who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into his neck for several minutes.

"Today as people across the state and nation recognize and observe Juneteenth, Senate Republicans are sending a loud message by choosing to pack up and leave before we've finished the work that Minnesotans are expecting us to do," Democratic Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, of Woodbury, told reporters. "Black, Indigenous and people of color have spent years fighting for justice. We can spend a little more than a week doing the same."

Walz, who has called for making Juneteenth a state holiday, spoke Friday with musician Pharrell Williams, who tweeted that he's asking every governor to make it a paid holiday for state employees, and that he spoke with a number of governors Friday. "Thank you for fighting for this issue. #Juneteenth is an important part of our history, and it should be recognized and remembered by our entire state each year," Walz wrote as he retweeted Williams' thanks.

The two parties also remained divided on the main unfinished business of the 2020 regular session, a public construction borrowing package known as a bonding bill, which could potentially include money for rebuilding neighborhoods in Minneapolis and St. Paul where businesses were damaged and destroyed in the unrest that followed Floyd's killing. Other unresolved issues included a potential tax break that could benefit businesses seeking to rebuild, and how to allocate federal coronavirus relief money to local governments from the \$2.1 billion the state received under the CARES Act.

If there is no agreement on the big issues, lawmakers are likely to get another chance in mid-July. Assuming Walz intends to issue another 30-day extension of the emergency powers he's been using to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, he's legally required to call another special session for July 12 to let lawmakers object. That's why he called this special session. House Democrats blocked a Senate GOP attempt last week to remove the governor's emergency authority.

Dave Orrick contributed to this report.

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Our streets should be welcoming places that create opportunity for all. Instead, our streets reflect systems of racial and economic injustice. To begin to remedy this, Gov. Tim Walz and the Legislature must invest to build opportunity and fairness across our communities. We can begin to accomplish this by investing in bus-rapid transit in this year's bonding bill.

Community conversations are rightly focused on the need for systemic change in this moment - [George Floyd](#)'s death is part of our long history of injustice, and we need systemic solutions. Our discriminatory and harmful systems of police enforcement need reform; land use systems that segregate neighborhoods by race need reform; systems that harm our climate and perpetuate horrifyingly inequitable health outcomes for black and brown communities need reform.

Our transportation system also creates and reinforces injustice for communities of color. It, too, needs reform.

Investing in transit is essential to building a more racially just transportation system. Our transit riders are disproportionately people of color, and investing in transit lifts up communities of color and begins to reclaim our streets as democratic and just spaces.

Thankfully, we don't have to look far to find important and impactful projects to support. The B Line, D Line and E Line are three bus-rapid transit lines we could invest in right now that will have an enormous impact on people's lives. They will provide faster, more frequent and more reliable service along Lake Street, Chicago Avenue and Hennepin Avenue - all communities whose residents and businesses have been directly impacted by [George Floyd](#)'s murder and the aftermath.

These lines need \$75 million in investment, a critical benefit for all of us, but especially communities of color who make up more than half the people riding buses along these routes. Two of these lines are shovel-ready and will provide immediate construction jobs.

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Transit connects people to the important places in their lives. If we fund these lines, transit will move people faster, saving riders hundreds of thousands of hours a year that they can spend with their loved ones or pursuing their dreams. If we fund these lines, transit will allow people to get there cheaper: An annual transit pass costs under \$1,500, while car ownership puts families \$9,000 in the hole each year.

This means that if we invest in a transit system people can depend on, families can take the money they would have spent on a car and put it toward things like education, rent and healthy food. If we fund these lines, our communities will be more stable, because the tens of thousands of essential employees who rely on transit can get to work.

And investing in the B, D and E lines is not just about investing in new riders and new lines. These critical lines will substantially replace and improve upon the current 21, 5 and 6 bus routes. These are three of the four highest ridership routes in Metro Transit's system, and 52% of riders on these lines are black, indigenous or people of color. Bus-rapid transit investment is about helping real people now. The sooner we invest, the sooner we make a positive difference in peoples' lives.

The protests in the aftermath of *George Floyd's* murder were clear: We need systemic change across the board to begin to deliver racial justice. Investing in transit creates more opportunity for all of us and is a tangible way that Minnesota can do more than pay lip service to our communities of color. People in our communities need the state of Minnesota to invest \$75 million in the B, D and E lines. It is time to act, so that our streets take a tangible step toward becoming the places of opportunity we envision they can be.

Aisha Gomez and Hodan Hassan are members of the Minnesota House; Jeff Hayden and Patricia Torres Ray are members of the Minnesota Senate; all are Minneapolis DFLers. Angela Conley is a Hennepin County commissioner. Andrea Jenkins is vice president of the Minneapolis City Council.

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Wild star Matt Dumba commits to helping rebuild Lake Street in Minneapolis

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WILD STAR MATT DUMBA COMMITS TO HELPING REBUILD LAKE STREET IN MINNEAPOLIS

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He understood the anger after ***George Floyd***'s killing at the hands of a former Minneapolis police officer. He also wanted to make sure he did his part to help in the aftermath.

After a couple of weeks of discussion with family and friends, the 25-year-old Canadian launched an initiative on Thursday designed to help rebuild Lake Street in Minneapolis. He has partnered with the [Lake Street Council](#) and will match donations up to \$100,000.

"Being a professional athlete has given me a platform and I have chosen to use it to amplify your voices and help the community," Dumba said. "I will be silent no more."

Over the last couple weeks I've talked to family and friends about what we can do to make a difference. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped out! It took all of us to make this happen and this is just the start! Full video in Link! <https://t.co/jyR0ouR6na>

- Matt Dumba (@matt_dumba)

The first 1,000 donors will receive a custom ***George Floyd*** tribute T-shirt, and every donor will be entered for a chance to win a custom pair of Air Jordans designed by Dumba's little brother Kyle. Additionally, Dumba will choose a donor at random from the United States and a donor at random from Canada to spend an afternoon with him. More information is available at www.rebuildminnesota.com pic.twitter.com/15TFgSF4mN *June 18, 2020*.

Wild center Alex Galchenyuk found his offense before the pause. Can he do it again in the playoffs? Now healthy and happy, Mikko Koivu worried more about the Wild's current opportunity than his

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"I love you Minnesota," Dumba said. "Let's come back from this stronger than ever."

This announcement from Dumba comes a little more than a week after [he joined a group of fellow minority hockey players](#) in forming the Hockey Diversity Alliance with a mission of "eradicating racism" across the sport.

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Calhoun Square's new owners are ditching the name

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The Chicago company that bought Calhoun Square last fall said it is dropping the name of the historic Uptown mall due to John C. Calhoun's racist past.

Northpond Partners said in a post on the property website that it's been exploring a name change since it acquired the mall, but decided to expedite the process following the death of **George Floyd** in custody of police.

"The tragic death of **George Floyd** and ensuing events throughout the country have made it crystal clear that to move forward as a community we must remove painful reminders of the worst chapters in our nation's history. A property named for a known racist and champion of slavery has no place in Minneapolis or anywhere in our society," the company wrote.

John C. Calhoun was vice president of the United States from 1825 to 1832 and later a U.S. Senator. He was one of the foremost defenders of slavery. His ties to Minnesota are minimal; he sent a surveyor to Fort

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Snelling when he was Secretary of War of 1817. But his name has endured locally, most prominently on the former Lake Calhoun, a few blocks away from Calhoun Square.

In 2018, the state of Minnesota, at the request of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, renamed the lake Bde Maka Ska.

Northpond Partners bought Calhoun Square last fall for \$34.5 million and [have promised significant changes](#) to the shopping center that has been plagued by large vacancies. In January, the firm floated the idea of [cutting the mall in half](#) to create an open-air pedestrian walkway through its midsection.

Northpond Managing Principal Sam Ankin said detail of the renovation plan and a new name will be unveiled in the coming months.

"We're actively working with members of the community on the project with the intent to ensure that the building is a welcoming environment for all people," Ankin said in an email.

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Twins replace statue of Calvin Griffith at Target Field with Pohlads

ARTICLE DCCCI. [**TWINS REPLACE STATUE OF CALVIN GRIFFITH AT TARGET
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The Twins removed a statue of former owner Calvin Griffith at Target Field Friday morning.

"While we acknowledge the prominent role Calvin Griffith played in our history, we cannot remain silent and continue ignoring the racist comments he made in Waseca in 1978," the team said in a statement. "His disparaging words displayed a blatant intolerance and disregard for the black community that are the antithesis of what the Minnesota Twins stand for and value."

While he was invited to speak to the Waseca Lions Club, Griffith made a range of racist statements, [according to an article written at the time by former Star Tribune reporter Nick Coleman.](#)

When Griffith was asked why he moved the Twins to Minnesota, he lowered his voice and "asked if there were any blacks around."

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"I'll tell you why we came to Minnesota," he said. "It was when I found out you only had 15,000 blacks here. Black people don't go to ball games, but they'll fill up a rassling ring and put up such a chant it'll scare you to death. It's unbelievable. We came here because you've got good, hardworking, white people here."

Griffith then called Twins legend and Hall of Famer Rod Carew "a damn fool" for signing a three-year contract for \$170,000 per year.

When the Star Tribune asked Griffith to comment after the remarks were made public, he denied he was intending to be racist.

"What the hell, racism is a thing of the past. Why do we have colored ballplayers on our club? They are the best ones. If you don't have them, you're not going to win."

The Twins said Friday the decision to memorialize Griffith with a statue reflects an ignorance of *systemic racism*.

"We apologize for our failure to adequately recognize how the statue was viewed and the pain it caused for many people - both inside the Twins organization and across Twins Territory. We cannot remove Calvin Griffith from the history of the Minnesota Twins, but we believe removal of this statue is an important and necessary step in our ongoing commitment to provide a Target Field experience where every fan and employee feels safe and welcome."

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Gophers basketball coach Richard Pitino says rebuilt team can 'compete at a high level'

ARTICLE DCCCII. **[GOPHERS BASKETBALL COACH RICHARD PITINO SAYS REBUILT TEAM CAN 'COMPETE AT A HIGH LEVEL'](#)**

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Now, head coach Richard Pitino hopes they can all fit together when next season starts.

Minnesota added two non-graduate transfers in 7-foot center Liam Robbins and 6-foot-6 swingman Both Gach, but both will need waivers from the NCAA in the next few months in order to play immediately.

"I thought our program got a lot better this spring," Pitino said, including graduate transfer forward Brandon Johnson. "I'm really really excited whenever we do get to resume just to be able to get with these guys because I think we have some versatility, some talent and some depth."

After failing to get a waiver for the 2018-19 season, Pittsburgh transfer Marcus Carr became one of the best point guards in the Big Ten last season, but the rising junior is now entertaining a move to leave early NBA and has to decide by August whether he will stay or go.

"I want him to mentally be really, really comfortable with whatever he wants to do," Pitino said. "He's got the time, so there is no point in rushing him. We will support him in whatever he wants to do. I think he understands that if he does come back, obviously being a sophomore captain, that he is going to have to really put this team on his back, and I think there is a lot of talent around him. I think we can compete at a high level."

Pitino shared those comments and more in a 15-minute interview with the Pioneer Press this week.

How do you look at the three transfers coming in?

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I think obviously for everybody the way that you do your job has been greatly impacted as well as the way you live your life.

For us to be able to get some of the best transfers out there in this climate is a testament to the job my staff did as well as I think we were able to sell individual success, a good team coming back as well as team success, and I think people really want to be a part of it.

What was the process in recruiting Gach? And what do you think he brings to your team?

I remember when we were playing Utah (in Salt Lake City last November) and I went out early. ... I sat on the bench because I didn't want to sit in the locker room. I saw Both going through his pregame routine and he is drenched in sweat and I'm sitting there going, "OK, this kid is going so hard, he is not going to have any energy for our game." (Laughs)

That was the furthest thing from the truth. He played really, really well. (He finished with a team-high-tying 19 points and four rebounds in the Utes' 73-69 win over the Gophers.)

It's a testament to him. (Gach attended Austin High School in Minnesota before a year at Arizona Compass Prep.) and he got better and better. He has worked his butt off.

Ever since losing Amir (Coffey) early to the NBA, we weren't able to replace him with really good length on the perimeter. We (were looking for) that. We stayed patient. Then when Both decided to transfer, it was a no-brainer for us with what our needs are to try to go after him hard.

The big question is if Liam and Both are able to get waivers. You've expressed optimism about that; what is the source of that optimism?

Without going into great specifics, we feel really, really confident with both. Both situations are different, with Liam's and Both's. (It's pronounced Booth Gatch.) Both wanted to come back home and be with his family during a pandemic. I think that makes a lot of sense for the NCAA to see that. One of the benefits, I guess, is for a kid from Minnesota, we are the only school close to home. ... It makes complete sense for the NCAA to give both of those kids waivers.

(Robbins is from Davenport, Iowa, which is 170 miles from his previous school, Drake in Des Moines, while the U is 330 miles away from home, but Robbins' uncle, Ed Conroy is a U assistant coach, and his cousin, Hunt, is a backup guard.)

Obviously if we do get them, we feel like we have a really, really talented team.

Fans remember that Marcus didn't get a waiver two years ago. Do you see that as a completely different situations?

They are different because the thing about Marcus is although in my mind it's rational to think a player should get a waiver when his coach gets fired (Kevin Stallings from Pitt in March 2018), the NCAA hasn't really put that into a bylaw.

We've kind of heard that kids that want to transfer closer to home during the coronavirus, it would make sense for them to be able to do that and play right away.

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As much as the Marcus thing made sense, it also wasn't anything in there that said (if a) coach gets fired, you are ruled eligible right away. Where I don't see how the NCAA can't do that for any kid that wants to go across the country to be closer to home - during a pandemic - I just don't see how that makes any sense for them to hold a kid up.

What is the latest with Marcus?

Just staying in communication with him on it. It's such a weird process. I feel bad for him. I think he wants to test the waters to the best of his ability, but really what can you do? You are not getting workouts and those things (with NBA teams due to COVID-19). We are in daily communication on how he is doing. Is he staying safe? Is he working out?

Looking back on last season's tough stretch for the Gophers - losing eight of 10 games - how did that impact you and the team? (The U was 15-16 and going to miss the NCAA tournament when the season was cancelled.)

There are two types of scoreboards that you are going to be judged by. The public scoreboard, as a coach, it makes sense, wins and losses. But you have to have a coaches scoreboard and say are we playing the right way. Is it a missed free throw here, is it an unlikely break there? Are we far off? Where are we at? I still to this day believe that if we won two more games in the conference tournament, we would have gone to our third NCAA tournament in four years - which hasn't happened here. We played a very, very challenging schedule with a young team. The Big Ten was one of the hardest conferences in the history of the sport this year. Just a couple of close losses.

That is what you do at this time of year: you evaluate - hey is there something that we are not doing right or can we get better at this? Certainly across the board there are things that we can get better at, but I thought we were pretty close. You look at all those numbers, with strength of schedule and our KenPom stuff. We are not far off by any means. Whenever we do get back to work, it's just get a little bit better in everything we're doing because we are pretty confident that we are continuing to go in the right direction.

You had seven new players last year and will have six newcomers this year. What's key to making the transition with so many new guys?

We're fortunate to have back-to-back NBA players coming out of this program. That is something that we are very, very proud of. When you talk about recruiting, you can sell the individual success of Daniel Oturu and the growth. Any big kid that we recruit we can show them that we had a top-50, top-75 recruit come into our program and play a good amount as a freshman, develop into an All-American as a sophomore and go on to the NBA to potentially be top-15 or top-20 pick. Amir with his success as well, so the more you are developing guys and recruiting better guys, you are going to have to replace them. Moreso with the one-time waiver thing, if it does pass (the NCAA is exploring immediate eligibility for one-time transfers), it's just going to have to get used to new faces.

For me, it's making sure how we play ... they understand it. You can't confuse them. We have to make sure that the vocabulary and the terminology is consistent so when you get a guy that isn't going to be here until the end of the summer and they are transferring or whatever, they are ready to pick it up from Day 1. So we try to be really, really consistent with what we are doing and be very, very clear and concise in our teachings. It's been able to work. We've had pretty good success with some new faces that have come into the program.

With ***George Floyd***'s death, how have you addressed that and social-justice issues with the team?

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When that happened, I think everyone was so shocked and disgusted by it all. Then to couple that with it being in Minneapolis. There is some shock and awe to it all. I reached out to the team on a team Zoom (call). I'm a white man in his 30s, who has been very lucky and very privileged, so I just tried to give them the floor.

Zooms are hard. It's just not quite as personal. When we do get them on campus, that's when we can really move forward with these really good and difficult conversations. I just told them, 'Hey, guys, have you endured any racism that you want to talk about that maybe a coach like myself wouldn't know?'

I would say on a Zoom, it's not as ideal as maybe person-to-person. Then just Facetime with each guy and ask them have you guys endured anything because a white male in his 30s is going to have blind spots that a black person wouldn't. It's individually trying to talk to them as well as collectively and see how can you guys help me and how can we make a change.

When we do bring them back, we talked about as a staff what can we do within the pandemic guidelines and all that to get speakers here and do some community service stuff. Not just send a tweet out, but make change and be a part of that.

You took a 10 percent paycut to help with revenue shortfalls due to coronavirus. Are there other things that have come up for your program in how you are trying to cut costs?

(Athletic director Mark Coyle) and his staff are evaluating everything and trying to figure it out. There are certain things that we are trying to cut on besides head coaches' salaries and so on that we are trying to figure it out, whether it's travel or if it's through budgets or so on, that is kind of evolving. It's like anything else. We are all in it together and we've got to make sure as a men's basketball program that we are doing our part because this athletic department has provided unbelievable resources for us and we have to make sure that we are doing our part to give back to make sure that everybody can operate at a high level - the right way financially.

Is there a timeline on when you could get back on campus for workouts?

We were waiting on that vote from the NCAA on when we would be allowed to work with them. I didn't want to bring them back here if we weren't able to be with them. I think that everybody is safe at home and we are finding ways to safely work out and stay in shape. We trust those guys to do that, but we are looking at bringing them in the week of (July) 13th and go through all the testing and quarantining and be prepared to go July 20 and start workouts.

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POLICE REFORM

In his June 16 commentary, U.S. Rep. Pete Stauber advocates for comprehensive and long-overdue police reforms "within police departments nationwide" ("We need reform, but we also need police," Opinion Exchange). Stauber also argues that it will be difficult to attract quality police recruits "if violence against law enforcement is tolerated and if we don't recognize most of our police officers are of good character."

Minnesota Statute Section 609.2231(c) makes it a felony to physically assault a police officer if the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm and the officer is effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law. Thus, Minnesota law already provides enhanced penalties for citizens who assault police officers. But there is no similar enhanced criminal penalty for police officers who assault citizens - the "bad apples" on the police force are rewarded for their conduct with union protection and are typically reinstated. Given that police are entrusted with a special obligation to protect and serve, officers who violate that trust should be punished in the same way that citizens who assault police officers are punished. Perhaps it is time to make it a felony for a police officer to assault a citizen by using excessive force during an arrest.

Stauber also repeats the unprovable mantra that despite all of the documented cases of police misconduct across the country, the "overwhelming majority" of police officers serve their communities "with compassion and dedication." If that statement is true, one must question why we need nationwide comprehensive police reform.

Terrance Newby, Roseville

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Mayor Jacob Frey's commentary on June 18, "Worldwide change starts in Minneapolis," has in his words a "common thread" that runs through diverging views. He claims "we must move forward with urgency the moment demands."

I saw no forward movement of urgency on his part while 1,000 businesses were damaged or burned to the ground. I saw no urgency to quell rioters and looters. I saw no moves on his part whatsoever unless it was whining or crying. I saw no leadership, no decisive action except his forward movement to protect his job.

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Gov. Tim Walz called the city's response an "abject failure" and removed authority from Frey's hands by calling out the National Guard.

Frey states, "lawmakers should update state statutes" to remove arbitrators' decisions. I believe they should be updated to remove politicians who fail their duties and obligations to uphold the law on both sides of this debate. That would include a weak mayor, council member or police chief who fails to protect the law-abiding public or each law-abiding individual or their livelihoods.

The current Minneapolis mayor and police chief seem incapable of meeting that standard whether on behalf of George Floyd or the citizens of Minneapolis. Please note that Minneapolis is well ahead of last year in shootings and is no longer safe under Frey's lack of leadership.

Michelle Peterson, Plymouth

SUPREME COURT

One Scalia was plenty, thanks

Noah Feldman ("Supreme Court ruling is a power play by Gorsuch," Opinion Exchange, June 17) reflects on Justice Neil Gorsuch's welcome opinion granting civil rights to all humans, noting, "it will mean liberals must treat Gorsuch as a serious justice, not just a Trump minion. This in turn will help Gorsuch's bid to become the new Scalia."

As a Harvard law professor, Feldman cannot have forgotten Scalia's role in the law-free judicial coup of Bush v. Gore; Scalia's stay disenfranchised Florida voters by stopping a recount in the 2000 presidential election.

Issued before written briefs had been submitted and before oral arguments had even been scheduled, the stay prompted attorney Vincent Bugliosi to write in the Nation, "It wouldn't be because you had already made up your mind on what you were determined to do, come hell or high water, would it?"

Bugliosi footnoted the "pathetic" attempt at justification by Berkeley law professor John Yoo: "We should balance the short-term hit to the court's legitimacy with whether ... it was in the best interest of the country to end the electoral crisis.' Translation: If an election is close, it's better for the Supreme Court to pick the president, whether or not he won the election, than to have the dispute resolved in the manner prescribed by law." Not much later, thanks to crooked Tony, we got Yoo's legal opinions approving torture.

We didn't need the old Scalia; the last thing we need is a new one.

William Beyer, St. Louis Park

NATURE CENTER

Cheap, beautiful and now closing

What is only 1% of the city of Maplewood's budget, brings joy to people of all ages and protects the environment with its educational programs? That would be the Maplewood Nature Center.

When I entered my doctoral program as a director of Wood Lake Nature Center, I decided to study the value of nature centers. I discovered that more than any other tax-supported facility, they served the highest variety of ages with over 76 different benefits and services. Nature centers also are an economic boost to real estate

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and the economy in general. I have traveled to Maplewood solely to visit this wonderful oasis. Nature centers serve schoolchildren who, now more than ever, need to get outdoors. Richard Louv (who wrote "The Last Child in the Woods") tells us how children will have better attention spans and overall better mental health if they spend more time learning how to appreciate nature's wonders. Adults also need places to de-stress, learn how to bird watch with the help of expert guides.

Maplewood has been on the brink of pulling the plug on this unique and needed facility and now is using the pandemic to put the last nail in the coffin of a facility that is relatively cheap to run. It is myopic and I feel sorry for the generations to come who will no longer enjoy the benefits of the hardworking naturalists who go out of their way to design programs and exhibits for their visitors.

Maplewood needs to be complimented for its support of Maplewood Nature Center over the years but called out for shutting down a place its residents and wildlife need now more than ever.

Karen Shragg, Bloomington

COVID-19

Wish I could mask up, but I can't

Regarding the letter on June 18, "Would you risk these odds?": I would love to wear a mask. I would feel much more comfortable wearing one. However, if I did wear one, I would go into a severe asthma attack within 30 to 60 seconds. That's seconds, not minutes. I know, I've tried wearing one. I cannot breathe with anything covering my face. So I don't (can't) wear one even though I am also in the higher-risk demographic for COVID-19. If I have to go to the grocery store, I go as early as I can, go through as quickly as I can and do my best to distance myself from anyone else.

So please don't judge a person who is not wearing a mask. Just like those with handicap stickers, one cannot always see a person's handicap.

Patricia Wacek, Coon Rapids

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It's impossible to follow the "Latest Advice: Close the lid, then flush" (June 17) in the article in the Star Tribune from the Washington Post about not spreading the coronavirus in restrooms. Public restrooms do not have lids to close. So, now what "advice" do experts have for us?

Barbara Nylén, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Return of the drive-in

ARTICLE DCCCIV. [RETURN OF THE DRIVE-IN](#)

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 956 words**Byline:** CHRIS HEWITT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Right now, drive-in theaters are the best option around for fun-starved moviegoers.**Body**

Drive-in theaters have been a part of the moviegoing landscape for 100 years, but current events have shifted them from a minor, seasonal player in the movie industry to the best game in town.

After delays, the sprawling Vali-Hi in Lake Elmo finally opened last week, but other drive-ins have been popping corn since mid-May, with rules in place to protect staff and customers during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as filling lots to only 50% capacity to make physical distancing possible.

The wide-open outdoor spaces of drive-in theaters have lately attracted non-movie events, rented out by day for graduations, church events and corporate meetings. Some have staged concerts. But the real business of drive-ins begins at dusk.

"The nice thing is everybody knows what to do and does what we ask," said Dave Quincer, owner of the Starlite Drive-In in Litchfield, one of two classic drive-ins in Minnesota still using signage from the 1950s (the other is the Long Drive-In in Long Prairie). "They're parking where we need them to park, observing the social distancing marks on the floor, following signs and doing what they're supposed to do."

In a textbook chicken-or-egg situation, studios have hesitated to release new movies until they're confident multiplexes will be widely open - Warner Bros. just moved the highly touted "Tenet" from July 17 to July 31 - but theater owners, who gradually began reopening last weekend, are reluctant to do so with no movies to play. And questions linger about the pandemic.

So operators of outdoor theaters have gotten creative. Some are screening recent-ish blockbusters (Vali-Hi will have "Jurassic World" and "Jumanji: The Next Level" this weekend). Others are showing pre-pandemic releases that still have some life in them: Pixar's "Onward" and Harrison Ford in "The Call of the Wild" have popped up a lot.

The Starlite has played those movies, but it has two screens, and one has been devoted to vintage titles such as "Grease" and "Beverly Hills Cop." This weekend offers maybe the splashiest retro bill, pairing classics that seem made for giant outdoor screens: "Jaws," which marks its 45th anniversary this weekend, and the

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original "Jurassic Park," which celebrated its 27th anniversary last week. "Jaws" will also chomp on swimmers at the Sky-Vu in Warren, Minn.

Response has been good. Quincer said the fact that people are heading out to see movies they could stream at home suggests that, when it's safe, customers will be eager to return to theaters.

"People want to be out of the house. To me, that says something. The message Hollywood should be getting is, even though we can sit at home and watch movies on our TVs, we still want to get out. We still want to be with people," said Quincer, adding, "There are a lot of reasons people want to go to the movies."

If you're contemplating a trip to the drive-in, here are a few things to keep in mind.

Where to go

Minnesota has six drive-in theaters. In the Twin Cities metro area, the Vali-Hi in Lake Elmo has room for about 375 cars at half capacity. In summers past, though, the Vali-Hi has sold out frequently, with cars lined up long before showtime. Other options include the Starlite in Litchfield, which Quincer said has been doing great business but has not sold out its 250 spaces so far; and Elko Speedway in Elko New Market, which shows a single movie on weekend evenings rather than the standard double- or triple-feature. The Starlite is about a 90-minute drive from Minneapolis but the Elko, which has "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" and "Terminator: Dark Fate" this weekend, is just over 30 minutes. (The others, in Warren, Luverne and Long Prairie, are heftier road trips.)

What to bring

Some drive-ins initially required customers to stay in their cars, but that has loosened. Familiar practices such as reversing your pickup and lying in the flatbed or using folding chairs are still allowed, but chairs are not allowed on the sides of vehicles, to ensure physical distancing. It's also a good idea to bring a portable radio to pick up the sound, so you don't have to leave your car radio on. Some theaters have a limited number of radios available, or you may be able to pick up the signal on your phone.

Check websites

The show goes on, rain or shine, and starts around dusk, about 9:30 p.m. this time of year. But some things have changed, so it's wise to visit the website of the theater you plan to attend. The rules are similar at most venues - mask use is encouraged, wash your hands frequently, stay six feet apart - but some have additional requirements. The Vali-Hi, for instance, allows only one person per car to visit the concession stand and does not accept credit cards, whereas the Elko stand only accepts cards. The Sky-Vu in Warren has a military discount (even at full price, drive-in tickets are generally cheaper than multiplex tickets). The Starlite and other theaters have installed signage to keep restrooms and concession stands more safe.

Other 'drive-ins'

Many arts institutions are getting inventive with events that take advantage of the relative safety of staging events outdoors with social distancing. Crooners in Fridley is doing drive-in concerts. New Dawn Theatre's free screenings of "A Breath for George" continue this weekend at Pillsbury House and Yellow Tree theaters, collecting poems, interviews and songs honoring the memory of *George Floyd*. Franconia Sculpture Park near Taylors Falls is doing a monthly series of outdoor films, including "Fantastic Fungi"

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on July 18. Many Twin Cities parks and arts groups host outdoor movie nights but have not announced plans because of COVID-19. Keep your eyes peeled to see if they're scheduled as summer picks up steam.

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Walz issues dire plea on police reform

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Highlight: As special session closes, parties' proposals differ.

Body

Gov. Tim Walz implored a divided Minnesota Legislature Thursday to pass a sweeping package of police reforms before wrapping up a special session overshadowed by the police killing of **George Floyd**, the unarmed black man whose death sparked weeks of protests around the world.

Recalling that Friday is Juneteenth, the holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, the DFL governor warned that the world will be watching if lawmakers adjourn without passing any legislation addressing police accountability.

"If destiny and history is not raining down on Minnesota today and tomorrow, I don't know what is," Walz said as he faced Friday's planned adjournment deadline set by Senate Republican leaders. "The image of us and the Senate walking away from systemic change on Juneteenth adds to the legacy of what the rest of the world is looking at here. It is unacceptable."

Walz's remarks came as House Democrats were poised to pass roughly 20 police reform bills, including measures to tighten use-of-force standards, increase oversight of police discipline and encourage community-based alternatives to traditional law enforcement.

Working into Thursday night, DFL lawmakers also planned to advance bills that would ban "warrior-style" police training, eliminate cash bail for misdemeanor offenses, and spend \$15 million on community interventions.

The Republican-led Senate passed a more modest package of policing bills earlier this week that direct a state licensing and standards agency to write policies banning chokeholds and neck restraints, such as those used on Floyd. The GOP reforms also would mandate more background checks for law enforcement employees, data collection on use of deadly force and training on implicit bias for officers. They also would require officers to intervene in cases of excessive force.

But Republicans have balked at DFL proposals to restore felons' voting rights while they are on probation and to put Attorney General Keith Ellison's office in charge of prosecuting officer-involved deaths.

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While Democrats say the GOP law enforcement reforms don't go far enough, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, noted that he'd heard little opposition to the measures contained in the Senate-passed reform package.

"In a short special session, you have to know that you run out of time," Gazelka said. "Why don't we do these things we agree with? Why don't we do all of the criminal justice reforms that we agree with and not jam each other? Why don't we do the federal spending for local government aid that we all agree with? Why don't we do the bonding bill that we all agree with?"

The issue of arbitration rights for disciplined police officers also remained unresolved Thursday. Minneapolis police Chief Medaria Arradondo, Mayor Jacob Frey and other civic leaders called Thursday on state lawmakers to overhaul a arbitration system that they say too often allows officers accused of "egregious" misconduct to get their jobs back.

Under proposed DFL legislation, which is backed by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, arbitrators would no longer be allowed to "reverse or reduce" discipline meted out in such cases. But the GOP package in the Senate does not contain that provision.

Friday's expected adjournment would end a special session triggered by the extension of emergency powers Walz invoked to fight the pandemic. Republicans pressed to end the emergency powers last week but lacked the votes in the DFL-controlled House.

Although the special session was convened for the pandemic, it was overtaken by anger over Floyd's death and at times emotional debate over abuses of police power. The racial tensions have, at moments, spilled out into the ranks of the Legislature, with members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus accusing Senate Republicans of not consulting with them on any of their policing proposals.

"The lack of understanding from our perspective, our lived experiences, it's shameful," said Rep. Mohamud Noor, DFL-Minneapolis. He also said he was frustrated by comments he heard in a House hearing in which other members suggested Minneapolis and St. Paul should start their own online fundraiser to repair damage caused by looting and riots.

Going into the final day of the session, Democrats continued to press for a broader agreement from Republicans to increase accountability in cases of deadly police force.

"When I saw the senators' bills, I was insulted," said Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St. Paul. "And so many, many more from the community and across the world are insulted, that that's what the Senate put forth. That has no accountability, no systemic change."

Gazelka said there's still time to come to a deal, and there are conversations happening behind the scenes to find common ground before the weekend. But he warned: If the DFL-controlled House pushes proposals that Senate Republicans don't agree with, nothing at all could happen.

Still, Walz's peacetime emergency is set to expire July 14, meaning lawmakers could be returning again to St. Paul next month to review Walz's powers and continue the debate on police reform.

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2nd cop fired in Floyd case is released

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Highlight: *J. Alexander Kueng* posted bail and left jail on Friday.

Body

The second of four fired Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of *George Floyd* posted bail and was released Friday night.

J. Alexander Kueng, 26, who had been held in lieu of \$750,000 bail, was released from the Hennepin County jail just before 7:30 p.m. Friday, according to online jail records.

Kueng is one of three former officers charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter in connection with the restraint of Floyd before he died May 25.

Thomas Lane, 37, is the only other ex-officer charged in Floyd's death to be released on bail.

Tou Thao, who also faces aiding and abetting charges, is still in jail in lieu of \$750,000 bail.

So is *Derek Chauvin*, who is charged with second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. Chauvin's bail is set at \$1.25 million.

Kueng, of Plymouth, was working only his third shift as a full-time officer, defense attorneys said.

About 8:08 p.m. on May 25, Kueng and Lane responded to a call about a man using a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Cup Foods on the corner of Chicago Avenue and E. 38th Street.

The two officers found Floyd sitting in a nearby car, handcuffed him and attempted to put him in their squad car.

Chauvin and Thao arrived to assist.

A witness' video of Floyd's arrest showed bystanders pleading with the officers to stop as Lane restrained Floyd's legs and Kueng held onto his back while Floyd, cuffed, lay stomach-down in the street.

Kueng took Floyd's pulse and told his colleagues, "I couldn't find one," according to the criminal complaint.

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Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck for about two minutes after Kueng's remarks, the charges state.

The bystander's video of the arrest scene sparked worldwide outrage and led to widespread protests and continuing calls for racial justice and greater police accountability.

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2nd ex-officer charged in George Floyd's death posts bail

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A second former Minneapolis police officer charged in the death of [**George Floyd**](#) is out of jail after posting bail.

Body

A second former Minneapolis police officer charged in the death of [**George Floyd**](#) is out of jail after posting bail.

According to online records, J. Kueng, 26, posted bail of \$750,000 and was released from the Hennepin County Jail, with conditions, about 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Kueng is charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter for his role in the May 25 death of Floyd, a handcuffed Black man who died after another officer, [**Derek Chauvin**](#), pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes.

Another former officer charged with aiding and abetting in Floyd's death, [**Thomas Lane**](#), 37, posted bail earlier this month. The third ex-officer charged with aiding and abetting, [**Tou Thao**](#), 34, remained in jail Saturday. Chauvin, 44, is being held on \$1 million bail at Minnesota's maximum security prison in Oak Park Heights.

Kueng's attorney did not immediately reply to a email seeking comment Saturday. Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, has said that Lane was a rookie, and that the only thing he did was hold Floyd's feet so he couldn't kick.

All four officers were fired after Floyd's death. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. [*Family wants charges in Lake Street pawnshop shooting; prosecutors seek witnesses*](#) [*Minnesota lawmakers advance police accountability measures 8 weeks after Floyd's death*](#) [*Fellow Marine sentenced for fatally shooting Minnesotan in their Washington, D.C., barracks*](#) [*Chief Axtell 'disappointed' as Mayor Carter seeks \\$9M cut from St. Paul police budget*](#) [*Waseca officer continues recovery as shooter pleads guilty*](#)

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J Alexander Kueng. (Courtesy of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

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ACTIVIST'S VOICE A RISING FORCE IN MINNEAPOLIS

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Growing up as one of the few black people in rural Maine, Kandace Montgomery longed to escape.

Kids picked on her. She had no black teachers and learned little of African-American history. She struggled with whether to try to fit in or hide. She felt angry, even suicidal.

"People honestly, literally, had almost never seen a black person before in their life," Montgomery recalled. "I was like, 'Let me get out of here.' "

So she did - moving after college to Minneapolis, where she joined other young black organizers who have spent years protesting police brutality and calling for the defunding of the Police Department.

The 29-year-old Montgomery drew national exposure when she asked Mayor Jacob Frey whether he supported abolishing the police. The video of Frey saying no to Montgomery, and her dismissive response, went viral the day before a City Council majority backed defunding.

But Montgomery and her allies had long pushed those issues, well before the killing of ***George Floyd*** ignited public demands for reforming police here and around the country.

"People are seeing leaders who have been on the ground working and organizing and speaking for years," said Molly Glasgow, a member of MPD150, a group that advocates for defunding police.

As outrage swept the country over the 2014 police shooting of black teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., Montgomery and other activists launched the Minneapolis chapter of ***Black Lives Matter***. They led a large protest against police brutality that shut down part of the Mall of America, leading to the arrest of her and other activists.

A year later, they confronted police brutality on their own turf when police shot and killed 24-year-old Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis. Montgomery and other ***Black Lives Matter*** supporters led 18 days of protests outside Fourth Precinct police headquarters until authorities asked them to leave.

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Within weeks, they shut down the megamall again with a massive demonstration. Clark's shooting, she said, showed "this violence and terror is real, this systemic racism and inequity is real, this economic inequity is real."

Montgomery later joined the Black Lives Matter Global Network as an organizer. From there, she was influenced by the mandate of activist Mary Hooks for black people to "be willing to be transformed in the service of the work." She learned, too, that it was OK to be unapologetically black.

Community solutions

Montgomery found a way out of the racial alienation of her childhood when someone stopped at her dorm room at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and told her about a class on grassroots community organizing.

"For the first time in college, there was this alternative to how I could live my life and how I could see my people," she said.

Montgomery became the first person in her family to graduate from college, with a degree in public health. TakeAction Minnesota, a liberal advocacy organization, hired her as an organizer and she fell in love with Minneapolis, especially its unusual communities of color.

Montgomery and her allies formed Black Visions Collective in 2017 after the local Black Lives Matter chapter disbanded, with the goal of increasing the power of black people over the long term. It became clear to them that mere policing reforms would not be enough.

So the collective, which has 50 members, worked with Reclaim the Block to lobby the City Council to divert \$1.1 million from the Police Department to community programs and a new Office of Violence Prevention in 2018. They faced a setback in December when Frey approved \$8.2 million more for the police budget.

Advocates for defunding the police want the city to stop adding to the \$193 million police budget and start shifting that money to social workers, public health specialists and other professionals who can handle public calls related to mental health, addiction and other social issues.

"There's just a little bit of fear of the unknown, and we have a responsibility to educate folks in our community ... that when we say abolish the police, what we are actually saying is find community-funded solutions that actually keep us safe," Montgomery said. "Fund life-affirming institutions and health and education and housing that actually mitigate the need for any type of harm to be inflicted."

Some have questioned how such an approach would guarantee public safety in cases of homicide, armed robbery and life-threatening crimes. Montgomery and other defunding advocates maintain their strategy will lead to a decrease in violent crime in the long run as more people's needs are met. And she said that having police does nothing to lower crime.

MPD150 said there may still be a need for a smaller group of public safety workers to focus on serious crimes. Asked if she agreed, Montgomery said: "We want community-led solutions to be able to respond with people who have professional skills and cultural competency to address all kinds of harm."

'Go home, Jacob!'

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It's less likely that such views would have received serious consideration from the City Council if not for the international outcry that followed the video of officer **Derek Chauvin** kneeling on Floyd's neck while two other cops held him down and another stood at the scene.

"Folks in a very decentralized way are mobilizing to the streets to demand justice," Montgomery said, comparing the Floyd response to the protests in the early days of **Black Lives Matter**. "Organizers have been clear on this forever, but the general public is more clear that we need to eradicate **systemic racism** and abolish the police, and that is what feels different now."

On June 6, nearly two weeks after Floyd's death, the Black Visions Collective led a march to Frey's northeast Minneapolis apartment. Montgomery had seen Frey voice empathy for African-Americans protesting injustice and footage of him sobbing at Floyd's memorial. Yet she was skeptical.

"We don't want no more police - is that clear?" she said to the crowd from a stage at the rally, while Frey stood on the ground below. "We don't want people with guns toting around in our community, shooting us down. Do you have an answer?" She asked Frey if he would commit to defunding the city police, yes or no.

Montgomery expected Frey to answer in the affirmative, since he had walked into a rally promoting their cause. When he responded that he wouldn't support abolishing the department, she retorted, "Get the f - out of here!" as the crowd erupted and demonstrators chanted "Go home, Jacob, go home!"

Some found the moment divisive. "I thought it was unfortunate," said City Council Member Andrea Jenkins. "I think we all have to come together as a community and think about how to solve our public safety [issues], and nobody is expendable. We can't throw people under the bus."

Jenkins said she's hearing from constituents worried that defunding police will make them less safe. But people recognize, she said, that the city needs to find another way to address some of the social issues that police deal with so they can focus on serious crime.

Montgomery said she's angry that Frey seems to prioritize developers and the city's wealthy and upper middle class over the poor and people of color. "I was channeling a righteous rage from those folks in the crowd who are sick and fed up of him thinking he can come up to us with his sob story about how he's feeling when people are literally mourning another death by the hands of the police," she said.

The day after her exchange with Frey, Black Visions Collective and Reclaim the Block hosted a rally in Powderhorn Park at which nine City Council Members pledged to "begin the process of ending" the Police Department. On stage, Montgomery acknowledged the human toll behind the movement.

"It shouldn't have taken so much death," she said, "to get us here."

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Juneteenth in Twin Cities: Demonstrations, celebrations and a call for reparations

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Body

Minnesota's ***Black Lives Matter*** chapter took to the state Capitol on Friday to mark Juneteenth with a demand for reparations and real police reform in a continued push for racial justice following the death of ***George Floyd***.

Juneteenth, the traditional commemoration date of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, [has taken on new resonance this year](#). There have been protests around the U.S. and beyond stemming from Floyd's death after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers.

Amid chants of "Reparations now" and "Cut the check," ***Black Lives Matter*** organizers and several other activist groups called Floyd's death a remnant of slavery's legacy. Floyd, a Black man in handcuffs, died after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into his neck for nearly 8 minutes, ignoring Floyd's cries of "***I can't breathe***".

"For 400 years, the United States government has had its knee on the neck of the black community socially, politically, economically and spiritually," said Trahern Crews, a leader of the Minnesota BLM chapter and organizer of the event. "Today we are here to demand full and complete reparations for the American descendants of the slaves who built this country."

The issue of reparations resurged last Juneteenth, when a U.S. House Judiciary subcommittee held a hearing to examine the legacy of slavery and a possible path toward reparations. Several 2020 Democratic presidential hopefuls expressed support for the idea.

Along with demands for reparations, the hundreds of demonstrators at the Capitol chided lawmakers for not agreeing on police reform legislation. The Democratic-controlled Minnesota House passed a broad package in this week's special session that went beyond measures approved by the Republican-controlled Senate, and there was no indication the two sides would come together ahead of adjournment.

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"Right now while we're standing on this lawn, their principles across the street at the Senate is to not pass any police accountability measures," said John Thompson, a state House candidate and friend of Philando Castile, a Black man who was killed by a St. Anthony police officer in 2016.

In addition to the rally, a handful of [*celebrations and demonstrations were planned over the weekend*](#), including multiple cookouts throughout Minneapolis on Friday and a run on Saturday in honor of Floyd that starts and ends at 38th and Chicago, the site of his death.

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All in on police reform, Mpls. comes up short

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Body

Minneapolis did everything President Barack Obama asked of it.

Its mayor and City Council appointed a reform-minded police chief who emphasized a guardian mentality instead of a warrior one. They held listening sessions with the community and updated policies to create more transparency and accountability. They promoted officer wellness by offering yoga and meditation classes.

Yet none of this stopped officer ***Derek Chauvin*** from pinning his knee on the neck of ***George Floyd*** until he lost consciousness and died.

Minneapolis is a case study in a city that embraced the pillars of the final report from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, a signature blueprint from the Obama era on how to reform American law enforcement. After five years, the city is no closer to achieving the primary objective of creating trust between police and the communities they serve.

After the killing of Floyd and the uprising against police that followed, culminating in the torching of the Third Precinct station, Minneapolis is at a crossroads. It can continue on the path of slow cultural change, or it can opt for a blank slate - to "end the current policing system as we know it," as City Council Member Alondra Cano, who heads the council's committee on public safety, said recently.

The 21st Century Policing model for reform came out of a moment similar to the one Minneapolis faces now. In August 2014, a white police officer shot and killed Michael Brown, a young black man, in Ferguson, Mo. The shooting and decision not to indict the officer laid bare long-standing civil unrest over racial disparities in policing and use of force. It led to protests and riots throughout the suburban St. Louis city and a federal investigation that determined the Ferguson Police Department engaged in a pattern of unlawful and racist policing.

In May 2015, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing released a report of recommendations for cities to move into a new era of law enforcement. The document emphasized the need for a cultural revolution in American police departments, which the authors said would come through more transparency

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and accountability. Police would have to reset their philosophy to focus on community policing rather than the militarized, warrior-minded tactics embraced by so many officers. The trust of skeptical citizens - key to a functioning democracy, according to the report - would come from police forces reflecting the values of the communities in which they work.

One barrier that has prevented Minneapolis from achieving these goals has been pushback from the police union and its president, Lt. Bob Kroll, against policy and culture change, said Michelle Phelps, a sociology professor at the University of Minnesota. Last year, when Mayor Jacob Frey announced Minneapolis would become the first city to ban warrior-style training, Kroll countered by publicly announcing free warrior training for rank-and-file officers.

"Cultural change is really hard," Phelps said. "We can see the resistance to this change in the election and re-election of Bob Kroll. And the union exerts its own independent push against reform."

There is also a bureaucracy that complicates the very idea of ground-level change. Phelps points out that Minneapolis is under jurisdiction of not only Minneapolis police, but also University of Minnesota police, park police, Metro Transit police and state and federal law enforcement, all of whom answer to different leadership hierarchies.

The *Minneapolis Police Department* has made some progress toward more accountability over the past five years. In 2016, following the police killing of Jamar Clark, a black man, the department updated its use-of-force policy with greater emphasis on "sanctity of life." The new language made it possible for the city to take swift action against Chauvin and the other three officers who stood by and watched as Floyd pleaded that he couldn't breathe, Phelps said.

"The fact that all four officers got fired immediately means something," she said. "And yet it's woefully inadequate."

It's too early to say whether Minneapolis is giving up entirely on the Obama model. A majority of the City Council has publicly committed to dismantling the police department, but they have yet to come to a clearly defined consensus of what that means. Phelps said even radical changes could end up looking more like a "21st Century Policing-plus" model than an entirely new playbook.

The death of Floyd has moved the Overton window - the range of ideas deemed politically acceptable - "insanely quickly," Phelps said. "I think everybody's catching their breath and trying to figure out what that means."

The measure of success of a functional police department is also in the eye of the beholder, said Sandra Susan Smith, a sociology professor at University of California-Berkeley.

Communities of color in particular have historically seen the role of police as about "confinement and control" vs. "protect and serve," Smith said. Through that lens, many Americans view efforts to make police more accountable as "nibbling around the edges," rather than addressing the fundamental problems of policing head on.

"Some people argue that police are doing exactly what they're intended to do," she said.

The 21st Century Policing model is predicated on the philosophy that police are an important resource in communities, Smith said. Making dramatic changes - including better training, more accountability and

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redirecting some police duties to other city departments - could still be compatible with the Obama-era reform model.

"What is incompatible is the abolition of the police," she said.

Earlier this month, the City Council approved a resolution for "intent to create a transformative new model for cultivating safety in our city." Mayor Frey, who signed the resolution, is pushing for change within the current department, rather than starting over. What exactly changes will likely come down to Minneapolis voters in the form of a referendum, which some council members say could appear on the ballot this year.

In the meantime, unrest over American policing continues to generate protests across the country in the name of Floyd and other victims of police brutality. Many look to Minneapolis for what comes next.

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Joy, rallies, reflection at cities' Juneteenth

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Highlight: Hundreds call for a more just future, stirred by Floyd's death

Body

Kim Homes felt tears well up on Friday as she walked up to the corner of Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue, where a plastic projectile had struck her leg as she protested the killing of **George Floyd**.

She didn't see any police now. The National Guard had left. The looters were gone. The fires were out.

Hundreds of people had come to the Target parking lot to celebrate Juneteenth across from the **Minneapolis Police Department**'s Third Precinct headquarters, which demonstrators set on fire following Floyd's May 25 death under the knee of officer **Derek Chauvin**.

"When I found out [the celebration] was here, it gave me a good feeling," said Homes, who visited the event from north Minneapolis with her two children. "The positive vibe in this is great."

After more than three weeks of protests over police brutality and racial injustice, the annual holiday commemorating the news about the end of slavery in 1865 took on a deeper meaning in the Twin Cities and across the nation. Gov. Tim Walz proclaimed Friday as Juneteenth Freedom Day and called on the Legislature to make June 19 an annual state holiday.

People danced in the streets, listened to speakers, rallied at the State Capitol and held somber reflections at the corner where Floyd died. In dozens of events across the metro, they contemplated not just past freedoms won but also a way toward a more just future.

"I think it's a reminder for us ... to celebrate where we've come from, and at this point how much further we need to go," said Tiffane Gayle. "I think for us this celebration is about liberation, it's about freedom, and right now it does not feel as if we have the freedom that some people think that we have here."

From the stage, Brittany Lewis told the crowd that Juneteenth is a day that people are called to acknowledge the evils of chattel slavery and its aftermath.

"We are a community in dire need of healing," said Lewis, research associate at the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The protests and riots following Floyd's killing created an

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"uprising where many who had been in denial about the depths of white supremacy and the institutionalized nature of racism in this country could no longer hide behind their own silence and fear."

Some African-Americans voiced pleasant surprise that after a lifetime of celebrating Juneteenth among themselves, they now saw far more people showing interest.

"It's been around for 155 years and I feel like America is just now acknowledging this history. ... It's a very important holiday, and now others are coming on board," said Raichel Brown.

Breyonne Golding, a city planner, was heartened to see more people learning about African-American culture and history.

"I really feel like Minneapolis is going to show the world how to finally do racial healing," she said.

North Siders could hear the music from the Cub Foods parking lot a few blocks away, as joyful revelers celebrated at a block party-style event.

In south Minneapolis, outside the CTUL workers center on Chicago Avenue near the spot where Floyd died, a gathering focused on freedom from police brutality.

There was a reading on the history of Juneteenth and a moment of silence for Floyd. Then Tony Williams, a contributor to the MPD150 project examining the history of policing in Minneapolis, took the stage. For Williams and others, policing only reaffirms the goals of slavery.

"I think the city is moving toward a new kind of abolition and seeing the connections between this and the abolition we had to go through to get through slavery," he said.

This year's celebration was unique both because of Floyd and the number of events happening across the city, said Philip Holmes, who's celebrated Juneteenth for 40 years.

"I love the energy and the festive mood of the people - that's what we want to keep alive and capture in the spirit of George Floyd," Holmes said.

But he added that he wanted "something that's more proactive and substantive. It's good to celebrate and things like that, but we need to change a lot of these laws that are detrimental to us."

Maiya Hartman celebrated by working on a mural to honor Floyd as part of a new artists' collective called Creatives After Dark.

"It's been really important to me, being a part of the movement of black artists getting our work out there. I think a lot of the art in this city is very saturated by nonblack artists," Hartman said. "This is our day."

She criticized the Floyd tribute in front of Cup Foods, which she said was largely the work of white artists, adding, "I think it's really important that we have black people telling our story."

Outside the State Capitol, a rally advocating reparations for slavery drew a few hundred quiet participants who sat in front of the steps listening to speakers and engaging in call-and-response chants.

Most proposals from the speakers were less about specifics than the need to continue momentum and stick together. One speaker asked for support to turn the torched Minneapolis Police Third Precinct property into a civil rights museum.

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"It's going to take not one weapon but all weapons to dismantle the evil that is racism," said the Rev. James Alberts of St. Cloud, president of the faith coalition Isaiah.

Like many speakers, Alberts referred to Floyd's death. "If they are comfortable with their knee on our neck, they will leave it there," he said, adding: "I'm not afraid of their knee. It's been on my neck."

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Twins remove Griffith statue

ARTICLE DCCCXII. **TWINS REMOVE GRIFFITH STATUE**

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By the time the Twins reached out this week to several of their prominent former players, the decision already had been made.

The statue of former owner Calvin Griffith, the man who brought Major League Baseball to Minnesota in 1961, was being removed.

In the early hours of Friday morning, just that occurred. The statue of the first team owner, standing in front of Target Field since the ballpark opened in 2010, was hauled away by a construction crew. A sheet of plywood, with a handmade "BLM" (***Black Lives Matter***) sign attached, was all that remained by mid-morning.

LaTroy Hawkins was one of the former players contacted by Twins President Dave St. Peter and told of the team's plans. Hawkins, who pitched for the Twins from 1995 to 2003 and is black, was unaware of the racist statements Griffith made during an appearance at the Waseca Lions Club in 1978.

St. Peter read Griffith's statements during a telephone conference call; Hawkins' reaction was similar to many across the country who are re-examining the placement of statues and names on buildings in honor of people with ties to racism.

"DSP read us exactly what [Griffith] had said," said Hawkins, a Twins special assistant to baseball operations. "The world is changing. It's taking a hard right turn and there is no place for racism. I don't care if you said it 40 years ago. I don't care if you said it 120 years ago. We have made a conscious effort not to glorify people who were known racists."

The Twins discussed what to do with the statue as fans began to send e-mails and social media messages that questioned its presence outside the ballpark. They consulted with current and past employees. They asked themselves about what the organization wants to stand for in the aftermath of the death of ***George Floyd***, who was killed by Minneapolis police on May 25, an event that sparked nationwide outrage.

Twins remove Griffith statue

"While we acknowledge the prominent role Calvin Griffith played in our history, we cannot remain silent and continue ignoring the racist comments he made in Waseca in 1978," the team said in a statement. "His disparaging words displayed a blatant intolerance and disregard for the Black community that are the antithesis of what the Minnesota Twins stand for and value."

Griffith, who was the last major league owner to integrate his team's spring training camp, died in 1999 at age 87.

During a speech at the Waseca Lions Club on Sept. 28, 1978, he said: "I'll tell you why we came to Minnesota. It was when I found out you only had 15,000 blacks here. Black people don't go to ballgames, but they'll fill up a rassling ring and put up such a chant it'll scare you to death. It's unbelievable. We came here because you've got good, hardworking, white people here."

Griffith's statue went on the plaza in 2010, the year Target Field opened. The other statues on the plaza are of Hall of Famers Rod Carew, Harmon Killebrew and Kirby Puckett; former manager Tom Kelly; former players Kent Hrbek and Tony Oliva; and Carl Pohlad with his wife, Eloise.

Griffith sold the team to Carl Pohlad in 1984; Pohlad died in 2009, and the principal owner of the team now is his son Jim. The Pohlad family announced last week it would donate \$25 million from its foundation to seek racial justice.

Orphaned at age 11, Griffith (who was born Calvin Robertson) was adopted by his uncle, Washington Senators owner and Hall of Famer Clark Griffith, and worked his way up the organization after being a batboy as a youngster.

Major League Baseball was integrated when the Brooklyn Dodgers added Jackie Robinson in 1947. The Senators integrated in 1954 by adding Cuban star Carlos Paula; that was a year before Clark Griffith died, leaving the franchise to Calvin Griffith as majority owner.

Griffith moved the team to Minnesota in 1961. The Twins' spring training camp in Orlando was not integrated until 1964, and that came after pressure from politicians and civil rights groups.

Carew was the Twins' star player in 1978 and was furious after hearing reports of Griffith's remarks, which included Griffith saying, "Carew was a damn fool to sign [his most recent] contract. He only gets \$170,000 and we all know damn well that he's worth a lot more than that, but that's what his agent asked for, so that's what he gets." Carew was traded to California that offseason.

On Friday, Carew, a Twins special assistant, issued a statement that said: "In 1991, the first person I called after I was told I had been elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame was Calvin. I have long forgiven Cal for his insensitive comments and do not believe he was a racist. That was NOT my personal experience with Calvin Griffith - prior to or following that day in 1978."

Following the Waseca speech, the Minneapolis Star, in a front-page editorial, demanded Griffith sell the team.

Even after the Twins moved to the Metrodome in 1982, Griffith continued to run them in a discount style as major sports started being populated with independently wealthy owners. Carl Pohlad bought the team for \$38 million on Sept. 7, 1984.

Twins remove Griffith statue

The combination of the Pohlads' donation to fight injustice and the removal of Griffith's statue are strong statements, Hawkins said, about the kind of organization the Twins want to be. Hawkins said the club is planning initiatives that focus on inclusion and fairness as they do their part to help the nation emerge from a tumultuous few weeks.

"We took a huge step forward today as an organization," Hawkins said. "Our organization reiterated to the black community that they are not just in it for the short term. The Pohlads family have made decisions that indicated they are in it for the long haul in terms of equality and justice and education in the inner city."

TWINS' STATEMENT ON STATUE REMOVAL

The Twins removed Calvin Griffith's statue from the Target Field plaza Friday and issued this statement:

"When we opened Target Field in 2010 in conjunction with our 50th season in Minnesota, we were excited and proud to welcome fans to our 'forever ballpark.' As such, we wanted to pay permanent tribute to those figures and moments that helped shape the first half-century of Minnesota Twins baseball - including a statue of Calvin Griffith, our former owner and the man responsible for moving the franchise here in 1961.

"While we acknowledge the prominent role Calvin Griffith played in our history, we cannot remain silent and continue ignoring the racist comments he made in Waseca in 1978. His disparaging words displayed a blatant intolerance and disregard for the Black community that are the antithesis of what the Minnesota Twins stand for and value.

"Our decision to memorialize Calvin Griffith with a statue reflects an ignorance on our part of ***systemic racism*** present in 1978, 2010 and today. We apologize for our failure to adequately recognize how the statue was viewed and the pain it caused for many people - both inside the Twins organization and across Twins Territory. We cannot remove Calvin Griffith from the history of the Minnesota Twins, but we believe removal of this statue is an important and necessary step in our ongoing commitment to provide a Target Field experience where every fan and employee feels safe and welcome.

"Past, present or future, there is no place for racism, inequality and injustice in Twins Territory."

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POLICE REFORM

As a supporter of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, I looked forward to reading his thoughts on moving the city forward ("Worldwide change starts in Minneapolis," Opinion Exchange, June 18) but by the time I finished, my excitement was gone.

Early on he talks about the obstacle of the Minneapolis Police Officers Federation, agreeing that "culture eats policy for breakfast" - but then he proceeds to lay out policy change after policy change, apparently believing that somehow things are going to be different. Sorry, Mayor, without addressing Lt. Bob Kroll and the legacy that created such a toxic culture, your policy proposals don't stand a snowball's chance on a hot summer day of ever making a difference.

Mayor, focus your energy at the source of the problem, and many of the changes you want to put in place may happen. If you don't, expect the citizen vote this fall to change the city charter to do the job for you.

Howie Smith, Minneapolis

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Frey speaks of needing a scalpel rather than an ax to change the ***Minneapolis Police Department***, but he needs to brush up on his surgery skills. He identifies a quantifiable definition of bad apples: officers "who have a history of sustained misconduct complaints." But his solution is merely to limit new officers' exposure to this rotten core rather than to remove the core itself. This problem won't wait on the tortuous path of updating legislation that Frey advocates. If the only way to bring meaningful reform to an insidiously corrupt department is to raze and rebuild, it's time to pick up the ax.

Meanwhile, another nail pounds into Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman's career with the revelation that his office prematurely released autopsy findings with the implication that ***George Floyd***'s death could be attributed to something other than the knee upon his neck. Freeman's latest tenure as county attorney began 10 years ago when he refused to prosecute the Metro Gang Strike Force, a police unit that flagrantly abused its charter by harassing innocent citizens and looting confiscated property. Freeman's more recent

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failures to bring proper charges against the officers who killed Jamar Clark and ***George Floyd*** make it crystal clear that certain citizens can always count on immunity from his prosecutorial duties.

There is a petition in circulation to recall Freeman from his post. There is one to recall Frey as well. The urgency of this moment demands that officials who can't move us forward must get out of the way.

Jeff Naylor, Minneapolis

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The commentary in Wednesday's Star Tribune by Norm Coleman, "Defund and disband City Hall leadership" (Opinion Exchange), was excellent and hit the nail on the head in so many ways. It should be read by every single lawmaker in the state. It puts the blame where it should be for the mess Minnesota is in today - namely, on the leaders and not the Police Department - and gives suggestions for cleaning up this great state. The governor and Minneapolis City Council need to read every word of it and wake up. We need more articles like this and less on the trashing of the Police Department.

Marge Miller, Coon Rapids

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There is probably a kernel of truth in Coleman's assertion that "the remedy isn't to defund and disband the Police Department": In a less-than-ideal world there likely will always be a need for law enforcement. However, he fails to consider what many of us want from such a monumental change to the city's approach to social problems. My understanding of the call for disbanding is not that we desire anarchy and chaos, but rather that "policing" is a treatment of symptoms of far more profound and pervasive problems, and a much better (look to New Jersey, of all places) approach is to treat those fundamental, underlying problems. ("What Mpls. can learn from Camden," editorial, June 18.)

In my own view, money freed up by substantially defunding the police, as well as by increasing tax revenue, should be directed to improved education, nutrition, housing, health care, living-wage requirements, jobs, environmental protection and public transportation, really a long litany of social ills. Unfortunately, media coverage of this aspect of the call has been scant at best, perhaps because proposals like those will not make for striking headlines, and, maybe more likely, because those in the public eye calling for change do not yet have a good grasp of what needs to be done.

John D. Tobin Jr., St. Paul

MEDICAL EXAMINER

Trust the doctor, and the process

Thank you for the article in support of Dr. Andrew Baker, the Hennepin County medical examiner ("Autopsy examiner in Floyd case defended as 'fair-minded,'" June 19). The reaction to the preliminary report was unfortunate and damaged the reputation of Dr. Baker and his office. It is unfortunate that so many educated people were not just unaware of the process but never bothered to understand and jumped to the conclusion they wanted to hear. "Preliminary" is just what it means. In the end, the two autopsy reports of ***George Floyd*** are nearly identical.

Apologies to Dr. Baker and thank you for not jumping to the desired conclusion.

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Mark Odland, Edina

HISTORICAL FIGURES

Treat them all with complexity

Jennifer Brooks wrote a thoughtful and thought-provoking column about the toppling of the Columbus statue at the Capitol ("History at Capitol isn't carved in stone," June 18).

But there was one jarring sentence in the piece: "You can find two statues of aviator and Nazi enthusiast Charles Lindbergh at the Capitol."

In an opinion piece that delves into the complexity and need to understand the historical background of our heroes and villains, I found the cavalier and shallow reference disturbing.

Lindbergh remains one of the most complex and interesting characters in the American pantheon. His historic flight opened up the world of aviation. He invented a biomedical pump that helped develop the science of heart surgeries. His support of Robert Goddard helped America lead the world for a time in rocketry. He was spokesman for millions in trying to keep the U.S. from the war, and when war was declared, he flew 50 combat missions as a civilian and made useful suggestions on improving our military. He spent much of his later life promoting environmental causes.

He has been accused of anti-Semitism, which he denied. He was an advocate of eugenics. He accepted a medal from Hermann Goering, which he refused to return. He fathered seven children with three women while still married to Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

OK, let's sum all that up with "aviator and Nazi enthusiast." Doesn't seem to capture the essential Lindbergh, does it? Or, as Brooks stated: "If you listen to just one side of history over and over, you can miss the most important parts and the most interesting people."

Al Zdon, St. Paul

RECENT UNREST

Good work, firefighters

Great job to the Minneapolis firefighters for their work during the very difficult circumstances they were up against during the nights of unrest in the city ("Firefighters blast city riot response," June 18). I was personally very proud of all of you for the hard work that you did while putting your lives on the line. Hopefully your mayor and fire chief have some emotional empathy and understanding toward all of you and what you all had to endure and experience during those nights.

Please also know that post-traumatic stress disorder is very real. All fire chiefs need to recognize that and take it seriously because there are lasting consequences for those who do not seek or ask for help. Don't be afraid to reach out. PTSD or any other symptoms related to what you witnessed or experienced can be treated.

Mark Olson, St. Louis Park

The writer is a retired firefighter and trauma therapist.

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Rochester man charged with arson in pawnshop fire during Floyd riots

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ROCHESTER MAN CHARGED WITH ARSON IN PAWNSHOP FIRE DURING FLOYD RIOTS

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Federal authorities have charged a Rochester man with setting a fire at a pawnshop near the site of protests over the police killing of ***George Floyd***.

Montez T. Lee, 25, was charged Monday in a federal complaint with one count of arson for a May 28 fire at the Max It Pawn, 2726 Lake St. The pawnshop is about two blocks from Minneapolis police's Third Precinct station, which was set on fire the same night by other suspects as thousands protested the death of Floyd, a 46-year-old black man from St. Louis Park who was killed May 25 after then-Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on his neck for nearly eight minutes.

Federal authorities on Friday also announced that they had charged Jessica L. White, 33, of Andover, with conspiracy to commit arson on May 28 at an Enterprise Rent-A-Car location in St. Paul.

Lee is at least the 11th and White the 12th person charged in federal court in connection with arson and other crimes that took place in Minnesota in the aftermath of Floyd's death. Court filings indicate that the investigations are continuing.

White, who was arrested June 16, was captured on surveillance cameras inside and outside the rental car company, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. Video allegedly showed White outside the business knocking on a window and looking through a door while two companions were inside, the release said. After her companions exited, it said, flames and smoke were seen in the lobby. The building was destroyed by fire.

The criminal complaint does not identify her companions. The affidavit filed to substantiate the complaint was sealed, indicating the investigation remains open.

According to the criminal complaint against Lee: On June 8, investigators with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives received three videos from an anonymous source that allegedly showed Lee setting fire to the pawnshop.

Rochester man charged with arson in pawnshop fire during Floyd riots

One video showed a man pouring liquid from a metal container throughout the building and then standing outside holding his fist in the air as it burned, the complaint says. A second video showed a man standing in front of the burning building speaking to the person recording, it says.

"[Expletive] this place," he said, according to the complaint. "We're gonna burn this [expletive] down."

A third video showed the suspect among a group of men joking about attacking restaurants, then people looting the pawnshop, the charges say.

Investigators found a Facebook profile allegedly linked to Lee that contained a public post about the pawnshop fire. The post included the caption, "Prod The Real Activist Doe," followed by emojis of a laughing face, a fire and a skull, according to the criminal complaint.

Floyd's killing set off days of protests around the metro and the world that also included the looting, vandalism and burning of hundreds of buildings in the metro area.

All four former officers who were at the scene of Floyd's killing face criminal charges and are scheduled to appear in court June 29.

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Carjacking spree in stolen Lexus ends with car crash; two suspects still at large

ARTICLE DCCCXV. **CARJACKING SPREE IN STOLEN LEXUS ENDS WITH CAR CRASH;
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Highlight: A carjacking/robbery spree in a silver Lexus stolen in Maplewood on Friday afternoon ended with a car crash in Minneapolis and two suspects hospitalized later that night, police said. The crimes are the latest in at least 20 quick-hitting robberies by an organized group of juveniles spanning the Twin Cities and northern suburbs over the [...]

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A carjacking/robbery spree in a silver Lexus stolen in Maplewood on Friday afternoon ended with a car crash in Minneapolis and two suspects hospitalized later that night, police said.

The crimes are the latest in at least 20 quick-hitting robberies by an organized group of juveniles spanning the Twin Cities and northern suburbs over the past two weeks.

"We had three in rapid succession, all the same suspects," said Sgt. Michael Nye of the Maplewood Police Department. "They arrived in a stolen car and stole another car."

The carjackings were all in residential areas in Maplewood and all near the 5 p.m. hour, when people were arriving home from work. The suspects started on the west end of Maplewood and continued into St. Paul and over to Minneapolis.

According to police:

At 4:51 p.m., suspects approached a person who was just getting out of a vehicle on Eldridge Avenue. They implied they had a gun and stole a silver Lexus. The Lexus was spotted in at least five other robberies, which is how police know it's the same group.

At 5:01 p.m. in the 1700 block of North Birmingham Street, the suspects approached a person standing on his lawn. They grabbed the keys to the car, but left the car behind.

At 5:10 p.m. in the 2300 block of East Stillwater Road, a man had just pulled into his garage when he was approached by the suspects, who threatened him with a gun and pulled him from the vehicle. The stolen BMW was found abandoned 10 minutes later.

Carjacking spree in stolen Lexus ends with car crash; two suspects still at large

At 9:15 p.m. near the intersection of Albert Street and Goodrich Avenue in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood of St. Paul, four males pulled up in the stolen Lexus and grabbed a woman as she was walking. The woman told police a suspect said, "Gimme your purse, ***black lives matter***. I have a gun."

At 9:26 p.m., in the 40 block of South Dale Street in the Crocus Hill neighborhood, two males with guns jumped out of the stolen Lexus and robbed a pedestrian.

At 9:31 p.m., a couple of blocks away near the intersection of Dale and Lincoln Avenue, two teens jumped out of the stolen Lexus, implied they had a gun and robbed a group of pedestrians.

At 10:45 p.m., in the 600 block of 2nd Avenue in Minneapolis, a victim was robbed at gunpoint. About 11:15 p.m., Minneapolis police spotted the vehicle near Hennepin Avenue and Interstate 35E. The suspects took off at a high rate of speed and crashed into another occupied car. The Lexus rolled onto its side near the intersection of Hennepin Avenue and Buchanan Street.

Two of the four occupants were injured. The other two left the vehicle and fled on foot. The victim in the car that was hit suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene. The two injured suspects were transported via ambulance to North Memorial Medical Center. The suspects that fled remain at large.

Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher said the county had dozens of cars on the streets looking for the suspects all evening Friday.

"Whenever we have a string of six in a row from the same group, it generally means there are some kind of narcotics involved as well," Fletcher said. "This increases the risk of someone getting seriously hurt."

Last Saturday, [*St. Paul police arrested a 16-year-old boy*](#) in a carjacking spree that began in the early afternoon in Crocus Hill and ended several hours later on the East Side.

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Highlight: Minnesota lawmakers Saturday morning adjourned without approving any aid for businesses and residents in St. Paul and Minneapolis affected by civil unrest from protests over the killing of **George Floyd** that turned violent. Leaders of the Democratic-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate negotiated through the night on several pressing issues, but the aid appeared to take [...]

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The failure when the Senate adjourned some time around 6 a.m. Saturday after a weeklong special session culminated with an all-night scramble that showed progress at times but ultimately failed.

The House [approved a plan](#) that appeared to offer more than \$290 million in various forms of relief that included grants and tax breaks to businesses, as well as commercial and residential rent and lease relief. It would aid a stretch along University Avenue in St. Paul, a stretch along Lake Street in Minneapolis and another area around West Broadway Avenue in Minneapolis.

However, the plan, which had seen little public discussion before Friday, also faced immediate opposition from Republicans on several fronts. It includes a new 0.125 percent metro-wide sales tax, allows for eminent domain as part of an effort to protect against gentrification and would create a pseudo-governmental agency governed by a board, of which "each appointee must be a person of color or an indigenous person."

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Photos: Art honoring George Floyd found across University Avenue in St. Paul

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**[PHOTOS: ART HONORING GEORGE FLOYD FOUND ACROSS
UNIVERSITY AVENUE IN ST. PAUL](#)**

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Investigators with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) identified Jessica Lynn White, 33, and two other individuals through [surveillance video footage](#) from cameras located inside and outside the Enterprise car rental business at 1161 W. University Ave.

According to the federal criminal complaint, White can be seen outside the business about 8:45 p.m. May 28, knocking on the front window and looking into the front door while two other individuals, one being a juvenile, are inside for several minutes.

Shortly after the two individuals exit the building, the front lobby is filled with smoke and fire can be seen flickering in the reflection of the front window of the building. The building was destroyed by fire.

White, whose Facebook page said she worked for AnyTime Bail Bonds and studied violence prevention at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, was described as having blue/green hair and wearing all black.

According to the ATF report, the juvenile at the scene is believed to be White's son.

The charges are the result of an investigation conducted jointly by the ATF, the FBI, the St. Paul Police Department and the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley M. Endicott.

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**[DHS AIRCRAFT MONITORED PROTESTERS IN
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Highlight: GRAND FORKS, N.D. - The Department of Homeland Security deployed helicopters, airplanes and drones over 15 cities where demonstrators gathered to protest the death of **George Floyd**, logging at least 270 hours of surveillance, far more than previously revealed, according to Customs and Border Protection data. The department's dispatching of unmanned aircraft over protests in [...]

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The department's dispatching of unmanned aircraft over protests in Minneapolis last month sparked a congressional inquiry and widespread accusations that the federal agency had infringed on the privacy rights of demonstrators.

But that was just one piece of a nationwide operation that deployed resources usually used to patrol the U.S. border for smugglers and illegal crossings. Aircraft filmed demonstrations in Dayton, Ohio; New York City; Buffalo, New York; and Philadelphia, among other cities, sending video footage in real time to control centers managed by Air and Marine Operations, a branch of Customs and Border Protection.

The footage was then fed into a digital network managed by the Homeland Security Department, called "Big Pipe," which can be accessed by other federal agencies and local police departments for use in future investigations, according to senior officials with air and marine operations.

The revelations come amid a fierce national debate over police tactics and the role that federal law enforcement should play in controlling or monitoring demonstrations. The clearing of demonstrators from Lafayette Park in Washington for a presidential photo op is still under scrutiny. The Air Force inspector general is investigating whether the military improperly [used a reconnaissance plane to monitor](#) peaceful protesters in Washington and Minneapolis this month.

Officials at the Customs and Border Protection base here rejected any notion that their fleet of aircraft had been misused, either to violate privacy rights or intimidate protesters.

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"The worst part for me is when we're made out to be storm troopers," said David Fulcher, the deputy director for air operations at the National Air Security Operations Center in Grand Forks. "We believe in peaceful protests."

Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union, said the aircraft could discourage people from protesting. The concern is not only what the border agency is doing with the footage but how future operations could adapt to technology.

"You see an aircraft, you have no idea currently what technologies that aircraft is carrying," Stanley said. "There is something militaristic and dominating about a militarized police aircraft hovering over you when you're out there protesting police abuse."

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 5B**Length:** 481 words**Byline:** NICOLE NORFLEET; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Northpond Partners has removed the slave owner's name from its Uptown retail center.**Body**

The Calhoun Square retail center in Uptown will be renamed as its property owners work to disavow the slavery advocate for which the building was originally named.

While leaders of Northpond Partners had contemplated a name change for the south Minneapolis retail building since the Chicago investment firm purchased the property last fall, the police killing of [George Floyd](#) and the ensuing worldwide demonstrations and discourse on police use of force and racial equity have pushed the firm to expedite the process.

"The tragic death of [George Floyd](#) and ensuing events throughout the country have made it crystal clear that to move forward as a community we must remove painful reminders of the worst chapters in our nation's history," according to a statement by Northpond Partners on Calhoun Square's website. "A property named for a known racist and champion of slavery has no place in Minneapolis or anywhere in our society."

Calhoun Square, which was constructed in 1984 and has had several turnovers in ownership, bears the name of John C. Calhoun, a Southern politician who was an ardent supporter of slavery and the removal of American Indian people from their lands in the early 19th century.

The building, located on the busy corner of Hennepin Avenue and Lake Street, is just east of Bde Maka Ska, Minneapolis' largest lake that also once bore the Calhoun name. Last month, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled that the state Department of Natural Resources had the authority to rename the lake to its original Dakota name.

Signage for Calhoun Square, which includes a prominent lighted sign above the building, was removed Thursday morning, a spokesman for Northpond Partners said. The group said a new

building name will be unveiled.

Nearby Calhoun Village shopping center, which is owned and managed by Bloomington-based Doran Management, will also no longer carry the Calhoun name.

A Calhoun erasure

"Like a lot of retail spaces that wanted to signal our proximity to the lake, our venue bore the name 'Calhoun,'" Doran Management founder and principal Kelly Doran said in a statement. "Recognizing the pain this name has caused, we will be changing the name of our venue."

Doran Management hopes to have the legal work completed to change the shopping center's name by the end of the year.

Calhoun Square is 2 miles from where Floyd died as a Minneapolis police officer, who has since been fired and charged in his death along with three other officers, pinned his knee onto Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes. Floyd's death and bystander video of the incident led to widespread protests and calls for police reform.

Over recent weeks, activists and protesters have called for the removal and sometimes forcibly removed or defaced statues and monuments of Confederate leaders and Christopher Columbus across the country.

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LEGISLATURE AT IMPASSE ON POLICE REFORMS

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1A**Length:** 844 words**Byline:** BRIANA BIRSCHBACH JESSIE VAN BERKEL; PATRICK CONDON; STAFF WRITERS,
STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** DFLers want far-reaching changes; GOP proposals are more modest.**Body**

Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature remained at an impasse Friday on a package of police reforms sparked by the death of **George Floyd**, a logjam that threatened to upend a weeklong special session where they also hoped to provide relief to cities and towns battered by rioting and the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Negotiations stretched into the evening, even as Gov. Tim Walz said conversations with both parties were continuing in "very good faith."

Walz pleaded with Republicans to stay at the Capitol long enough to strike a deal on all of the outstanding issues, including a major infrastructure package that got caught up in the partisan standoffs over police accountability and the governor's emergency powers.

Republicans who control the state Senate signaled that they planned to adjourn Friday night or early Saturday, with or without agreement on new law enforcement initiatives. But legislative aides said talks could continue in the coming weeks, even if a deal could not be reached in the special session.

"Minnesotans expect us, like they do in their jobs, to finish when the work is done," Walz said. "With the idea that what transpired over the last several weeks with the killing of **George Floyd** is certainly something that is at the center of what we should be doing."

Democrats have pressed for a series of far-reaching police accountability measures in response to the killing of Floyd, who died at the hands of Minneapolis police. Among other changes, their package of roughly 20 bills would tighten the state's deadly force laws and put the attorney general in charge of all cases where deadly force is used. They would also ban "warrior-style" training for law enforcement and restore voting rights for felons on probation,

"If we could just stay a few more days, we could get some amazing things done," said House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park.

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But Senate Republicans oppose some of those provisions, particularly those that would give the attorney general's office jurisdiction over cases against officers accused of improper use of deadly force. The GOP-led Senate instead passed a more modest package earlier this week that requires reporting and intervention in deadly force cases and directs a state officer licensing board to ban chokeholds and neck restraints, which were used on Floyd.

Democrats said the GOP measures don't go far enough, and protesters outside the Capitol Friday called for broader reforms. Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, argued that many of the Senate policing proposals "match up" with those put forward by House Democrats.

Lawmakers also have left unsettled a plan to distribute \$841 million in federal COVID-19 aid to communities around the state. Gazelka charged that new spending proposals attached to the federal aid plan by Democrats go beyond a deal struck earlier by legislative leaders. "A deal is a deal," Gazelka tweeted Friday.

Also hanging in the balance are a major bonding bill to fund public works projects and a special aid package for Twin Cities businesses damaged by civil unrest following Floyd's death.

The House passed a \$300 million package to help those businesses Friday in a 74-53 vote. A different Senate proposal creating a "protest response fund" did not get a hearing during the special session.

"Many people are depending on us. They are waiting on us," said bill sponsor Rep. Mohamud Noor, DFL-Minneapolis. "This comprehensive package sends the right message, creates that opportunity, builds an economic system that we can all rely on."

House Republicans said more deliberation is needed. They cited concerns about a metro tax to support redevelopment, use of eminent domain and the creation of an unelected board to guide rebuilding efforts.

The special session was triggered by Walz's extension of emergency powers to respond to the pandemic. Republicans pushed last week to end his authority, but that move was blocked by House Democrats.

Some of those negotiations have been over those powers, which Walz has used to close down schools, bars, restaurants and other businesses to limit the spread of the virus. Many of those restrictions have been loosened in recent weeks.

Walz said there could be a deal on how those powers are used going forward, one that could help clear the way for a bonding bill, which requires a three-fifths majority to pass. Discussions about the bonding bill, which would authorize long-term borrowing for public infrastructure projects around the state, have hovered between \$1.3 billion and \$2 billion. Both sides stressed the importance of the construction projects in helping revive the state's economy.

"I told them, I'm more than happy to give up some of these things because I get blamed for everything," Walz said. "I'm someone who truly believes that separation of powers is really important."

Another extension of Walz's emergency powers in July could bring lawmakers back to St. Paul for yet another special session.

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Pick Six is a half-dozen cool things in music, from two points of view.

David Murphy of Bloomington:

1 "Picture Show: A Tribute Celebrating John Prine." Produced by his widow, Fiona, on YouTube, this celebration brought tears of joy to fans new and old: Jason Isbell, Amanda Shires, Sturgill Simpson and a moving version of "Angel From Montgomery" by Bonnie Raitt. Even a surprise appearance by Bill Murray.

2 Blue Ox Virtual Music Festival. A virtual version of this annual Eau Claire, Wis., festival featured great performances by Sam Bush, Charlie Parr, Warren Haynes and, of course, hosts Pert Near Sandstone. Well done, boys.

3 "There Was A Time: James Brown, the Chitlin' Circuit, and Me" by Alan Leeds. This excellent book gives a complete historical picture of the Godfather of Soul. Leeds, of Edina, was front and center for much of Brown's career in the 1960s and '70s. This is a great read in these times, comparing what Brown experienced to our modern-day godfather of soul, Prince, along with George Floyd and others. #BLM.

Jon Bream of the Star Tribune:

1 Sounds of Blackness, "Sick and Tired." The mighty Grammy-winning Twin Cities choir is usually on the optimistic tip, but on this terrifically potent new single they're fired up, with horns ablazing and Jamecia Bennett's fervent, roof-raising voice echoing the words of activist Fannie Lou Hamer, George Floyd and others. This is the (protest) song that Minneapolis - and the world - needs right now.

2 Terrace Martin, "Pig's Feet" video. With the help of Denzel Curry, Kamasi Washington and others, this L.A. rapper pairs enraged words with raging videos and photos of recent police brutality and unrest, with some scenes from Minneapolis. Hip-hop hasn't sounded this urgent and intense in a long time.

3 Bettye LaVette, "Strange Fruit." The new single from her August album, "Blackbirds," couldn't be more timely - a hauntingly spare reading of the Billie Holiday classic about lynching of black people. No one summons hurt in song like LaVette with her deeply emotive, profoundly pained voice.

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Sounds of Blackness pens powerful anthem

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SOUNDS OF BLACKNESS PENS POWERFUL ANTHEM

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 576 words**Byline:** JON BREAM; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Grammy-winning group drops fiercest song "Sick and Tired" on Juneteenth.**Body**

It was May 26, the first day of protests after ***George Floyd*** was killed, and Gary Hines, director of the Sounds of Blackness choir, was near 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in south Minneapolis.

"A white teenage girl recognized me," Hines remembered, "and said 'Mr. Sounds of Blackness, you guys are one of my favorite groups. I know you guys are going to do a song about this, please don't make it a hold-hands song.' "

He promised her that would not happen, recalled Hines, whose Grammy-winning, gospel-infused choir is known for such positive pieces as "Optimistic" and "I Believe."

"We've had plenty of offers from all over to come do kumbaya-type songs," Hines said this week. "That's not what the zeitgeist is, that's not what the mood in the streets is."

Instead, Hines wrote and recorded "Sick and Tired," the Sounds' fieriest, fiercest, most powerful song in their 51 years. It's an enraged, horn-blasted call to action featuring Jamecia Bennett's breathtakingly fervent voice. It's the perfect sound coming from Minneapolis at this moment.

This new anthem for our times was released to radio on Friday, Juneteenth, the African-American celebration of freedom from slavery.

"It's about the anger, the outrage and a call to action," Hines said of his new recording. "I think right now a kumbaya song could be counterproductive, that false sense of 'I feel better.' No, we've got to deal with this."

He actually started writing the song after Ahmaud Arbery, a black man, was shot to death while jogging in Georgia this winter. Then Hines was up all night after Floyd was killed in police custody on "the streets where we ran" and finished writing the song.

The words are inspired in part by the famous line from 1960s civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer: "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." Hines got to meet Hamer at the funeral for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

Sounds of Blackness pens powerful anthem

Hines taught his new song to Sounds of Blackness singers during their regularly scheduled rehearsals via Zoom.

When it came to recording "Sick and Tired," there were two challenges: Finding a studio because their usual place, Atomic K, was closed, and practicing social distancing.

At one of the Minneapolis rallies, Hines ran into David (TC) Ellis, the former rapper who runs the High School for Recording Arts in St. Paul. Fortunately, that facility was unscathed in the incendiary protests on University Avenue - and it has a spacious studio where nine socially distant microphones could be set up. So Ellis offered his studio.

"Sick and Tired" features 12 singers from Sounds of Blackness, including powerhouse soloist Bennett, as well as three vocalists from High School for the Recording Arts plus six horn players and Hines on various instruments.

Recorded, mixed and mastered in seven days, "Sick and Tired" captures the mood of the times.

"Talking to that young woman, you could feel the anger, the outrage, the frustration. This needs to be captured, expressed and represented. That is a big part of any true artist's job," Hines said.

"Too often a music is just a balm. 'Everybody calm down, it's going to get better.' We believe that and will never stop believing that. But this moment is getting to the heart of the matter. It's more than ***George Floyd*** and Ahmaud Arbery. This has happened for 400 years in one way or another. Around the world, people are saying, 'Enough is enough.' So the music has to get to the heart of the matter."

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Ex-NFL star to foot legal defense

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EX-NFL STAR TO FOOT LEGAL DEFENSE

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Melody Hubertus said she came equipped with milk jugs and gauze pads to aid people gathered near her Minneapolis home to protest the May 25 police killing of **George Floyd**.

Gov. Tim Walz had just ordered an emergency curfew for the Twin Cities as the seething unrest over Floyd's death escalated to violence. As law enforcement closed in one evening, the 22-year-old former University of Minnesota neuroscience student rushed to the aid of a fellow protester who was bleeding after being struck by a tear-gas canister.

Moments later, Hubertus was hit by a rubber bullet, she said. Her knee throbbing with pain, she crumpled behind a car before becoming one of more than 60 people arrested and charged with violating the curfew in Hennepin County.

Now, Hubertus can thank former NFL star and civil rights activist Colin Kaepernick for helping to foot her legal bills. Kaepernick's Know Your Rights Foundation has donated what's being described as a "substantial" sum to attorneys in Minnesota and around the country to help defend protesters like Hubertus, who said she is between jobs and was recently homeless.

"I'm so unbelievably grateful and really excited that there is an organization that does that and that people don't have to be afraid to go out and protest injustice," Hubertus said.

Her attorney, Ryan Garry, has been tapped by Kaepernick's foundation to also draft legal motions to be shared with other lawyers in similar cases in Minnesota. Garry said he is seeking to dismiss all cases like Hubertus' on First Amendment grounds.

Garry said he was not in it for the money. "I'm doing it because I think it's the right thing to do and I think at this pivotal moment in our nation's history we are going to look back and say, 'How did we react?' " he said. "I want to react and try to do the right thing."

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Garry said he wants to see all of the cases joined together to be defended in court.

"We're in it for the end game," he said. "We're not going to court to just simply plead out. We're doing this because these folks had a right to protest and the government is punishing them for exercising their constitutional right to free speech."

Walz imposed nearly a week of nighttime curfew orders and fully mobilized the Minnesota National Guard after riots led to arson and vandalism to scores of buildings and businesses across the Twin Cities. About 100 people have been charged with violating the emergency curfew order in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Like Hubertus, many still have charges pending and face fines of up to \$1,000 or 90 days in jail.

Kaepernick - the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback who became one of the country's most visible civil rights advocates when he took a knee in 2016 during the national anthem to protest police brutality - launched his new Know Your Rights Camp Legal Defense Initiative amid the widespread unrest following Floyd's death in Minneapolis. The legal fund is being paid for through Kaepernick's charity.

"When there is an injustice within our community, it is our legal right to address it, by any means necessary," reads a message on the fund's website.

Ben Meiselas, a Los Angeles civil rights lawyer and general counsel for the legal defense initiative, said it keeps in touch daily with attorneys like Garry. The fund won't disclose how many lawyers it is working with or how much money has been raised, but Meiselas described the effort as "a significant undertaking with some of the top legal professionals."

"It is a systemic approach that we are in for the long haul," Meiselas said.

Hubertus struggles to find the right words to describe the feeling of knowing that her legal defense is being paid for. Looking back on the protests, she said, "I am very, very proud of my city. I couldn't be happier with how things turned out."

She said the rubber bullet fired at her "blew out" her knee and that she had to spend 23 hours a day in her cell because of coronavirus restrictions before being released. Still, even without the legal aid, Hubertus said she would hit the streets again if she deemed it necessary.

"I would be much more afraid, but I wouldn't do anything different," Hubertus said.

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FOOD SHELVES WORKING TOGETHER TO FILL THE GAPS

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 1103 words**Byline:** MARA KLECKER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Mobilized in crises, nonprofits assist south Minneapolis, look to the future**Body**

Three weeks ago, Angel Swann was bustling around an art gallery turned pop-up food distribution site in the wake of George Floyd's death. A line of those in need stretched into the parking lot, and she was prepared to keep the doors open into the fall.

Things are much quieter now at All My Relations gallery. While the backroom is still piled high with donations, items are given out just three days a week. That's set to continue only through mid-July.

"We're out of that initial crisis mode," said Swann, the donation coordinator. "The need is still there, but we have to figure out our resources and our best role."

Across south Minneapolis, similar calculations are being made by the many food distribution networks that popped up after grocery stores were looted and burned in the protests after Floyd's death. Grassroots organizers who stepped up to fill the immediate need have now entered a period of transition.

As city officials and hunger relief organizations work to determine the extent of food insecurity in the Twin Cities, some of the dozens of pop-

up food shelves have closed or partnered up so as not to duplicate services. Others have reduced hours and changed their distribution models to better accommodate crowds and follow social distancing guidelines.

Still, the on-the-ground energy is what will continue to drive much of the work, officials say.

Prioritizing community ideas while providing organizational support can be a "delicate balance," said Tamara Downs Schwei, local food policy coordinator with a citywide effort called Homegrown Minneapolis. "The issue here is the scale, the depth and the breadth of the need," she said. "We want to defer to the community without leaving people in crisis."

"We have to let the community groups lead this effort," said Sophia Lenarz-Coy, the executive director of the Food Group, a local nonprofit that supports area food shelves and offers a mobile food market, among

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other programs. "The last thing south Minneapolis needs is a bunch of hunger relief institutions coming in and designing what this needs to look like. We're coming in when asked."

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is still operating its food distribution site, which is now drawing upward of 2,000 people three days a week. The city brought in metal gates to help form lines that often begin at 9 a.m.

As the smoke cleared in the neighborhood around the church on E. 31st Street, it started collecting donations to serve an area that had become a food desert overnight. The first day brought a few hundred neighbors, and then that started to double nearly every day, said Ingrid Arneson Rasmussen, the church's lead pastor. Serving thousands has required shifting away from a model that allowed families to pick out their own items. Now items are prepackaged and everyone gets the same bag.

The church has partnered with hunger relief organizations including Second Harvest Heartland, the Food Group and the Sheridan Story to source food and assist with ideas to best serve such a large number of people, many of whom are now coming from outside the immediate neighborhoods. A recent weekday brought dozens of families from across the metro area, including Angel Jonas, a 34-year-old who came from Coon Rapids.

"It's a hard time for everyone, for the entire country," Jonas said. "What I get here makes a huge difference."

Retail stores in the neighborhood aren't expected to open for at least a few months and even then, it will likely be much longer before a full range of grocery stores returns.

Holy Trinity will likely continue offering food and basic necessities with no questions asked until the neighborhood has another option, but its leadership is considering whether it could continue the work.

"Is this a call for our ministry in this moment or is this pointing us to a new direction of ministry to sustain over the long term?" Rasmussen said. "We feel that it's too early to answer that question."

Norma Parsons, 60, lives just a couple blocks from the church and has come frequently to get basic goods. Without a vehicle, she was used to walking to the local Cub or Aldi for her groceries, both of which have closed.

"This means so much to us, to this area," she said, adding that she is worried about how sustainable it is to have thousands of people standing in line for goods multiple times a week.

Tensions in the crowds have dissipated with the new prepackaged model, but it's been difficult to fully allay worries about scarcity, said Doug Mork, an associate pastor at Holy Trinity.

"We know there's need stacked on need here," he said.

Food shelves were already strapped by increased demands from the COVID-19 pandemic. Some shelves across the metro saw double or triple the need, with many first-time users.

"I've never seen need like this and I thought that was true before [the riots], when COVID hit," Lenarz-Coy said.

Finding solutions has also been made more difficult by the loss of area grocery stores. Some food shelves relied on food rescue from the stores that are now shuttered. Despite the influx of donations from the

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community, finding sources of fresh produce and ways to keep those items properly stored has been challenging for existing and pop-up food distribution sites.

Many aid organizations had also limited the use of mobile food shelves so as not to draw crowds that would make social distancing difficult.

"We've been in high gear and we're going to need to keep it up," said Allison O'Toole, CEO of Second Harvest Heartland, which will continue to help with food distribution and emergency grocery pop-ups. "Hunger is getting in the way of our work to rebuild - it is complicating efforts to build stronger, more equitable community and effectively fight COVID-19."

Simply reopening a grocery store won't be enough to fix the many factors contributing to the growing food insecurity in Minneapolis, nonprofit leaders say. That wouldn't address the many jobs or hours cut due to COVID or riot-related business closures, and it won't help solve the challenges of getting groceries to seniors and high-risk populations who are still sheltering in place.

"This need didn't start overnight and this response will have to be sustained," said Lenarz-Coy of the Food Group. But, she added, there's opportunity in crisis, particularly with the demonstrated wave of support, energy and input from the community.

"What we've seen for the past few weeks is this beautiful way that we know how to care for each other," she said. "When it feels like the world is crumbling around us, there's something really human in asking 'Can I just feed you?' "

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Section: INSPIRED; Pg. 11N**Length:** 637 words**Byline:** ROHAN PRESTON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Improv troupe delights from afar**Body**

Margaret Chasteen was watching the news one evening when she saw a story about a Twin Cities improvisational troupe that takes calls from strangers and delights them with witty conversation, something many need given the social isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Curious, she dialed the phone number, expecting a 10-minute call.

"I ended up talking with a lady for about an hour," said Chasteen, 59, who has been under lockdown at her assisted living facility attached to a nursing home.

"I have not left the town of Barrett since March 12," she said. "This was my little escape and I have to tell you, it was really a day brightener."

You've heard about retail therapy and cleaning therapy. How about improv therapy?

The idea occurred to writer and improviser Keren Gudeman during a jog around Lake of the Isles in Minneapolis. Guderman works with the Theater of Public Policy, founded in 2012 by Tane Danger and Brandon Boat to tackle complex societal issues with humor and intelligence. They offer workshops, an improv cafe, virtual tours and now "a space to talk about race and being anti-racist," in the wake of the killing of [George Floyd](#).

After her run, Gudeman contacted her operations team.

"I was thinking about how to connect people for, even in time of Facebook and social media, people are very disconnected," Gudeman said. "And improv artists are great listeners and generally fun to talk to."

The team applied for a small grant at Springboard for the Arts and got \$500 to launch. They set up the program, "Phone a Friend," where anyone can call in between 10 a.m. and noon every Tuesday and Thursday for free. The number is 1-833-542-T2P2. The program is scheduled through the end of June.

When Chasteen rang, she got Erin

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Roberts.

"All of my work went away with the pandemic," Roberts said, "so this was an opportunity to use what I do for a living to contribute something meaningful, to make people happy and laugh. As an improviser, I'll try anything once."

Chasteen was curious about her host's work in improv. So she questioned Roberts about theater, and shared her own interest in the form.

"She was really easy to talk to and a really good listener - it was just nice," Chasteen said. "It's something I never expected when I called the number. I told her, 'You should be a counselor.' "

Chasteen even tried out a joke on her audience of one, about a time she considered trying her own hand at comedy. "In '06, I had a ruptured aneurysm and a stroke as a result of complications, so I had to use a wheelchair," Chasteen recalled.

"And I said I wanted to be the first sit-down comedian."

Improvisers, including those at the legendary Brave New Workshop, are among the riskiest cohort of theater artists. They get onstage without a net. What could be so hard about talking with random strangers?

"We are all trained in the skills of being present," Gudeman said. "We have all these skills and angles for levity and comedy. In lieu of in-person connection, what are the different ways for people to connect?"

"Oh, the telephone, what a novel idea."

The team that takes calls first listens, then goes with the caller's flow. Roberts recently took a call from someone who was nervous before going in for a surgical procedure. She told some jokes to lighten the mood.

It's a service, but they have a disclaimer. "We're not therapists," Roberts said. "We're human beings who care about other human beings and like to listen."

The pandemic has changed how most people listen and talk. Now, it's all a mediated Zoom world, with a multitude of faces inside squares. Hearing a singular voice on the phone is a comforting throwback.

"Human beings crave social connection so their willingness to open up to a stranger is not shocking," Roberts said. "But when you experience it directly, it feels like a gift."

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The Sioux Chef joins relief effort

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THE SIOUX CHEF JOINS RELIEF EFFORT

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Highlight: Sean Sherman's group works with Minnesota Central Kitchen to feed those who are hungry.

Body

Minnesota Central Kitchen, the restaurant-and-nonprofit partnership that employs restaurant workers to make hot meals for those in need, has added another kitchen to its roster.

Sean Sherman's the Sioux Chef will be cooking 400 meals a day from its kitchen in the Midtown Global Market.

"Over these past few crazy months in Minneapolis, especially the past few weeks, we really wanted to mobilize and help make a difference with what we do," Sherman said in a video conference Wednesday morning. "Our focus has always been bringing awareness to indigenous foods and creating access to it. But now is the time, even more importantly, to have this access in our communities."

Second Harvest Heartland, the region food shelf supplier, leads the initiative, with contributions from four restaurant partners. The

Sioux Chef joins Chowgirls Catering, Surly Brewing Co. and the Wedge Table.

Production kitchens at UnitedHealth Group and other partners are also contributing to the nearly 450,000 hot meals that have been distributed since mid-March. Loaves & Fishes, Appetite for Change, the Sanneh Foundation and Catholic Charities in St. Cloud get the meals to the people who need them.

Minnesota Central Kitchen was launched as restaurants were closing dining rooms to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The collaboration was meant to employ chefs, rescue food before it becomes waste and feed the hungry.

Second Harvest Heartland CEO Allison O'Toole says that need is more pressing now than ever.

"We are seeing and hearing reports of double and triple need right now in the early summer months," she said in a video conference this week. O'Toole expects that need to grow in mid-to-late summer. The need for fresh food was compounded by the unrest in south Minneapolis following **George Floyd**'s death in police custody.

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"The pandemic has made clear to many of us that our collective health and well-being are interconnected," she said. "The choices we make today can honor that new, hard earned understanding that brings us closer together."

Meanwhile, Sherman has had to put his own plans on hold. He was to open his first restaurant this spring, but "right before COVID hit, we had to put the brakes on it."

But the pandemic hasn't stopped him from holding to his mission to train and employ indigenous cooks who make healthful indigenous meals in his Indigenous Food Lab.

"We're still moving forward with getting food out where it needs to," he said.

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'Train wreck': Minnesota lawmakers adjourn after failing to agree on major issues

ARTICLE DCCCXXVIII. **'TRAIN WRECK': MINNESOTA LAWMAKERS ADJOURN
AFTER FAILING TO AGREE ON MAJOR ISSUES**

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Body

No [*police reforms in the wake of George Floyd's killing*](#) that rocketed racial tensions to the fore of society.

No [*aid for businesses and neighborhoods damaged*](#) by the civil unrest that followed, briefly shocking entire neighborhoods into lawlessness.

No payout [*of already banked federal funds for the coronavirus pandemic*](#) that has cast a pall over the world for months.

No [*public works and infrastructure spending plan*](#) that has been two years in the making and is generally seen as a smart move during an economic recession.

None of it.

Minnesota lawmakers from both parties and Gov. Tim Walz couldn't agree. The House is controlled by Democrats and the Senate by Republicans; Walz is a Democrat.

The failure - called a "train wreck" by a bipartisan advocacy group - became apparent when the Republican-controlled Senate adjourned some time around 6 a.m. Saturday after a weeklong special session culminated with an all-night scramble that showed progress at times but ultimately failed.

The action played out in the odd new reality of the state Capitol: Only lawmakers, staff and media were allowed inside the stately building, which remains fenced off and during Friday and into the evening featured demonstrations outside calling for racial justice on the African American holiday of Juneteenth.

No grassroots activists, or well-connected lobbyists, were allowed inside.

But they were watching - and taking note.

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Willmar City Council member Audrey Nelsen, who chairs the bipartisan Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, put out a scathing statement Saturday morning divvying up the blame.

The statement was remarkable for a group whose members include important political constituencies for members of both parties in an election year when every seat in the Legislature will be on the ballot.

Here's Nelson's entire statement:

"The special session was a train wreck. Between the COVID-19 pandemic, economic downturn and recent civil unrest, Minnesotans need strong state leadership at the Legislature now more than ever. Instead we got arbitrary deadlines, broken deals and partisan battles.

"I'm frustrated at the Senate GOP majority for their insistence on adjourning prematurely. The decision to adjourn this morning was completely arbitrary, and clearly there is plenty of work left to do. They have chosen to go home rather than continue to seek resolutions on important issues like the CARES Act distribution, bonding bill and police reforms.

"I am also disappointed at the breakdown of the agreement to provide \$841 million in federal CARES Act money to local governments. The Senate passed a clean bill that would have distributed money fairly and quickly, but the House DFL essentially killed the bill when they chose to tack on unrelated measures. It has been 86 days since Congress passed the CARES Act, and local governments in Greater Minnesota still haven't received a penny.

"And for months, long before the pandemic, city leaders have been calling on the Legislature to pass a bonding bill that will create thousands of jobs and invest in infrastructure needs across the state. Legislative leaders kept saying they were close to a deal, yet nothing tangible materialized. As a result, our communities must continue to delay critical projects that are needed to ensure clean water, safe roads and bridges, and repair other ailing infrastructure.

"There is plenty of blame to go around for this disastrous special session. The people of Minnesota deserve better."

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, released the following statement:

"The Minnesota House DFL is ready and willing to continue working to find agreement with Senate Republicans and the Governor on policing reform and accountability, addressing COVID19 and its economic impacts, bonding, taxes, and much more. This moment in history calls upon us to deliver transformative policy to further racial justice. There is nothing more pressing than the need to change law and policy so that it values and protects the lives of Black, Indigenous, and people of color in Minnesota. It's a big task, and it will take an enormous commitment of time and goodwill to achieve. We won't let the end of this special session derail our efforts to work with our colleagues in the legislature and the executive branch to enact nation-leading policies to make systemic change and ensure police are accountable to the communities they serve."

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, released the following statement:

"I'm frustrated this morning because I thought we were actually going to do some things together. We had the opportunity to do good things for the state with the federal COVID funds, pass a bonding bill, and reform police accountability. I actually thought we could get something done, but the behind the scenes arm-

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twisting from the Governor has ended any hope of working together right now. ... I think it's best if we get away from this place while we keep working on the things left undone. We are not walking away from the table, but we do need to reset the table so we can move forward. I do believe we will have another special session, but not until all the parties can agree."

Walz could decide to call lawmakers back to session immediately, but a spokesman Saturday morning said no decision had been made on whether to do that.

Shortly before 3 a.m., Walz held out hope that agreements might be struck and sent to him to sign.

When he was asked about the prospect of a total failure, here's what he said: "Minnesotans know that you don't mow half your yard and go home. Get the work done."

[*MN Legislature approves police accountability measures. Here's what the bill will do. Walz says no public works bonding bill is likely before November election MN nursing home coronavirus deaths drop dramatically. Gov. Walz credits 'battle plan' MN House declares racism a public health crisis Minnesota lawmakers advance police accountability measures 8 weeks after Floyd's death*](#)

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Minority officers kept from monitoring Chauvin in jail

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**MINORITY OFFICERS KEPT FROM MONITORING CHAUVIN
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Body

Eight minority Ramsey County corrections officers have filed discrimination charges with the state's Department of Human Rights after they were barred from guarding or having any other contact with former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** last month.

Chauvin was booked at the county jail the same day he was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter in the death of ***George Floyd***.

As Chauvin arrived, all officers of color were ordered to a separate floor, and a supervisor told one of them that, because of their race, they would be a potential "liability" around Chauvin, according a copy of racial discrimination charges obtained by the Star Tribune.

"I understood that the decision to segregate us had been made because we could not be trusted to carry out our work responsibilities professionally around the high-profile inmate - solely because of the color of our skin," wrote one acting sergeant, who is black. "I am not aware of a similar situation where white officers were segregated from an inmate."

Bonnie Smith, a Minneapolis attorney representing the eight employees, said the order left a lasting impact on morale.

"I think they deserve to have employment decisions made based on performance and behavior," she said. "Their main goal is to make sure this never happens again."

In explaining his actions, jail Superintendent Steve Lydon later told superiors that he was informed Chauvin would be arriving in 10 minutes, and made a call "to protect and support" minority employees by shielding them from Chauvin.

"Out of care and concern, and without the comfort of time, I made a decision to limit exposure to employees of color to a murder suspect who could potentially aggravate those feelings," Lydon reportedly said in a

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statement given during an internal investigation and provided by the Sheriff's Office. He has since been demoted.

Formal charges filed Friday night are expected to automatically trigger a state investigation. It would mark the second Department of Human Rights racism probe into a law enforcement agency in recent weeks. The agency launched a sweeping inquiry into the Minneapolis Police Department after Floyd's death. That investigation will examine MPD policies and procedures over the past 10 years to determine whether the department has engaged in discriminatory practices.

Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero declined to comment on the pending case in Ramsey County.

'Segregation order'

On May 29, word spread that Chauvin had been arrested and would be booked at the Ramsey County jail. A black acting sergeant who typically oversees the transport of high-profile inmates started a routine pat-down on Chauvin. Lydon instructed the sergeant to stop and replaced him with white officers, the charges say.

A fellow sergeant informed him that Lydon had ordered all minority employees from the fifth floor, where Chauvin was being held in isolation, and prohibited them from having any contact with Chauvin. In every case, white colleagues were swapped in to perform their normal duties.

Later that afternoon, officers of color gathered on the third floor to console one another about what they deemed a "segregation order." Some were crying, charges say, while others were openly contemplating whether they should quit. Individuals who complained were told to take it up with Lydon.

In written statements, all eight staffers recount a meeting with Lydon where he admitted to banning officers of color from the fifth floor but denied being racist. He defended that decision, charges say, yet reversed the order within 45 minutes.

A union steward complained to top brass, prompting the internal investigation. During his interview, Lydon explained that he recognized Floyd's death would "likely create acute racialized trauma" for minority staff and felt he had a duty to protect them from Chauvin. Lydon claimed the decision was not related to his workers' professionalism or concerns over Chauvin's safety.

"I realized that I had erred in judgment and issued an apology to the affected employees," he said.

But by then, at least one officer's work schedule had already changed for the weekend.

Lost confidence

On May 30, multiple officers reported seeing surveillance footage of a white lieutenant who was granted special access to Chauvin's cell, where she sat on his bunk and allowed him to use her cellphone - a significant policy violation.

The Sheriff's Office declined to comment on that allegation. Chauvin was moved to the Hennepin County jail on May 31 and for security reasons transferred again to the Oak Park Heights maximum security prison, where he remains.

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Nearly a week after the initial incident, dozens of jailers met with Sheriff Bob Fletcher and elected an acting sergeant to read a two-page letter on the behalf of the minority staff. The note recalled his confrontation with Lydon, the shock he felt upon being called "a liability" around Chauvin and the command to notify other officers of color that they were being reassigned to a different floor.

"I immediately left feeling sick to my stomach," the letter states. "The hurt and anger these officers displayed was evident not only in their body language, but in their voice."

The sergeant went on to explain that the order caused division among the ranks and cast doubt on the professionalism of even veteran officers.

In response, Fletcher promised to reassign Lydon from the jail and follow up with an e-mail regarding how the agency could move forward, charges say. Employees claimed he never did.

Fletcher declined multiple requests for comment. Sheriff's office spokesman Roy Magnuson initially refused to name Lydon's current position or divulge whether he'd been transferred. On Saturday, Magnuson said Lydon had been removed from his role as jail superintendent. He will now report to Undersheriff Bill Finney, who's been tapped to run the Detention Division in the interim.

The department's admission that several officers were reassigned from their posts that day, however briefly, stands in stark contrast to its original narrative to the press.

When Reuters inquired about a segregation order, Magnuson responded via e-mail that there was "no truth to the report" and that Chauvin "was treated according to procedure."

The outright denial only deepened the wound for officers of color.

"They were calling us all liars," said an acting sergeant, who asked not to be named for fear of retaliation. "I can't go to work and hold my head up knowing that they can just brush this under the rug."

The sergeant said he was so disturbed by the decision to segregate staff that he left work early in tears. He later turned down a promotion and the added pay that came with it.

When pressed about the agency's initial statement, Magnuson claimed: "When I asked, that's what I was told."

All eight employees, whose tenures range from two to 10 years, characterized the order as the "most overtly discriminatory act" they've experienced working for Ramsey County.

"My fellow officers of color and I were, and continue to be, deeply humiliated, distressed, and negatively impacted by the segregation order," the charges say, which describe a "hostile work environment" at the detention center since officials' failure to address the incident.

"The damage had been done. These jobs are super sensitive, highly dangerous at times and involve an immense amount of trust," said Smith, their attorney. "They struggle walking into a building where the superintendent is still affiliated."

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Minority Ramsey County jail employees allege they were ordered to avoid Derek Chauvin

ARTICLE DCCCXXX. **MINORITY RAMSEY COUNTY JAIL EMPLOYEES ALLEGE
THEY WERE ORDERED TO AVOID DEREK CHAUVIN**

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Body

Eight minority employees of the Ramsey County Jail say they were discriminated against when their supervisor prohibited them from interacting with former Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin** while he was being housed at the jail last month, according to a complaint filed with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

The corrections officers were told they were a "liability" because of their skin color and were ordered to stop any work that put them into contact with Chauvin, who has been charged with the murder of **George Floyd**, said Bonnie Smith, a Minneapolis attorney representing the eight employees.

Chauvin, who was arrested May 29, was jailed in the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center at 425 Grove St. for two days before being moved to a different facility.

On May 29th, the eight employees - six men and two women - say they were ordered, along with other people of color, to the third floor of the jail and prohibited from going to the fifth floor, where Chauvin was housed.

In their complaint, they said the county discriminated against them because it "openly singled out and segregated officers" and did so "because we could not be trusted to carry out our work responsibilities professionally around the high-profile inmate - solely because of the color of our skin."

"Can you imagine being a person who worked hard to get the job of your dreams ... and then being told you can't perform your job because of the color of your skin? It's horrible. It's outrageous," Smith said Sunday during a news conference.

Smith said the employees are remaining anonymous because they fear retaliation.

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Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher is reviewing the matter to determine whether any additional action is necessary. He said Sunday that the order by Superintendent Steve Lydon was a "complete error in judgment."

Fletcher said his office met with employees June 4 and began making changes immediately, including having Undersheriff Bill Finney temporarily head the Detention Division with Lydon reporting to him with "modified duties."

Lydon told the sheriff's office that the move was made to protect employees. He made the following statement, which a spokesman for the sheriff's office released Sunday.

"Recognizing that the murder of George Floyd was likely to create particularly acute racialized trauma, I felt I had an immediate duty to protect and support employees who may have been traumatized and may have heightened ongoing trauma by having to deal with Chauvin. Out of care and concern, and without the comfort of time, I made the decision to limit exposure to employees of color to a murder suspect who could potentially aggravate those feelings. Shortly after making the decision, Corrections staff expressed concern with the change and within 45 minutes I realized my error and reversed the order. I then met with the individuals that were working at the time and explained to them what my thought process was at the time and assured them that the decision was made out of concern for them and was in no way related to a concern regarding their professionalism or Chauvin's safety. I realized that I had erred in judgement and issued an apology to the affected employees."

The employees' complaint gives the following details:

After employees were forbidden from working on the fifth floor where Chauvin was being housed, they were sent to the third floor.

One officer, an acting sergeant who said he is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and has commanded the largest company in the Minnesota Army National Guard, had been doing a routine "patdown" of Chauvin when he was told he was to not perform his regular duties of escorting high-profile prisoners.

Shortly after this, he said he learned that all "minorities" were no longer permitted on the fifth floor, where the high-profile inmate was to be held, and had been ordered to the third floor.

One lieutenant, a white woman, asked him to help explain to others why the employees were being segregated. He said no.

"I politely refused," he said, explaining to her that he didn't want it to look like he supported the "discriminatory order."

According to the complaint, he said, "throughout my career, I had followed many orders that I had not liked or agreed with, but this was the first time I had to refuse an order."

He then went to the third floor to try to "console" the employees who had been sent there.

"All were extremely upset and offended," he said. Some were weeping.

In addition, the employees ordered to the third floor were also forbidden from responding to an "A-Team Response" emergency that requires that "correctional officers are to drop what they are doing in order to assist the affected inmate and help transport the inmate to the 5th floor."

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"Several officers of color including me responded to the call, but were prohibited" from participating, one officer wrote in the complaint.

That same day, Lydon met with correctional officers and defended his orders, saying that he was not racist in making them, but that he had now changed his mind about it.

In the charging documents, Smith says that Ramsey County officials initially denied the order to the Reuters news agency.

To address "the harm they have faced," Smith says the eight officers are asking for the county to do the following:

Implement in-person training about discriminatory behavior for employees at the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center. Remove Lydon from the jail and discipline any "complicit" officers. Make a "formal apology and formal retraction for the lie the county stated to Reuters." Compensate the eight officers for emotional distress and lost earnings. [Read the tax fraud charges filed against Derek Chauvin and his wife](#) [Derek Chauvin, officer in George Floyd death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County](#) [After George Floyd's death, MN police training programs aim to do better on race](#) [U.S. Senate confirms head of Minnesota Guard to national post](#) [MN Legislature approves police accountability measures. Here's what the bill will do.](#)

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Fighting racism with free books

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FIGHTING RACISM WITH FREE BOOKS

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Carolyn Holbrook's new book wasn't supposed to be released until August. But then ***George Floyd*** died after a police officer pinned him to the pavement.

So the University of Minnesota Press made the memoir available now - for free - along with two dozen other e-books that challenge the racism spotlighted by Floyd's death.

"This is urgent," said Holbrook, a Minneapolis-based author and teacher. "I'm not going to get any royalties; I'm losing sales. And you know what? I don't care.

"This moment is too important."

During this time of unprecedented protest, publishers, libraries, booksellers and authors are getting anti-racist titles into people's hands and heads.

The U of M Press has released a collection called "Reading for Racial Justice," available online for free through August. The Friends of the Hennepin County Library group is making e-books such as "How to Be an Antiracist," by Ibram X. Kendi, available immediately, without a wait. Individuals are buying out their local bookstores, rocketing black authors to the top of the bestseller lists.

"It's clear that what people are asking for is radical change," said Jason Weidemann, the U of M Press' editorial director. Its staff felt a responsibility to contribute by making available books from the past 20 years that illuminate racial inequities throughout local and national history.

"We can help support this change by acknowledging and understanding the racist past of this state."

A similar effort is taking place across the arts. Funders have banded with the MSP Film Society to make films such as the James Baldwin documentary "I Am Not Your Negro" available free, followed by online conversations that dig into the issues they've raised.

Film society programmer Craig Laurence Rice leads those conversations with scholars, activists and filmmakers during which the movies "become a platform to talk about larger issues - what's going on today."

Fighting racism with free books

He pointed to Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing," released in 1989, the landmark film that reflects racial tensions through a hot day on a Brooklyn block. That movie's story is today's story, Rice said, "and how long ago was that?" Finally, "people are tapping into what African-American filmmakers have been saying and what African-American writers have been writing."

Films cannot cause a revolution, he continued. But they can educate and enlighten.

"I really hope people can engage in this and open themselves up to perspectives that may not be in their comfort zone," Rice said. "For specifically white people who have ignored what's been going on - this is not comfortable.

"And it's not going to be comfortable."

Following the killing of Floyd, the Hennepin County Library was inundated with requests for books that grapple with the knotty topics of *white privilege* and white supremacy. More than 4,000 people put "White Fragility," "How to Be an Antiracist" and "Me and White Supremacy" on hold. With funding from Friends of the Hennepin County Library, the library's nonprofit fundraising partner, the library made those e-books available immediately.

The nonprofit has committed \$100,000 to keeping anti-racist titles available, said Kristi Pearson, the Friends chief executive.

The new pick for the statewide book club "One Book, One Minnesota," offers a similar education.

"A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota," edited by Minneapolis poet Sun Yung Shin, is a collection of 16 essays by Minnesota writers of color. Announcing the title, Beth Burns, president of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, said that Floyd's death has led to "a reckoning that we must confront institutional and *systemic racism* - and that means all of us."

At this time, when many bookstores and campus libraries are closed, when people are donating their extra resources to food drives and rebuilding, the U of M Press decided it was important to get its anti-racist titles out there, said Weidemann, editorial director. Around the country, a few other university presses have done the same.

The U of M Press has long published works on racial justice, he said. "There's a lot of pain, there's a lot of struggle, and there's a lot of inspiration, frankly, in that history."

Want to learn about the Minneapolis-born American Indian Movement, credited with protecting property during recent protests? Read "Survival Schools: The American Indian Movement and Community Education in the Twin Cities," by Julie L. Davis. Want to learn more about the L.A. riots and what followed them? Try "Civil Racism: The 1992 Los Angeles Rebellion and the Crisis of Racial Burnout" by Lynn Mie Itagaki. Want to hear about a Minnesota civil rights leader? Check out "Hope in the Struggle," Josie Johnson's memoir.

Holbrook helped Johnson write that book. Her own memoir, "Tell Me Your Names and I Will Testify," which the U of M Press is publishing, was 30 years in the making. Its essays capture, in part, the ghosts who have guided her, telling her: "Don't hold back, child. Someone out there needs to hear what you have to say."

They also capture the subtle racism often hidden beneath "Minnesota Nice."

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These books can "play a major role in educating people about the other side of liberal Minnesota - the underside," Holbrook said. But she's disappointed it took "something like this cop so blatantly murdering that man on camera" for people to begin listening to black people's stories. She hopes that interest continues past this crisis.

"We've been around forever; we're not new," she said. "We've been yelling for centuries."

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FIRED OFFICERS HAVE A PROVEN CAREER SAVER

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Body

One Minnesota officer was fired for kicking an unarmed suspect who was already on the ground being attacked by a police dog.

Another was fired for repeatedly punching a handcuffed, intoxicated man in the face.

A third was fired after failing to write up nearly four dozen cases, copying a judge's signature onto search warrants and lying during the investigation.

They all got their jobs back, gun and badge intact.

The killing of ***George Floyd*** by a Minneapolis police officer triggered rage and a fresh wave of resolve to reform policing in the United States. It has also prompted renewed scrutiny of Minnesota's system for disciplining police officers, one that sets the bar high for firing officers for misconduct.

More than 80 police officers across Minnesota were fired and fought their discharge in arbitration over the past 20 years. About half got their jobs back, according to a Star Tribune analysis of decisions logged with the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services.

The true figure could be slightly higher. Minnesota's public records laws prohibit releasing any information at all when arbitrators overturn a decision to fire a cop without imposing any type of discipline. Such total exonerations, while uncommon, are erased from public record.

The arbitration records include 10 cases involving Minneapolis police officers. Eight of them got their jobs back - one of them twice.

Although the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** quickly fired the four officers involved in Floyd's death, it doesn't typically fire many officers. Assistant Chief Mike Kjos said there are more separations than arbitration records indicate. Some cases never go to arbitration, and some are negotiated and classified as resignations or retirements. Plus, the department can't make a termination public until the grievance process has played out.

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The fact that firing an officer could end up in arbitration - and be reversed - weighs on decisions to officially terminate, Kjos said.

At a June 10 news conference announcing his withdrawal from contract negotiations with the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, Chief Medaria Arradondo noted the discipline and arbitration process as areas needing reform.

"There is nothing more debilitating to a chief from an employment matter perspective, than when you have grounds to terminate an officer for misconduct, and you're dealing with a third-party mechanism that allows for that employee to not only be back on your department, but to be patrolling in your communities," Arradondo said.

He repeated that Thursday at a news conference with Mayor Jacob Frey and several other elected officials from around the Twin Cities. If the Legislature is serious about making changes, they said, it will tackle arbitration.

Police reform efforts, however, collapsed at the Legislature Saturday as the special session ended without the Democrat-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate finding middle ground on those issues.

Rep. Michael Howard, DFL-Richfield, who authored the House arbitration reform bill, blamed the Senate: "Given the importance of this moment and with the world watching, it is deeply disappointing that the Senate chose to ignore Minnesotans crying out for change and instead walk away."

Obstacle to accountability

The Bureau of Mediation Services says police officers win their jobs back at roughly the same rate as other public-sector employees.

Veteran arbitrator Laura Cooper, a retired University of Minnesota labor law professor, said arbitration is not a monolithic thing. It's a creature of agreement that can be altered. If employers don't like the discretion arbitrators have, they should change their labor union contracts, she said, to require specific consequences for specific violations of performance standards.

The process is designed to protect union employees from capricious decisions by employers, with a "just cause" standard for termination that has been universally accepted in collective-bargaining agreements, said Cooper and labor unions. Arbitrators are neutral and look just at the facts, they say.

Arbitration numbers capture only a fraction of the Minnesota officers fired each year, according to Law Enforcement Labor Services, the state's largest law enforcement union. Only the most difficult cases end up in arbitration, it says, and it's unfair to use them to judge police discipline. If law enforcement departments are losing cases, they need to look at how they're handling their discipline, said Sean Gormley, the union's executive director.

Police chiefs have decried arbitration as a major obstacle to police accountability. The high chance that a fired officer will be back in uniform undercuts the entire disciplinary system, said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington, D.C., think tank.

In Minneapolis, some officers have gotten their jobs back not once, but twice.

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Jason Andersen was fired in 2009 for a misdemeanor domestic assault charge that was later dismissed. An arbitrator ordered him reinstated after concluding there wasn't enough evidence the assault occurred.

He was fired again in 2010 after allegedly kicking a teen in the head and being untruthful about it during an investigation. An arbitrator ordered him reinstated again after concluding that Andersen, who told investigators he couldn't recall the details but knew he did not kick the teen in the head or face, could not be expected to remember an event from a year earlier without seeing his report on it, which he was not allowed to see.

Andersen was not fired, however, for shooting and killing Fong Lee, a teen who was running from police in 2006. He was cleared of criminal wrongdoing and in a wrongful-death lawsuit after a federal jury found he used reasonable force. He's now the MPD's chaplain coordinator.

Most recently, an arbitrator last fall overturned Arradondo's decision to fire Officer Peter Brazeau, who had repeatedly punched a belligerent drunk man in the face as the man lay handcuffed on his back.

The arbitrator agreed that Brazeau violated the use-of-force policy but reduced his discipline to an 80-hour suspension. According to the decision, the reason was that police leadership had enough confidence in Brazeau to appoint him a training officer while the matter was churning through the discipline process, and also because of the MPD's "lack of specific training as to how to deal with a handcuffed individual who continues to kick, flail and resist."

An MPD spokesman said neither Andersen nor Brazeau could comment for this story.

Reforms in play

The House arbitration reform sought to change the way arbitrators are chosen for police misconduct disputes. It called for an arbitrator to be automatically assigned from a roster of specialists appointed by the governor.

Currently, the employer and union take turns striking an arbitrator from a list of seven as either too pro-employer or too pro-employee, until only one remains. Critics say that creates an incentive for arbitrators to maintain a 50-50 record. Employers and unions typically split the cost of an arbitrator.

Testifying recently at the State Capitol, Coon Rapids Police Chief Brad Wise discussed the effects of having discipline overturned.

"There's nothing worse, in my view, for an organization than to lose an arbitration," Wise testified. "I think it creates distrust within the workplace. Frankly, it saps the confidence of a police leader. And it makes police leaders be reluctant to even let cases go to arbitration for fear of losing them."

Andy Skoogman, executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, called Howard's measure a step in the right direction. His group wants all police officer termination cases heard by an administrative law judge.

The legislative push followed unsuccessful court challenges to arbitrators' decisions.

The city of Richfield dug in its heels after its police chief fired an officer in 2016 after he verbally attacked a Somali teen and smacked him on the head. Among other things, Nate Kinsey failed to report his use of

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force as required. An arbitrator concluded Kinsey's smack was not excessive and ordered him reinstated, cutting the discipline to a three-shift suspension and full back pay.

The Minnesota Supreme Court last year fully backed the arbitrator's decision; Kinsey is back on the Richfield force.

Duluth, too, lost its challenge to an arbitrator's decision to reinstate an officer who dragged an intoxicated, handcuffed man 100 feet. In December, the state Supreme Court denied its petition for review.

Improving accountability

Cooper, the arbitrator, said she'd be "shocked" if any arbitrators were tracking their mix of decisions in the manner the chiefs association suggests.

"I think it's scapegoating," she said. "Ninety to 95% of the time if you actually read the decision, it makes perfect sense."

Arbitrators work hard, she said, to weigh multiple factors to determine whether there was just cause for termination. The most common reasons chiefs lose a case, she said, is that the investigation was not thorough, they didn't properly notify the officer the behavior was wrong, or they imposed discipline that differed from what other officers received in similar circumstances.

In her mind, preventing excessive-force misconduct is a more effective way to improve accountability, she said. That means clear rules, better training and strong supervision.

Said Cooper: "I want a system that stops killing people unjustly."

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The Loons strike pose for justice

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THE LOONS STRIKE POSE FOR JUSTICE

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Body

Minnesota United players showed they're united when they recorded a social justice video they posted across their social media platforms Saturday afternoon.

A 20-second video shot with a drone opens with an image of the words "***Black Lives Matter***" on a T-shirt and then moves out to show veteran defender Ike Opara down on a knee, right fist raised, at Allianz Field's midfield. As the camera moves away, teammate Thomas Chacon strikes the same pose to Opara's right and Mason Toye to his left until the video shows all players following Opara's lead around the pitch's midfield circle.

Players wrote their own captions when each posted the video on Twitter, Instagram and other social media.

Opara wrote, "Change is coming." Ethan Finlay wrote, "We Are United, there will be change." Team captain Ozzie Alonso said, "We all bleed the same color." Young midfielder Jacori Hayes posted, "Today and Always" while goalkeeper Greg Ranjitsingh added, "We are united."

Veteran defender Michael Boxall simply included a black fist emoji.

Players coordinated with the club's front office and coaching staff about posting the video that's part of worldwide unrest spurred by the killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police.

"Like I've said all along, it's time for change," United coach Adrian Heath said. "I'm really proud the way our players have responded to what's gone on in the last few weeks here in Minnesota. We haven't had to prompt them. They've been out there marching. They've been out there showing their solidarity with everybody, and it doesn't surprise me they've organized that today. We all think it's time for change, and hopefully this is the beginning."

Heath's interview was conducted by a team employee and provided to media after the Loons trained at Allianz Field on Saturday for the first time in nearly three months.

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Remember the "state that works?"

That was the image Minnesota presented the world on the cover of Time magazine's Aug. 13, 1973, edition featuring a gleaming Gov. Wendell Anderson, clad in a flannel shirt, holding up a northern pike.

"The good life in Minnesota," the magazine proclaimed over the backdrop of a pristine lake.

But not everyone was living the good life.

Fast-forward nearly a half-century: A viral video shows the world Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#) kneeling on [George Floyd](#)' neck, killing him and stamping the city permanently into the annals of the global struggle for civil rights.

The ensuing civil unrest lit the Twin Cities aglow and turned Minneapolis into an icon of what the political right sees as a dystopian future. Asked what would happen if he is not reelected, President Donald Trump predicted that "the whole country will be Minneapolis."

The stakes were not lost on Gov. Tim Walz, another Minnesota leader partial to flannel. He implored a special session of the Legislature to pass meaningful police reforms to address well-documented racial inequities.

"If destiny and history is not raining down on Minnesota today and tomorrow, I don't know what is," Walz said, adding: "the rest of the world is looking."

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Dahleen Glanton: So long, Aunt Jemima. Now it's time for some real change, not just window dressing

ARTICLE DCCCXXXV. **[DAHLEEN GLANTON: SO LONG, AUNT JEMIMA. NOW IT'S TIME FOR SOME REAL CHANGE, NOT JUST WINDOW DRESSING](#)**

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Highlight: Much has happened since America set out three weeks ago to become a more racially tolerant nation. Confederate monuments have been removed. NASCAR banned the Confederate flag. Companies in Illinois and elsewhere are declaring Juneteenth a holiday. And Aunt Jemima has been fired from the high-profile position she has held for 130 years. Some corporations [...]

Body

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Confederate monuments have been removed. NASCAR banned the Confederate flag. Companies in Illinois and elsewhere are declaring Juneteenth a holiday. And Aunt Jemima has been fired from the high-profile position she has held for 130 years.

Some corporations are patting themselves on the back for finally doing what they should have done decades ago. They refused to change because they didn't have to.

In the era of ***George Floyd***, blatant racist images and behaviors suddenly have become taboo. Many companies and institutions, as well as some individuals, are scrambling to figure out what steps they can take to make themselves look like torchbearers for social justice rather than the racism enablers they've been.

Some aren't looking for real solutions, though. They are seeking quick fixes that make them seem progressive but do nothing to address ***systemic racism***, the greatest barrier to social justice.

Removing Aunt Jemima's name and picture from bottles of syrup, giving employees a day off to celebrate Juneteenth or tossing money into the pot to help the black cause isn't good enough. Corporations should be leading the charge to revamp economically deprived neighborhoods that have long suffered from disinvestment.

Most African Americans will shed no tears for Aunt Jemima. But we aren't ready to embrace the Quaker Oats Co. and say job well done either.

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The company always knew that Aunt Jemima was a racist stereotype. That's why it changed her image in 1968 and again in 1989 to make her appear more socially acceptable. Yet it kept using her to make money until the social climate in America shifted and blatant racist acts fell out of fashion.

The Chicago-based company announced that it is donating \$5 million over the next five years to support projects in the black community. That's a drop in the bucket for a corporation that has made billions exploiting black people with the use of a racist image.

If the company wants to have a real impact, it should open a production facility on Chicago's West Side and commit to hiring and training chronically unemployed residents.

Much of the soul-searching occurring in the aftermath of Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police is necessary. Some of the decisions are an honest attempt to address past wrongs and promote a better understanding of how complacency enables racism.

City officials in Jacksonville, Fla., rightfully removed a 122-year-old monument to fallen Confederate soldiers that stood in a public park in the heart of downtown. The same is true of those in Louisville, Ky.; Alexandria and Norfolk, Va.; Mobile, Ala.; Asheville, N.C.; and other cities where statues were taken down.

These fixtures had no place in public squares, forcing taxpaying African Americans to pay tribute to figures who fought to keep black people enslaved.

The Confederate flag, however, is more complex. All Americans have the right to fly the rebel flag on their front porch or pin one to the tail of their pickup truck. This is America, after all - the land of free expression.

For years, NASCAR provided Confederate flag lovers the biggest forum to gather and celebrate their heritage. Being a private company, NASCAR was under no obligation to change the way it has accommodated its most loyal fans. But officials decided that removing the flag was in the best interest of America.

By banning the Confederate flag from all events and properties, NASCAR gave its biggest supporters a direct slap in the face. It chose instead to provide a "welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone," including its lone African American racer.

The move sent a clear message to the rebel establishment that it was no longer willing to be part of the Confederate culture that promotes division and superiority. But that's not enough.

NASCAR remains one of the whitest sports in America. Its black driver, Bubba Wallace, can't change that. If NASCAR wants to help move America forward, it has to actively recruit and train a diverse roster of competitors.

Instead of closing banks on Juneteenth, banking executives should put their heads together and figure out how to remove barriers that historically have kept blacks from obtaining loans to buy homes and start businesses.

It's time for real change in America, not just window dressing. As a friend told me recently, "Brushing rotten teeth isn't enough when you need a root canal."

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Why here? Why now?

Those questions have simmered in plenty of Minnesota minds, I'd guess, ever since the sorry Memorial Day evening when four Minneapolis cops made this state the flash point for globe-spanning outrage over racial injustice.

Why did that happen here, at the wellspring of Hubert Humphrey progressivism? Why did this spark catch fire now, more than 50 years after this state last watched an urban commercial district go up in flames during race-related unrest?

Those are the kind of questions that send an erstwhile columnist to the state demographer. Demography can't explain everything. But it usually reveals things worth knowing, I've found, especially when big questions about society start with "why." Or when thoughts turn, as they now must, to "what's next?"

For example, know this: While Minnesota remains "whiter" than many American states, it also has witnessed dramatic growth in the share of its population counted as people of color. While that growth has slowed somewhat since 2010, it hasn't stopped, and likely won't for many years to come.

"Minnesota's racial diversity has lately been increasing at about half a percentage point a year - and that's rapid for a society," state demographer Susan Brower told me last week.

Especially, I'd add, for a state in which people of color accounted for just 1.2% of the population in 1960, as the 20th-century U.S. civil rights movement gathered steam.

A big change for Minnesota came between 1990 and 2010, Brower said, when immigration brought waves of people born in Asia and Africa to the state. That took the share of Minnesotans of color from a little more than 6% in 1990 to nearly 17% in 2010.

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It's at an estimated 20.4% today. That means that, much more so than during Humphrey's heyday, racial injustice is no mere abstraction in this state. The slogan "***Black Lives Matter***" is much more likely to be personal to Minnesotans. Barriers to the well-being of people of color are more immediately and frequently encountered. Awareness that the whole state is diminished when people of color suffer runs wider and is more keenly felt.

But so far, that awareness has not produced much narrowing of the many racial gaps Minnesotans have been hearing about for years - in household income, educational attainment, homeownership, life expectancy and the rest. Brower closely watches those metrics of inequality, and says she's been expecting to see the gaps narrow as the state population diversifies. By and large, they have not.

"We have had many people working on these issues for a long time. But the regular processes of change haven't been effective enough, or quick enough," she lamented. "Even when people at the top are sympathetic and paying attention, we're still not seeing the movement people would like to see. That's what a lot of people are reacting to now."

Instead, in some quarters (say the headquarters of the Minneapolis Police Federation), Minnesotans are seeing the resistance that rapid change in a population's racial composition can trigger. So said Brower's predecessor Tom Gillaspy, who schooled scores of journalists during 33 years as state demographer and kindly gave me a brief refresher course last week.

"Some attitudes become more entrenched in the face of changes like this," Gillaspy said. He suspects that the rural/urban and red/blue partisan divides that have seemingly widened in recent years are driven in part by disparate responses to Minnesota's changing racial composition.

But his answer to "Why now?" hearkens back to something I was taught by his predecessor as state demographer, Hazel Reinhardt: When the young adult cohort in a population becomes uncommonly large, pressure for social change spikes.

Gillaspy noted that Minnesota's population now has two outsized bumps - baby boomers and millennials, whom we boomers know as "our kids." In Minnesota, millennials overtook boomers in numbers in 2014, a few years sooner than in the nation as a whole.

Those two big cohorts may be acting in concert now as agents of social change, Gillaspy said. Not all boomers lost the idealism of their youth, he noted.

"A lot of boomers are thinking, can we make this any better? Weren't we going to have more of an effect [on eliminating racism] than we had? Meanwhile, millennials have certainly become a force, some fairly strident," he said.

They're a force capable of political impact. Brower noted that the millennial generation now ranges from 24 to 39 in age. That's full political maturity - older than were many of the boomers who marched for racial justice and an end to the Vietnam War 50 years ago.

Millennials came of age during the worst economy since the Great Depression, many of them loaded with a heavier college debt burden than any previous American generation carried. They've struggled to reach financial security, for many of them only to see paychecks lost to a virus this year. It's a situation that allows society's structural inequalities to be sorely felt.

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"The movement of the millennial generation into adult roles is foundational to understanding this as a moment that's ripe for some social movement to take place. It's the foundation that helps today's movements find fertile ground," Brower said.

Thus, two demographic trends combined to propel grief, outrage and demands for change into the streets in the last four weeks. A growing population of color in Minnesota is making racial injustice real. A large young adult population is making demands for remedies urgent.

Gillaspy likened this demographic moment to an alignment of planets "that come together, then go spinning off in opposite directions. You have to take advantage of that alignment when you can, because the moment won't last."

What's next? An opportune moment has come to bend Martin Luther King's famous arc more directly toward justice. Seize that chance this year, or risk what could be many more years of watching an ever-larger share of Minnesotans - and the state itself diminished by racism.

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Jamelle Bouie: Why Juneteenth matters

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JAMELLE BOUIE: WHY JUNETEENTH MATTERS

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Who freed the slaves? The slaves freed the slaves.

"Slave resistance," as historian Manisha Sinha points out in "The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition," "lay at the heart of the abolition movement."

"Prominent slave revolts marked the turn toward immediate abolition," Sinha writes, and "fugitive slaves united all factions of the movement and led the abolitionists to justify revolutionary resistance to slavery."

When secession turned to war, it was enslaved people who turned a narrow conflict over union into a revolutionary war for freedom. "From the first guns at Sumter, the strongest advocates of emancipation were the slaves themselves," historian Ira Berlin wrote in 1992. "Lacking political standing or public voice, forbidden access to the weapons of war, slaves tossed aside the grand pronouncements of Lincoln and other Union leaders that the sectional conflict was only a war for national unity and moved directly to put their own freedom - and that of their posterity - atop the national agenda."

All of this is apropos of Juneteenth, which commemorates June 19, 1865, when Gen. Gordon Granger entered Galveston, Texas, to lead the Union occupation force and delivered the news of the Emancipation Proclamation to enslaved people in the region. This holiday, which only became a nationwide celebration (among black Americans) in the 20th century, has grown in stature over the last decade as a result of key anniversaries (2011 to 2015 was the sesquicentennial of the Civil War), trends in public opinion (the growing racial liberalism of left-leaning whites), and the rise of the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement.

Over the last week, as Americans continued to protest police brutality, institutional racism and structural disadvantage in cities and towns across the country, elected officials in New York and Virginia have

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announced plans to make Juneteenth a paid holiday, as have a number of prominent businesses like Nike, Twitter and the NFL.

There's obviously a certain opportunism here, an attempt to respond to the moment and win favorable coverage, with as little sacrifice as possible. (Paid holidays, while nice, are a grossly inadequate response to calls for justice and equality.) But if Americans are going to mark and celebrate Juneteenth, then they should do so with the knowledge and awareness of the agency of enslaved people.

Emancipation wasn't a gift bestowed on the slaves; it was something they took for themselves, the culmination of their long struggle for freedom, which began as soon as chattel slavery was established in the 17th century and gained even greater steam with the Revolution and the birth of a country committed, at least rhetorically, to freedom and equality. In fighting that struggle, black Americans would open up new vistas of democratic possibility for the entire country.

To return to Ira Berlin - who tackled this subject in "The Long Emancipation: The Demise of Slavery in the United States" - it is useful to look at the end of slavery as "a near-century-long process" rather than "the work of a moment, even if that moment was a great civil war." Those in bondage were part of this process at every step of the way, from resistance and rebellion to escape, which gave them the chance, as free blacks, to weigh directly on the politics of slavery. "They gave the slaves' oppositional activities a political form," Berlin writes, "denying the masters' claim that malingering and tool breaking were reflections of African idiocy and indolence, that sabotage represented the mindless thrashings of a primitive people, and that outsiders were the ones who always inspired conspiracies and insurrections."

By pushing the question of emancipation into public view, black Americans raised the issue of their "status in freedom" and therefore "the question of citizenship and its attributes." And as historian Martha Jones details in "Birthright Citizens: A History of Race and Rights in Antebellum America," it is black advocacy that ultimately shapes the nation's understanding of what it means to be an American citizen. "Never just objects of judicial, legislative, or antislavery thought," black Americans "drove lawmakers to refine their thinking about citizenship. On the necessity of debating birthright citizenship, black Americans forced the issue."

After the Civil War, black Americans - free and freed - would work to realize the promise of emancipation and to make the South a true democracy. They abolished property qualifications for voting and officeholding, instituted universal manhood suffrage, opened the region's first public schools and made them available to all children. They stood against racial distinctions and discrimination in public life and sought assistance for the poor and disadvantaged. Just a few years removed from degradation and social death, these millions, wrote W.E.B. Du Bois in "Black Reconstruction in America," "took decisive and encouraging steps toward the widening and strengthening of human democracy."

Juneteenth may mark just one moment in the struggle for emancipation, but the holiday gives us an occasion to reflect on the profound contributions of enslaved black Americans to the cause of human freedom. It gives us another way to recognize the central place of slavery and its demise in our national story. And it gives us an opportunity to remember that American democracy has more authors than the shrewd lawyers and erudite farmer-philosophers of the Revolution, that our experiment in liberty owes as much to the men and women who toiled in bondage as it does to anyone else in this nation's history.

Jamelle Bouie writes a column for the New York Times.

Jamelle Bouie: Why Juneteenth matters

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Bahnsen, Elizabeth "Bette" 86, formerly of Savage, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 21, 2020. Bette was born 04/13/1933 in Rockwell, IA, daughter of James and Viola Curley. She married Darrell Bahnsen on 10/09/1954. Bette was her own person - a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and compassionate nurse. Like her parents, Bette was the ultimate MN Twins fan; enjoying Spring Training games with her beloved Darrell. She is preceded in death by her husband Darrell; parents, James and Viola Curley; and siblings. Forever loved by her children Mark (Penny), John (Valerie), Mary (Steve) Olson, Jane (Todd) Johnson, Lisa (David) Shadick, Angela (Tim) Speltz; her brother Paul (Pam) Curley; 13 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren; many relatives and friends. A private memorial service will be held 06/26/2020. Please send condolences to individual family members.

Domras, Norma J. age 73 of Mayer was taken home to Jesus on May 27, 2020. Survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Ralph Domras; daughters: Dawn (Joe) Dvorak, Danielle (Bill) Modell, Krista Schrom; grandchildren: Tyler, Ryan, Alex, and Jake; sister: Janet Visher. Private family memorial service held at Zion Lutheran Church in Mayer. Public visitation held 4-7 PM Tuesday, June 23rd at Zion Lutheran Church (121 Bluejay Ave. N.) in Mayer. Social Distancing will be observed. Interment First Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe. Arrangements with Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia. 952-442-2121 www.johnsonfh.com

Brandt, Gary M. Age 73 of Montrose MN. Formerly of Amery, WI and Brooklyn Park, MN passed away October 24th, 2019. Preceded in death by parents, Donald Brandt and Alice Osborne. Gary is survived by his wife of 29 years, Sherrie; daughter, Carolyn Briggs; son, Steven (Lori Gustavson); step-son, Michael Thomas; grandsons, Shawn Briggs (Michelle) and Tyler Briggs (Alyssa) of Cape Coral, FL; great grandsons, Parker and Cole Briggs. Gary was born in 1946 in St. Paul MN. He graduated in 1964 from Alexander Ramsey High School. Gary served in the Navy from 1967 to 1971. He became a boiler engineer. Employed through the years by many theaters as a projectionist. Most recently employed by M.A. Mortenson for 23 years until he retired in 2006. Gary also worked with the Brooklyn Park Police Dept. for several years as a reserve officer and later became captain of the reserves. A celebration honoring his life will be held June 27th, 2020 at 2:00 at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel 2610 19th Ave N.E. Mpls, (612) 781-1999 Visitation one hour prior to service.

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Schultz, Marlene L. Marlene Schultz, age 85, of Montgomery (formerly of Belle Plaine, Aitkin, and Eagan) passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 6, 2020. Marlene was born May 10, 1935, in Sturgeon Bay, WI to Harold and Margaret Wiesner. Marlene married William (Bill) Schultz on December 4, 1954. While raising her family, Marlene was able to share her knowledge and love of flowers by managing Nedved's Flowers in Eagan for 20 years. Preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Bill, who passed away just 62 short days before her; Forever loved and remembered by her children Dale (Michele) Schultz of Savage, Diane (Troy) Domine of Le Center; Grandchildren Erich, Drew, Greg, Laura, Adria, Garrett, Gunner, Tayte; Great Grandchildren Blake, Titus, Brinley, Weston. Due to Covid-19, a celebration of Marlene's life will be held at a later date. Condolences www.koldenfh@yahoo.com and cards can be mailed to Kolden Funeral Home, 219 N Willow Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011 and will be distributed to the family.

Rupert, Jerry Dale Age 78 of Maple Grove, MN passed away Sunday, May 17, 2020 at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Veterans Hospital. Jerry was the oldest of 7 children born to Clarence and Bernadine Rupert. Jerry attended his school years in Alexandria, MN then enlisted in the United States (US) Navy where he served four years as a Radar Operator. Jerry was the father of four children Greg (Barbie) grandchildren Eric and Annie Joel (Robin) and grandchildren: Kenny, Tara and Jared; Scott (Kris) and daughter Tracey: granddaughter Jennifer (Justin). Jerry married his wife, Linda, of 41 years and they built their home in Maple Grove, MN. He had many nieces and nephews that he loved. Jerry was an incredible glazier by trade and ran his own business, Maple Grove Glass and Glazing in Osseo, MN. His work can be seen throughout the US at numerous landmark buildings and skyscrapers. Jerry had a great love for all animals, especially his dogs! Anytime he could get them out hunting, he did just that! He had a love for fishing up north with friends and slaying the big ones or exaggerating that he did. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Bernadine; siblings Larry, Barry, Tommy and Sandy. Jerry's son Joel sadly passed away 7 days after Jerry which gives the family strength knowing that they are all together. Jerry is survived by his wife, Linda; his dog, Chloe; three children; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; sister, Judy; brother, Jimmy (Marlene); and many nieces and nephews. The family will do a celebration of life at a later time and date. The family would like to extend their gratitude to all those who helped Jerry and Linda in any way during and after his passing. summitfuneralandcremation.com

Hammes, James C. age 80 of Plymouth passed away 03/29/20. Preceded in death by father, Clarence "CP"; mother, Gertrude "Gert"; and nephews, Tim Getten and Kevin Schieffer. Survived by wife, Susan; and her children and grandchildren; sisters, Glenda (Marv) Getten and Terry Schieffer; nieces, nephew and his little poodle, Chloe. He served 25 years in the U.S. Navy and after worked many years at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. Member of the American Legion and Fleet Reserve Association. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 am Tuesday, June 30 at The Church of St. George, 133 N. Brown Road, Long Lake. Visitation 5-7 pm with 6 pm Rosary Monday, June 29 at Gearty-Delmore Plymouth Chapel, 15800 37th Avenue N. Interment St. George Cemetery. www.gearty-delmore.com 763-553-1411

Rasmussen, James E. Age 72, of Richfield, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on June 11 at his lake home in Aitkin, MN. Retired electrical engineer from General Electric, long time President of the Hennepin Overland Railway Historical Society. Survived by loving wife, Roma Lee; sons, Corey (Jenn) and Christopher (Heidi); grandchildren, Carson Scott, Emma and Amelia; brother, Frank (Connie); numerous relatives and friends. Preceded in death by parents, Harold and Dorothy. Visitation 4-7PM on Wednesday (June 24) at Morris Nilsen Funeral Chapel, 6527 Portland Ave in Richfield. Private Mass of Christian Burial will be via Zoom on Thursday (June 25) at 1:00PM. Interment Lakewood Cemetery.

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Memorials preferred to Hennepin Overland Railway Historical Society or St. Richard's Catholic Church. Morris Nilsen Chapel 612-869-3226 www.morrisnilsen.com

Labat, Dixie L. Age 82 died from natural causes in her sleep as her father did and she always wished for on April 2, 2020. Preceded in death by her parents Sylvester and Harriet Aus; brother Carl; daughter Frances; sons Paul, Tim and Pat. Survived by husband Bob and son Dave (Bernice); grandchildren Shannon, Tristan, Ashley, Hailey and Harley; great-grandchildren Lily, Patrick. Also, many relatives of the Aus and Labat families along with many friends from high school, college, cosmetic advisory work and especially golf friends of over 50 years. Dixie graduated from Wheaton High School in 1956, Wheaton, MN, College of Saint Benedicts in 1960, St. Joseph, MN with a degree in Home Economics. Dixie married Bob in August of 1960, lived in St. Cloud, South Mpls., many years in Wayzata and the last twenty years in Minnetonka, MN. Dixie and Bob also traveled extensively throughout the U.S. with the boys and also took trips to the Caribbean, Europe and Asia, and only once without golf clubs! She was a beautiful and wonderful wife, a devoted and great mother and a friend to many. She had a great passion for golf, playing in leagues, tournaments and any time she could with friends, family and on trips. She played on many courses remembering virtually every shot and win, always competitive but easy to play with as golf was fun - she was preparing for another fun season of golf when she died to try the courses in heaven. Dixie had an incredible deep Catholic faith, loved her church and sacraments. Her strong faith in God allowed her to accept many trials and challenges. It also gave her the joy to live life to the fullest and leave all of us with many joyful memories. Dixie was unique and she will be missed. Mass of Christian Burial 11 am Saturday, June 27 at St. Therese Catholic Church, 18325 Minnetonka Blvd. Deephaven, MN 55391 (NO VISITATION PRIOR). Interment to follow at Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery, County Rd 24, Medina, MN. Memorials preferred for St. Therese Youth Ministry, College of Saint Benedict or donor's choice. Gearty-Delmore 763-553-1411 www.gearty-delmore.com

Keiper, Eleanor Eileen age 76, of Fruitland Park, FL, Chanhassen, MN, and Hackensack, MN passed away peacefully on June 10, 2020 in Florida. Daughter of Eugene Lawrence Harnen and Claire Romanofski Kelly, Eleanor was born on April 16, 1944 in Chicago, IL. Former co- owner of Accent Arts in Minneapolis, MN. <https://baldwincremation.com>

Danforth, Pamela Jane 68, longtime resident of Woodbury, MN died on June 11th after a five-year struggle with breast cancer. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Al Danforth; son Michael Danforth and his wife Eva Nielsen of Chicago, IL; son Chris Danforth and his wife Anna Stern of Somerville, MA; daughter Shannon Voerster and her husband Justin Voerster of Cottage Grove, MN; and eight grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother Beverly Smith of Woodbury; and two brothers, Kevin Smith of Minneapolis, MN and Mark Smith of Memphis, TN. Pam was the oldest daughter of Beverly and Dean Smith. She grew up all over the United States. Born in Palo Alto, CA, Pam and her family also lived in Seattle, WA, Columbia, MO, Stillwater, OK, Iowa City and Cedar Falls, IA where she met Al on a blind date. She loved her job as a special needs paraprofessional, and later in life was a committed volunteer at her local food shelf. Many found a mother in Pam when they needed one, and all were welcome in her home. To be with Pam was to be surrounded by laughter, music, and sharp wit. Many speak of her powers of clairvoyance - she predicted friendships, marriages, and births with uncanny accuracy. She was a maker of traditions, collecting the small and special moments - the Christmas crackers, the ABBA road trip soundtracks, the performances, the backyard cookouts - to create a family legacy that will live on through all who loved her. A small backyard service will be held at the family home in Woodbury, MN. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Pam's honor to the Christian Cupboard in Oakdale, MN or the Susan B. Komen Foundation.

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Larsen, John W. of Maplewood died June 5, 2020 at age 96. Beloved Father to John (Virginia), Maria Theresa, Paulette (Mary Kay), Daniel (Suzanne), & Veronica (Rhett) Arens. Preceded in death by Son, Paul. Grandfather to Adeana (Tony), Maria Kim (Jon), Eris, Daniel (Melissa), Colin (Bonnie), Mitchell (Miriam). Great Grandfather to Vance, Emmalina, William, & Sidney. He was a veteran of WWII & Korea (Light Cruiser USS Brooklyn) and a retired 3M Accounts Receivable Manager. His love of life was the gift of music. As a baritone ("The Silver Fox") he sang with the 3M Chorus and was a founding member of the Mellow Fellows. He will be remembered for his smile and kindness to all. His family will miss him. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic a memorial service comprised of a military burial and gathering will be announced at a later date.

Haeg, Leroy "Chub" 89, peacefully passed away June 8, 2020. Chub was born on August 15, 1930 to Ester (Lunde) and George Haeg of Bloomington, MN. Chub proudly served his country in the Korean War as an Army Medic. On June 23, 1962, he married Harriet Boeding and together they raised 4 children in Bloomington, MN, where he worked as a real estate appraiser for 50+ years. Chub was one of a kind: a great jokester who was never serious. He was a faith-filled man with a big heart and ready smile for his friends and family. He loved attending his children's and grandchildren's games and activities. He was actively involved in AA, celebrating over thirty years of sobriety and was a devout member of Assumption Catholic Church since the day he was born. Chub is survived by his children: Joe (Barb Ganzer) Haeg, Lakeville, MN; Mark Haeg, Boulder, CO; Tom (Lyn) Haeg, Savage, MN; Sarah (Ron) Roers, Bloomington, MN. His grandchildren: John, Tony, Janna; Harrison; Ben, Zac, Ted and Joe Haeg; Hank, Jacob, Josie, and Josh Roers. His sisters: Ardie Lein and Yvonne Welch. Preceded in death by his wife, Harriet, his parents, infant brother, and sisters Mary Anne Anderson and Alice Liljeblad. Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday, June 23, 11:00 a.m. 2020 at the Church of the Assumption, 305 East 77th Street. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Visitation Monday, June 22, 4-7 p.m. at Gill Brothers Funeral Home, 9947 Lyndale Avenue South and one hour prior to Mass at church. Memorials preferred to Poor Clare Sisters, Rochester MN. www.GILLBROTHERS.com BLOOMINGTON, MN 952 888 7771

Doherty, Patricia Dillon 97, died May 25 in Anza, CA where she had lived in the loving care of daughter Jean. She is survived by four other daughters: Elizabeth (Dave Ryba), Mary Jane, Nancy (Mike Prendergast), and Sally (Christopher Franceschelli); five grandchildren: Dillon, Jack, Luke, Ben, and Anna; brother-in-law Jim Orput, and many beloved nieces and nephews. Predeceased by husband John J. Doherty and siblings. She was an art teacher, and following WWII, served in the Special Services of the US Army/Air Force in Germany. A talented artist, she volunteered during her longtime residency in Mpls as a tour guide at Walker Art Center, docent at the Mpls Institute of Art, and president of the League of Catholic Women. Private service. Memorials preferred to League of Catholic Women or St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. A dedicated, inspirational mother, passionate about the arts, politics, and sports, she was devoted to serving others. She will be sorely missed.

Flanagan, Thomas Kevin The youngest son of Willard and Dorothy Flanagan, Tom was a very special part of our family. Loving, helpful and generous would describe him. Always quick with a joke or hint of sarcasm, he was a very fun person to be around. Very bright and dedicated to those he loved, he will be missed by many. We will always love him and never forget him. Preceded in death by his Mom and Dad, he leaves behind his Daughter, Kate, Son, Alan, Stepdaughter, Peggy and siblings, Patrick, Mike, Tim, Jeri and Mary. He will be missed greatly.

Singer (nee Passage), Audrey Elaine Age 89 of Florence, AZ, passed on June 12th. Formerly of Somerset, WI and McAllen, TX; but called Columbia Heights, MN her home. Preceded in death by parents, Verne

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and Evelyn Passage; husband of 67 years, Clayton Singer; son, Timothy Singer and granddaughter Brittany Ihlen-Singer. She is survived by her son, Daniel (Bambi) Singer; sister, Shirley (John) Rusnacko; grandchildren, Ian Singer and Kacie (Dan) Hintz; great grandchildren, Ashton Singer, Ruby Hintz, and Hazel Hintz. Audrey was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved happy hour and playing cards; claimed she never slept and worried about everyone and everything. She will be missed every day by everyone that knew her and welcomed into heaven by all that are waiting. Worry no more. Peace is with you.

Kvenild, Karen L. Born June 2, 1942 in Mpls. and passed away June 10, 2020 at Martin Luther Care Center, Bloomington at the age of 78 years. Preceded in death by parents, Kaare & Louise Kvenild and her grandparents. Survived by brother, Kenneth (Kathy) Kvenild; nieces and nephews, Kimberly (Tom) Totushek, Kristina (Andy) Larsen, Kaare (Michelle) Kvenild, and Kyle (Ellen) Kvenild; 11 great nieces and nephews. She was employed at Opportunity Partners for over 50 years; including several years enjoying their Golden Opportunity Program. We would like to thank the staff at Lutheran Social Service Group Homes and Martin Luther Care Center for your excellent care of Karen for all of these years. A private family graveside will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials preferred. Bradshaw 612-724-3621

Schmid, Lesley Kay Age 78, died peacefully on June 12, 2020 at the Benedictine Health Center in New Brighton, MN, where she had resided for the past eight years. Lesley was born to Leslie & Muriel (Hamilton) Schwarten on December 6, 1941, in Braham, MN. After graduating from Braham High School in 1959, she attended the University of Minnesota for two years before transferring to Augsburg College in Minneapolis where she graduated with a B.A. degree in Elementary Education in 1964. Lesley married Byron Schmid, a Lutheran pastor, on August 24, 1963. They raised two children: Allison born in 1967 & Paul in 1970. Lesley's life was devoted to her family, and she was very proud of her children and grandchildren. Lesley Schmid is survived by her husband, Byron, who resides in Blaine; a daughter, Allison (Chris) Iwan, in Lino Lakes; a son, Paul, in Tallahassee, FL; three grandchildren; and two brothers, Dr. James Schwarten in Billings, MT, and Dr. Stephen Schwarten in Stanchfield, MN. Lesley was a member of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Mounds View, MN. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. (Additional information can be found on the Cremation Society of Minnesota website.)

McLaughlin, William On June 4, 2020 William Thomas McLaughlin (Billy Mac) went to the Lord at the age of 76 after a long struggle with congestive heart failure. He was the loving husband of Nancy (Spilane) for 53 years. He was the father of Tom (Dania), Jeff (Tracy) Marcy, Kelly (Jamie) and Ryan (Becky). He had 8 grandchildren, Matthew, Justin, Jay, Ben, Landon, Jyllian, Alle and Kayla with a baby on the way. He was also a father figure to Mike, Steve and Heather Marthaler. He graduated from De La Salle High School in 1961. He was a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force Reserve for 6 years. Was also a member of the Teamsters and the Knights of Columbus. He ended his working career at Grosslein Beverage as a beer salesman. Bill had a passion for music, sports and Nascar. Bill's love for his wife, children and grandchildren was like no other. He loved telling stories of all the accomplishments that his children and grandchildren achieved. No one was better than his family. Bill was 26 years sober. He was so proud of his sobriety. He worked tirelessly to help anyone that came into a meeting. Bill is preceded in death by his father Tom, mother Susan, and brother Cyril. He is survived by his wife and children, his brother Michael and sisters Patti and Ann Marie and also many cousins, nieces and nephews. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association. A special thank you to Dr. James Hardigan and Dr. Neal Kavesh of Watson Clinic who kept him alive longer than anticipated. Visitation Friday 06/26 from 4-8 at Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 West Broadway, Crystal. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday 06/27 at 11:00 am at St. Gerards,

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9600 Regent Ave., Brooklyn Park, masks required. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-86432

Thies, Bruce G. Longtime resident of Hopkins passed away Friday June 13th surrounded by his family. Born January 6th 1948 to Harvey and Tootie Thies. Predeceased by his parents and brother Stan Thies. Graduated from Eden Prairie high school in 1966. Married Mary Geis on May 22nd 1971. Bruce was a employee of Gabberts for 39 years. Bruce spent the last 6 years enjoying retirement spending time with his family and friends, but most importantly found great joy in his grandchildren. Survived by his adoring wife Mary, sons Brent (Catherine) and Kevin Thies, and his lively grandsons Mason and Elliott Thies, sister, Norma Pearson and many other loving family members. A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date.

McLean, Reid Reid McLean of Saint Paul, Minnesota passed away June 6, 2020, of pancreatic cancer. Reid was actively engaged in a remarkable variety of cultural and creative communities, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Wherever he went, Reid enjoyed a reputation for generosity, intelligence, decency, and wit. Born August 25, 1950 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Reid grew up in nearby West Allis. He was a graduate of Nathan Hale High School, Macalester College (BA, English), and the University of Minnesota (MA, communications studies). During and after his undergraduate studies, Reid played keyboards and woodwinds for several local rock bands, and eventually moved into booking, managing, and mentoring younger musicians in the Twin Cities new wave scene. Graduate studies and work in marketing and communications consulting led him to the Minnesota Orchestra, where for 15 years he developed, booked, and promoted multiple concert series and special events, including the much lauded "Day of Music." In 2006 Reid returned to Macalester to work in the advancement office, building the Mac community and promoting philanthropic support of the college's mission. Reid joined his late wife Brigid in supporting political campaigns centered on equity and social justice. He served on the board of Ampersand Families and on the Development Committee of the American Composers Forum. With Brigid, Reid hosted and advised many Macalester international students. He generously guided his own nieces and nephews in their college choices. Reid had exquisite taste in music, including jazz, classical, and rock. He knew and loved fine food and wine, contemporary film, and literature. He admired the work of Montaigne and was an advocate for and avid player of the Brazilian urban pop music known as choro. The Byrds were his favorite band. Reid is survived by his mother Helen Jane McLean; siblings Joanne (Scott) Winters, Carol (Steve) Lukaczer, David (Patty) McLean; siblings-in-law Maura (Kevin) Cope, Richard McDonough (Mimi Exon) & Maureen McDowall (Peter Anderson); nieces and nephews Rory, Shannon, and Ryan Stewart; Shawn Cope; Miles and George McDowall; Eric (Kristen) Winters; Bethany (Sloan) King; David, Grace, and Marcus Lukaczer; Erin (Javier) Mantilla; Reid (Jenney) and Laura McLean; and great nieces and great nephews Molly Winters & Grayson and Easton King. He was preceded in death by Mary Brigid McDonough (Wife), Roger McLean (Father), Hon. Judge John T. McDonough (father-in-law), Mary Horgan McDonough (mother-in-law), Molly McDonough Stewart (sister-in-law), Erin Stewart (niece), and Paul McDowall (brother-in-law). He wanted everyone to know he had a great life with Brigid, his family, and his friends. A virtual memorial gathering will be held on Friday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. Please send an email to reidmcleanmemorial@gmail.com to receive the link. Memorials preferred to Macalester College and Ampersand Families.

Dooley MD, Robert Thomas Robert Thomas Dooley, 87, passed away on June 12, 2020, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born on April 11, 1933, to parents Audrey Wilson and Edgar Glenn Dooley in Duncan, Oklahoma. Robert graduated from Duncan High School in 1951, and then attended the

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University of Oklahoma where he studied medicine and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He married Eleanor Jean Otto on January 21, 1956, commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy in 1956, and received a Doctor of Medicine degree from OU in 1958. Robert is survived by his sister, Mary Claire, his wife Jean, and their four children: Kevin (Sharon), Kathryn, Jill (Richard), and Robert Thomas Jr. (Shigemi); nine grandchildren: Lucy (Cooper), Alice, Erin (Steve), Carrie Jean (Charles), Allison (Justin), Emily, Madeline, Jack, and Max; and five great grandchildren: Otis, Arlo, Dean, Sully & Riley. He was predeceased by his parents, Audrey and Edgar Glenn, and sisters Glennes and Jan. After college, he served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. In 1964, he was honorably discharged from the Navy and moved the family to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he practiced as a pediatrician for 31 years. He retired from that practice in 1995, and moved with his wife Jean to Pinehurst, North Carolina, where he continued to work as a pediatrician at the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg. In 2002, he and Jean moved home to Oklahoma, and then moved again in 2012 to St. Paul, Minnesota, to be closer to their daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and long-time friends. His hobbies were playing the banjo, reading, solving crossword puzzles and especially, playing golf. Due to concerns about travelling during the current coronavirus lockdown restrictions, no memorial service is being planned. His ashes will be interred at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in a formal ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Children's Hospital Association, Inc. (<https://www.cha-stpaul.org/>, 345 Smith Ave. N, Suite 501, St. Paul MN 55102), which supports the work of Children's Hospital of Minnesota, where he served as chief of staff and saw patients for many years.

Schroeder, Dennis Barry 82, of Naples, FL passed away peacefully on June 11, 2020 in his home surrounded by loving family. He was born on August 27, 1937 in St. Paul, MN to the late Eldon Ernest Schroeder and Erna Marie (Cherney) Schroeder. Dennis was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corp, where he obtained the rank of Corporal. He attended the University of Minnesota, where he was a member of the Alumni Association and Oceanside Junior College. Dennis worked as an Investment Banker and was an entrepreneur who started several businesses, including Miller & Schroeder Financial and First Florida Securities. He enjoyed hunting, boating and travel and was an avid golfer and golf fan. He held a private pilot license and a Florida Real Estate License. Dennis was generous with his time and treasure and he was a consummate salesman, working for over 60 years at his profession. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Judith Schroeder of Naples, FL; his son, Michael Schroeder (Andrea) of Naples, FL; his stepdaughter, Lynn Thiewes (Scott) of Naples, FL; his son Douglas Schroeder of Edina, MN; his stepson, Gregory Stevens (Peggy) of Duluth, MN; his son, Steven Schroeder of Myrtle Beach SC; his brother, Ronald Schroeder and his wife Janet of South St. Paul, MN; his grandchildren, Lindsay Hoffman (Drew) of Chicago, IL; Robert Thiewes (Sarah) of Madison, WI; Daniel Thiewes of Naples, FL; Jack Schroeder of Lexington, KY; Lauren Schroeder of New York, NY; Olivia Montechhi (Mariano) of Chicago, IL; Samantha Stevens of Duluth, MN; Barbara Stevens of Duluth, MN; Bobbie Stevens (Alexa) of Duluth, MN and his great grandchildren, Maya Stevens, Amelia Stevens, Quinn Hoffman and Maude Hoffman. Dennis was preceded in death by his brother, David Schroeder and his sister, Patricia Cardin. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Baldwin Brothers Funeral and Cremation Society, Ft. Myers, FL. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida or St. Agnes Catholic Church of Naples, FL.

Schuurman, Douglas Age 64 of Northfield. NOTE: Memorial Services have been postponed until summer 2021 and will be announced. www.northfieldfuneral.com

Koski, Thomas C. M. Age 77, of Plymouth. Survived by wife, Julie; son, John (Adelheid); daughter-in-law, Tracy Koski (Travis Blasy); grandchildren, Henry, Elizabeth and Emmett; step-grandchildren, Taran and

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Anna Blasy; sister, Alice Fraser; many friends locally and in Mission, TX. Preceded in death by son, Paul; brother, William; sister, Marcy Wagner. Tom was a 20 year volunteer with the Minnetonka Police. He enjoyed cars, fishing, playing pool and riding motorcycle. Memorial service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Mpls. Veterans Home Family Council or Open Circle Adult Day Care in Hopkins. Gearty-Delmore.com 763-553-1411

Antil, Mary K. (Hehir) 56, of Maple Lake, formerly of Maple Grove. Funeral 10:30 a.m. Fri., June 19, 2020 St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Annandale. Visitation 4-7 p.m. on Thurs., June 18 and from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Fri., June 19, both at Church. Face coverings are required for attendance. Condolences and live-stream available at: www.dingmannfuneral.com

Pladsen, Paul Keith 76 passed away June 7, 2020. On August 3, 1963 he married his high school sweetheart Helen (Jeannie) Pederson. They lived in Richfield for 40 years before moving to Starbuck to own a bed and breakfast. Paul is survived by wife Jeannie, Daughters ZoAnn (Frank) Boegeman & Angela (Travis) Richards. Grandchildren Natalie (Paul) Spanier, Ryan, Zach, Emily and Ben Boegeman. Riley, Ellie and Katie Richards. Sister Sue (Bruce) Laughlin, Nieces Jody Schmitz and Tami Dorman. Nephew Jason Rayner and the Pederson family. Service will be held Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 at East Zion Lutheran Church rural Starbuck, MN.

Stenseth, Junius passed away peacefully early in the morning on May 30th at Redeemer Residence. He had just turned 91. He was preceded in death by beloved son, Jonathan. He is survived by his wife, Inger and son Christopher (Sangeetha) and Jenni West (Michael) and family. Junius was an adventurer and risk taker. After graduating from St. Cloud University in math/science he joined the Navy and served as an officer for 6 years. He sailed the world for 4 years and was stationed in London for 2 years. He settled in Norway where he attended the Univ. of Oslo and played basketball for the university team. He traveled all over Norway on his motorcycle, as well as in Europe and the Middle East. He married Inger and they had two sons and in 1974 they moved to Mpls, where his parents lived. In Norway he edited academic papers and fixed up a huge villa he bought. He worked for Salvation Army, Sears, in Real Estate, at the Historical Research Center and fixed up houses, but his passions were the family farm and investments. He loved working on the farm, and going hunting with his son Christopher. He was a loving father and very proud of his family. Junius had a strong faith and attended St. Paul Lutheran as well as The Vietnamese Church. The Vietnamese people were dear to him, and after a trip there, he helped establish an orphanage for blind children. Junius had strong opinions. He could also be very funny and until the day he died his wit was evident. We will miss him! He will be buried at Valley Grove by Nerstrand. A memorial service will be held later at Norwegian Church. Memorials will go to Doctors Without Borders.

Ferguson, Ward W. age 80 of Zimmerman, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2020. Preceded in death by parents, Ward and Beverly (Rochette) Ferguson; grandchildren, Reid Winton Ferguson and Megan Tate; brother, Lee Ferguson; sisters, Janelle Buchman and Karen Timm; brothers-in-law, Dr. Richard Trumble and Dick Timm. Survived by loving wife, Marva Jean; children, Troy (Kathryn) Ferguson, Cherice (Michael) Gross, Karleen (Bill) Favreau, Heather Ferguson (Scott Swanson), and Erin (Chad) Smith; grandchildren, Tayler (Dustin) Guinn, Whitney Ferguson (fiance Nathan Nowariak), Mallory (Daniel) Dingmann, Evan Gross, Holly Frenzel (Michael Barrett), Eric Frenzel, and Alexis Smith; great-grandchildren, Samantha and Madeline Dingmann, Isaac and Weston Guinn, Riley and Shayla Fuchs; brothers-in-law, Dr. Robert (Ann) Trumble, Kenneth Trumble, and Edward Buchman; sisters-in-law, LuAnn Trumble and Carol Ferguson. A Celebration of Ward's life will be held at a later date. Details will be announced. Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home Anoka 763-421-0220 www.thurston-lindberg.com

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Schiff-Sislo, Austin Lee Age 18, of Lakeville, MN passed away unexpectedly April 21, 2020. Austin was born in Duluth, MN on December 16, 2001. A memorial service will be at Hosanna Church in Lakeville, MN on June 26th. Visitation is 9:30-11:00am; memorial at 11:00am. Interment will take place June 27th at Lakeside Cemetery in South Range, WI at 12:00pm with a Celebration of Life to follow at 2:00pm at Lucius Woods Park in Solon Springs, WI.

Cloutier, Monica L. Age 72. Monica passed away peacefully on April 5th, surrounded by family. A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Tuesday, June 23, 2020 with a sharing of memories starting at 7:00 pm at the Grandstrand Funeral Home, 941 State Road 35, Osceola, WI 54020. Masks are encouraged. www.grandstrandfh.com

Backlin, Sigfred A'Dare Age 93 of Bloomington, MN died on June 11, 2020. Sigfred was born on a farm at Holmes City, MN to the parents of Sigfred and Olga Backlin. Graduated from Alexandria High School. Served during WWII and the Korean War. He was a railroad engineer for M&STL as well as Chicago Northwestern Railroads for a total of 43 years and 25 more years as a Cub Foods employee. Preceded in death by brothers Bobby and Jim, first wife Ione, second wife Sharon, brother-in-law Don Kolda, sisters-in-laws Francis & Pat Kolb, daughter-in-law Judith Lombeida, and son-in-law Gary Anderson, and his parents. Survived by sons Mark and Robert, daughters Susan Backelin and Sally (Vern) Lowe. Also survived by two sisters; Betty Lou (Don) Kolda and Ruth Ann (Jim) Benson and sister-in-law Brenda Landin. Also survived by grandchildren Sarah Kurtz, Crystal DeGroat, Laura Lombeida, David Backlin, Aaron Overlid (Mayte), Laura (Jason) Sprandel and great grandchildren; Kevin (Kalika), Salina and Michael Kurtz, Jayden DeGroat, Brianna, Emily and Jacob Overlid, Damian, Jerome, Mady, and Katy and great great grandchild Layla Rose. Four stepdaughters Marcie (Dan) Turville, Susan (Brad) Owens, Cathie and Chris Pedersen, step grandchildren Mike (Hannah Brandts) Owens, Denay Owens, Melissa (Ben) Hanson, Matt Howie, Sadie and Henry Pedersen, Max, Sam and Josie Altman, and great stepchildren Livia, Elin & Soren Hanson, Lincoln and Eva Owens. Memorial service to be held at Christ the King Church, Bloomington, Minnesota on June 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

Carruth, Donald H. age 106, of Excelsior. Preceded in death by wife, Florence, and 10 older siblings. Survived by his 4 children: Donna (Mel) Hladky, Minnetonka; Don (Marge) Carruth, Minnetonka; Lee (Cheri) Carruth, Maple Grove; Robert (Kathryn) Carruth, Savage; 7 grandchildren, DeAnn (Rick) Conzet, Killeen TX; David (Christie) Hladky, Jordan; Bob (Jeanne) Carruth, Jackson Hole WY; Julie (Chris) Lange, Baldwin KS; Leigh Carruth, Sacramento, CA; Jessica (Karl) Hammerstrom, Savage; Max (Amy) Carruth, Chanhassen; 12 great grand children; 5 great, great grandchildren. In 1918, at the age of 5, Don became so ill with the Spanish Flu that his parents placed him in a snow bank to lower his body temperature. The doctor came out to the farm twice to try to help and told the family to prepare for his death. All of his hair fell out, yet he survived and his hair came back in abundance. Don served in WW II (1944-46) and was trained as a pharmacist. He played saxophone in the Navy band stationed in Washington state. In 1976, at the age of 62, Don retired from Minnetonka Schools after a long career as school principal, teacher and coach at the old Excelsior High School. Don was the school principal at Excelsior at the beginning and end of his career with some years at Minnetonka West in the late 60s. Don also coached community baseball from Little League through town ball. In 1966 all 3 of his sons were on the Chanhassen Red Birds town team that he coached. Don grew up on a farm near Danvers, the youngest of 11 children where music and sports were a big part of family life. Don played all instruments and the piano taught by his older sister, Mildred. He, with older brothers Mick and Connie, sang and played saxophones in MN bands as teenagers and young adults before starting the Don Carruth Combo in the 1970s and continuing into 1990s. The Don

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Carruth Combo included local musicians who played throughout the Twin Cities in a variety of genres with the big band sound being his favorite. He played in bands to support his family in the early 1930s while getting his Bachelor's degree in teaching at St. Cloud Teacher College and later his Master's in School Administration at the University of MN. Don's musical career included being the band for his oldest grandson David's wedding and culminating with spectacular saxophone solos at both his youngest granddaughter Jessica's wedding and his oldest great granddaughter, Angie's wedding at the age of 86. Don was an avid golfer. He and his wife, Florence, were members of IVCC in Waconia where he recorded a 'Hole in One' and played well into his 90s. He "shot his age" at 83. He and Florence enjoyed golf vacations in FL, AL and CA. On January 13th, 2019, Don was featured in a Boyd Huppert special on KARE 11, "Cribbage for the Ages", where he was the 105 year old "kid" who took on the 108 year old master, Harry Camp, in a cribbage tournament at Presbyterian Homes in North Oaks. Cribbage was a daily family activity throughout Don's life. Don lived in his own home until age 102, moved to assisted living at Summerwood in Chanhassen continuing to drive his own car until age 103. He moved to Sunrise of Minnetonka in late December 2019 where he passed away on Friday, June 12th at 4:12 pm surrounded by the supportive staff who loved to sing songs with him. The family wishes to thank the staff at Summerwood in Chanhassen for their 4 years of support to Don and to Sunrise of Minnetonka who provided a most caring environment for the last few months of his life. Funeral arrangements facilitated by HUBER Funeral Home of Excelsior. A private family memorial service held Friday, June 19th at Excelsior United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the Carruth Family invite contributions to the Minnetonka School District, 5621 Hwy 101, Minnetonka 55345. Condolences and memories can be put online here at Star Tribune or at the Huber Funeral Home www.huberfunerals.com

Benson, Kathryn E. (Dodson) Age 106, formerly of NE Minneapolis and Garrison, MN. Born on September 21, 1913 in El Cajon, CA, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2020 in Bullhead City, AZ. Survived by daughter, Dena (Dan) Lentz; sons, Jim (Linda), Art (Karen), and Bruce (Jeanne); 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John A. Benson, in 2003.

Schleicher, George E. Age 95 of Mpls, passed away on June 12. Preceded in death by wife Helen, daughters-in-law, Donna and Eileen, grandson Rob. A Celebration of Life memorial will be held on July 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 8749 Montegue Terrace. Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 (Jane's home). You are welcome to come and share your fond memories of George. Contact Jtekautz@gmail.com or Trejo3615@hotmail.com for additional details or directions. Private family interment at Ft. Snelling. George served in WWII as a Medic in the US Army in Germany. Upon return, he worked for many years as a warehouseman, refinery man at Janney Semple Hill, Midland Coop & Land O' Lakes until he retired. George was a lifelong member of Stonebridge Church in Burnsville, serving as an elder and deacon over the years. George was a loving husband, father, and grandfather BUT his greatest love was for the Jesus Christ. Even in his final years, he had a mission to tell others about Jesus. George is survived by his children, Jerry (Diana), Robert (Rachel), Donald (Kathy), David Schleicher, Judy Trejo and Jane Tekautz (Tim). 14 grandchildren & 7 great grandchildren.

Fechner, Kristina Marie A beloved Mother, Significant Other, Daughter, Granddaughter, Sister, Niece, Cousin and Friend, Kristina Marie Fechner (Nelson) left this world unexpectedly, and far too soon, on May 31, 2020. Born in Minneapolis, MN on February 28th, 1980, Kristina grew up just north of the metro area where she attended Blaine High School. Kristina was a lover of all people, with a kind soul and a giving heart. She enjoyed helping others and had a strong connection to music. She was funny, outgoing and vivacious. Kristina was fiercely loyal to her friends and family. We will always remember her infectious smile, piercing blue eyes and caring personality. Her presence in our lives will be sorely missed. When you

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think of Kristina, celebrate the good memories you have of her. Remember that life is fragile and short and should be lived to the fullest. Kristina was preceded in death by Grandparents, Jerry Nelson, Sharon and Thomas Skinner, Aunt, Nancy Clark, Cousin, Zentaviah Jean Marie. She leaves behind her Son, Kayden Fechner, Significant Other, Gregg Kline, Parents, Catherine & Randall Nelson, Brother, Michael Nelson, Sister Jennifer Wold (Aaron), Nephew Dominic Nelson, Niece, Addison Thompson, Grandmother, Joyce Nelson, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends. A Private Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 11th.

Zakrzewski, Donald Age 83, of Minneapolis, passed away on June 12, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; sister-in-law, Cathy Balzart. He is survived by his daughters, Lisa and Kristin Zakrzewski; granddaughter, Anna Steaderman; brothers, David, Arnold (Judy), Ronald (Marge) Zakrzewski; sister, Esther (George) Vanderloo; brother-in-law, Donald Balzart. There will be a private family service at a later date. www.GILLBROTHERS.com

Johnson, Paul M. Age 91, of Roseville and formerly of St. Anthony Village, passed away on June 13, 2020. Preceded in death by loving wife of 69 years, Charlotte. Survived by daughters, Bonnie and Patty; and grandson, Dylan. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, June 25th at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Hwy. 65 NE, Fridley. A safe-distancing visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Service at 11:00 a.m. with physical distancing observed. Arrangements through Miller Funeral Home. 763-571-1300 millerfuneralfridley.com

Hyduke, Michael November 28, 1932 - June 13, 2020 Born in Hibbing Minnesota. Michael was preceded in death by parents Danica and Nikolas; brothers Robert, William, Gordon and Leonard; sisters Sally, Sophie, Geraldine, Genevieve. Survived by sister Phyllis and numerous nieces and nephews who adored and loved him very much. Michael served the U.S. Army and earned the National Defense Service Medal. After the war, he attended the University of Minnesota where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism. He worked in advertising and communications during his career and also worked for a time at Courage Center and RISE. Where he was very much respected by his peers. He had a passion for the disabled and underprivileged. His interests included music and dancing. For a time he was a Ballroom Dance Teacher. Sometimes at Family Gatherings, he would try to teach family members to dance-which didn't always go so well. He was always well dressed and had the latest model of cars. Special thanks to Allina Hospice Team. A very special thank you to Wanli Xu-his friend and caretaker, who spent his last day with him, we are forever grateful. The funeral will be announced at a later date.

Downer, Virginia 'Ginny' long time resident of Golden Valley, passed away May 17, 2020, from COVID-19. Preceded in death by parents John and Albetha (nee Horn) Pogorely. Survived by loving husband of 52 years John D. Downer, sons Daniel and Timothy, grandchildren Sarah, Alexandra & Matthew, brother Richard (Dorothy) Pogorely, sisters Patricia Frederickson and Joan Ristuccia, nephews and niece Nicholas (Tasha), Nathan (Sara Ann) and Alycia Pogorely, dear friends for over 50 years Lynn and Jerry Fricke. Celebration of Ginny's life will be held when pandemic precautions allow.

Brant, Roger Dale died a natural death at age 93 not covid related on May 16, 2020 @ Epiphany Assisted Living in Coon Rapids, MN. He lived a good long life. Rog was a very religious man who knelt down besides his bed to say his rosary every night. He was a Navy Pacific WW11 Vet. Rog worked for NSP for over 40 years as head of maintenance. Rog is survived by wife Darline. They were married for over 40 years. He is also survived by daughters Coleen and Lori, stepson Rick, brother Dwayne (Betty), grandchildren Erica, Chad and step-granddaughter Cassie (Jimmy), also many nieces and nephews. Preceded in

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death by first wife Berdine Ford Brant, mother Josephine, father Gordon, brothers Bud and Don Brant. Rog will be missed by many. Burial was at Epiphany Cemetery. A memorial mass and gathering for Rog will be later this fall due to the virus.

Windschitl, David M. Age 62 of Richfield. Passed away on June 13th from a brain injury sustained from a fall off of a ladder. David was born on April 8th, 1958 to Leonard and Dolores Windschitl in St. Cloud. He attended St. Mary's Grade School, graduated from St. Cloud Technical High School, and earned a degree in Building Trades from St. Cloud AVTI. David was a well-rounded man; his interests included crossword puzzles, reading, gardening, couponing, computers, designing and building, artistry, astronomy, climbing things (trees and cell phone towers were his specialty), and doing anything in his power to make people happy, especially Susan and Gretchen. He was such a kind and generous soul who will be deeply missed. David was one of the few people that would say to your face anything he posted on social media. He is survived by his wife, Susan; siblings, Rose (Roger) Haffner, Leonard (Ellen) Windschitl, Sheri Windschitl, Kenneth Windschitl, Barbara (Tom) Ries, Robert Windschitl, and John Windschitl; in-laws, Charles and Mary Mohler; Gretchen's special friend, Karl Heil; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives. David is preceded in death by his daughter, Gretchen; parents, Leonard and Dolores; brother, Mark Windschitl; and in-laws, Curt and Avis Mohler. Dave's family will not be present but invites you to pay your respects on Tuesday, June 23rd from 12 PM to 4 PM at Morris Nilsen Funeral Chapel, 6527 Portland Ave S, Richfield. Mass of Christian Burial by invite only. Please dress for comfort if you are attending Mass. Memorials preferred to Lion's Gift of Sight. Morris Nilsen Chapel (612)869-3226 www.MorrisNilsen.com

Leonard, Rod Rod Leonard, a policy expert on food and nutrition, and agricultural issues who worked in the Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter administrations, died on June 13, 2020 in Winona, Minnesota. He was 90. As a staff member to U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Orville Freeman in the 1960's, Rod helped develop policy and strategy to create and implement some of the most important federal anti-poverty and nutrition programs, including WIC, food stamps, and free and reduced-price school lunch programs. He also worked in the Carter White House as the Deputy Director of the President's Office of Consumer Affairs. Rod founded the Washington, D. C.-based Community Nutrition Institute in 1969 and retired as its executive director in 1998. Rod served on the board of Minneapolis-based Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy from 1990 -2010. Rod was born on December 7, 1929, in Eureka, Kansas, to Brownie and Muriel (Barnard) Leonard. He graduated from Kansas State University and served as a U. S. Army corporal in some of the most dangerous combat zones in the Korean War from 1951-1953. While attending graduate school and working on the University of Minnesota Daily as an assistant editor, Rod met Betty Berg in 1954. Betty was the first woman outside of war times to be editor-in- chief of the Daily. Betty and Rod married in 1955. In 1958 Rod became Minnesota Governor Orville Freeman's press secretary and legislative troubleshooter. Rod and family followed Governor Freeman to Washington D.C. when Freeman became USDA Secretary in 1961. Rod and Betty retired to Betty's family's Mille Lacs County farm in 1998. Betty died in 2001. Rod is survived by his children Karin (Karl) Sonneman of Winona, Jane (Lori) Leonard of St. Paul, and John (Lucia) Leonard of Chicago, his grandchildren James, Thomas, and Jane Sonneman, and Rod's brother Alan Leonard of California, as well as many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held later in the year. Burial will be at a private ceremony for immediate family and friends later this summer. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Rod's honor are asked to be given to Growth & Justice, 970 Raymond Avenue, Suite 201, Saint Paul, MN 55114 or www.growthandjustice.org/support. Guestbook at www.hofffuneral.com. Hoff Celebration of Life Center Goodview is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Friedman, (Mary) "Marjorie" (Nee Peck) Passed away June 14, 2020 at age 98. Predeceased by husband Sy H. Friedman. Marj is survived by beloved children and step-children Michael (Lisa) Steinberg, Martha (Martin) Waibel, David (Joan Schumacher), Robert (Debb Cash) and Barbara Lee; cherished grandchildren Jeffrey (Chell) Waibel, Gabe Steinberg (Leah Karason), Adler Steinberg; great-grand-children Joe & Jack Waibel, Cooper & Calvin Steinberg, devoted relatives and friends. Marj loved life, traveling the world, making friends of strangers. A lifelong learner and listener, Marj held Master's Degrees in Education and Counseling. Her guiding principles were truth, respect and compassion for the welfare of others. Marj taught for over 20 years in St. Louis Park. The secrets of her longevity, she said, were "Diet, exercise & attitude!" She was an avid supporter of musical theater, and will be missed by friends, young and old. Special thanks to Home Care Solutions for their sweet & tender care in Marj's final days, and gratitude for the Cherrywood Staff and valued new friends she made there. A devoted teacher in life and death, Marj requested her body be donated to the University of Minnesota Anatomy Bequest Program.

Anglim, Richard Thomas Age 91, of South Minneapolis, died June 13th, 2020. Richard served in state & local government his entire life, including work for Civil Defense, Ramsey and Hennepin Counties. Public service was central to Richard's outlook on life. He believed in an honest, fair, and responsible government, run by the people it served. Born in Duluth, his service-oriented life began in his teens when he earned his Eagle Scout badge. After earning a BA in Business Economics at the University of Minnesota, Richard served in the U.S. Army as a Technical Sgt. from 1952-1954. Afterward, he went on to earn an MA in Public Administration from the U of M, where he met his future wife, Mary Ann Pool. He was a long-time member of the American Legion and served as a Commander of Richfield Post 435 from 1998 to 1999. He was also a life-long member of the DFL and occasionally worked as a supporter of local and state representatives. Richard is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Anglim; his daughter Nancy Anglim; parents, Edward T. and Agnes Anglim; and brother Edward Anglim. He is survived by sons Chris and John; daughter Kathy; grandchildren James, Amelia and Mary Katharine. A private ceremony will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials can be sent in Richard's name to any of the Swing Left Funds <https://swingleft.org/p/funds> www.GILLBROTHERS.com Minneapolis 612-861-6088

Eke, Alan B. Age 85 of Blaine. Preceded in death by wife, Jane (nee Schneck); parents, Birger & Susan; grandchild, Shay Yurcek; siblings, Beverly Erickson & Elmer Eke. Survived by children, Ann (James) Yurcek; Daniel Eke (Karen Heintz); Martha (Joseph) Christian; Gretchen (Steven) Grandgenett; & Timothy (Katrina) Eke; siblings, Carol (Kenneth) Taylor, Arlene Sivanich, & Elinor (Lloyd) Ekeren; 20 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren. Alan's 85 years were filled with family, friends, work and hobbies that allowed him to unleash his creative mind & share his skill and experience with others. He grew up with his siblings, Elmer, Beverly, Arlene, Carol, and Elinor on the family dairy farm in Bruce, Wisconsin. After completing his early education in a one-room schoolhouse. Alan studied industrial education at the University of Wisconsin- Stout. He achieved a Master's in education from the University of Minnesota and went on to pursue a Doctor of Education degree from University of Minnesota. He held a variety of teaching positions at high schools in Cambridge, Richfield, Roseville, and Spring Lake Park, MN, as well as in higher education at the University of Minnesota, Mankato State, Saint Cloud State, and the University of Wisconsin, Stout. He transitioned to full time engineering in, MN, to continue his work at Glasstite, Inc. with its line of pickup toppers and utility bodies. Alan was a prolific product developer and was well-known for inventing on napkins over coffee. Notable projects include go-karts, Shriner's helicopters, the Windjammer, SnoCoupes, various bathing systems, medical devices, farm equipment, and snowblowers. His creativity was rewarded with numerous U.S. patents. Regardless of the task, Alan always valued the company of those around him. Through the years, his associations with students, family, colleagues, church,

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and fellow hobbyists resulted in lifelong friendships. In later life, he particularly appreciated those that enabled him to continue his routines, including coffee, EAA hanger activities and lunch outings. In addition to his many friends, Alan enjoyed a large and loving family. He met his wife, Jane, while attending Stout, and they were married for 59 years. Together, they raised five children and became grandparents to many. Alan loved attending his children's events, and playing with his grandchildren, if they did not sit in his chair. The quality time he spent with each of his kids and grandkids and his pride in their accomplishments made them all feel special. The only time his family did not come first was during the EAA air show in Oshkosh. Extended family was also a source of pride and enjoyment for Alan. He treasured the opportunity to help loved ones with any project, and in turn enjoyed their assistance. Family gatherings provided a favorite social activity and visiting with family was important to Alan. Alan found faith at summer camp and continued the journey throughout his life. He was comforted by his faith in God and was looking forward to being reunited with Jane, other family, and many friends. A family service was held and a memorial service will follow at a later date. www.kozlakradulovich.com "A Celebration of Life" 763-783-1100

Roden, Robert "Bob" Age 90, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 14, 2020. He was a long time resident of Long Lake, MN. Bob was born Sept. 5, 1929 on a farm in Amenia, N.D. to Arthur and Elizabeth (Cruden) Roden. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. during the Korean War. After returning from Korea, he met the love of his life, Lorraine Roach. They married in 1954 in Fargo, N.D. He was employed by Greyhound as a bus driver for 33 years. He was transferred to the Minneapolis area with Lorraine and their young family. He enjoyed many hobbies, including farming, running, biking, bowling and golfing. His family was the center of his world and he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them on his wonderful hobby farm, tending bonfires at many family celebrations. He is preceded in death by his brother, Arthur; sisters, Laura Locket and Katherine Murray; daughter-in-law, Lisa (Pfeffer) Roden and son-in-law, Don Johnson. Robert is survived by his wife, Lorraine of 66 years; his children, Laurie Johnson, Paul (Victoria), Dan, Mike (Kim), Amy Swanson (Tom), and Phil; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Peg Ford of Fargo, N.D. and many nieces and nephews. Gathering to celebrate Bob's life will be held at a later date. Private burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Ososki, Donald Age 89, of Fridley, passed away on his birthday, June 15th of natural causes. Don was born and raised in Little Falls, MN. Proud Korean War veteran. A hard- working day laborer, including 20 years maintaining parks at the City of Fridley. He spent 22 winters of his retirement in Apache Junction, AZ. Don enjoyed watching high school sports and was a long- suffering fan of the Vikings. He was a top-tier pool player, an average biker, and a low-tier golfer. Don had a fondness for travel, parades, carnivals, and polish sausage. He loved children, was kind to strangers, and loyal to his friends. We will miss him. Preceded in death by brothers, Lawrence and Edward. Survived by loving wife of 62 years, Barbara; children: Elaine Ososki, David (Kristen), Donald (Penny) and Tom (Dana); 7 grandchildren: Emily, Allyson, Tyler, Eric, Logan, Tana & Anthony. Visitation 4-6PM on Fri. June 26th at Church of St. William, 6210- 5th St. NE, Fridley with Memorial Mass of Christian Burial to follow. Inurnment at a later date at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Arrangements: Miller Funeral Home 763-571-1300 www.millerfuneralfridley.com

Pulson, Ruth Beatrice (Newland) Ruth Beatrice (Newland) Pulson, 103, of Coon Rapids, MN passed away on June 12, 2020. Ruth was born in Minneapolis, MN on Oct 14, 1916 to the late Mary and Fletcher Newland. She grew up in Minneapolis and at age 17 moved with her family to Nowthen, MN. She later worked for Chester, a small dairy farmer, and eventually married him. After Chester passed away she worked for West Bend Thermo-Serv in Anoka for several years before retiring and moving to California. She later moved to Maui, Hawaii and then to Arizona before returning to Coon Rapids to live with her sister

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Alice. Ruth was a hard working individual who loved music and painting. She was always active and enjoyed swimming at Twin Lakes in Nowthen. She loved her stationary bike and regularly exercised even well after her 100th birthday. Her music, laughter, and love of life will truly be missed. She didn't have children but was blessed with nieces and nephews that loved her as a mother. Jean Barth and Jerry Olson became close to her when she returned to Minnesota and cared for her during her final days. Ruth leaves behind many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters: Adelaide Horman, Mary Burdick, Dorothy Moore, and Alice Rootes. Her final resting place will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, 2520 Fair Oak Ave, Anoka, MN 55303. In lieu of flowers the family asks that any donations to go to The Animal Humane Society. A private memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Ruth's family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at the Mary T Creekside Cottage and her hospice care givers. Condolences may be sent to: Jean Barth 1555 118th Lane NW, Apt. 122 Coon Rapids, MN 55448 www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Scheetz, Everett April 14, 1939 - June 14, 2020 Everett Scheetz, age 81, of Coon Rapids passed away peacefully after a short battle with cancer. He will be deeply missed by his loving partner, best friend, and wife of 61 years, Eva (Kurtenbach); his dearly loved daughters of whom he was so proud, Laurel Olson, Barbara (Chris) Nielsen, Theresa (Craig) Stertz and Jeanine Scheetz. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 22 at 10:30 AM at the Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd., Coon Rapids with visitation at 9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in his memory to Ev's favorite organization, Domus Pacis Family Respite (domuspacis.org) or your own favorite charity. Live-stream access available on washburn-mcreavy.com www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Ryerse, Marilyn Lela (McGandy) "And ever has it been known that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation." It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Marilyn Lela (McGandy) Ryerse, age 88, on June 12, 2020, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Marilyn was a resident of Friendship Village and lived in Edina, Minnesota and Naples, Florida. Marilyn was born on July 10, 1931 at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis to Dr. Robert F. and Lela McGandy, and was raised in Edina, Minnesota, along with her brothers Dr. Robert B. McGandy and Douglas McGandy. She attended Wooddale School in Edina, and graduated from Northrop Collegiate School (now The Blake School) in 1949 where she was class president and a member of the drama, glee, world affairs, modern dance, awards, and public relations clubs. While attending the University of Minnesota, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she met William (Bill) Carlisle Ryerse. They were married on September 21, 1951. Marilyn is survived by William (Bill), her devoted husband of 68 years; children Scott (Emily), Mary Dow (Allen Gooch) and Malcolm (Mary); was the loving grandmother of Katherine (David) Aafedt, Meghan (Evan) Feige, Michael, Davis Gooch (Abby), Grant, Adam and Luke, and the proud great-grandmother of Michael (Fuzz), Reese, Mac and Elodie. She is pre-deceased by her parents and two brothers. Marilyn was the matriarch of her family and always made the family her top priority. She was highly sociable and had an incredible gift of making people, from dear friends to bare acquaintances, feel comfortable, as though they were the only ones in the room. She always had a kind word for everyone. She was known by all to be a lovely woman and friend to all who met her. She was a tremendous role model to her children as a person who treated everyone with warmth, respect, empathy, class and humor and who had a deep understanding of the right way to treat others. In short, she was the glue that held us all together. Her favorite time was holding and cuddling each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as babies. She never missed a birthday and was a mentor to all her offspring, instilling in them her strong values. She was quick with a smile and an acknowledgment

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to everyone with whom she had contact. Marilyn had wide-ranging interests to which she devoted much time and energy. She was a camp counselor as a teen at Camp Hilloway and in Big Timber, Montana, and recalled her time there fondly. She served both as President of the Alumnae Association and a trustee of Northrup Collegiate School (now Blake) and volunteered for Abbott Northwestern Hospital Auxiliary. She was a fan and supporter of classical music including the Minnesota Orchestra. She loved parties, was fond of telephoning her friends to check on them, and relished opportunities to get together with the those in her social network. She was an avid gardener and voracious reader. She loved orchids, bunnies, manatees and the color blue. She adored yellow labradors, especially her long-time companion Chamois (she actually had 4, all named Chamois). She was a phenomenal cook, a hostess extraordinaire, a master at making lobster bisque, and loved to pass along her recipes to friends and family. Marilyn had a particular soft spot for strawberries and chocolate, all the better when served together. And despite appearances, she suffered for years with the agony of a bad back, and no one could ever tell how much pain she endured. We are grateful that she is now pain free. A family-only memorial service will be held per her wishes at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Edina. Memoriams may be directed to Marilyn's favorite organizations including: The Blake School, Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation, and St. Alban's Episcopal Church. It has been said that people may forget what you said and forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel. There will be no end to missing her. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses on station 3100 East at Abbott Northwestern Hospital for their truly compassionate care. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Olsbo, Ronald Lee Age 83 of Anoka. Loving husband and grandfather passed away in Anoka on June 14, 2020. Ron was born in Madison, South Dakota on November 20, 1936. He attended Dakota State and earned his Masters from USD. He was a Principal at Roosevelt Middle School in Blaine for 25 years. Ron is preceded in death by his father, Rudy; his mother, Aleda; and his brother Stan. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Lorraine "Lorrie"; daughters, Ronda (Scott) Anderson & Lorinda (Andrew) Hedstrom; 4 grandsons, Ryan (Sarah) Anderson, Blake Anderson, Anders Hedstrom and Erik Hedstrom. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services and visitation information will be communicated at a later date. Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home Anoka 763-421-0220 www.thurston-lindberg.com

Adams, Joan Carol (Reed) of Edina, MN died on June 4, 2020, at age 86, while resting at home. Born and raised in Lima (Ohio), Jo was the eldest child of James L. and Ruth E. (Hastings) Reed. She graduated from Lima Central High School in 1951 and received a BS in Education from Bowling Green State University in 1956. Married to John C. Adams in 1961, they lived in several places in the Midwest, calling Minnesota home since 1975. Jo raised three children, eventually returning to work as an office administrator in several locations and maintaining her own independent business. Jo was known for her keen mind and sharp wit, as well as her deep love of family, lakeside camping, and Sanibel Island. She is survived by John and their three children: Amy Adams of Walnut Creek, CA; Bob Adams of Mound, MN; Sue Adams (John Crosson) of Walnut Creek, CA; beloved grandchildren Hannah Ross, Emily Ross, Tommy Adams and Jake Adams; sisters Judy and Beverly, brother Jim "Butch", and many nieces and nephews. A private service was held for the immediate family. Memorial donations may be made to Second Harvest Food Bank, Feeding America, local food banks, or programs offering assistance to those struggling within your community. Guestbook: <https://www.memories.net/page/6141/joan-adams>

Findorff, Robert L. 91, of Tampa, FL passed away on June 7, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Jocelyn, and sons Robert and Paul. Survived by daughters Jean Findorff, Laura (Doug) Norberg, and Mary (Alan Peterson) Findorff, and sons Karl (Cindy) Findorff and John (Nancy) Findorff. Also

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survived by 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, plus 2 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his well-loved scoundrel of a cat, Sunshine. Bob was born in Northeast Minneapolis to Hugo and Elfriede Findorff. He graduated from Edison High School and went into the army for the GI benefits. After the army, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota, and a Juris Doctor magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law. He also served in the Air Force Reserves as an officer. Bob and Jocelyn married in 1953 and raised 7 children in Chicago, IL, Bloomington, MN, Cresco, IA, and Edina, MN. He worked for Donaldson Company, Inc. for 36 years, retiring in 1994 as senior vice president. Upon retirement, he and Jocelyn relocated to Tampa, FL where they spent many years traveling the world, making new friends, and engaging in lifelong learning. Bob was involved in mentorship through SCORE in Florida. He was also a strong supporter of college education and athletics, establishing scholarships at the University of Minnesota, St. Catherine University and Central Lakes College and vociferously cheering for many hapless sports teams in both Minnesota and Florida. He was curious and always wanted to learn more about history so he took many classes through OLLI of the University of South Florida, primarily focusing on the Civil War. He eventually learned so much that he began teaching courses himself. The family would like to extend our deep gratitude to Bob's sister-in-law, Lynn Roth and her husband, John for watching over Bob these past many years. Their genuine caring gave us peace while we lived far away. We also want to thank the caring staff at Arbor Terrace, Citrus Park, FL for the patience and kindness they extended towards Bob over the last eight months. We also want to thank his many doctors, especially Dr. Bymaster and Dr. Wong. Due to COVID-19, a private funeral will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at St. Patrick's Church of Edina. Private interment following at St. Mary's cemetery in Minneapolis. The funeral service will be viewable after June 24 on Robert's tribute wall under "Obituaries" at www.washburn-mcreavy.com: <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Robert-Findorff/#/> PhotosVideos Minnesota: Memorials preferred to CommonBond Communities. People can give online via <https://commonbond.org/donate/make-your-gift/> or mail to: CommonBond, 1080 Montreal Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55116. In memo line put "Robert L Findorff" Florida: Memorials preferred to USF Foundation, Inc. (OLLI), <https://giving.usf.edu/where/institutes-centers/osher-lifelong-learning-institute>, Attn: Donor Relations, University of South Florida, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, ALC100, Tampa, FL 33620 www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Andersen, Lois P. Age 88 of Richfield, MN died on June 14, 2020 after a three-week battle with CoVid19. Greeting her with open arms is her beloved husband of 59 years, William "Bill" Andersen, her son Joe and son-in-law Russell Smith. Carrying on her legacy are her proud children, Mary Pat Smith, Beth (Scott Alpaugh), Paul (Karen Kooda), Martha (Dan Conners), Rob (Ann), Amy (Tony Baregi), and Sara (John Ince) (daughter-in-law), her cherished and well-loved grandchildren, Eric and Angie (Andie Mazorol) Andersen, Rachael Smith, Jeff (Tami) Alpaugh, Megan (Sam Beuch), and Zach Alpaugh, Nathan, Katie, Jeremy, Michael, Emily, and Maggie Conners, Bridget, Molly (Nathan Bittner), Tom (Catherine), and Will Andersen, Tony (Terese), Willy (Lauren) and Annie Baregi, and her treasured great-grandchildren, Ginnifer, Peyton, Elliot, baby-to-be Baregi and baby-to-be Beuch. Also survived by her brother Dale (Kathy) Hennessy, and many nieces, nephews and faithful friends. Born to William "Harry" and Edna Hennessy in Minot, ND on March 17, 1932 (Is there a better reason to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?) they moved to Minneapolis in 1941. Lois graduated from Roosevelt HS, attended the College of St. Catherine's and went on to work at Donaldson Dept Store where she not only was the Junior Dress buyer, but more importantly, met the love of her life, Bill. After years at home raising her children (and volunteering on numerous school, church and Archdiocesan committees), she found a second career as a Children's Librarian in Hennepin County. She was passionate about spreading her love of reading to little ones, and

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devoted many hours to helping improve the literacy of those in the community. While she enjoyed and excelled in her careers, her most treasured vocation was being a mom, grandma, and great-grandma. The consummate host, nothing pleased her more than being able to set a beautiful table and cook a delicious meal for her family and friends. She relished this time spent with family and friends, and any birthday, Feast Day or life event was cause for a party in her book. To honor Lois, we invite you to bake a pan of bars, invite friends over and read a book to a child. Memorials preferred to Assumption Catholic Church or Blessed Trinity Catholic School for their Library Fund. Due to CoVid limitations, a family only Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11am on Monday, June 29, 2020 at Assumption Catholic Church 305 E 77th St., Richfield, MN with burial to immediately follow. The mass will be live-streamed Monday morning. Directions to the live stream and a worship aid for the mass can be found on the Morris Nilsen website. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date. The family would like to thank Brighton Hospice for helping us navigate mom's final days, as well as extend a very special thank you to Dr. Maas and his staff at Bluestone Physicians and the staff at The Commons on Marice, especially mom's very favorite aide, Shewaye, for the love, care and dignity they gave to her these last five years. Morris Nilsen Chapel 612-869-3226 www.morrisnilsen.com

Schuster, Ronald Allen "Ron" age 72, formerly of Maple Grove, passed away on June 15, 2020. Survived by loving wife of 49 yrs Kathy; daughters, Julie (Mark), Jill (Rich), and Christine (Eric); brother Larry (Mary). Proud grandfather of Emily, Brandon, Emma, Leah, Jackson and Grayson. Preceded in death by parents, Erwin and Doris. There are no words to describe our loss. Arrangements Mille Lacs Funeral and Cremation Services. www.methvenfuneralhome.com

Gill, James Thomas Age 78 of Maple Grove and Pelican Lake, died peacefully on June 12th with his family by his side. Preceded in death by loving wife of 52 years, Geri; parents, Tom and Gertrude, sisters Elaine Gill, Jean Riser and Irene Linn. Survived by his children, Jeff Gill, Judi (Brad) Schmidt, John (Temple) Gill, June (Wade) Linnertz, Jim (Melissa) Gill; 16 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; siblings, Tom (Genny) Gill, Shirley Hondl; and many other relatives and friends. Proudly employed by C.S. McCrossan and a member of the 49ers for decades. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am with arrival time 15 minutes prior on June 25th, 2020 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 9100 93rd Avenue N, Brooklyn Park. (Due to Covid, no visitation prior to mass). Interment at St. Vincent's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Lewy Body Dementia Association: www.LBDA.org Evans-Nordby 763-424-4000 evansnordby.com

Kraft, Fred Richard passed away peacefully at Aurora Transitional Care in Edina on June 15, 2020. He had phone conversations with his children in the last hours of his life, and his death was quick and decisive, and without preamble or drama. That was Fred's way of doing things. Fred was born in Austin, Minnesota on March 21, 1930 to 100% Czech parents, Anna and Louis Kraft. Anna was a homemaker and Louis worked at the Hormel meatpacking plant. Fred had two younger sisters, Helen and Mary. They lived in a modest 1 01/2 story house; Fred's bedroom was in the uninsulated attic and he would wake up with frost on his face some winter mornings. Fred attended Sumner Elementary School and graduated from Austin High School in 1948. Money was tight, and at one time, Fred held four jobs while attending school: setting pins at a bowling alley, delivering newspapers, cleaning at a bakery, and working at an arcade. Fred remembered his dad driving up to the Cities and dropping him off at the State Fair with just a nickel. Fred earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota. He met Donna Cole while at the university and they were married on September 8, 1951. After graduation, Fred and Donna moved to back to Austin where they raised their four children. Fred was a devoted husband, father, and provider. The family attended Westminster

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Presbyterian Church where Fred was an usher and Elder. Fred was an attorney in Austin for over 35 years. During that time, he was Austin Municipal Judge and Mower County Attorney. Fred and Donna moved back to the Twin Cities in 1987, and Fred worked as a title examiner for Edina Realty until his retirement. They took full advantage of the city, walking regularly around the lakes, attending concerts at Orchestra Hall, and trying out the latest restaurants. Fred and Donna, along with their growing extended family, took annual vacations to Hilton Head Island and to the North Shore (staying near the resort where they honeymooned). They travelled internationally extensively, and treated their four children and spouses to a Mediterranean cruise in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Large holiday celebrations were hosted in their home until they were well into retirement. Their devotion to family created a strong extended-family foundation and bond for their children and grandchildren. Fred and Donna were members of Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina. Fred's beloved wife Donna died in July 2017. Fred missed her terribly, but remained active and engaged in his home and church communities. He retained a sharp and active mind, and read the Star Tribune, Wall Street Journal, and New Yorker magazine (covering the full political spectrum) religiously. He enjoyed sharing his thoughts and opinions on all topics. He had a remarkable memory for everything from sports statistics to details of family trips (his memories of family travels were often food-focused), to each grandchild's birthday. Fred was known both for his thrift and for his extravagance (at one time the family had two Cadillacs) and generosity. He (and Donna) regularly made the grandchildren's holiday wishes come true. Fred was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years Donna (Cole) Kraft, parents Louis and Anna (Mudra) Kraft, and his sisters Helen Bogenschutz and Mary Reiersgaard. He is survived by his children John Kraft (Rachel Madden), Kathryn Burger, Rebecca Kraft (Marc Soderbloom), Daniel Kraft (Michelle); 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. There will be a private family service. Memorials are welcome to People for Parks Minneapolis or Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota.

Graske, Louann Age 85 of Richfield. Preceded in death by husband Charles; parents Carl, Anna & Julia Ellefson, sister Gladys Huset and grandson Travis. Survived by Daughter Julianne Schnoor, sons Douglas (Kim) & Richard (Angie), 9 Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren, 7 Great-Great Grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Celebration of Life June 27, 2020 1-5 pm at VFW Post 1296, 311 W 84th Street, Bloomington, MN 55420. We would like to thank the Staff and Care Givers at Mainstreet Village Retirement and Fairview Hospice for the excellent care & Love they showed Louann.

Moore, Marcia K. Age 70 of Champlin. Preceded in death by husband, Stephen; father, Conrad Van Beek; sister, Marilyn Lunt; brother, Douglas Van Beek. Survived by mother, Laura Mans; sons, Chris (Mattea), Justin; sisters, Beverly (George) Cotton and Lenae (Steve) Schwartz; sister-in-law, Peggy Moore; grandchildren, Kelly, Sabel and DeeJay; several nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Private service. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

Sitka, William (Wasy) & Darlene (nee Savchuk) William Sitka 02/12/1923 - 05/24/2020 See his obituary from 05/31/2020. Darlene Sitka Age 92, of West St. Paul on 06/16/2020, 27 days after her 70th Wedding Anniversary and 23 days after the death of her husband. Eternally together! Both died from Covid-19. She had a great life! They had a special life together! Survived by loving son: Gregory (Lili) and adoring granddaughter: Alexandra. Also survived by several cousins. She was born to Ukrainian parents and raised in St. Paul. She graduated from Wilson High School in 1945, went to business college and worked as a secretary. She met her husband at a church dinner and they were married in 1950. She embraced her role as a homemaker and she sure knew how to set a table! She lived for her family and was a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. We wish to thank Southview Acres Health Care Center for their compassionate

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care. As they loved being together, a double funeral will be held. In light of the current Covid-19 circumstances, a graveside service will be held at Hillside Cemetery on June 23rd, 2020 at 11 AM. Memorials may be directed to St. Michael's and St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Vichnaya Pamyat! Memory Eternal! www.kozlakradulovich.com "A Celebration of Life" 612-789-8869

Blyth, T. Peter A beautiful life has ended. Peter died of congestive heart failure on June 10th. Those in his orbit will miss his delicious English sense of humor, his compassionate soul, his inquisitive mind. He was a cherished husband, father, brother, brother-in-law and uncle. He was a devoted friend. Peter was born in August 1941 in Gravesend, England. He grew up on the Channel Island of Jersey where he graduated from Victoria College. He completed a five-year apprenticeship program training as a chef. He began his exciting and rewarding hotel career in 1963 at the new London Hilton. It was Hilton that brought Peter to the United States in 1965. He was with Westin Hotels for 19 years serving as a general manager, the Director of Food and Beverage Worldwide and a development officer. He ended his career with Radisson Hotels and Resorts as Executive Vice President, Business Development Worldwide. He spoke English, French and Norwegian. His friendships circled the globe. In retirement he became an accomplished Japanese sumi-e painter. He planned long summer bike rides with friends on Minnesota's remarkable bike trail system. He recently joined a CBS men's bible study group which brought him endless joy. Peter is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda; their children, Libby and Philip; sister, Trish Bloxham and her husband, David; his brother, Michael and his wife, Sylvia; brother-in-law, Bill Shoemaker and his wife, Annie Gehan; sister-in-law, Annie Moore and her husband, Floyd; a niece and five nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Tom and Tru Blyth, and his nephew, Benjamin Blyth. He will be inurned in the Memorial Garden at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. Due to the restrictions of Covid-19, a memorial service for family and invited guests will take place at a later date. Peter supported programs that cared for children in impoverished countries. Memorials preferred to Buildabetterbenin.org which provides a home and schooling for abandoned children in Benin, Africa. Anderson Funeral Home (651)776-2761 www.andersonfuneralhome.com

Bailey, Richard Lee "Dick" Age 78 of Stillwater, Minnesota passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 11, 2020, after suffering a stroke. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Ema Bailey. He grew up in St. Paul Park, graduated from Park High School, attended the University of Minnesota, and served four years in the Air Force as a Crew Chief Loadmaster in a C-130 Aircraft during Vietnam. He was a retired loan officer at 3M Eastern Heights Bank, an avid sailor who spent many years sailing Lake Superior on his boat Alive 'N' Free, and he took pride in his 40 years of sobriety. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Michelle (Haas) Bailey, daughters Danielle Bailey, Patrice (Bailey) Scelzo, son-in-law Anthony Scelzo, grandchildren Luisa and Frederick (Freddie) Scelzo, sister Judy Bailey, and brother Doug Bailey (Pam). A celebration of life will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 407 Fifth St., Stillwater, on Friday, June 26 at 10:45 a.m. Burial immediately following at Cottage Grove Cemetery. The church will have social distancing guidelines in place. Personal face masks are required. Please donate to a charity of choice and toast to a life well lived, with a cherry Dr Pepper. BRADSHAW (651)439-5511 www.bradshawfuneral.com

Olson, Joseph Lewis Age 85 of Bloomington, died on June 16, 2020. He is preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Olson; and brother, Allan Olson. Survived by children, David (Lisa) Olson and Lee Cousins; grandchildren, Alexandra & Andrew Cousins; and siser, Gretchen Hollenbeck. A private interment will be at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Northwest Airlines History Center or 8th Airforce Historical Society. www.GILLBROTHERS.com BLOOMINGTON, MN 952-888-7771

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Blessing, Thomas J. Age 89. Born December 14, 1930 and died June 2, 2020 from COVID-19. Preceded in death by parents, Thomas and Sydney (Caie) Blessing; son, Michael; daughter, Mary Bangs; sons-in-law, Bill Wissman and Mike Bangs. Survived by wife of 70 years, Patricia (Trish) Fadell Blessing; children, Thomas III (Susan), Suzanne Wissman, Stephen, Terry (Isabel), Katie, Linda Strachan (Casey), Ann Andersen (Rob); sister, Sandra Wagenius (Sevard); 27 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Tom's life was grounded in his deep love of God and family. His lifelong devotion to his Catholic faith and ever growing family was an inspiration to all who knew him. From a young age Tom nurtured his passion for music and art, and felt truly blessed to develop his love of drawing into a successful career and business in commercial art. Tom will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, intelligence and ready wit - a true gentleman! Tom was loved by many and will be greatly missed. His family is deeply grateful for the compassionate and loving care he received at Emerald Crest in Burnsville during his last years. Funeral mass on Tuesday, June 23 at 11am at the Church of the Risen Savior, 1501 County Rd 42 E, Burnsville, MN (see risensavior.org for COVID guidelines). Burial immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Risen Christ Catholic School, 1120 E. 37th Street, Mpls, MN 55407 or risenchristschool.org. www.GILLBROTHERS.com BLOOMINGTON, MN 952 888 7771

McGlynn, Andrew Philip is no longer a physical presence we can see, hear or hold on earth. He believes that he continues on in the multiverse. We like to believe that as well. During his 68 years he lived a life equal parts wild and kind. Preceded in death by his parents, Donald & JoAnn McGlynn, he is survived by his loving family and his wonderful friends. In lieu of flowers or donations, we ask that you gaze up at the stars or watch the birds or peel open a book or tuck in for a movie or turn on your favorite music or sip your favorite beverage or spend some time talking, laughing, listening, connecting with your loved ones. If you have memories or photos you'd like to share with his children Sahn and Raz McGlynn, please send them to 20 Merilane Ave, Edina MN 55436. www.washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Sosnoski, Robert "Bob" Age 77, of Burnsville, Minnesota, left his earthly home to start his home in heaven on June 13, 2020. He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Cyrilla (Kartak) Sosnoski. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 45 years, Judy; sons Mike (Rochelle), Tom; grandchildren, Jacob, Vanessa, Norah; brother, Bill (Iona); brother-in-law, David (Sven) Braaten and many others. Bob enjoyed sailing, scuba diving, skiing, gardening, woodworking, pottery, and playing cribbage. He was happiest when he was outdoors, near water, and with his family. He will be remembered for his love of family and friends and his strong faith in God. Bob was a very caring and patient man. We choose to stay away from family and friends at this time so that some day, when we can all get together again, everyone will be there. That is why a memorial service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, at a date yet to be determined. To be notified of the time and date when the service has been decided, please email: service4bob@protonmail.com

Nelson, Dr. Robert T. passed away on June 3, 2020. Dr. Nelson was born on September 23, 1938, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Dr. Robert and Blanche Nelson. Dr. Nelson was an avid swimmer and was Captain of the swim team at Central High School in Minneapolis. He received his degree in dentistry at the University of Minnesota, and was inspired to study dentistry and serve in the military by his father, Major Robert V. Nelson, who was a dentist in the U.S. Army, and died as a Prisoner of War in World War II. Dr. Nelson worked for many years at his own successful dental practice in Edina. He was a life-long resident of Minnesota, except for two years practicing dentistry for the U.S. Army in Germany. He loved nature, every SAAB ever made, and in his younger years, riding his motorcycle in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He also loved going to car shows and even showed an Opel which he purchased from a junk yard in California

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and helped restore it. In 2010, Dr. Nelson survived a major stroke, and as a testament to his determination to recover, was able to overcome the paralysis caused by the stroke, and even regained his driver's license. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Karen, sisters Carol Tiernan and Marge (Dick) Kellor, children Cynthia, Greg (Dayna), and Julie, five grandchildren, and three nieces. Interment will be at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a future date, as will a celebration of his life. Memorials are preferred to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Keenan, J. Michael (b. Rochester, NY, 02/14/35) died 05/04/20 in AZ at 85 from vascular dementia and failing health. Survived by wife Susan (Ridgeway- MacNeill) Keenan (75), son Brendan (47, Ellen) daughter Molly (44, Aaron), and two grandchildren, Aisling (20) and Ezi (11). He was a professor of English at Macalester (1965-1996) member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, and Uptown AA for 20+ years. Please send memories of Michael and condolences to: MichaelKeenanCelebrationOfLife@gmail.com We will use these addresses to reach out when we are able to come together later to celebrate and mourn him in St. Paul.

Sylvers, Cynthia D. Age 63 of Maple Grove passed away June 16, 2020. Preceded in death by parents, Dana and Helen Peters; step- father Ludvig Rognlein; brothers Dean and Dennis Peters. Survived by husband Stephen D. Sylvers; sons, Jeremy S. Sylvers and Neil R. Sylvers; granddaughter Faith R. Sylvers; sisters, Terryl Ann (Dennis) Jacobson and Celeste J. (Ronald) Bramer; brother Thomas Nelson (Peggy) Peters; several nieces, nephews, and many other friends and family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828

Nowlin, Duane, Ph. D. "Doc" age 83, of New Brighton, passed away peacefully on June 15th, 2020 at Catholic Eldercare River Village East. Duane was a wonderful man who loved and was loved by family and friends. Preceded in death by his son, Carl; parents, Clarice "Sue" and Denver "Shorty" Nowlin. Survived by his wife, Esther; sons, David (Alba), and Mark; grandchildren, Eva, Lily, Olivia, Charlie, Alexander, and Elizabeth. Celebration of life to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Justen, Gerald Francis Age 77 of Rogers, MN, passed away on April 23, 2020. He is preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, LaVonne. Jerry is survived by his children, Jonathan (Angie) Justen and Shantel Justen; step-children, Scott (Lori) Ende & Jeff (Stephanie) Ende; grandchildren, Blake Justen, Anthony Wade, Eli Justen, Tristan Ende, Tierney Berning, April Neiber, Aaron Ende, and Joel Ende; siblings, Donald (Paula), Kenny (Margaret), Steven (Connie), Thomas (Beverly), Timothy (Vicki), Marlene Dittel, Carol (Bob) Wyatt, Debbie (Alan) Wokson, and Mary (Mike) Milless; and many other relatives and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, June 26, at 11:00 AM at Mary, Queen of Peace, St. Martin Campus: 21304 Church Ave, Rogers, MN 55374. Interment with military honors will follow at St. Walburga Cemetery in Fletcher, MN. www.thepetersonchapel.com

Amundson (Kline), Marlene Joyce Born October 2, 1935 to Charles & Helen (Chermack) Kline in Hopkins. Graduated from Hopkins High School and Minnesota School of Business. She was a secretary to the director of Personnel for Hopkins schools for 27 years. Preceded in death by her parents. Survived by husband of 64 years, Howard Amundson; one son, Todd & ex-wife, Kathy Blixrud; brother, Michael Kline; and many nieces & nephews. Norwegian Folk dancer for over 40 years, dancing with three groups and many programs with just her husband. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10AM, June 24 at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, St. Joseph's campus, 1300 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN. Interment at Ft. Snelling at a later date. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

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Kremer, Ruth Mary (ne Brings) of St. Paul, age 97 died June 16, 2020 at Sholom Home East, St. Paul, MN due to COVID-19. Preceded in death by parents, Francis "Bud" and Marjorie Brings; and her husband, Robert F. "Bob" Kremer. Survived by children, Steve (Pam) Kremer of Minneapolis, Marcia Kremer of St. Paul, and Karen (Bruce) Smith of St. Paul; grandchildren, Charlie Smith (Paige Wheeler) of Minneapolis, Michael Smith of St. Paul, Kristen Kremer of Mounds View, Leah Kremer of Richfield; and great-grandson, Felix Smith Wheeler of Minneapolis. Ruth was a life-long resident of the Highland/Mac-Groveland area in St. Paul. Funeral Mass and Burial will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather again. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Lumen Christi Catholic Community. O'Halloran & Murphy Funeral Home 651-698-0796

Birt, E. Michael E. Michael Birt died peacefully on Monday, June 15, after five successful years of recovery from open heart surgery, at the age of 87. Preceded in death by his wife, Ann Birt; his father, Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Birt, his Mother, Dorothy Cotton Benner Birt and his brother, David B. Birt. He is survived by his son Christopher Birt and his wife Pauline, and their two sons, Joseph and Franklin; daughter Wendy Jo Miller, her husband Gregory Miller, and their two daughters, Anna and Celia. Mike was born in Madison WI on June 9, 1933. He later moved to Saint Paul, MN where he graduated from Central High School and met his future wife, Ann Carlson. Mike attended Yale University at the age of 16, graduating in 1954 with a B.E. from the Sheffield School of Engineering. Mike enlisted in the Army after graduation and served two years as a Corporal in Okinawa, Japan. After discharge, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduating with an M.S. in Industrial Management. Mike worked as a Marketing and Planning Executive for 3M Company for over 34 years, successfully introducing products to critical overseas markets. This included Ferrania Film to Italy and Post-It Notes and Scotch Tape to Japan, where he also served as The Vice President of the American Chamber of Commerce Japan (ACCJ). He retired as Executive Director of Graphic Technologies Sector to begin a second career as a consultant with E.M. Birt Enterprises where he worked full time for 20 more years until his death. In 2020, he completed strategic planning for a new investment in VR Technologies designed to be used in nursing homes and health care facilities. As an art lover, he founded The Asian Arts Council, helped found The Decorative Arts Council, and served as co-chair of the Antiques Show of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA). Ever the engineer, Mike also served as President of the Midwest Chapter of The MIT Alumni Association. He continued to drive high powered muscle cars, cartooned, and painted canoe paddles - a skill he learned as a young wilderness guide - until his death. Like his beloved wife Ann, Mike had a lifelong belief in a merciful God and practiced his faith daily. His legacy was one of service to others and duty to his Family and Country. Private burial will be held for the family at Lakewood Cemetery. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Shovelin, John Edward Born 04/01/43 in Glencoe, MN. The first son to Frank and Lena Shovelin, after six girls. John was reared and educated in Glencoe, MN. was an exceptional student, graduating with honors from Glencoe High School. He was a talented athlete and leader, serving as co captain of both the football and wrestling teams. After several semesters at NDSU John left college and joined the USAF where he served as a medic in Wiesbaden, Germany during the Vietnam war. After completing his military service, he returned to the Twin Cities, established himself in the Machinist trade, spending several decades at J&J Machine in Elk River. John's real love was coaching, he worked tirelessly with youth wrestling and girls football in Minneapolis. He also spent several years as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach at Osseo High School. His friends will remember him for his determination, great work ethic and willingness to do what was needed to get the job done. Preceded in death by parents, Frank and Lena, sisters, Rosemary McEachran and Joan Ziebarth, brothers-in-law, John Steck, Gerry Boland, Delphon Graunke and Larry Plonty. Survived

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by sisters, Marietta Steck, Joyce Graunke, Violet Plonty, Lillian Selnes (Dave), Diana Boland and Ruth Ann Richter (Doug), brothers Wayne (Julie) and David (Betty Aase) along with an army of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and countless friends. A special thanks to the staff at Maple Tavern and Olympia Caf where John was welcomed with open arms and special service during his later years while suffering from Alzheimers. And a special thanks to the staff at Crestview Communities in Blaine where John ended his journey at the hands of Covid 19, on 06/13/2020. Memorial to be scheduled at a future date.

Simmons, Audrey D. Age 84, of Minneapolis. Passed away June 13, 2020. Preceded in death by husband Peter Simmons. Survived by 2 sisters and 1 brother and many nieces and nephews. Private graveside services at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Gearty-Delmore 763-553-1411 www.gearty-delmore.com

Malmon, Lauren 54, formerly of St Paul, passed away June 8 in Washington DC. A virtual Memorial Service was held. Lauren is survived by her parents, Suzanne and Howard Malmon, her brother David, sister-in-law Shelly and niece Adina; her aunt, uncles and cousins; her lifelong friend, Cindy Katz and dear friend Ted Bujewski. Donations in Lauren's memory may be made to: Standing Up to POTS, 1985 Henderson Road, #1319, Columbus, OH 43220; Dysautonomia International.org, Research (POTS is a common type); Ehlers-Danlos Society, 1732 1st Ave. #20373, New York, NY 10128; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Smith, Alfred E. One of our father's countless great Italian friends was fond of saying to us, his children, "tuo padre e' forte," by which he meant your father is vital, charismatic, a life force. He died at the age of 91 in St. Paul on June 14, 2020 embraced by our family. He is now reunited with our loving mother, his beautiful wife, Lucille F. Smith of 57 years. He is preceded in death by parents, Walter and Mary Ann Smith; sisters Mary Ann Goad, Catherine Petrozzi, brother-in-law Paul Petrozzi. He is survived by children: Paul Smith (Amy Kelly-Smith), Lucia Smith (Doug Lipton), Maria Gans (Lane Gans), Stephen Smith, Anna Rodell (Rick Rodell), Daniela Smith; Grandchildren: Bailey McDonald, Stephen Lipton, Sam Gans, Michael Lipton, Nicholas Gans, Giulia Lipton, Livia Gans, Lucia Rodell, Sofia Smith, Adelaide Rodell; sister-in-law Mary Waibel and brother-in-law Ed Goad; also survived by our large, close-knit family of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, his very special friend Carole Black and many dear friends. Our father was born November 9, 1928. Graduated from St. Columba Elementary, Cretin High School and UMN in Chemical Engineering. He served his country as a U.S.A.F. Flight Navigator in the Korean War. He was an executive at 3M until he retired in 1987 to pursue his passion of Italian food, wine and celebrations around the table. Ristorante Luci came to life in 1988 and Luci Ancora 1997 in St. Paul. Luci Ancora continues today with that same vision of sharing great food with family and friends in a gracious setting; for our family, this gave rise to many rich friendships, our loyal patrons. Private Mass and burial will be held on June 25th. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Feed My Starving Children and Cretin Derham Hall. O'Halloran & Murphy Funeral Home 651-698-0796

Sothman, Alan T. Age 78 of Minnetonka passed away on June 16, 2020. Alan was a 30 year employee of the Star Tribune as a Mailer Machinist. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Yvonne (Bach), daughter Janeen (Mark) & son Jon (Lisa), six grandchildren and eight (plus one on the way) great-grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Julie, his grandson Nicholas and his parents Willis and Erma. Visitation will be on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 9am followed by Service at 11am all at Huber Funeral Home, 520 2nd St. Excelsior, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. Huber Funeral & Cremation Services Excelsior Chapel 952-474-9595 www.huberfunerals.com

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Streed, Vincent M. Age 92 of Edina. Preceded in death by wife, JoAnne and son, Mark. Survived by daughter, Deb (Jim) Maday; grandchildren: Amber (Brody) Dirks, Tyler Streed and Jack Maday; great-grandchildren, Torben & Ingrid Dirks and Alex, Brandi, & Caylee Streed. Private family service at Hillside Cemetery. Henry W. Anderson 612-729-2331

Jones, Randall W. Age 61, of St. Bonifacius passed away June 11, 2020. Survived by wife, Debbie; son, Eric; mother, Lois; brother, Dale (Pat) Jones; sister, Cheryl (Perry) White. Preceded in death by father Dale. Visitation held Tuesday June 23, 2020 from 4-7:00 PM at Johnson Funeral Home (141 E. First St.) in Waconia. Private service with Military Honors at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Arrangements are with Johnson Funeral Home. 952-442-2121 www.johnsonfh.com

Daniels, Charles Edward Age 82 of Mpls. passed away June 10, 2020. Survived by children: Charles A. Daniels, Wendy K. Daniels, Lorenzo L. Daniels, Pamela M. Daniels, Charles E. Daniels. Visitation Monday, June 22, 2020 from 1 to 3pm at Estes Funeral Chapel, 2201 Plymouth Ave. N., Mpls, MN 55411.

Kinsey, Donna Gail died June 5th, 2020 after a brave 10 year battle with cancer. She is preceded in death by father, Roger Kinsey. Survived by loving mother, Sharon Kinsey, 2 brothers, Daniel (Laura) and Frank(Lori) and step sister Deborah (Bud), 2 nephews, Alex Kinsey and Kyle Kinsey and 2 nieces, Sarah Kinsey and Stephanie (Adam). Memorials in her memory should be offered to fund cancer research of donor's choice. Memorial service at a later date.

Quist, Patricia Marvel (Guile) Born April 4, 1927; Pat Quist passed away peacefully in hospice care at her daughter Sue's home on June 12, 2020. Pat was a lifelong North Minneapolis resident, graduate of North High School Class of 1945 and devoted U of M Gopher football fan since childhood. She was a lifelong member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis. Pat loved to sing and sang with the Bremer Mother Singers and with the St. Olaf church choir for over 50 years. She enjoyed camping trips with her family, had a wry sense of humor and, together with her husband, Ray, had an open door for their children's friends. Pat enjoyed work and was employed at Dayton's, the MN State Fair and Northrup Auditorium. She believed in giving back to her community and did so by volunteering with Meals On Wheels, St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Wilderness Canoe Base and the MN Chapter of NAMI. She deeply loved her family and friends and was loved by them in return. Pat is preceded in death by her parents, Harold & Mildred Guile; mother and father-in-law, Anna & Dave Swenson; husband, Ray; daughter, Ivy; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley & Boyd Hanson; brother, Howie Guile; nephew, Erik Hanson; niece, Kari Hanson; and lifelong best friend, Audrey Hench. Pat is survived by four children, Rex (Barb); Scott (Alida); Sue Quist (Dale Hulme) and Todd; eleven grandchildren, Rebecca Branch (David); Jo Jones (Derron); Jackey Medbery (Dave); Pete; Mitch; Marty; Nathan; David (Melissa); Tim (Abbie); Romyana Hulmequist; Rumen Hulmequist; 18 great-grandchildren; 3 great- great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 West Broadway, Crystal, from 1-4 pm on Saturday, June 27. There will be a memorial service at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 2901 Emerson Ave. N., Mpls., on Sunday, June 28, at 10:30 am. Due to Covid-19 health safety regulations, we are asking that you not attend if you have an underlying health condition or are in a vulnerable age group. Memorials preferred to St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 2901 Emerson Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55411. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

Gylling, Dean Our dear husband, father, grandfather and pappa passed away on June 8th, 2020 of mesothelioma cancer. He was in home hospice for a month and is now at peace. Dean was born in Tyler MN on Dec 18, 1941 to Elmer and Vera Gylling. He spent his childhood in Canby, MN, went to Canby High and then

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joined the Navy in 1960. He spent 4 years on the U.S.S. Dixie stationed in San Diego and traveled to many ports. He was discharged in Oct, 1964. He met Karen Sannan in Mpls and they were married in 1966 and lived in Richfield, MN and Bloomington, MN. Dean is survived by wife Karen of 53 years, daughter Shelly, grandchildren Nicole (Justin) and Tony (Rachel). and great grandchildren Jordyn and Tristyn; special aunt Shirley. Dean is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer & Vera, 3 brothers, Stephen, Kurtis and Paul and his beloved son Scott. Celebration of life will be held at later date due to Covid 19. Notice will be published. Happy Fathers Day Pappa and may you rest in Gods Heavenly Home. We love you.

Matsuura, Minnie Age 97 peacefully departed our earthly company on May 17, 2020. Preceded in death by parents, Goro and Hichimi Matsuura and by brothers Arthur (Fumi) and Herb (Shigeiko) and niece Rhonda Matsuura. Survived by brothers Yoshimi (Kazuko-deceased) and Taro (Masa) Matsuura and sister Jane Hayano (George-deceased), and many nieces and nephews and relatives in Japan. Born in Fowler Ca., she attended Fresno State College before relocating to Minnesota. She was employed by the University of Minnesota Press until retiring in 1987. Her love of travel kept her busy visiting many countries but when home, tireless volunteer work and the Minnesota Orchestra were her other joys. However, she was most passionate about all U of M sports, especially Gopher Hockey, a season ticket holder since 1962! She always fondly referred to the players as "Her Boys". We will miss her gentle, caring and gracious nature and in honoring her wish, a private celebration of her life will be held with family.

Bengston, Julia Anna (Fylling) nee Kowalczyk age 94, peacefully passed away in June, 2020, from Alzheimer's disease in Payson, AZ. Born in Minneapolis, MN to Joseph and Anna Kowalczyk. Julie married Arthur Fylling and they had four children. Art died in 1965. Julie was employed at Sperry Univac/Honeywell for over 30 years in MN, NM and AZ. In 1969, Julie was united in marriage to Dale Bengston of Apple Valley, MN and gained five stepchildren whom she loved as her own. Julie and Dale spent many years in AZ and were charter residents of Escapees/North Ranch in Congress, AZ. Together they visited over 20 states in their RV, seeing relatives, panning gold, fishing, playing cards, and games. Julie endured the passing of her beloved husband, Dale in 2017 after 48 years of marriage. She will be lovingly remembered by her six surviving children: Arthur "Nick" (Darlene) Fylling, Judy (Bob) Morrison, Teresa (Jim) Reichwein, Jackie Cameron, Bruce (Diane) Bengston, Judy Blais, and daughters-in-law, Brenda Bengston, and Debbie Bengston; 18 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, as well as one brother, Ted Kowalczyk and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends and Escapees. Preceded in death by husband Art, husband Dale, three children Donna Fylling, Bradley Bengston and Barry Bengston, sisters Helen, Laon and Josephine, brothers Joe and Frank and her parents. A Memorial/garden brick is planned for next spring at North Ranch, AZ. Memorial services are planned at a later date with Interment in Minnesota. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your local Alzheimer's chapter or hospice.

Wolff, Wilfred "Bill" age 87 of Mora, died June 16, 2020. Survived by children, Belinda (Bruce) Nehring, William "Butch" (Brenda) Wolff, Kimberly (Myron) Proehl; step-children, Pamela Hallauer and Gordon Ilstrup; sister, Margaret (Art) Gobel; 8 grand children; and 22 great grand children. Graveside Service 11 am, Monday, June 22nd at Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Mpls. Akkerman Ingebrand Funeral Home of Mora.
www.aifuneralhome.com

Larson, James K. Age 81 of Brooklyn Park. Preceded in death by parents Alvin and Florence; sisters Patty Boettcher and Joan Miller; niece Kim Eichmeyer. Survived by wife Marjorie; sons David (Jill), Brian (Kelly) and John (Barb); grandchildren Samantha, Rachel, Grace and Anna Larson, Kyle and Sydney Walter; other family and friends. Service will be private. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

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Brickley, Michael Earl Age 55, strolled through the gates of glory in the early morning of June 15th. He passed away peacefully the day after his sister, Mary's birthday who greeted him at the door while scolding him for being late (as he usually was). He held his arms open to hold his beautiful daughter, Meghan and embrace his parents, Pat and Carol, as well as his in-laws, Ray & Muriel, and sister in-law, Kay, all whom preceded him in death. What a glorious reunion it must have been. Mike grew up on the shores of Lake Minnetonka and Long Lake boating, fishing and enjoying all things that had to do with the water. He loved playing hockey, loud music, good beer, hunting, the great outdoors, and the company of good friends as long as they were willing to listen. The man could talk. Known for his sense of humor, Mike had a heart of gold accompanied by a smile and quick wit that made him loved by many. Nothing mattered more to Mike than his wife and his girls. In his short battle with cancer he proved that, by sheer will alone, holding on until he came home to be with them. He passed the next morning knowing he was surrounded by the love of all of his girls. He came home, to go home. Survived by his High School Sweetheart Diane; Daughters Margaret (Derek Olson), Melissa, Michelle (Tim) Larson, Meredith (Tom Dombeck), and Beloved Grandsons, Sawyer Larson and Dale Dombeck; Brother, Pat (Dianne) Brickley, Sisters, Kathy (Harold) Katz, Beth (Jon Vukelich) Allen, Jen (Jason) Revels and Brother In-law, Scott Schneider; as well as many other family members and dear friends. Celebration of Life Visitation will be held at David Lee Funeral Home, 1220 Wayzata Blvd E in Wayzata on Tuesday, June 23rd 4-8pm (3-4pm for at risk individuals) social distancing will be practiced. David Lee Funeral Home Wayzata 952-473-5577 www.davidleefuneralhome.com

Nyberg, Carl J. Age 81, of Fridley, MN, passed away June 14, 2020. Preceded in death by parents, Grace Nelson, Violet and Harland Angen and siblings, Betty Reed and Scott Angen. Survived by wife of 56 years, Betty; daughters, Julie (Paul) Dymit and Amy (Paul) Nentwig; grandchildren, Jill, Jennifer, Sarah, Rachel, Jacob, Lucas, and Leah; great grandson, Brayden; sisters, Sue Hanson, Virginia Bird, and Linda Ann McKane and many other family and friends. Funeral service at 12PM with visitation beginning at 11AM on Monday, June 22, 2020 at Miller Funeral Home, 6210 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota, or donor's choice. Miller Fridley 763-571-1300 www.millerfuneralfridley.com

Germerscheid, Donna Age 84, lost her battle with Alzheimer's Thursday May 7th, 2020 at Shoreview Senior Living. Donna is remembered as a strong woman who loved her family, golf, gardening, sewing, crossword puzzles, reading, music, fishing and animals. Preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Theresa Wacker, brothers Clayton (Margaret), Silverius, sister, Dolores, (Robert) Germerscheid, and daughter-in-law Lynn. Survived by children, Steven (Michele), Vincent, Lisa (Peter) Siddons, Allen (Lori), Warren (Lisa); her 16 beloved grandchildren; nieces, nephews & other relatives and friends. Due to the Coronavirus, there will be a private Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, June 26th at St. Henry Catholic Church, Le Sueur County with Interment at St. Henry Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association.

Thom, Gene An angel earned his wings and the world gained a legend. Gene Leo Thom, the man, the myth, the legend, passed away on June 16, 2020 at the age of 84, while holding the hand of Pat, his wife of 62 years. Gene was born August 28, 1935 in Hinckley, MN to Ed and Florence (Brown) Thom, who preceded him in death, along with granddaughter Ava Standal, his sister Helen Olson, brothers Manley, Don, Verne and Gerry, and in-laws Gregory and Gert Sullivan. Gene was dad to many and friend to many more. He made a big impression on every person he met. His sense of humor, his ability to tell jokes and stories, and his love of mischief endeared him to many. Gene graduated from Pine City High School and moved to "The Cities," residing in Blaine for 40 years. On May 10, 1958, Gene married his beloved wife, Patricia Ann

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Sullivan, at the Church of St. Agnes in St. Paul, MN. Gene was a delivery driver for Burgess Beckwith/Burgess Publishing and the Wallace Carlson Company. No one worked harder than Gene, and no one knew better how to have a good time when the work was done. He kept up with all of his kids and their friends, neighbors, friends, and his large extended family. Gene enjoyed visiting with anyone and everyone. He looked forward to being able to return to Pine City and Hinckley to visit friends and family, to camp on "The Land" or to deer hunt no deer were hurt by Gene on those ventures! We will miss his sense of humor, his quick wit and one-liners, his soft side for kids and animals, and his presence that can never be matched. Gene didn't have money, but he had faith and family, so he was one of the richest men in the world. Gene and Pat raised 14 children. He is survived by all of them: Debbie Stevens (Scott), Anne (Randy King), Jeanine Grimmer (Ray), Bob (Vanetta), Lori Hanowski (Dan), Gerald (Sharon), Michelle, James, Janet Smith (Paul), Jody, Joseph (Sarah), David (Emily), Brenda (Gabe Schlake), Theresa Egan (Robb). Gene is survived by 30 grandchildren: Cecilia Stevens, Bethany Esse, Catherine Ramnarain, Danny Grimmer, Alison McSweeney, Cara Grimmer, Drew Grimmer, Andrew Thom, Kyle Thom, Jenna Thom, Samantha Hanowski, Collin Hanowski, Alexa Hanowski, Christian Hanowski, Gretchen Thom, Isobel McCafferty, Anna Smith de Yoma, Maddie Smith, Emily Smith, Jack Standal, Phoebe Standal, Hunter Thom, Tanner Thom, Hayden Thom, Rowan Thom, Griffin Thom, Harper Thom, Courtney Blake, Morgan Blake and Cooper McCalister. Also six great-grandchildren: Landon Thom, Anthony, Gabriel and Mileena Ramnarain, Nora McSweeney and Gavin Grimmer. Gene is also survived by his sister, Carol King, many dear nieces, nephews and friends, and Bob and Pat Miller and family of Hastings. Gene's legacy is his family and he was proud of every kid, grandkid and great-grandkid he had. Due to COVID-19, a Mass of Christian burial will take place on June 22 with immediate family only in attendance. A larger celebration of Gene's life and legacy will be held at a later date. Gene's family would like to thank the Allina Hospice team, especially Kathy Krekelberg, Julie Werner and Sandy McCracken-Rootes for their care. Gene lived to enjoy many more days because of you. Memorials to Sharing and Caring Hand (sharingandcaringhands.org) and to St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Hinckley (stpatrick-luke.org). www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Klimmek, Jeffrey Age of 73, of St. Paul died June 9, 2020. He was a teacher in St. Paul for 27 years. Jeff is survived by his wife and 5 children. Everybody has a Jeff story. Until we can be together, please see the pictures and share your memories. Donations in Jeff's memory may be sent to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center to support an academic field science program for underserved youth of St. Paul. wolf-ridge.org Wolf Ridge ELC, Attn: Pete Smerud, 6202 Cranberry Road, Finland, MN 55603 pete.smerud@wolf-ridge.org O'Halloran & Murphy 651-698-0796 www.ohalloranmurphy.com

Mindemann, Dona Marie aged 75 died Tuesday June 9th of Pneumonia at her residence in Burnsville, MN. Dona was born on March 9th, 1945 to Mildred and Fred Mindemann of rural Barney, ND. Dona attended Kindred Public School graduating as Valedictorian of her 1962 high school class. She attended the UND-Grand Forks earning a B.S. degree. She taught English in Hatton, ND and Robbinsdale, MN before beginning her career in computer technology with Northwestern Nat'l Life Ins. Co., and Sperry-UNIVAC. She married Jim Heidbrink in 1980 and together they had a son-Derek, and a daughter-Carrie. She is survived by a son, Derek (Cheryl) Heidbrink of Plymouth, MN; a daughter, Carrie of Burnsville, MN; a grand-daughter Karyn Wood of Spring Valley, WI; former husband, James Heidbrink of Burnsville, and her brother, Lee (Becky) Mindemann of Dent, MN. Private services will be held.

Nelson, Martha CRNA Age 93, of Webster died June 17, 2020. Survived by children Ted, Andy and Christine; 2 grand & 3 great-grandchildren; and brother Harald (Adella) Thompson. Preceded in death by

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husband Orville, brother Gordon Thompson, and parents Theodore & Rosetta (Abrahamson) Thompson. Due to Covid-19, private services. A memorial service will be held at Christiania Lutheran Church at a future date. www.northfieldfuneral.com

Hauck, Dr. Richard "Dick" June 7, 1932 - June 12, 2020 Dick, age 88 of Ramsey, MN, passed peacefully into the presence of his Savior. Survived by wife Clara, son Steve (Pam) Hauck, daughter Nancy (Melissa) Hauck, brother Vic (Marie) Hauck, sister Virginia (Dale) Andersen, 5 grand children and 5 great grand children. Dick felt called to ministry while studying Greek at Northwestern Univ. followed by a Master of Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary and a Doctorate from Bethel Univ. in 1983. Dick pastored 4 churches before retiring and transitioning to home contracting and snow-birding in AZ. Dick loved family, sailing, fishing, motorcycling, and carving ducks. Furniture making also became a passion, all with no training. He was a self-made man, but totally committed to his Savior, Jesus Christ. His earthly body was donated to the U of M Anatomy Bequest Program. Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Heie, Mary B. Age 77, of Anoka, MN. Preceded in death by her son, Gerard; parents, Ethel and Robert; brother, Gerald "Jerry", and brother-in-laws George Nelson and Dennis Heie. Survived by her daughter Jacqueline Heie of Minneapolis, MN; son Jonathan (Wendy) Heie of Brooklyn Park, MN; and daughter Marguerite Heie of Minneapolis, MN; her siblings, Patricia (John) Woyczik, John (Darleene), Yvonne Nelson, Chuck (Janet), Mark (Gail), and Steve (Sheri); grandchildren, Madeline, Jacob, Devin, and Freya. Mass of Christian Burial 11AM Tuesday, June 23 from the Church of St. Stephen, 5th & Jackson St., Anoka. Visitation Monday, June 22 from 4-8 PM at Gearhart Anoka Funeral Home, 552 East River Road, and one hour before Mass on Tuesday at church. Interment Calvary Cemetery. A special thank you to the Allina Hospice for their loving support and care. Gearhart Anoka 763-421-4347 www.GearhartAnokaChapel.com

Miller, Ward Tegland was born December 29, 1941 in Bemidji Minnesota, son of Wesley & Sadie Miller. Ward has two older sisters, Margaret Miller Andrus and Dottie Miller Rietow who grew up near and loved Lake Harriet. Ward graduated from Minnehaha Academy in 1960, served in the army from 1961-1964, spent a year in South Korea, and cherished his army experiences. He met Bernice Best at Hennepin Avenue UMC, were married on September 2, 1967 in Morgan, Minnesota, and in 1969 moved to Richfield where they raised their two sons, Brian and Bradley. Ward's days were filled with truck driving, family, and church activities. Ward and Bernie have many wonderful memories with their two sons, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. Ward had great faith and loved his family and friends. In 2008 he was diagnosed with Dementia, survived colon cancer in 2016, and moved to Maple Grove Arbor Lakes Senior Living in early 2017. Ward is survived by his wife Bernice, his sons; Brian of Eagan, Bradley and his wife Elissa of Maple Grove, their four grandchildren and his two older sisters Margaret and Dottie. He is truly missed. A memorial service will be planned for the future and any memorials should be sent to The Dementia Society of Minnesota.

Urbanski, Peter Age 75, of Maplewood, MN passed away in the presence of his loving wife Michelle on the early morning of June 8, 2020. Preceded in death by parents George and Sabina Urbanski and sisters Joyce (Cardelli) and Mary Jo (Grebe). Survived by his wife of 52 years Michelle (Cunningham); grateful and loving sons Shawn (Rhonda), Jason (Jennifer), Andrew (Nicole), and Seth; grandchildren Colin, Jodie, Allie, Audrey, Abram, Noah, Jakob and Julia; older brothers Roger (Donna) and Thomas (Joann), and younger sister Susan (Ed) Franzmeier. Born and raised on St. Paul's East Side, Peter attended St. Casimir's Catholic School and graduated from Johnson HS in '63. He studied at the University of Minnesota and received his BA degree from Metropolitan State University. Peter enjoyed a three-decades long career at Medtronic. He received a patent related to manufacture of medical devices, served on the board of directors

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on the Society of Plastic Engineers Medical Plastics Division, worked with the International Standards Organization in the development of standards for biocompatibility testing. Peter, with the assistance of brothers and brother-in laws, labored many hours to build homes for his family. This drive to provide and his embrace of hard work led Peter to a 10-year involvement with Habitat for Humanity. His interest in trains led him into years of volunteering at a local model railroad museum. Family was always very important to Peter. Always present for his sons, he coached hockey mites through midgets; led canoeing, fishing, camping, and skiing expeditions. He rode shotgun in moving trucks with his sons as they wandered the States wherever their work took them always lending a hand and priceless wisdom to turn houses into homes for their families. The family would like to express their appreciation for the loving care and concern by the staff at Woodbury Estates Senior Living. Visitation Wednesday, June 23 from 5 to 7 PM at Wulff Funeral Home 1485 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul. Private Family Mass by Invitation Only on June 24 at St. Pascal Baylon Church. Interment Thursday, June 25 at 1 PM at Union Cemetery in Maplewood. To uphold safety guidelines, all guests are asked to wear a mask and respect social distancing requirements. Memorials preferred to Autism Society of Minnesota or The Arthritis Foundation. Wulff Funeral Home 651-776-1555 www.WulffFuneralHome.com

Thalin, Debra L. "Deb" (nee Maas) Age 64, of Hugo, passed away after a short battle with cancer on June 13, 2020 surrounded by love. Deb was born in Minneapolis on September 9, 1955. Deb grew up in the Minneapolis area, graduating from Coon Rapids High School in 1973. A 40-year employee of Lutheran Brotherhood and Thrivent, in both the Minneapolis and Appleton, WI offices, she retired after 40 years in 2018. Deb most enjoyed spending time with her family. She was extremely proud and protective of both her biological and her "bonus" children and grandchildren and would do anything for them. A selfless woman, even until the end, her concern was how her illness was going to affect them. Deb is survived by her loving children, Paul (Dustin) and Rachel; sister, Ronni; "Bonus Family" Sarah, Josh, Ethan, Lili and Spencer Prior; best friend, Sue; many other close aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by parents, Ronald and Eleanor (Atneosen); and brother-in-law, David. Special thank you to Heather and the staff at Cerenity White Bear Lake for the care received in her last days. In lieu of flowers, memorials to family preferred. A visitation to celebrate Deb's life will be held from 2-6 PM Friday, June 26 at MUELLER-BIES FUNERAL HOME - ROSEVILLE, 2130 N. Dale St. @ County Rd B. MUELLER-BIES 651-487-2550 www.muellerbies.com

Stewart, James F. "Tubby" Age 79 of Mpls. passed away June 16, 2020. Survived by siblings, Marvin, Larry, Dorothy, Lucille, Kathy, Mike; many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends.

Deuel, Floyd P. age 84 of Roseville, Minn., passed away at Cherrywood Pointe Roseville with family by his side on June 16. He was preceded in death by his wife Faye and parents Percy and Florence. Floyd is survived by his son Greg (Lyn) of Vadnais Heights; daughter Pam of New York; son Dan (Jill) of Shoreview; grandchildren Gretchen and Brian Deuel, Katie Todd, Jolie and Heidi Deuel; siblings Elaine Freichels; LaDonna Olson; Marian (John) Grow; Helen Sanborn; Marlys Santema; Don (Anita); Rick (Ann); Darla Butler; sisters and brothers in law Iona Heath; Clarice Nitti; Elton Heath; Arthur Dahle; Pinky (Ron) Pendergrass; Carol (Ken) Carling; Jim Spillet and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. Floyd was born in 1935 in Greenbush Township, Minn., and grew up on a farm in Foreston. He graduated from Milaca high school in 1953 and served in the National Guard. Floyd started his own masonry business in the 1960s. He took great pride in his work, never cutting corners and earning glowing referrals from many satisfied customers. His craftsmanship and that of his treasured employees can be seen in homes throughout the Twin Cities. Floyd married Faye Heath, the love of his life, in 1957 and they were married until her passing in 2015. As a young couple, they made their home in Roseville where they raised their three children

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and were active in the community. Floyd was a member of Roseville Lutheran Church for over 40 years where he enjoyed ushering and socializing. He loved sports and volunteered as a coach for his sons' teams, sponsored many local youth teams, and enjoyed playing for Advent Lutheran's and Murphy's softball teams. He was a fixture at his children's, grandchildren's and niece's/nephew's games, where he was quick to make friends and strike up a conversation. His devotion to the Twins, Vikings, North Stars and Wild endured a lifetime of wins and losses. Floyd's greatest joys came in spending time with family - including his very large extended family. From fishing and golfing (1991 hole in one!) to cribbage games and big holiday gatherings, Floyd reveled in the laughter and stories of those he loved most. We are grateful for his loving presence in our lives and will miss him dearly. In the interest of health and safety, a private family burial is planned. As we cannot meet to share stories, Floyd's family greatly appreciates remembrances. Condolences: Rosevillememorialchapel.com Memorial contributions suggested to Como Park Zoo or National Audubon Society to honor Floyd's love of animals, especially his backyard bird friends. Roseville Memorial Chapel 651-631-2727

Gjerdigen, Lindsay Sinclair age 31 passed away June 9th. She is survived by husband Andy, daughter Kaylyn Zmuda, parents Fred and Sue Zmuda, brothers Johnathan and Charlie, 3 half sisters and 2 half brothers. Lindsay's smile was a spark that ignited a room and her laugh was contagious. She was an amazing wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend. Although God must have needed her, 31 years just doesn't seem like enough time with us. Lindsay you will be missed by everyone whose life you touched.

Victor, Robert "Bob" Age 71 of Minneapolis, passed away at home on June 12th with his loving family at his side. He was born on September 22, 1948 in Minneapolis and is preceded in death by his parents, John and Adeline Victor, and son-in-law John. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Kathy, and their two children, Christopher (Gina) and Lauren, daughters from a former marriage, Tonna and Andrea (Bryan), and grandchildren JT and Grace. Also survived by brother Richard (Linda), sister Susan, and nephews David, Jon, Joel, and Michael, and nieces Amy, Jennifer, and Melissa. Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, with a degree in Forestry Management following his service as Sergeant in the US Army during the Vietnam War (32nd AADCOCOM). While he did not pursue his love for forestry professionally, he did enjoy his career in the hospitality industry for many years. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved camping, hiking, downhill skiing, fishing in Canada, and canoe trips within the Boundary Waters. But what he enjoyed most of all was spending time with his family in the city of lakes, at the cabin, and beyond. Bob was known for his kindness, his listening ear, and his ability to bring out the best in everyone he knew. He was an incredibly supportive husband, dad, and friend. He was light hearted and always brought a smile to your face. We will forever look up to him, and keep him close in our hearts as a source of strength and love. Bob's pride and joy was his family and he was our hero. Memorial service and a celebration of Bob's life will be scheduled later this summer. Memorials preferred to The National Vietnam War Museum or Minneapolis VA Medical Center (VAHCS).

Johnson, Julieta age 81, of Coon Rapids passed away June 11, 2020. Preceded in death by beloved husband, Harvey Johnson. Survived by daughters, Sylvia (Robert) Palmer, Clarissa Gaasch (Aaron); grandchildren, Kirsten (Keith), Samantha (Alex), Audrey, Eric; great-grand children, Lennon, Evelyn; four sisters and family. Memorial service 11:00 AM on June 26th at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge, visitation at 10:00 AM. StrikeLifeTributes.com 763-689-2070

Albrecht, Joann M. Age 85 of Maple Grove, passed away on June 15, 2020. Graduate of Ascension Grade School ('48) and Edison High School ('52) Joann was a beautiful person both in looks and demeanor. Her emphasis on family endeared her to all who knew her and magnified the love of everyone within the family.

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Preceded in death by parents Joseph and Catherine Lewandowski and brother Joseph Lewandowski. Survived by husband of 64 years, Donald H. Albrecht; 5 children John, Michael (Susan), Paula (Bill) Dupay, Diane (Tim) Brown & Daniel (Jodie); 11 grandchildren Amanda, Rachel (Kyle) Westphal, Katie Dupay, Michael Ryan, Andrew (Lindsey) Brown, Sam, Ben, Dana, Sara, Anna, & Will; 3 great grandchildren Hadley and Blakely Brown and Wyatt Westphal; siblings Gertrude Freeberg, Char (Bud) Freeberg, Jerry Lee, John (Katie) Lewandowski; Kathy (Rodger) Carey and Tom (Laurie) Lewandowski; many nieces and nephews. Private family services will be held at Gearty-Delmore Plymouth Chapel with burial at St. Patrick's Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Gearty-Delmore 763-553-1411
www.gearty-delmore.com

Dulbe, Vigo J. Age 78, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away peacefully on June 15, 2020. Vigo was born in Riga, Latvia and spent his childhood in Sweden. Vigo finished college at the University of Minnesota and spent his career serving in the US Army. Survived by wife, Ilga; son, Alexander; granddaughter, Aleksa; and other loving relatives and good friends. Due to Covid, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Latvian Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Kamstra, Marion (St. Paul, MN) passed away on June 17, 2020 at the age of 92 after a valiant fight with COVID19. She is preceded in death by husband of 68 years Kenneth Kamstra, parents Lewis and Helen Nichols, sisters Beverly Middlebrook (Irving) and Nancy Born, and brother Robert Nichols. She is survived by daughters Linda Gordon (Wayne), Angela Jacobson (John), granddaughter Kendall Halvorson, sister Jean Fox (Don), sister-in-law Dorothy Nichols, brother-in-law Bernie Born, and many nieces and nephews. Marion was born in Britton, South Dakota and grew up in Watertown, South Dakota where she lived until she married at age 19 and then moved to Huron, SD then to Duluth, MN and finally St. Paul. She was a cherished wife, loving mother, and doting grandmother who will be missed by all. Private graveside ceremony with celebration of life TBD at later date. O'Halloran & Murphy 651-698-0796
www.ohalloranmurphy.com

Ottum, Darren Age 58, services, Monday, June 22, 2020 at 11AM at Halvorson Taylor Life Events Center (512 S 8th St, Brainerd, MN). Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery. www.halvorsontaylor.com

Fisher, Myra age 95 went home peacefully to be with her Lord on June 16, 2020. Preceded in death by husband Otis Fisher and children Gordon Fisher and Carol Sours. She is survived by children David Fisher, Jim Fisher, Joyce Anderson, Janice White and daughter-in-law Patty Fisher; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She faithfully served alongside her husband, a pastor for 56 years (1950-2006) with The Christian Missionary Alliance, including 17 years as a missionary in Vietnam. She was a wonderful wife, busy mother, loving grandmother and friend to many: the world is a better place because of her and she will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held Thursday June 25th 12 PM, Noon (1 hour prior to her service) Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, June 25th, 1 PM at Washburn~McReavy, Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie MN 55344. Interment to immediately follow at Acacia Park Cemetery Memorials preferred to Big Sandy Camp www.bigsandycamp.com 52511 185th Place, McGregor, MN 55760. www.washburn-mcreavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

Hansen, Gary Lawrence Died on June 5, 2020 of complications from Alzheimer's and COVID-19. He was 80 years old. Gary was born in Drayton, ND on January 7, 1940 to Bernice (Hammerback) and Lawrence Hansen. They preceded him in death along with his brother, Wayne (Jill), sister, Sandra (Tom) Wilkinson, and stepmother, Amy. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (Muggli) Hansen of Minneapolis, MN; children

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Erik (Lisa) Hansen and grandchildren Courtney and Gabrielle Hansen of Big Lake, MN; Richard (Kristie) Hansen and grandchildren Magnus and Draggon Hansen of San Francisco, CA; Anne-Marie Fischer and grandchildren Hawkon and Holiday Fischer of Minneapolis, MN; Nils (Molly) Hansen and grandchildren Hazel and Audon Hansen of Minneapolis, MN; Catherine Hansen, of Minneapolis, MN; and brother Lawrence (Kym) Hansen of Weott, CA; and many nieces and nephews, friends and relatives. Gary graduated in 1958 from high school in Two Harbors, Minnesota. After high school he entered the U.S. Army for three years, two of them spent in Germany where he flew sail planes. After his service, he lived in Silver Bay, Minnesota working at Reserve Mining Company. In 1963, he began college at St. Cloud State University where he met Mary Ann Muggli. He became an art teacher for 33 years in the St. Cloud School District, #742 in St. Cloud, Minnesota where they made their home for almost 50 years. He loved teaching and producing art, and other creative pursuits which was also passed on to all his children and grandchildren. He drew caricatures at the Holiday Inn, graduations, and various celebrations for many years; and went to art shows where he won prizes for his watercolor paintings. He also worked at Powder Ridge ski area in Kimball, Minnesota for 47 years in many capacities. He was a ski instructor, designed and painted signs, and designed and created Powder Ridge's logo. One summer he helped build up the hill 50 feet higher. In winter he made a glider plane and flew it down the hill. He made many lasting friends working at Powder Ridge (who affectionately called him "Fossil"), and he taught his whole family how to ski. He had many, many interests. He loved Lake Superior where he sailed, fished, and hunted. He enjoyed golf, playing the guitar, and was a loving caregiver for the family's many cats, and they liked to visit him in his art studio in the basement. Above all, he was an incredible artist, able to draw and paint any subject. Mary Ann and Gary were big fans of the Minnesota Twins. They enjoyed going to movies and plays, playing Scrabble, going for rides, attending activities of their children and grandchildren, and observing nature. Gary loved their backyard in St. Cloud where he could watch the birds on the birdfeeders in his private paradise. We will miss him terribly, but he now has peace. We wish to thank the staff at Abbot Northwestern Hospital for the kind and thoughtful care of Gary during his last days. A service and celebration will take place at a future date. Donations can be given to the Paramount Center for the Arts in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Gaillard, Charles Warren Age 79, of Naples, FL, died Sunday, June 14, 2020. He was born November 5, 1940 in Louisville, KY. Charlie lived a full and accomplished life. After graduating from Atherton High School in Louisville KY in 1958, Charlie attended Dartmouth College, graduating in 1962. He met his future wife, Jane Vanderweil of Cohasset MA, in the Hofbrauhaus in Munich while stationed in Germany as a ROTC tank platoon leader with the Army. The two married on June 24, 1967. Upon returning to the U.S., Charlie earned his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1966 and began his business career with an entry level position in marketing at General Mills in Minneapolis. He held roles of increasing responsibility within the Big G cereal and other divisions until his retirement as President of General Mills more than three decades later. Prior to his retirement, in a defining moment of his life and his career, Charlie was named chief executive of a new joint venture between General Mills and Nestle called Cereal Partners Worldwide (CPW) in 1990. He started CPW with 14 employees and grew it to \$1B revenue in less than four years. Charlie and Jane lived in Switzerland during those years and spent many fond weekends traveling Europe together and with family and friends. Charlie had many personal interests and talents. As a lifelong lover of music, Charlie enjoyed playing guitar, singing, and sharing his music with his friends and family. From a raft on the Ohio river, to a 50's rock & roll band at Dartmouth, to many gatherings of friends throughout his life, Charlie's love of music was often a focal point and highlight of time with others. Charlie could often be found playing his music on a sailboat. He learned to sail on Lake Minnetonka MN with Jane in their first years of marriage and as with many things in his life, Charlie progressed rapidly. From small sailboats on Lake Minnetonka he soon led dozens of overnight sailing trips on Lake Superior

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and the Virgin Islands with family and friends. He ultimately owned his own 46' sailboat "Rocinante" in retirement, which brought many adventuresome and fond sailing memories for Jane and him. Once he retired from sailing, Charlie found a new passion as a part-time cowboy while living in Santa Fe and went from signing on a sailboat to singing by a campfire. This part of the country was perfect for Charlie's love of reading and history. He was constantly learning about local history wherever he, friends and family traveled. With his great memory, he loved to share stories and historical trivia wherever the family found itself. After a short battle with pancreatic cancer, Charlie died at home "in paradise" in Naples FL. He is survived by his wife Jane; son Andrew Blackman Gaillard, daughter-in-law Megan, and their three sons Jack, Henry, and William; son Charles Bradford ("Rusty") Gaillard, his partner Alexandra, and son Teddy; and sister Judith Gaillard Jones and brother-in-law Steavan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren Keller Gaillard & Josephine Blackman Gaillard. Memorials may be given to Habitat for Humanity of Collier County in Charlie's name. The family is planning a memorial service for Charlie on November 7 in Naples FL.

Schiffman, Donald "Don" Albert age 88 of Shakopee passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Don was born on July 12, 1931 in Fairfax, Minnesota. Survived by children, John (Kathleen), Vicki (Howie), Jim (Sue); grandchildren, Tobin, Shannon, Allison, Kelli, Kerri, Olivia and Ethan; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by the love of his life, Joanne; parents, Annie and Otto; brothers, Marlin and Marvid. His love of family brought him most joy in life. He possessed integrity, was consistent, sincere, faithful, honorable, upright and truthful. He was an avid Vikings fan who never lost hope of a Super Bowl for the team, season after season. His quick wit, sense of humor and storytelling ability endeared him to all that had the pleasure of meeting him. He will be fondly remembered by all. Interment Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. Memorials preferred to American Macular Degeneration Foundation. McNearney-Schmidt Funeral Home Shakopee 952-445-2755
www.mcnearneyfuneralhome.com

Meland, Gerald "Jerry" age 88, of Perham, formerly Minneapolis, passed in peace June 12th in Fargo. Celebration of Life will be 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 25 at Kozlak-Radulovich Maple Grove Chapel, 13745 Reimer Drive N, Maple Grove. Jerry was born in Minneapolis on January 19, 1932. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the Air Force. He Married Bonnie Bruce on September 19, 1958 in Minneapolis. He was a graduate of Dunwoody Institute. He then started Specialty Sales Service Inc. in 1964 and lead the company until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of Lakeside Golf Club and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a sports enthusiast of all Minnesota teams and loved a good game of cards of any kind. Jerry spent his retirement at the lake home that he built with Bonnie in Perham, where he entertained his family, friends and relatives. Jerry will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a devoted husband, loving father and loyal friend. Jerry was always willing to help others, whether it be projects around the house or just some solid advice. Jerry is preceded in death by his sisters Dorothy Nyberg and Helen Bradford. Jerry is survived by his wife of 61 years, Bonnie, their children son Mike (Pat), son Steve (Lynda), daughter Vicki (Chris) Howell, and son Tom. Brother Bob Meland. Ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Many nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Tee, 425 South Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32902 or www.firsttee.org. The family of Jerry wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Sanford Health Hospice nurses and staff.

Forde, Luther Age 95 of Plymouth, passed away May 18, 2020, there will be a family service Saturday, June 27, 11 AM at Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth which can be livestreamed on the church website

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at <https://www.peaceofplymouth.org/>, click home page button marked "Worship-Live Stream-Videos"
Gearty-Delmore 763-553-1411

Franzen, June Ellen Child of God, age 90 of Apple Valley, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2020. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, the Rev. Carlton E. Franzen. Survived by daughters, Mary Ellen (Steve Piehler) Franzen and Julie (Craig Wilson) Franzen; sons, Daniel (Connie) Franzen and John Franzen; grandchildren, Melissa, Rachel, Sarah and Daniel Franzen; and outstanding relatives, friends and neighbors. June was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, devoted pre-school teacher and a joyful pet owner. She lived an adventurous life traveling the country and the world well into her 80s. Service planned for August at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

Ryander, Anita M. age 88 of St. Paul, passed away peacefully on May 29. Memorial Service 11 AM Saturday July 18, at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, 1115 Greenbrier St., St. Paul.

Bennie, James "Randy" Age 60, of Plymouth, MN died peacefully on Monday, June 15, 2020. Randy was known for being the life of the party, his sense of humor, his passion for cars, and his love of family and pets. He was passionate about the medical field and worked as a nurse until his retirement. Randy was preceded in death by his father, James Bennie, and his brother, Steven Bennie (Jessica Bennie). He is survived by his mother, Alice Bennie, his sister, Sabrina Nissen (Leo Nissen), nieces Carolyn Geesaman, Katie Tucker Oskoui (Babak Oskoui), and Jacqui Tucker; along with his nephew Alex Bennie, and his two beloved cats.

Johnson, Marilyn G. Age 75. Marilyn passed away on June 16, 2020. Marilyn will be deeply missed and is survived by her close friend Jack; children Julie (Gene) and Dan (Colette); grandchildren Anna, Ian, Emily and Danielle; Brothers Ross (Lydia) & Don (Carol) and many other friends and relatives. Funeral service to be held on Thursday, June 25th at the Cremation Society of MN 7835 Brooklyn Blvd Brooklyn Park, MN 55445. Private interment. 10:00-11:00 am visitation; 11:00-12:00 pm service.

Gartamaker, Leon E. 76, Plymouth, MN. died on May 26, 2020. He graduated from Orland School in 1961 and lived in Minnesota for most of his life. Survivors include a son, David (Mary); two grandsons, Rob(Erin) and Brandon (Samantha); five siblings, Stanley (Violeta), Dennis, LeAnn (Dave) Lampe, Wendell (Debbie) and Kitty (Mike) Schinderling. No Service will be held at the request of Leon.

Beaurline, Carl Malcolm 76, of Maple Grove, MN, passed away Friday, June 12, 2020 from complications caused by Metastatic Lung, Lymph Node, and Brain Cancer at his home surrounded by his loving family. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1- 4 PM (Service & Full Military Honors from 1:30-2:30), Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Leopold's Mississippi Gardens, 9500 West River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55444 (Brooklyn Park). Carl was born August 30, 1943 in St. Paul to Carl and Virginia Beaurline. He graduated from Humboldt High School in 1961, was a Naval Petty Officer E-5, Sailor of the month August 1966, and was made one of Augsburg University's Own October 2018. He married Sandra Langsten on November 9, 1963. He was a pioneer in the Medical Device Industry (primarily cardiovascular products). Carl was the 113th employee at Medtronic and has over 22 FDA Clearances. Carl is survived by his wife of 56 years and best friend of 72 years Sandy, Daughter Carla, Son C.J., and Maltipoo Mimi. Siblings: Carol Ward, Paul (Nancy Beaurline), Diane Reid. Grandchildren: Savanna, Simeon, Sophia, Basil. Many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Mississippi Gardens (address above) in care of Carl Beaurline. Donations will be given to Carl's favorite causes. Service will also be Live-streamed starting at 1:30 PM. Watch Live on Facebook or anytime at: Carla Jean Beaurline.

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Kujawa, John R. Age 93 of Bloomington passed away from natural causes on June 14, 2020. He was in the Navy and worked for Pillsbury his whole career. John was preceded in death by his wife Carol. John is survived by sons, Alan; Paul (Cindy); Mark (Carolyn); Peter (Brenda); 9 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many relatives and friends. John will be buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery alongside his loving wife Carol, in a private service. A public service will be held at a later date.

Shuster, Stanford "Stan" Jay Age 78, died peacefully in San Diego, CA June 17, 2020, with his loving & dedicated wife Maureen Correia Shuster by his side. He is survived by his children Jonathan Shuster (Jen Pettit), Tony Shuster (Hannah Rawlings), Kelley (Jeff) Defren, with his former spouse Jill Rosen Shuster & Jason (Devon) Shuster; his stepchildren, Marisa, Mandell, and Ben Maughan; his grandchildren, Sophie and Alex Shuster, Jacob, Robert, and Sonja Defren, Stellen Shuster; his sister Rita (Rick) Stone; his brother, Charles (Maribeth) Shuster; and his poodles Chagall and Angel. He was preceded in death by his parents, Deana and Arthur Shuster, and his late spouse Connie Fredrickson Shuster. Stan had a generous heart and a great sense of humor. He inspired his family to work hard and dream big.

Connelly, Richard E. of Plymouth, lost his year long battle with cancer. He passed away at home on June 18th at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Carol; daughter Lisa (Lyle) Schmidt; daughter-in-law Jan Connelly; grandchildren Ashley and Megan Schmidt, Elliot and Kacy Connelly, and his sister Marion Hayes. He was preceded in death by two sons, baby boy Connelly, Richard Connelly Jr., & his parents Clarence and Dorothy Connelly. He was a proud and lifelong union member. Private graveside service to be determined. In lieu of flowers please send memorials to the American Cancer Society. Contemporary Cremation Society (952)922-0100

Mossefin, Norma Jean Age 83, of New Hope, passed away June 14, 2020 surrounded by her loving daughters. She was preceded in death by her husband Jim; her parents, Ephraim and Lucille Steedley; sisters, Hazel Anderson, Susie Barber, Pearl Faulk, Maude Holt, Grace Roberts; brothers James Steedley, Frank Steedley. Jean loved her family and she will be deeply missed by her daughters; Debbie Mossefin, Sue (Phil) Mullen; grandchildren, Kristin (Chris) Gardner, Matt (Cassie) Mullen, Kass Mossefin; great grandchildren, Parker, Chelsea, Mason Gardner, Easton Mullen; nephew who was like a son Delmas (Janise) Smith; brother, Donnie (Ann) Steedley, sisters Dorothy Layton, Linda (Leamon) Ball; many relatives and good friends. Celebration of Life Wednesday June 24th at 2:00 St. Barnabas Lutheran Church Plymouth.

Bauman, Marlene Joan (Ehret) Age 86, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, to John and Margaret Ehret. She graduated from Johnson High School in 1953, graduated from Macalester College and later received her master's degree in special education. Marlene married Philip Bauman and spent 33 years as missionaries in Hong Kong. Marlene went to be with Jesus, her lifelong friend, savior and Lord, on June 15, 2020. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Philip; five children: Steve (Ruth) of Northfield, Brenda (John) Hadro of Northfield, Cynthia (Michael) Kutschenreuter of Mukwonago, WI, Scott (Karrie) of Bismarck, ND, and Kim (Ethan) Barnes of Whippany, NJ; 17 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, John and her parents. A celebration of Marlene's life will be held at a later date.
www.northfieldfuneral.com

Lien, Pearl L. Age 98, of Bloomington, went to her homecoming June 14, 2020. Preceded in death by parents Bernie and Carrie Hanson, brothers Alton and Howard, sister Bernice (Nelson), Milton T. Lien, husband of 64 years and daughter Barbara (Zahn). Survived by son Jeffrey (Mary) Lien and many beloved

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nieces and nephews. Private family interment. A celebration of Pearl's life held at a later date. Memorials preferred to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Ave S, Bloomington, MN.

Sufka, Donald Age 65, of Andover, MN passed away on June 12th at his home, from injuries sustained in an auto accident on June 1st. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, June 26th, 2020 at The Mill Site, 111 Harrison St., Anoka, MN from 4-8 PM with a special remembrance time at 6 PM. Donald Peter Sufka was born on July 17th, 1954 in Princeton, MN, the son of Albert & Irene (Buckingham) Sufka. He grew up in MN and attended high school at Minneapolis North. Don worked in the HVAC industry for most of his adult life, and owned his own company for 20 years. He was currently counting the days to "semi-retirement" on his 66th birthday. Don loved fishing and spent a lot of time enjoying his cabins. Don is survived by his wife, Anella, 8 children and step children, Darrin (Emily) Larson, Troy Sufka, Geraldine Larson, Dustin (Ericka) Larson, Todd (Katie) Sufka, Douglas (Stacey) Larson, Dawn Sufka (Sean) Hanson, and Derrick Larson. He is also survived by siblings, Dorothy Bergh, Walter Sufka, Pamela Kay, Kenneth Sufka, and sister-in-law, Cindy Ellerman, along with many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Les and Hoil Ellerman, and a brother-in-law. Robert Anderson. The family wishes memorial contributions be made to a charity of your choice.

Larson, David E. Age 80, of Elk River. Passed away on June 15, 2020. He was born in St. Paul, MN on June 12, 1940 and graduated from St. Paul Murray High School in 1958. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1958 and served as a radio teletype operator (morse code) with the 1st Missile Battalion 333rd Artillery Regiment (PGM-11 Redstone) in Bad Kreuznach, West Germany (FRG) until 1961. After returning home from his military service he played guitar in a band called, The 3 Mistakes. He also worked for Gould National Batteries before following in his father's footsteps to work for Ford Motor Co. at the Twin Cities Assembly Plant. He married his first wife Janice in 1962. They were married for 23 years until she passed away in 1985. He was later introduced to Joan by her sister Linda. David and Joan got married in 1989 and were married for over 30 years. He retired from Ford Motor Co. as an inspector in 1999 after 35 years of hard work and dedication. He spent his retirement years enjoying the things he always did. Family, fishing and baseball with a trip or two to the casino mixed in. He is and will always be deeply missed. May he rest in peace. He is preceded in death by his parents, Knight and Marian; first wife, Janice (Huntley) Larson; brother, Robert Larson; sister, Jeanne (Jerry) Ficocello. David is survived by his wife of 30 years, Joan (Dyson); children, David (April) Larson of Ramsey, MN, Nancy (Claude) Dobbins of Ogilvie, MN, Lynn (Dana) Dusing of North Branch, MN; stepsons, David (Joette) Nelson of Shreveport, LA and Michael (Kathy) Nelson of St. Paul, MN; grandchildren, Ashley, Taylor, Alyssa, Tom and Nick; sister, Janice (Roger) Larson of Chandler, AZ; sister-in-law, Laurie Larson of Mesa, AZ; in-laws, Karen and Laurence Ludvik, Linda and Rich Willaert, Robin and Bill Sauerwein; beloved pet, Lola; many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Memorial service will be at 11AM on Friday, June 26, 2020 at Dare's Funeral Home, 805 Main Street Northwest, Elk River, with visitation starting at 10AM. Interment to be held at 2PM on Friday, June 26, 2020 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dare's Funeral Home 763-441-1212 www.daresfuneralservice.com

Bohleen, Reynold Andrew Age 93, of Rochester, MN, passed away 06/14/2020, at home with his family. Rey was born April 7, 1927, in Lindstrom, MN, to Elmer and Mabel Bohleen. Rey married Marilee S. Brown on June 3, 1950, and they were married 69 years. Survived by son, Geoff (Joni) and daughter, Christa; grandchildren, Abigail (Scott) Martinson, Kelsey (Thor) Hansen and Drew (Cami) Bohleen and great-grandchildren, Elsa, Svea and Thor Hansen. Rey blessed many as a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and pastor! Private interment at Fort Snelling Memorial Cemetery. Memorials

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preferred to Covenant Living Benevolence Fund. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Yonker, Richard "Dick" Sr. Dick went home on June 16 due to complications of COVID-19. He left behind his beloved wife of 58 years, Kitty Yonker; son Rick (Sue); son John (Apryl); and loving grandchildren Sara Yonker, Janelle (Stephen) Kaus, Duncan Henry, Hannah Yonker, and Delaney Henry; sisters Donna (Stuart) Glasbrenner and Bette (Terry) Beatty, along with many other family and friends. Dick taught math for 37 years at Breck School after earning an M.Ed. at Harvard University. In 1997, Dick was honored with the Presidential Award For Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Dick's legacy lives on in his students and family. We will remember our "Pika" forever. Special thanks to Lawrence and all the staff at Eagan Pointe Senior Living. Memorial service to be held at a later date.

Carroll, Janet Lanning Age 80, of Minnetonka, MN passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Preceded in death by her husband David; parents Melvin and Gretchen. Survived by children Annemarie, Alex (Stacey); sister Judy; and grandchild, Tatum. Janet enjoyed her pets, watching the birds, playing bridge and puzzles. She will be missed. Special thanks to the caregivers at Sunrise of Minnetonka who cared so deeply for Janet. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Private family interment will be at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. Memorials preferred to go to the MS Society or Animal Humane Society. Inquiries to receive notice on future memorial service may go to: inmemoryofjancarroll@gmail.com

Nelson, Ellen Catherine age 93. Our beloved Baba passed away suddenly on June 16th at her lake home on Mille Lacs Lake. Ellen was born on October 29, 1926 to Peter and Susan Dusenka. She grew up in Northeast Minneapolis, graduated from Edison High School and attended the University of Minnesota. At the U, she met and married Robert Fred Nelson in 1950, and shortly thereafter moved to north Minneapolis, where she lived the rest of her life. In 1955, she started a long record of volunteer involvement with the Minneapolis Public Schools, starting at Loring Elementary and later Patrick Henry High School. In addition, she was deeply involved as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. She later became the long-time School Support Coordinator for the Minneapolis Public Schools. She will always be remembered, by those who knew her, for her vivacious spirit, boundless energy and loving kindness. Besides her parents, Ellen is preceded in death by her beloved husband: Robert and only sibling: Catherine Ellen Koziol. Survived and lovingly remembered by her three children: Timothy (Deborah), Stephanie and Bradley (Patricia), five grandchildren: Christine (Keith) Ford, Bradley (Lindsey) Nelson Jr., Zachary (Andrew) Nelson-Winters, Joshua (Robin) Nelson and Trevor (Jennifer) Nelson, seven great- grandchildren: Keith Jr., Kayla, Cyndel, Levi, Xander, William and Finnley. For the safety of all during this time of COVID19, the family has chosen to forgo a reviewal and delay a memorial and interment of her cremains until a later date. Memorials preferred to St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral 1701 NE 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55413 where she was a life-long member. www.kozlakradulovich.com "A Celebration of Life" 612-789-8869

Brindley, Judith Isabel Anderson October 19, 1942 - June 11, 2020 Our dearly loved Judy, a true Minnesotan, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 11, 2020 at the age of 77. She was a loving, compassionate, brilliant, intuitive, strong, resilient, and fun person. She shared her passions for language, literature, history, music, the arts, and community with everyone she met. She traveled to many of America's beautiful National Parks, but always had a special place in her heart for Minnesota's seasons, woods, and wildlife. Judy attended Our Lady of Grace Catholic School and graduated in 1960 from Academy of Holy Angels as valedictorian. She received her B.A. in French from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in 1964, and her M.A. in French/Education from Johns Hopkins University in 1965. A life-long teacher, Judy taught high school French and Spanish at Osseo Senior High and St. Louis Park

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High School, among others. Later in her career, she enjoyed more than a decade at Sylvan Learning Center where she worked to empower struggling students, many from disadvantaged communities. One of her most rewarding experiences was being part of Sylvan in the Schools at Four Winds Elementary School in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis. An athlete and avid sports fan, Judy loved watching football and tennis, sailing on Gull Lake and Lake Minnetonka, and was a local water-skiing legend. She was the first woman to master the water ski jump on Gull Lake, and could do a dock start into her fifties. Many hours were spent correcting her students' papers in front of football games and tennis matches. A huge Roger Federer fan, she was known to record and rewatch Wimbledon championships her own version of ESPN Classic. She played basketball in high school when women were only allowed a half court and was ecstatic to support her daughter Chris's basketball career on the full court years later. She was always a strong supporter of her family's sports interests. Music and the arts were critically important to Judy. As a teacher and a parent, she incorporated these passions into her instruction, knowing that they support development and provide solace and joy. She and Eric frequently attended performances of the Minnesota Opera, the SPCO, and the Minnesota Orchestra. Judy was also an historian. Carrying on her father's legacy, she was on the board of the associates of the James Ford Bell Library at the University of Minnesota, supporting the collection of rare books, maps and manuscripts. She was inspired by the writings and lives of Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson, and fostered that interest in her children and grandchildren. And she was known as the family historian, often telling stories of growing up in Minnesota in an oral tradition that rivaled *The Prairie Home Companion* in entertainment value and warmed the hearts of everyone within earshot. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Richard Anderson, Sr. and LaJean Anderson. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Eric; daughters Kate Fennema, Betsy Fennema Bance (Dave), Chris Fennema Notestine (Randy); grandchildren Tim Notestine and Anna Bance; her siblings Jim Anderson (Ginger), Sally Dahlquist (Eric), Jean Lavelle (John), and Tom Anderson, Jr. (Chris); and so many other family and friends. We will hold a Celebration of Life in the future when our world will be safer for travel and hugs, so that we can have the big party she would love and share our stories and love for her. She will be there in spirit. Please send your contact information to e.brindley@mchsi.com if you would like to be informed of future plans. Her love lives on through us. Enjoy the moments and love each other. In her memory, we ask that you consider donations to any of these places that would mean so much to her. Hyperlinks will appear in Star Tribune online obituary: James Ford Bell Library The American Heart Association ***Black Lives Matter*** St. Joseph's Indian School Minnesota Opera Minnesota Orchestra David Lee Funeral Home Wayzata 952-473-5577 www.davidleefuneralhome.com

Curry, Robert M. Jr. age 66 of Mpls, West High School, passed away Sat. April 4, 2020. Preceded in death by parents and nephew. Survived by siblings Cynthia Curry-Hedberg (Bill) Bruce Curry (Dian) Christine Whritenour (Don) Becky Chase, 4 nieces and 3 nephews. Visitation and memorial service will be held on Wed July 15, 2020. If you are interested in attending, please contact rsvpbobcurry@gmail.com for time and location. There is limited capacity.

Richards, Harold Calvin On Sunday, March 29, 2020, Harold Calvin Richards of Columbia Heights, MN passed away peacefully and joined his wife Kay in heaven at the age of 84 after battling dementia and congestive heart failure. The world lost a great man who was loved by many because of his hugs, smile and laugh that filled a room. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, 9 siblings and his beautiful wife. He is survived by his 4 children, Monica Richards, Shawn (Dawn) Richards and Amanda (Dwayne) Bloodsaw; grandchildren, Jason Richards, Tanner (Linda Lemke) Richards, Karli Richards, Samantha Bloodsaw and Christina Bloodsaw; great-grandchildren, Codie Richards, Nevaeh Richards, Cuyler Lemke, Kaysia Richards and Easton Johnson; many nieces and nephews including Judy Miemietz, Terri Knotz and Robb

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Miemietz to name a few. Along with countless other extended family and friends all who loved him dearly. A celebration of life will be held on what would be his 85th birthday on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 from 4-7 PM with Time of Sharing at 6 PM at KOZLAK-RADULOVICH CHAPEL (1918 University Ave. NE). www.kozlakradulovich.com "A Celebration of Life" 612-789-8869

Siedow, Gilbert F. Age 81 of St. Paul passed away June 12, 2020. He will be lovingly missed by his 3 children: Debbie Siedow, James Siedow, and Annette Siedow, 10 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren, his longtime girlfriend Lavonne Behrendt; along with his 3 siblings: Marvin and Ralph Siedow, and Donna Huro. Gilbert served in the US Navy. Memorial service held 11 AM Tuesday June 23, 2020 at Wulff Funeral Home, 1485 White Bear Ave, St. Paul with visitation beginning one hour prior to services. Burial to be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Wulff Funeral Home 651-776-1555 www.Wulfffuneralhome.com

Hammond, Wanda Ellen (nee McDonald) passed from this life on May 23, 2020, at the age of 90 years, 9 months, and 13 days. She was born on August 10, 1929, the daughter of Wayne L. and Florence E. (McMillan) McDonald. Wanda grew up in Poynette and graduated from Poynette high school. She married Clarence Hammond on August 25, 1956. She worked for many years for the State of Wisconsin, and later at Gabberts in Edina, MN. She volunteered at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Roberta Brendel, and her husband. She is survived by her children, Heather Hammond and Christopher (Sharon) Hammond; her grandchildren Annelise and Marcus Eeman, Emma and Ella Hammond, and Natacha and Sebastien Sagel; a nephew, Nick (Nellie) Robertson and nieces Karen (Mark) Heimerl, Sue Brendel-Baehr, and many other friends and relatives. Service on June 27, 11 AM, at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S., Mpls, MN 55410.

Strand, Jens 01/09/1946 ~ 06/15/2020 Jens Alvin Strand, 74, passed away peacefully from complications of Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), a Parkinsonian disorder, at home in Coralville, IA on Monday, June 15, 2020. Jens was born January 9, 1946 in Portland, ND, the son of Robert and Opal Strand. He married Rosalinda "Rose" Masticola in 1969. He graduated from Portland High School and the University of North Dakota with a stint in the US Army interrupting his college years. During that time he and Rose courted and married at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX. In the spring of 1975 he became both a father and a doctor, graduating from Washington University School of Medicine. Following this, Jens returned to Mayville, ND to serve his hometown as a general practitioner for a year. He completed his medical residency while reentering the US Army, eventually achieving the rank of Major. Jens completed his General Surgery residency at Tripler Army Medical Center of Honolulu, HI in 1981. His career as an Army surgeon took his young family around the globe and allowed them to experience much of Europe and the Pacific Northwest in the 1980s. During this time he also completed fellowship training in Colorectal Surgery, a newer subspecialty for which he was a strong early advocate. Jens loved serving in the Army and frequently expressed a deep gratitude to the service for making so many significant parts of his life possible. In 1987 a yearning for the upper Midwest led Jens and Rose to become civilians and he entered private practice with Multicare Associates at Unity Hospital in Fridley, MN. Remarkably dedicated to his patients, Jens spent the next 28 years serving that community as a surgeon with inspired enthusiasm and razor sharp clinical acumen. The onset of MSA's physical symptoms drove him to voluntary early retirement in 2015. He left behind a monumental contribution to that community's surgical outcomes spanning decades. Since that time he and Rose lived in Iowa City, minutes from the grandchildren he thoroughly enjoyed during his final years. Away from the hospital, Jens was a loving, devoted family man and an avid sports fan. His personal pastimes included a deep love of golf and skiing in Snowmass, CO. The first time he skied with his

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grandchildren he considered it the successful completion of a 30 year passion project begun in Berchtesgaden Germany, 1981. He was a longtime Vikings season ticket holder and considered himself incredibly lucky to have been a 3rd baseline witness to a Minnesota Twins World Series victory. Jens is survived by his wife: Rose; son: Jens (Deepta); 3 grandchildren: Leela, Jens and Anjali all of Iowa City, IA; mother: Opal; brothers: Ken (Kathy), Bob (Joan), Curtis (Connie), and Mathew (Tanya); and sister: Cynthia (Karl) Andreasen. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert. The family encourages memorial contributions to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition: <https://www.multiplesystematrophy.org/msa-research/> Visitation: Will be 57 PM on Monday, June 22, 2020 at the Baker Funeral Home Chapel in Mayville, ND and will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral Service: 10:30 AM Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the Bruflat Lutheran Church in Portland, ND. Burial: Will be in the Aurdal Cemetery in Portland, ND. Condolences: www.bakerfuneral.com (Baker Funeral Home, Mayville, ND)

Sharp, Cynthia Marie (Skrade) On Monday, June 15, 2020, Cynthia Marie Sharp (Skrade), loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away at the age of 67 from natural causes. Cynthia was born on June 22, 1952, in Minneapolis, MN. Raised in Osseo, MN, Cynthia was a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Cynthia was a beloved teacher in the Saint Paul School District. Cynthia was preceded in death by her father Robert Hector Skrade, and spouse Dr. Harvey Lawrence Sharp. She is survived by her mother Helga Rose Skrade; children David, Patricia (Dean), Thomas (Joy), Lisa (Chris), and Robert (Jennifer); grandchildren Jaimie, Carrie (Paul); Katie, Ian, Taylor, Emily (Quinn); Drayton, Sophia; and great-granddaughter Palmer. Cynthia had a love of gardening and teaching others. Her other passions included anthropology, history, and the English language. She enjoyed traveling the world and lived in Ireland for a brief time. Cynthia appreciated a wide range of music, specifically rock and roll. A true matriarch, Cynthia, will be missed by her family and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Her burial service will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Department of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Anderson, Genvieve M. "Genny" Age 42 of Minneapolis on June 5th, 2020 after a fierce battle with cancer and home with her family, she joined the angels. Genny graduated from Dunwoody College of Technology with an A.A.S. Degree in Electrical Construction and Maintenance in 1998 and worked and studied to achieve a Journeyman Electrician License. She worked for IBEW Local Union 292, Crown Cork & Seal and Honeywell. In 2017, she became an Electrical Construction Instructor at Dakota County Technical College. She was a shy child, but she bloomed with the joy that teaching brought her. She is survived by her daughter Genvieve "Gena", her son Avery, their brother Armani Skye, Life Partner Vincent Jones, mother Cat Stone (Scott McInroy), father Patrick Stone (Deb), sister Starr Campbell (Jeep), brother Dell Stone (Mara), sister Becca Kalina (Kal), 5 nieces, 3 nephews, 7 great-nephews, many aunts, uncles, cousins and her sister of the heart Kimberly Bugg (Wayne) and family. She loved painting, travelling, camping, cooking, crafts, art-deco glassware, vintage rhinestone jewelry, random rocks, driftwood and bargain shopping. She had absolute faith in God and was a true believer in miracles. The moment she rose to heaven, it began to rain. Genny loved the rain. Above all, she loved her children and kept them close to her heart. A Celebration of Life will be held during the Lantern Lighting Celebration in September. www.lakewoodcemetery.org Memorials to: gofundme.com/f/genvieves-legal-help/donate or directly to her children. "GRACE WAS IN ALL HER STEPS, HEAVEN IN HER EYE, IN EVERY GESTURE DIGNITY AND LOVE"

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Shultz, Robert Richard "Bob" Bob grew up in the heart of NYC and joined the U.S. Air Force at age 19 serving in Korea for 4 years. Following his honorable discharge in Duluth, MN, he resided and worked there for several years. He met Sally Foster of Mpls. on the ski slopes. They married in 1964 in Mpls and lived in Minnetonka and Wayzata. Bob worked his entire career as an electrical engineer. Skiing became a major part of their lives. In addition to skiing every ski area in the Midwest and spending time at their ski condo in Michigan, they skied the Rocky Mountains from Canada to Colorado, Utah and the Tahoe area of the Sierras. Later this lifestyle was shared with their sons Matthew and Jonathan who in turn passed it on to their children. Bob's other interests were boating, sailing, water skiing, swimming, spending time at the cabin on Farm Island Lake, home improvement projects and sharing experiences while helping his sons in Boy Scout Troop 426. Both sons became Eagle Scouts. His family was his main reason for living. After retirement he and Sally enjoyed 20 years in their Florida home with many friends and family spending entire days on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico or in the pool. Bob also enjoyed a men's poker group there. Bob was always an admirably true gentleman with a kind and loving demeanor. Many have said: "Everyone likes Bob". Bob was born in NYC December 10, 1933 and died In Mpls June 17, 2020. Bob is preceded in death by his mother and father, Theresa and William Shultz; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Nancy Shultz and his mother and father-in-law, Helen and Merrill Foster. He is survived by his wife, Sally; sons, Matthew and his wife, Kirsten, Jonathan and his wife Felicia; grandchildren, Bridger, Wyatt, Norah and Foster Shultz of Duluth as well as sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Noel Coghlan of CA. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews in NJ, NY & CA. Bob's family extends thanks beyond words to all the professional staff at the VA Hospital in Mpls. both during his two week hospitalization and days in hospice care. Burial at Ft. Snelling Cemetery date TBD.

Mikkelson, Doris J. Age 98, born Ruby Jewel Burke in Commerce, OK on Dec. 4, 1921, went home to be with the Lord on June 10th, 2020. She passed peacefully in her home in St. Louis Park, where she had been a resident since 1951. Preceded in death by husband Grant; daughter Judy Ruby Erikiletian; son David; parents, Tommy and Maggie (Searcy) Burke. She will be greatly missed by daughter JoAnn (Richard) Schnitzus, sisters Susie Welch and Goldie Williams, sister-in-law Lavonne (Harold) Schleiman, and many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. All welcome at the celebration of life on June 23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at Cross of Glory Church, 4600 Shady Oak Road, Hopkins, MN 55343. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred.

Driscoll, Michael Fiske Memorial/Irish Wake is postponed indefinitely. Instead, as a tribute to Michael's life & memory a fundraiser is established to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). As a member, Michael supported this organization in their work of "fighting hate, teaching tolerance, and seeking justice." Donations may be made online at donate.splcenter.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=1367

Cunningham, Steve Age 62 of Prior Lake, passed June 17, 2020. A visitation will be held Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 9:30-11AM at Ballard-Sunder Funeral Home, 4565 Pleasant Street SE, Prior Lake. Burial Spring Lake Cemetery, Prior Lake. Survived by loving, supportive partner, Lucy Cunningham; children, Brian (Kristine) Cunningham, Katie Cunningham; grandchildren, Bennett and Cameron Cunningham; brothers, Bill (Gail) Cunningham, Bob Cunningham. Preceded by parents, Tom and Joyce Cunningham. BallardSunderFuneral.com 952-447-2633

Allison-Edel, Kathryn Ann age 59 passed away June 10, 2020. Preceded in death by parents, Theodore (Ted) and Maxine (Max) Allison, and brother, Gary. She was a wonderful wife, mother and friend. Her spirit lives on in the hearts of those who knew her. Survived by husband, Gregory; son, Keegan Edel; brothers, James

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and Mark Allison; and nephew, Anthony. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 1 at 1:30 pm with reception to follow at Cremation Society of MN, 7110 France Ave S, Edina MN.

Iloff, Marlys June of Brooklyn Park, MN passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 22, 2020 at age 88. Marlys was born 06/14/1931 in Litchfield, MN to Myrtle and Oscar Gustafson. She is survived by son Karl Mattson (Bernadine) and granddaughter Ashley Mattson, and was preceded in death by her parents, husband Merton and sister Delores. Marlys was a kind and gentle soul. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother who will be dearly missed. A memorial service will be held Wednesday 06/24/20 at 2:00 PM with visitation one hour prior at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven chapel 763-533-8643 5125 West Broadway Ave, Crystal

Miller, Jerome "Jerry" LeRoy Age 83 of Golden Valley MN died Saturday June 13, 2020 at Methodist Hospital in St Louis Park MN, as a result of Covid-19. He was the eldest child born to LeRoy and Helen (Pollock) Miller on April 16, 1937 in Litchfield MN. Jerry was a reserved gentle man that was loved greatly by many. He will be missed deeply by his wife Patricia Carol Miller of 61 years; his children Peggy Grap-Neillsville WI, Mary (Jack) Carter-Peabody MA, Timothy Miller-Corcoran MN and Jeffrey (Ronda) Miller-Mpls MN; his grandchildren Kaleb Grap, Logan (Katie) Grap, Raymond Carter, Maddie and Garrett Miller, Grant, Gavin and Ava Miller, his great- grandchildren; Layla and Eddie Grap. His siblings Joan Boerner, Marlene Price, Janet (Denny) Sturm, David (Sue) Miller, Patty (Carl) Niemand and Sharon (Steve) Onnen; his brother-in-laws, Don (Juanita) and Tom (Karen) Round, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents LeRoy and Helen Miller, parents-in-law Harold and Margaret Round, sister Mary and brother William Miller. A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date and interment will be at St. John's Cemetery in Darwin MN. Cremation Society of MN.

Skelly, Betty Jean Age 91 passed away at Ecumen, North Branch with family by her side on June 18, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband Mike and her son Michael. Betty is survived by her daughters Kathy and Peg, her son Patrick (Denise), daughter-in-law Kim; four grandchildren: Colin, A.J., Maura and Shannon (Gabe), and many nieces, nephews and friends. Betty was born on April 26, 1929. She grew up on a farm in Isanti, Minnesota along with five siblings. Betty graduated from Cambridge High School. She attended the University of Minnesota where she met the love of her life, Mike. They were married for 54 years before his passing in 2005. She worked for the Star Tribune, the Mounds View School District and Bishops, a ladies clothing store in Robbinsdale where she developed and displayed her love of fashion. Betty had many interests throughout her life including bridge and downhill skiing. She was an avid reader and an excellent cook. Betty and her husband Mike thoroughly enjoyed entertaining neighbors and friends and hosting family gatherings. Betty spent the last three years of her life at Ecumen. She received the best of care from the warm and caring staff who always responded to any questions or concerns. They have told us they will miss Betty and remember her smile as she was about to utter some quick witted remark. Their professionalism and dedication, especially during the difficult time of quarantine and isolation, is greatly appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. A Celebration of Life will be held at Washburn-McReavy, Glen Haven site on Tuesday, June 23rd. Visitation begins at 11:30 with a Remembrance Service at 12:30. A Graveside Service will be held at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Grove at 1:30. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven 763-533-8643

Arthur, Mary Etta Age 90, formerly of Minneapolis, passed away on June 18th in Highland Park. Mary was a dedicated Hennepin County child protection worker and loved traveling and singing in the church choir. Preceded in death by her parents Henrietta and William, her sister Helen and her brother William. Survived by nieces and nephews, former co-workers, friends, and especially Debbra Korkowski and John Purvis. A

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special thank you to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, Our Lady of Peace Hospice, Blue Stone Physicians, and New Perspectives Senior Living in Highland Park for their care of Mary. A funeral mass will be held at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Minneapolis at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25th, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m.. Memorials preferred to St. Olaf Catholic Church.

Settergren (Elliott), Betty Louanne Age 87, of Burnsville, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 17, 2020. Preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Philip Carl Settergren, parents John L. Elliott Sr. and Reba Otterstein Elliott, and sister Donis Journet. Betty was a lifelong servant to her community: She was an elementary school teacher for 30 years, and she served on boards and committees at Messiah Lutheran church in Minneapolis. Betty was a devoted and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, enriching lives with her sense of humor, encouragement and generosity. Survived by sister Beverly Baldwin; brother John Elliott Jr (Shirley); brother David Elliott (Kate). Forever loved by her children Sue (Bob) Stoddard, Paul (Robbie) Settergren, and Joel (Kari) Settergren; grandchildren Peter (Katie) Stoddard, Maren (Doug) Mack, Gretchen (Zach Pursley) Stoddard, Ben (Amanda) Stoddard, Matt (Stacie) Settergren, Chris (Laura) Settergren, Luke Settergren, and Dillon Settergren; ten great grandchildren Maja and Edith Mack, William, Amelia, & Charlie Stoddard, George, Annika and Connor Settergren, and Julia and Elliott Settergren; nieces, nephews, and many, dear friends. A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to American Swedish Institute or Lutheran Social Services-Refugee Services or organization of your choice. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Mathias, William A. There will be a private Mass of Christian Burial at St. Marcus Catholic Church in Clear Lake for William "Bill" A. Mathias, age 90, who passed away Wednesday at his home. Rev. Joseph Backowski will officiate and burial will be in the parish cemetery. There will be a public visitation from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at St. Marcus Catholic Church, 8701 Main Ave., Clear Lake, MN. Masks are strongly encouraged and social distancing is required during the visitation time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Clear Lake. William Anthony Mathias was born February 19, 1930 in St. Paul to Michael & Susan (Churilla) Mathias. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and traveled the world. Bill married Donna Wills on June 30, 1956 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in North Minneapolis and they lived in Brooklyn Center where they raised their five children. He was a truck driver for 30 years in St. Paul, also worked at Brookdale Dodge and Becker Golf Course, and was a member of the Teamster's Union. In 1992 they moved to Clear Lake upon his retirement where he enjoyed life on the Bayou. Bill was a member of Clear Lake American Legion Post 354 and St. Marcus Catholic Church where he volunteered to count the collection money. He enjoyed spending time with his family, annual golf tournaments, fishing on Briggs Lake, music, singing and feeding birds. Bill was outgoing, kind, patient, and had a strong faith. He was proud to be from St. Paul and it holds a special place in his heart. Most importantly he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Donna of Clear Lake; sons and daughter, Bill of Anoka, Jeff of Maple Grove, Mitzi (Bob) Pierce of Mound, John of Osseo and Nicholas of Osseo; brother, George Caswell of St. Paul; grandchildren, Christopher, Dustin, and Bianca Mathias, Amelia (Will) Gunter, Gus, Jude, Cleo and Eliza Pierce; and great grandchildren, Jaiselle Mathias and Olive Gunter. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Al Caswell, Helen Caswell, Susan Petersen, Steve Caswell, Mike Mathias and Shirley Struntz. A special thank you to the staff and veterans at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center for their loving care over the years. Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home (320)743-2204 www.williamsdingmann.com

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Mason, Vivian (McFerran) passed away on June 18th, 2020 after succumbing to aplastic anemia. Vivian was born in Thief River Falls, and raised in Minneapolis, MN, Vivian graduated from West High School and attended the University of Minnesota, and met her husband, John (Jack) Mason, moving briefly to Cambridge, MA before settling in Minneapolis to raise their family. Vivian Mason was a former Ms. Flame at the Aquatennial Parade from the Minneapolis Fire Department, danced the twist with Chubby Checker, biked up The Highway to the Sun in Montana, toured by bicycle with her husband many times with the Jaunt with Jim Klobuchar rides, took her family to Germany for the summer while her husband was on sabbatical, hiked across England, traveled to Africa, South America, Asia, and more. An avid supporter of the Minneapolis Parks, she was a Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner trying to live her passion of making parks available for everyone to enjoy. She helped with the Cedar Lake Trail, Midtown Greenway, and established the Village Parks program to bring Minneapolis Public School students to the Concordia Language Villages. Vivian was a lifetime Girl Scout, having led Kathleen's troop, and later serving as the President of the Greater Minnesota chapter of Girl Scouts. In addition to also serving on the board for Concordia Language Villages, she also served with Books for Africa establishing the Jack Mason Law & Democracy initiative to provide legal texts to universities and institutions. She was the citizen member of the Board of Law Examiners and worked with the Federal Bar Association to establish the Jack Mason Memorial luncheon focused on diversity in the law. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack, her brother Dwight (Skip), and her sister Pat. She is survived by her sisters Maureen Audette and Sharon Coates (Parker), daughter Kathleen, her son Peter, and her son Michael, and the grandchildren, which were her greatest joy. A small service for family will be held at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis next week. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to these charities in their honor: Concordia Language Village Passport Fund: <https://concordialanguagevillages.givingfuel.com/passportfund> Books For Africa <https://www.booksforafrica.org/donate/donate-funds.html>

McKenney, Alice R. (nee Engelmeyer) age 82, of Hopkins and formerly St. Louis Park, died peacefully on June 17, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Ron McKenney, and her second husband Jim F. Burt. Alice was born July 21, 1937 in Millwood Township, Stearns County, MN to Christ and Bertha (Herzog) Engelmeyer. She attended school in St. Rosa and earned her GED after moving to the Twin Cities. Alice worked in a medical lab in Minneapolis for the majority of her career. She was active in her church, enjoyed singing in the choir and traveling the US, including Hawaii, as well as in Europe. Although Alice lived with dementia, many of her favorite memories of time with family, choir and work friends, and her many trips were not forgotten. Alice will be missed by her sisters, Gloria (Jerry) Thomes of Little Falls, MN and Mary Jane (John) Klaphake of St. Rosa, MN; and sisters-in-law, Margie Engelmeyer of St. Rosa, Mary Ann Engelmeyer of Melrose, MN, and Evelyn (Rusty) Pueringer of St. Joseph, MN and many nieces and nephews and their families as well as the extended Burt family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Christ and Bertha; brothers Art, Ron and Roger Engelmeyer, sister Caroline Engelmeyer and sister -in-law Mary Kay Engelmeyer. Visitation 9:30-10:30 AM Tuesday at Gearty-Delmore Park Chapel, 3960 Wooddale Ave. S. with Mass of Christian Burial 11am Tues, June 23 at The Church of The Holy Family, 5900 W. Lake St., St Louis Park. Because of Covid restrictions, please register to attend Mass and receive seating assignments at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448AFAA2DA31-alice>. We ask that all attendees wear a mask. Interment, MN Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls at 2pm. We are grateful to the staff at NC Little Hospice home, Park Nicollet, Methodist and the Glenn in Hopkins as Alice gracefully and patiently lived with dementia. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to MN Citizens Concerned for Life. Gearty-Delmore 952-926-1615 www.gearty-delmore.com

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Lampert, Harriet Genevieve 90 passed away June 14, 2020. She was born in Holdingford to Charles and Gertrude Young, the second youngest of seven children. She met George and they married in 1948, and purchased what they called the Beer Joint in Upsala, serving drinks and food to the local community. The two of them moved often after coming to the Minneapolis area and also spent 10 years in Denver. Many weekends were spent dancing to polkas or playing cards with friends. With her dad living to be 110 years old, she helped plan many large family gatherings. She took great pride in the cleanliness of her home, friends joked that you could eat off of the floor and she wore dust mops on her feet. Mom made friends wherever she went, including the cabin at the lake and when she led senior water aerobics at the YMCA. When the grandkids arrived in her life, she loved to make them cookies and always had some ready. She battled her dementia which was diagnosed in 2016. It was during the past year that the disease took control over her life. Harriet received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick from an Archdiocese priest. He said she was smiling while receiving the sacrament. She is no longer suffering and back with George in heaven. She touched the hearts of many and will be missed by all who knew her. Preceded in death by husband, George Lampert; and son-in-law, Daniel Freeborn. Survived by children, Michael (Kathryn) Lampert, Jean Mason, and Patricia Freeborn; grandchildren, Brianna (Nate), Nicholas (Sara), Peter (Breanna) and Joseph; great-grandchildren, Evan, Wyatt, Analeigh, Jolene, Adaline Rae and Keegan; and brother, Oliver Young. Memorial mass will be Thursday, June 25th at 10:30 AM with visitation at 9:30 AM at the Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids, MN. www.Washburn-McReavy.com
Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Sands, Geraldine "Geri" A. age 71 of Golden valley, peacefully passed away June 15, 2020 at her home with family. Geri was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Steve. Survived by daughter Katie; son, Reed (Liz); grandsons, Wyatt and Sawyer. Geri had an accomplished career in commodities; including time on the trading floor at the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. Geri shined bright, with a wardrobe to match, she will be missed by all. A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

Skjervold, Andrew James age 35, of Shorewood, passed away suddenly on June 9, 2020. Beloved son of Kristafer & Stephanie, Andrew graduated from Minnetonka High School ('03) and Hamline University ('08). He respected nature and enjoyed outdoor adventures: family vacations fishing and canoeing at Bear Island Lake and the Boundary Waters; pheasant hunting with his Dad in North Dakota; skiing and snowboarding in Montana and Idaho. Andrew learned golf at Hazeltine National as an Honors Caddie in his teens and loved to play. Smart, articulate and funny, he was an expert on The Simpsons and a fan of Tarantino movies. Andrew will be deeply missed and never forgotten by his grandmother June; uncles and aunts Nathan and Alida, Peter and Loretta, Sara and Mark; cousins Julia, Karli, Madeline, and Olivia; all the Mitchell family in Montana and many other friends and family. A celebration of Andrew's life will be held at a later date.

Becker, James "Jay" Elliott Jr. Age 56, died peacefully at his home in Homer, Alaska on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Jay was born in Minneapolis, MN and grew up in nearby Blaine before serving in the Army and ultimately following his lifelong passion for the outdoors by settling in Alaska, his home for over 30 years. He was preceded in death by his mother Patricia. Jay is survived by his father, James, Sr. and his wife, Charlotte, sister Melissa, brother Scot and his wife, Cheryl, numerous nieces and nephews, his loyal companion, Coho, and many friends. Arrangements were with Peninsula Memorial Chapel.

Poeschl, Mary R. Of St. Paul, MN. Loving wife, mother and grandmother. On Thursday, June 18th, 2020 Mary passed away peacefully at the age of 84. We know she is at peace being reunited with her parents,

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Marie and Frank Brost, her sister, Sarah "Sallie" Krenz and her brother, Francis, "Bud" Brost. Mary was born on August, 1st, 1935. She married her husband of 57 years, Richard, on June 2nd, 1963. Mary's family held the most special place in her heart. There was nothing she enjoyed more than spending time with them. She loved shopping, going out for long lunches & dinners (enjoying a whiskey or two) and going to movies. She was always up for a party. Mary's gregarious spirit gained her innumerable friends and acquaintances throughout her life and career as a radiologic technician and instructor for more than 40 years. While Mary will be dearly missed, she has left us with many lasting memories, stories and most importantly, her fierce love for us. Mary is survived by her husband Rick, her children, Nicole and Brad (Stacia), granddaughter Grace, her brother Joe Brost (Cathy), and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Due to COVID concerns, the family will have a small private service and burial. We very much look forward to having a large celebration of Mary's life at a later date. Willwerscheid West-Heights Chapel 651-457-7938

Ulness, Arthur Thomas "Tom" 82, passed away peacefully June 17 after bravely battling illness for many months. Husband of Gerri for nearly 50 years, Tom was a long-time St. Paul area resident and retired architect. Born and raised in Fargo, Tom was preceded in death by parents Arthur E. and Adele H. Survived by wife Geraldine (Gerri), sister Ann Seymour, and many adoring nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. Tom was fascinated by our country's varied landscape and architecture, and spent many years traveling with Gerri in their RV - where they met wonderful people from all over the country. Tom's other passions - particularly after retirement - included camping, trout fishing (even making his own flies for nephews and himself), and caring for their dog Crystal. An avid sports enthusiast, Tom was a raucous fan of the Minnesota Vikings, Golden Gophers, and Twins - as well as his alma mater NDSU Bison. His knack for story-telling had an abundance of material. Tom brought laughter and love to many people. No formal funeral or memorial. Instead, donations are encouraged to Our Lady of Peace hospice (2076 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104) www.ourladyofpeacemn.org or to a charity of your choice.

Finstad-Good, Joanne 86 of New York City and Ranier, MN on May 21 at her home in New York City. Born on July 22, 1933 at the family's apartment above Finstad Auto-Marine Shop in Ranier, MN to George and Clara Finstad. Her love of Rainy Lake and its history was a natural outcome of growing up with a lake as a front yard. As a child, she watched boats of all sizes and models pull into Ranier for repair or winter storage at George Finstad's Auto-Marine Shop, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A 1951 graduate of International Falls High School, Joanne also earned a Master's Degree in Microbiology from the University of Minnesota. In 1972, she and her husband, Robert A. Good, moved from Minneapolis to New York City where he served as Director of Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research. Joanne is survived by a sister, Connie of New York City. Condolences: www.daviddonehower.com Interment took place at the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery, Detroit Lakes, MN. A celebration of her life will be held in late July at the Ranier Community Building. David-Done-hower Funeral Home, Detroit Lakes.

Chapman, Grace Marie 1928-2020. Age 91 Died of complications Covid-19, June 15, 2020. From St. Paul. Preceded in death by parents Richard & Marie Cantwell; husband Richard Chapman and son Thomas Chapman, sisters Pat King, Peggy McConnell, Liz Cantwell. Survived by 3 daughters, Kathy Chapman of Gloucester, MA, Mary (Jack) Kotrba of Annandale, MN, Betty (Bill) Moren of Castle Rock, CO; daughter-in-law Liz Chapman of Medicine Lake, MN; 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. She will be remembered lovingly for her great sense of humor and pride in her Irish heritage. Private burial at Calvary Cemetery & Celebration of Life to be announced at a later date.

Nelson, Charles F. With profound sadness we announce the passing of Charles F. Nelson (Chuck, Studley or Pop's). Complications of COPD and Congestive Heart Failure finally overcame him at his residence in

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White Bear Lake on June 11, 2020. He was in his 88th year and lived a wonderful life, all while "doing it his way". He was born in Minneapolis, on January 21st, 1932 to Carl & Ann (Halek) Nelson. He graduated from Patrick Henry high school in 1950 and worked for the telephone company until a back injury required him to retire early. He absolutely loved the outdoors, including hunting and fishing, golfing and especially living on Lake Minnetonka. He was always had a tan. He served his country in the Navy and, for a time, was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. He also enjoyed volunteering at PGA golf events and we all remember his "Little Red Corvette" He loved, and was loved by many, and will be missed by all! Preceded in death by his parents, Carl & Ann, brother Leroy, nephew Tim, great nephew David. Survived by sons, Brad and Brian, sisters Nancy (Oliver), Carol (Dale), niece Diana (Jim), nephews Mark (Ann, Morgan, Micheal, Emily), Todd (Stacy), life long friends Bob, Lyle, Ray, Wally and others! His wish was for cremation and no service. Memorials preferred to American Heart Association.

Schmidt, Glenn V. age 89 of North Oaks. Preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and William Schmidt; sister and brother-in-law, June and Robert Jensen; brother, Dean Schmidt. Survived by his niece, Karen (Kurt) Kutzner; great-nieces, Keisha (Dennis) Zerwas and Marissa Kutzner; dear friends, Leanne and John Savereide and their family. Funeral service 1:30 PM Weds. at Gearty-Delmore Robbinsdale Chapel, 3888 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale. Interment Gethsemane Cemetery. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel. Because of the current limitations on the number of attendees please register your intention to attend within Glenn's obituary on the funeral home website. Gearty-Delmore 763-537-4511 www.gearty-delmore.com

Luke, David B. Age 81, of Minneapolis, passed away on June 18, 2020. A Harvard man in jeans. Taught English Literature at the U of MN for 40 years. He was a lover of books, an elegant orator, and a gentle soul. Kind to all animals and a lover of dogs. He is sorely missed and deeply loved. Survived by son, Gavin Luke; daughter, Meghan Luke Dugan; brother, Randall Luke; sister, Charlotte Christian; and three grandchildren. Small outdoor gathering at Lakewood Cemetery on Wednesday, June 24 at 1:00pm.

Cashin, Joan M. age 91 of Brooklyn Center. Preceded in death by beloved husband, William Cashin; grandchildren, Sara Cashin and Johnny Podominick; son-in-law, Michael McDonald. Survived by children, Rebecca (Robert) Borchardt, Roberta (David) Gouker, William (Barbara) Cashin Jr., Debra McDonald, Michael (Kathleen) Cashin, Walter Cashin, Mary (Bart) Morehouse and Margie (John) Podominick; 23 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Rosemary Rice; many nieces, nephews and relatives. We are grateful to the staff of The Willows at Arbor Lakes for their compassionate care they gave to Joan during the past two years. Mass of Christian Burial 11 A.M. Friday at the Church of the Sacred Heart, 41st Ave. N. and Hubbard Ave. N., Robbinsdale. Interment St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery. Visitation one hour prior to the Mass in the Gathering Space of the church. Because of the current restrictions for the attendees please use the sign-up feature within Joan's obituary notice on the funeral home website. Memorials are preferred to the Church of the Sacred Heart. Gearty-Delmore 763-537-4511 www.gearty-delmore.com

Huemoeller, Jane E. Age 95, of Alexandria, formerly of Truman, died Thursday. She and her husband, Neal, owned and operated Olson Furniture Co. in Truman and the Olson Funeral Homes in Fairmont, Truman and Ceylon for many years. She is survived by daughter, Helen (Gregory) Hilgendorf of Alexandria; son, Neal (Brenda) Huemoeller, Jr of Kasson; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Visitation 4-6 Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Alexandria with service 2:30 Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria. Graveside Service 1:00 Thursday at Ridgelawn Memorial Park, Truman. Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home of Alexandria, MN Condolences: www.andersonfuneral.net

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Milless, Rose Marie Age 94, of Rogers. Passed away on June 19, 2020. Service details pending. Dare's Funeral Home 763-441-1212 www.daresfuneralservice.com

Olson, Jerome Charles "Jerry" age 73 of Golden Valley, formally St. Louis Park for 47 years, passed away on April 2, 2020 where one last time it could be said "It's good to be home." Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 50+ years, Nancy; son Scott (Julie) Olson and daughter Sara (Dominic) McConnell; grandchildren Jacob (Brooke) Olson, Jack Olson, Brady McConnell and Destiny McConnell, sister Jill (Bill) Harkins and many other relatives and friends. Jerry graduated from Hopkins High School in 1965, enlisted in the Navy for 6 years and graduated from Northwestern Electronics Institute. He worked for various companies and retired from Honeywell after 28 years. He was an avid ham radio operator for over 50 years-call sign WB0AAC. He also enjoyed biking, history, music, deer hunting and watching the Minnesota Vikings. Jerry fought a valiant battle with cancer for 8 01/2 years and claimed the song "I Won't Back Down" by Tom Petty as his motto. Memorial Service on Thursday, June 25th at 11:00am at Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, with visitation before at 10am and Internment at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, Crystal. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. WB0AAC signing off. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

Engdahl, Gordon William Age 99, of Oak Park Heights, peacefully passed into the presence of the Lord at home on June 18, 2020. Preceded in death by wife, Phyllis; 5 siblings; and son-in-law, John Sailhamer. Survived by children, Patty Sailhamer, Judy Nowlin and Steve (Linda); grandchildren, Jonathan (Mandy) Nowlin, David Sailhamer, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Jason) Soukup, John (Kelly) Sailhamer, Peter (Angela) Sailhamer, Amy (Tim) Cryer, David Engdahl and Emily Engdahl. Also survived by 16 great-grandchildren. Service Friday, June 26, 2020, 11:00 A.M. at FIRST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, 2696 Hazelwood Street, Maplewood. Please observe social distancing and face mask guidelines. The service will also be livestreamed at <https://www.bradshawfuneral.com/obituary/Gordon-William-Engdahl>. Interment Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Memorials are preferred to SEND International, First Evangelical Free Church or Brighton Hospice. Bradshaw 651-439-5511 www.bradshawfuneral.com

Odland, Phyllis Aileen 94, beloved wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma, died peacefully on June 17, 2020. She was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 9, 1926, to John and Mabel Peterson. Phyllis graduated from Washburn High School (senior class Vice-President) and from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in social work. At Gustavus, she met Marvin Odland when they were seated alphabetically in class. They were married August 23, 1947, raised four children, and enjoyed over 72 years of marriage. After Marvin's graduation from Luther Seminary, Phyllis and Marvin moved to Harvey, North Dakota, to serve at First Lutheran Church. In 1952, they moved to Minot, North Dakota, where they lived until their retirement in 1987. Phyllis was actively involved in the churches they served: teaching Sunday School; singing in church choirs; leading Bible studies; and planning programs. For nearly twenty years, Phyllis enjoyed working for the Ward County Planning Council in Minot. After retiring, they moved to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, where she was involved in their church, her PEO group, and her quilting club. They later returned to live in Minnesota to be near family and to reconnect with high school friends. Phyl and Marv loved traveling and always remembered their six-week trip to Europe in 1963, a number of wonderful cruise experiences, and the annual family camping trips. Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin and daughter, Anne. She is survived by children, David (Susan) Odland, Linda (Jim) Brown, and Mark (Rebecca) Odland; grandchildren, Jeffrey Odland, Erik (Michelle) Odland, Amy (Ryan) Sommers, and Adam (Michelle) Odland; and five great grandchildren, Anders Odland, Eleanor and Clark Sommers, and Clara and Nolan Odland. A special thank you to the staff at Aurora on France Skyview unit in Edina. A

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gravesite memorial service at Acacia Park Cemetery is pending. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Gustavus Adolphus College, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, or Luther Seminary. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Erickson, Roger Allan Earl passed away Fri, June 19, 2020 at Good Samaritan Society- Blackduck, MN at the age of 92. Roger was born February 18, 1928 in Westby, WI to John and Alice (Hagen) Erickson. Roger attended Westby High School where he excelled in all sports, including ski jumping at what is now Snow Flake Ski Jump in Timber Coulee, WI. Because of WWII and a shortage of drivers, Roger began driving at age 14 to haul beer and cottage cheese from La Crosse to Madison until his induction into the US Army upon graduation from High School. After, WWII, Roger was an over-the-road driver until joining Jefferson Lines as a bus driver. He later advanced to management and then the development of Jefferson Tours. He later became part owner of Travel and Tours, Inc. He remained in the travel business until retirement. Due to his love "of the road", he returned to driving with UPS, Ryder, among others. On January 19, 1949, Roger was married to the sweetheart he met on the swing set at school, Barbara Ann Jefson. Together they enjoyed a wonderful 53 01/2 years of marriage until her passing in 2002. Roger was a longtime member of Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church and the Robbinsdale American Legion. He was known to the neighbors as G'Roger due to his continual tinkering in his garage. With his kind and sociable disposition, everyone he met seemed to become an immediate friend. Throughout his life he remained a sports fan and avid hunter and fisherman. Roger is survived by his sons, Jim (Angie) of Bighorn, WY and Jeff (Roberta) of Northome (Wildwood), MN; and his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara "Bobbi"; his son, Greg; his brothers, Harold, John, and Carl; his sister, Josie; and his parents. To honor his request there will be no memorial service. We ask that memories of Roger as a Dad and friend remain as a comfort to all. Roger always thought long obituaries were bragging, but Dad, your life was something to brag about. Condolences: ceasefuneralhome.com

Fleck, Robert John passed away peacefully in Las Vegas NV on June 15. He was 87. Bob was born in Bismarck ND on Sept 25, 1932 to John Fleck and Blanche (Clark) Fleck. He attended St. Thomas Univ. and graduated from the Univ. of Utah. After college Bob served in the Korean War and worked with his father at Fleck Motors in Bismarck and Chaska. He is survived by wife, Haiyan Kang, sons Jay and Tim (Laura), daughter Amy (Paul), sister Lucy Fields and six grandchildren. Bob is also survived by ex-wives Charlene Blue (Arkansas) and Dana Price (Edina). He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Phyllis and Marilyn. Bob also dearly mourned the loss of his sweet dog, Happy, and is now in the comfort of these loved ones. Bob was a gentle person with an easy laugh and a kind heart. His family will miss him immensely.

Utne, Rose-Mary age 93, of Edina, passed away peacefully at home on June 10, with her two loving sons by her side. She was the daughter of Bett and Ralph Brandon, who was the superintendent of the Hill Annex Mine in Calumet, MN. Rose-Mary always continued to be the ultimate Iron Ranger. She cherished time at her cabin near Grand Rapids, MN. A woman of many talents, she was an oil painter, singer, dancer, actress, writer, seamstress, bridge player, and horseback rider. She was a tomboy at heart, and at the same time flawlessly put together from head to toe. Rose-Mary was president of the St. Louis Park League of Women Voters, the first woman on the St. Louis Park City Council, served 27 years on Edina's Zoning Board of Appeals, and was a longtime member of Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, MN. She was very athletic and started the girl's track and field program at St. Louis Park High School in 1973. She was married to Roy Griak for 27 years and Roy Utne for 35 years. Rose-Mary was a graduate of Hibbing High School, the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, and the University of Minnesota - Duluth in 1950. At her direction, her tombstone reads, "She never wanted to be late, but she was." She had an amazing spirit, smart wit, and made

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an impression on everyone she met. We will all miss her zest for life and how she never stopped pursuing her next adventure. She is survived by sons Seth (Monica) Griak and Jason Griak (Nichole White); grandchildren Matt (Kimberly), Leah, and Vincent; great-grandchild Juan; and Roy Utne's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Utne; her parents; and her brother, Dennis. A memorial service and celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Santanni, Katherine "Kathey" Mary Loving mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother Kathey passed away peacefully and went to the Lord on May 6, 2020 at her home at Cherrywood Pointe of Roseville. Kathey was preceded in death by her husband Dan and parents Antoinette and Joseph Destito. Survived by sons Don (Jill), and Ron (Jacki). Kathey will be dearly missed by her grandchildren; Tony (Sarah), Julie, Jonny, Cheri, Scott (Renee) and Angela. Great grandchildren; Trent, Erika, Drew, Sam, Belle, Cam, and Dom. Kathey lived life to the fullest. She loved her family, traveling, her many friends and going out to eat, getting her hair and nails done and going to church. For 38 years she was a travel consultant and traveled extensively. Her favorite trips were cruising to Alaska! She also was a consultant at the Dayton's Oval Room. There will be a Mass held on June 26th at 11:00am at St Odilia Catholic Church in Shoreview. Social distancing will apply and masks are recommended. There will be visitation 1 hour prior to the Mass at 10:00am A private family interment will take place after the Mass. Due to the Covid 19 there will be no luncheon served afterwards. Memorials preferred to Saint Jude Children's Hospital You may also watch the Mass via streaming @ [https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UClnGngY2PshVKdCVydxoWKg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClnGngY2PshVKdCVydxoWKg) Holcomb Henry Boom Purcell www.holcombhenryboom.com 651-482-7606

Kerber, Evelyn M. age 91 of Victoria, passed away on Friday. Survived by her son Tony (Celina) Kerber. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Victoria Catholic Church (8228 Victoria Drive) in Victoria. Visitation one hour prior to the Mass at church. Interment Church Cemetery. Johnson Funeral Home Waconia 952-442-2121. www.johnsonfh.com

Frost, Richard "Dick" Harold Frost, Dick, age 87 of Minnetonka passed away on Thursday June 18 due to complications from COVID-19. Born in Flint, MI on 28 November 1932, he was a Korean War era vet. Dick earned a Masters degree and taught at Mott Community College and middle-school in Flint, before moving to Minneapolis, where he met the love of his life, Veta Segal. Dick was an avid Jewish scholar, Teacher's Union advocate, and a social justice activist. Preceded in death by Harold Frost (father), Emmeline Frost (mother), Garth Frost (brother), David Frost (nephew), Marc Frost (nephew); Aaron Frost (son), Michelle Frost (granddaughter), Quinn Frost Dobbs (grandson). Survived by Veta Segal (partner), Rebecca Frost (daughter), William Dobbs (son-in-law), Natalie Martin (granddaughter), Brandon Sevedge (grandson-in-law), Paul Lawson (grandson), Alice Rose Martin Sevedge (great-granddaughter). Thanks to the staff at Brookview Villa who cared for and delighted Dick over years, and especially to Allison Reiner of Moments Hospice for her care in his final days. A virtual Zoom video graveside funeral and burial is planned on Sunday 21 June 2020 at 3:00p.m. Shiva will be held virtually at 7:00p.m. both Sunday, June 21st and Monday, June 22nd. Please contact Washburn-McReavy or the family for login details. In lieu of flowers donations preferred to the Adath Jeshurun Congregation or the Barbara Schneider Foundation. Arrangements by Adath Jeshurun Chevra Kavod Hamet Washburn-McReavy 952-920-3996.

Knapp, Dorothy Jean (Maher) age 83, of Brooklyn Park, MN, formerly of Beardsley, MN, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2020 surrounded by family. Preceded in death by parents, John, Mary (Mulroy) Maher; and brother, John "Bubs" Maher. Survived by son, Michael; daughters, Lisa & Chris (Judd); four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her beloved cat, Neko; siblings Ann Larson, Dolores

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McCormack, William (Jackie) Maher; and many nieces & nephews. Born on December 15, 1936 in Luverne, MN. Dorothy was a spitfire until the very end. She graduated from Beardsley High School in 1955. Shortly thereafter she moved to Minneapolis, MN to attend Robinson's Beauty School. Dorothy was an LPN and worked at The Minnesota Veterans home. She practiced Healing Touch and was interested in alternative medicine. She enjoyed playing cards, crocheting, and watching Wheel of Fortune. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 11 AM with visitation starting at 10 AM at Holy Rosary Catholic Church 511 Studdart Ave, Graceville, MN. Interment immediately following at St. Mary's cemetery in Beardsley, MN. A reception will follow the burial at Bobby Jo's Caf. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Amos, Vicque Lynn passed away on 06/18/20 at the age of 62. Preceded in death by her parents Jacquelyne and Albert, daughter Angel, brothers Rico and Robyn. Survived by son Jemal, grandsons Jacqun, Jauqa and Angelo, companion Walter Morrow, sisters Lisa, Lerea, Cassandra and Tanya, plus a host of family and friends. Funeral service 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 23rd, with visitation 01/2 hour prior to service, all at: Cremation Society of MN, 4343 Nicollet Ave. So., Mpls, MN 55408.

Elsen, David age 64. Dave passed away at his home in Robbins-dale on May 28, 2020 after a short but valiant battle with pancreatic cancer and with his love Peggy by his side. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Maryalyce and infant sister "Little" Maryalyce. He is survived by his devoted life partner of 30 plus years Peggy Greene, her children who he raised as his own, Jillian Palmer and Brule Greene, Jillian's daughter Angelina Zerna, (the granddaughter he adored); siblings, Dan (Lisa), Nancy, Ron (Sue), Jean (Dave), Rick (Lynn), Judy (Craig); and many loving nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Dave was a skilled carpenter and a talented artist. He was very passionate about the great outdoors and the serenity it brought him. He will be honored with a private memorial service and interment to be held at a later date at Leech Lake Indian Reservation where he loved spending time with Peggy and her Native American family, who loved him dearly. Dave would often say "I have one foot here (Mpls) and one foot there" (Reservation). A celebration of Dave's life is pending. Memorials may be sent to Peggy directly or to family members who will forward on to her.

Mason, Bruce J. age 66 of Burnsville. Survived by wife, Sherry; daughter, Sandy (Mike) Stone; grandchildren, Jason and Hailey Stone; siblings, Mark (Kathleen), Gwen, Neal (Marj); nieces and nephews. Preceded by son, Brian. Private Mass of Christian Burial. Live streaming of services will begin at 11 AM, Tuesday, 06/23 on the Schmidt Funeral and Cremation Facebook page. Interment St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Burnsville, MN. McNearney-Schmidt Funeral Home Shakopee 952-445-2755 www.mcnearneyfuneralhome.com

Bushonville, John 64 passed away on May 1, 2020. He was born in Escanaba, MI on July 24, 1955. John loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, his Honda motorcycle and especially snow-mobiling. A tragic snowmobile accident in 1974 changed John's life forever. A junior at Stephenson High School, John was left in a coma for several months. He eventually learned to crawl, walk and communicate again, graduated high school and lived on his own until recently. John approached his numerous physical and emotional challenges with a strong Catholic faith, determination and humor. He never let his limitations define him and lived his life with great curiosity, gratitude and joy. John is survived by his sisters, Susan (Wayne) Mulzer, Sally (Mel) Ventura and their families and special friends Paul and Pat Archambault and their family. Burial in Stephenson, MI at a later date.

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Kaduk, Frank A. age 61 of Watertown died June 17, 2020. Survived by loving family: wife Denise Kaduk; children Jacob (Lauren) Kaduk, Julianne (Ryan) Peterson. Celebration Of Life held at later date. Arrangements with Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia. 952-442-2121 www.johnsonfh.com

Carlson, Carol A. (Holm) Age 82 of Blaine formerly of Shoreview passed away June 18, 2020. Preceded in death by husband, Robert A. Carlson and son, Daniel R. Carlson. Survived by sons, Scott and Robert (Beth); daughter- in-law, Kari Carlson; grandchildren, Jimmy, Cody, Laura, Robert, Andrea, Jack, and Sawyer; sister, Joyce Gutz; brothers, Wayne Branum and David Branum; brother-in-law, Rick (Kathy) Carlson, and many relatives and friends. Visitation 5-7 PM Wednesday, June 24 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Hwy. 96 W., Shoreview. Funeral Service 11 AM Thursday, June 25 (visitation 10-11 AM) at ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, 8211 Red Oak Dr., Mounds View. Interment Hillside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to donor's choice. Holcomb Henry Boom Purcell www.holcombhenryboom.com 651-482-7606

Travis, James "Jim" Age 80, of Brooklyn Center, MN, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on May 20th, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Francis Travis, his sister Kathy Wanvig, Survived by his wife of 57 years - Marie, son Jim Jr. (Diane), daughter Deb (Katie), son Mike (Jackie), brother Tim (Janell), sister Tina, son-in-law Phil, grandchildren: Lindsay, Chelsey, Jessica, Tyler, Hannah, Madalyn and Sophia, great-grandsons: Bentley, Liam and Everett. Jim enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and golfing, but more than anything, he loved spending time with family. We celebrate this Father's Day - with all the beautiful memories you gave our family, and your Spirit in our Hearts - we Love you and miss you Dad!

Hagen, Barbara Jo A beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and a devoted follower of Christ, Barbara Jo Hagen lived life to its fullest and was a fashion icon with a special love of sparkles. She brightened the lives of everyone around her. She made us all better versions of ourselves. Barbara was born November 8, 1936 in Hopkins, MN. Being the youngest of six you know what they say: "whatever the baby wants, the baby gets" and the daughter of Floy and M.B. "Punchy" Hagen, Mayor of Hopkins, Barbara always knew how to have fun. Anyone who knew her felt her energy and love. Barbara had many memorable, funny and unique moments growing up in Hopkins. She was never short of entertaining stories of her youth and had a tight-knit group of friends with whom she shared a close bond throughout her life. "Barb" was a very loyal friend. She raised four children and was the quintessential mother, always there for them. They are forever grateful for her unconditional love. Her gift to them was being an example of how to show up, continually bettering herself and encouraging her children and grandchildren to do the same. Barbara had real grit; she very rarely gave up. As her license plate stated, "IM410S" she loved tennis. She was fiercely competitive and hated to lose. But then, there was always another match, and revenge was sweet! Just ask her many opponents, often half her age, that fell victim to her on the court. Barb enjoyed dancing, socializing and spending time with her family, especially with a glass of wine. Merlot was her favorite. Barbara passed away peacefully at home on June 13, 2020. We love her and will deeply miss her. She was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings. She is survived by her oldest brother, Richard Hagen; her children: Diana Neal, Gregory (Tracy Schaffzin) Odland, Lynn (John) Waldron, Amy (John) Klaers; her grandchildren to whom she was lovingly known as Nana: Natalie (Brian Hasset) Neal, Ross Neal, Matt Waldron, Josh Waldron, Ian Odland, Scott Odland, Julia Odland, Cooper Klaers, Ella Klaers, Danny Klaers as well as her nieces, nephews and friends. Due to COVID-19, a celebration of her life will be announced at a later date so everyone can safely gather in her honor.

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Manning, Kathryn "Pinky" Age 83. Passed away peacefully on June 17, 2020 at her residence in Zimmerman. She will be sadly missed. Private Family Celebration of Life. Dare's Funeral Home 763-441-1212 www.daresfuneralservice.com

Olson, Duane Norman Age 89, passed away, Saturday, June 13, 2020, while out enjoying his daily walk. He lived at the Northfield Retirement Community, in Northfield, Minnesota. Born in 1931, in Crosby, MN, Duane was the eldest child of Adolf and Marjorie (Velzy) Olson. He attended schools in Houghton, MI, Green Bay, WI, Duluth and Ada, MN (HS 1949), St. Olaf College (BA 1953), and Cornell University, where he earned a Ph.D. in High-Energy Physics in 1960. While at Cornell, Duane met and married Joan Rafaj, and began a partnership that lasted from 1956 until Joan's passing in 2015. Children, Ruth and Eric, were born in Ithaca, NY, before Duane accepted a position at the University of Liverpool (UK). After returning to St. Olaf in 1962 to teach, another daughter, Susanne, completed the family. Duane spent individual years at Argonne National Laboratory, Oxford University, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Duane and Joan took a final joint-sabbatical in Durham (UK, 1990-91), with Duane at Newcastle University, and Joan, an archivist, at Durham University. Together, they also served as Field Supervisors for St. Olaf's Global Semester (1983). Duane enjoyed his research, teaching, and leading the family on epic car-camping trips each summer or sabbatical. Duane's love for all things scenic, historic, or cultural, left no lunch-time mountain stream undiscovered, or gothic cathedral unexplored and many life-long friendships were formed along the way. Duane retired from St. Olaf in 1996, remaining active in the Northfield community through St. John's Lutheran Church, delivering Meals on Wheels, and tax assistance at the Senior Center. He and Joan traveled frequently to visit their ever-increasing circle of extended family and friends. Always inquisitive, Duane never relinquished his enjoyment of books, learning, and keeping up with current events. Duane is survived by three children, Ruth Olson of New York City; Eric Olson (Diana Denning), Newburyport, MA; Susanne Olson (James O'Connor), Arlington, MA; and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by his two brothers, Gene M. Olson of Lancaster, PA, and Gerald C. Olson (Susan) of San Tan Valley, AZ, and sister-in-law Mildred Rafaj of Madison, CT. He was predeceased by his wife Joan, his parents, sisters-in-law Nalda Olson, Ruth Goodwin, Susan Rafaj, Ellen Vrudny, Grace Rafaj, and brother-in-law Paul Rafaj. Memorials are preferred to the Northfield Historical Society, the College History Fund at St. Olaf College, the Southern Poverty Law Center, or St. John's Lutheran Church. www.northfieldfuneral.com

Suel, Mark Raymond age 54, of St. Paul, MN, passed away on June 11, 2020. Born and raised in Shakopee, MN, Mark was a man of many talents and interests. He was a natural athlete, excelling at a variety of sports in his youth. An avid outdoorsman, Mark found beauty and peace in nature. From a young age, Mark loved boating, fishing and hunting with family and friends. His dog, Tilly, was a beloved companion on his outdoor adventures. A skilled craftsman with a mechanical mind, Mark built a stunning canoe from scratch, restored bicycles, and was able to tackle any fixit project that crossed his path. Mark earned a degree in public administration from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Mark's passion for politics and lifelong learning led him to William Mitchell College of Law, where he completed his J.D. degree and subsequently passed the Minnesota State Bar Exam. His professional career included plant management and senior level positions within the energy, and mining & aggregates industries. His expertise included environmental and regulatory affairs, permitting and zoning, renewable resources development, and community relations. He had a breathtaking grasp of the English language, was a skilled writer, and loved storytelling and spirited dialogue and debate. Mark was known for his twinkling blue eyes, boyish grin, generosity of spirit, and a propensity for bestowing nicknames on everyone he knew, as a sign of endearment. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Gert and John Suel. He is survived by siblings Jim, Bill, Mary Pat, Kelly Bishop (Dan),

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Charlie and Maura; caring friend Mary; numerous cherished nieces and nephews, and close childhood & high school friends. A combined memorial service for Mark and his Mother Gertrude will be held at a later date.

Stave, Naomi age 87, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on June 19, 2020, almost a year after her cancer returned. She was able to pass peacefully at home, being taken care of by her children. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ron, sister, Phyllis and brother, Ralph. She leaves behind many people who loved her and will miss her very much. Those include her children, Cynthia (Scot), Marcia (Jim), Todd (Carolynn) and Dan (Michelle). She also has grandchildren who have many fond memories of her: Lia, Zach, Andrew, Ben, Alex, Alexis, Tara, Kyle, Myka and Noah. There are also 8 great-grandchildren, 3 of which she felt so blessed to meet in the last 5 months. She is also survived by her younger sister, Martha, who she was so pleased to have back in Minnesota after many years of being thousands of miles apart. Private Services will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis. (Masks Requested). www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Reinhardt, Kali Jane 24, of Chicago, IL and formerly of Plymouth, MN, died unexpectedly on June 15th, 2020. Although only 24 at the time of her death it is apparent that Kali affected and left a lasting impression on many people. Kali loved to travel internationally with Mitch, her boyfriend, and be adventurous which included bungee jumping in Africa, parachuting, paragliding, riding elephants, and even swimming with the sharks. Mitch and their two-year plans were to continue their love of international travel which included Tokyo and ultimately working in Australia. She challenged the entire family to be better people, to think differently, and to live your best life. She loved to debate politics and was quite informed. Her friends describe her as strong-willed, loyal, goofy, supportive, motivated, selfless, caring, and vivacious. She was the Chapter President of Alpha Phi Sorority at the University of MN in 2017 and left her mark on hundreds of women and they in turn left their mark on her. She loved all parts of being an Alpha Phi but supporting causes for women and leadership opportunities were the ones she was most passionate about. She recently joined the BLM protests in Chicago and strove to be more informed of this cause. She was an avid Gopher Fan however photos are surfacing of her in Wisco attire when she visited her friends in Madison. Please know that if they were playing the Gophers she was in all-out Maroon and Gold. After graduating Kali sat for the CPA exams where only 1 in 5 passes on the first try exemplifying her determination to the best she could be. Kali was born in Edina, MN and grew up in Plymouth however her favorite city was Chicago where she worked for Deloitte as an Auditor. Kali's last selfless and generous act was to be an organ donor. We hope they also receive her passion and overall zest for life. She is the second of four children and only daughter to Heather and Ray Reinhardt. Besides her parents, Kali leaves behind her brothers Jacob, Jack, Josh, boyfriend Mitch Felknor, and many other loving family members and friends too numerous to list. We know she is watching over us but challenging us to be better; she was one badass woman and our 1 in a million. At this time services are pending; details will be announced as soon as available. For those wishing to make a contribution in Kali's honor please visit the Star Tribune online obituary for the link. Visit <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kalireinhardt> Gearty-Delmore 763-553-1411 www.gearty-delmore.com

Rozema, Ann H. Passed away at home in Roseville, Minnesota, on June 13, 2020, at the age of 93. She is survived by her sons, Jim Davis (Dana Crick) St. Paul, MN and John Davis (Lorelie) Prior Lake, MN; her aunt Sy Lawther, Kansas City, Missouri, many close cousins, and nephew Richard Busenbark (Sharon), Granger, Indiana, and their sons John, Aaron, and Adam. She was preceded in death by her sister Norma

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Busenbark. Ann was born in Alton, Missouri, to Leland and Laura Huddleston. The family moved to K.C. MO, in 1942 where Ann graduated from Paseo High School. She went on to obtain a B.S. degree in mathematics from Kansas State University. She pledged Pi Beta Phi sorority, remaining active in her sorority all of her life. Ann married her college sweetheart, Jim Davis, and had two sons. She was active in K.C. volunteer activities, loved to play tennis, golf, and duplicate bridge, and was happiest entertaining friends and relatives in her home. She taught high school math for 10 years at Sunset Hill, a college preparatory school for girls in Kansas City and loved the time spent with her students. Following the death of her husband she married John Hayward. In 1987 they retired to Islamorada in the Florida Keys. John died there in 1992. Five years later Ann married Ray Rozema, settling in The Landings in Ft. Myers, Florida. Friends encouraged them to spend their summers in Ludington, MI. Those friends, and others in The Landing's, became their extended family. Ann was an active member of Ft. Myers Congregational UCC Church, Kiwanis, was on the executive board of her condo Village, and was a vice president of Southwest Florida Alumnae Circle of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She loved playing piano and attending plays and concerts. Ann spent the final two and a half years of her life in Minnesota, near her sons and daughters-in-law. She quickly found a new community of dear friends with whom she continued to play, explore, and dine out as much as possible. After eating her first pronto pup at the state fair and traveling the length of Lake Superior's North Shore Ann earned the right to proudly call herself a Minnesotan. Ann had a warm heart, a big smile, and believed herself fortunate that her life philosophy was to love other people. Burial will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

McCarron, Jacqueline Ann "Jackie" (King) 78, died June 15, 2020 at her home in Pine City. Born in Minneapolis on January 5, 1942, preceded in death by her parents Everette King, Winnifred Brown; and Patricia King. Jackie is survived by her daughters Kim and Christine Wolf, Kathy Howe, Terri (Scott) Berg, Rob McCarron; grandchildren, Jacob Worwa, McKenzie Howe, Max Howe, Leah Berg & Troy Berg; Sister Marlys (Frank) Sularz, brothers Joe and Nick King; nieces & nephew, Linn, Pam, Al & Tracy. She loved card games, the casino, People magazine, and the History channel. She was sassy, funny, opinionated, and sometimes a little dingy giving us all countless reasons to roll our eyes and laugh hysterically with her!! Please join us in celebrating Jackie on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Olson Funeral Chapel, 115 W. Fourth St, Rush City, MN. Visitation at 10am with a service at 11am.

Elhard, Donald A. age 80, of Brooklyn Park passed away of natural causes June 9, 2020. Don was born in Jud, ND and was the last child born to Albert and Mathilda. He grew up in North Dakota and went to Jamestown High School where he met and married his high school sweetheart Joanne Femrite and had four children; Kathryn, Terena, David, and Lara. He was a wonderful father, hard worker and a great provider. Don started as a railroad worker in North Dakota and later worked at Northland Foremost for many years. As kids, we well remember the ice cream-stocked freezer. As a boy and throughout his life he loved to read novels and faithfully read the newspaper front to back everyday. He leaves behind his son, David Elhard, his wife Michelle, and only grandchildren Annalise, Jacob and Ian Elhard. He also leaves behind his daughter Kathryn. He was preceded in death by daughters Terena and Lara and is survived by siblings Wanda, Della, and Morris. A private Remembrance will be held at a later date. Donny was loved deeply and will be sadly missed. We remember his laugh, sense of humor, and love best of all!

Rischmiller, Miriam C. "Mim" of Amery, WI (formerly Edina, MN) passed away peacefully at the age of 91. She is survived by her son John (Kris) of Chaska, MN and daughter Sue (Steve) Stewart of Amery, WI. In addition, she has four grandchildren and a great-grandchild: Andy & Brittany Stewart and daughter, Zoey, Kelly Stewart, and Erik and Ingrid Rischmiller. Mim graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in

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St. Peter, MN with a Music Degree. She was married to her husband, Ralf, also a Gustavus graduate, for 38 years. Guestbook: www.williamsonwhite.com

Nelson, Elizabeth Acaton The world sadly lost a guardian godmother when Elizabeth Acaton Nelson, of Blaine, Minnesota, died on May 3, 2020. Beth spent the first two-plus decades of her movielike journey in the Philippines. In 1975, she married Jay Ward Nelson, who was stationed as a Marine in her homeland. The couple subsequently put roots down in the Twin Cities. After a long career as a telecommunications assembler, Beth dedicated her remaining 20 years to gardening, reading, and especially giving to others. She was fully bilingual, clever in the kitchen, and sharp with a needle and thread. She was also a closet comedian whose boisterous laughter defied her tiny frame. She will be deeply loved and missed by family and friends on both sides of the Pacific. Those wishing to honor her life can make a donation in her name to the American Diabetes Association.

Widman, Shirley A. (nee Huber) age 90 formerly of Eagan. Complete notice later. www.GILLBROTHERS.com MINNEAPOLIS, MN 612-861-6088

Swanson, Gary E. "Swanee" passed peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, June 18, 2020. Full obituary to follow.

Conley, William C. 69 years old. Born January 19, 1951 in Minneapolis, MN. Brings us great sadness to share our dad's sudden passing June 19, 2020 peacefully in his home in Williams, MN. Bill loved life and lived each day to the fullest, he deeply loved all of those around him and cherished his children son Nolan (Molly), daughter Courtney (Josh) and beloved grandkids Adelaine and Evan. Preceded in death by parents Francis and Margaret (Jaeger) Conley, sister Margaret, brother Mike. Survived by sister Mary and brothers Patrick (Patricia) and Tom (Donna) and many precious nieces and nephews. Our dad had many wonderful friends from Lake of the Woods through the Twin Cities down to Floral City where he wintered. He will be greatly missed, until we meet again dad Service information to follow at a later date. www.helgesonfuneralhome.com

Fritschel, Fred age 73 of St. Michael, passed away on April 26, 2020. Fred is survived by wife, Shirley; sons, Eric (Kristin) and Scott; granddaughters, Abby, Shayna and Maya; sister, Sharon Noble; also many other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Erich & Evelyn (nee, Lee) and son, Michael. Celebration of Fred's Life will be held Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 4:00 p.m. all at The Peterson Chapel, 300 Main St. N., St. Michael. Private family interment at Acacia Park Cemetery of Mendota Heights. Serving the family... The Peterson Chapel St.Michael/Albertville 763-497-5362 www.thepetersonchapel.com

Dissmeyer, Virgil M. age 93, passed away June 20. Full notice to follow Wednesday.

McCarthy, Patrick K. "Pat" was born in Duluth on August 31, 1955 and died peacefully on June 17, 2020 at home in Eden Prairie, with his family by his side, at the age of 64. Beloved husband, father, brother and friend, Pat was on the football, hockey and wrestling teams at Duluth Cathedral High School. He obtained a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Superior Wis. and then became a claims adjuster for American Family Insurance. In 1980 Pat married his high school sweetheart, Therese Michelizzi. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting, golfing, playing cards and spending time with his friends. Pat touched many lives with his gentle loving spirit and sense of humor. He lived each day to the fullest, always thinking of others and how to make them smile. Most important to Pat was his family and their well-being. Preceded in death by parents Robert Kenneth McCarthy and Ruth Janet (Creeden) McCarthy, sister-in-law Mary

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(Moll) McCarthy. Survived by wife Therese (Michelizzi) McCarthy (Eden Prairie), sons Kevin (Minneapolis), Michael (Eden Prairie), daughter Megan (Arden Hills), brothers Bob (Cheryl), Jack (Terri), Dan (Jeanne), Tim, Brian (Erica) and Tom (Patti), sister Mary (Jim) Fisher and numerous nieces and nephews. We extend our deepest gratitude to the staff and volunteers of Brighton Hospice who provided loving care and brightened his days. Mass of Christian Burial 12:00 PM Friday (06/26) at St. Hubert Catholic Community, 8201 Main Street, Chanhassen. Visitation 5-8:00 PM Thursday (06/25) at Huber Funeral Home, 16394 Glory Lane, Eden Prairie. The family wishes to make this a safe funeral service so please wear face coverings and practice social distancing. Funeral Mass will be Live Streamed by St. Hubert Catholic Community. Huber Funeral & Cremation Services Eden Prairie Chapel 952-949-4970 www.huberfunerals.com

Hylland, Alden "Al" age 87, formerly of Grygla and Apple Valley, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by his devoted children on June 19, 2020. Al retired from the MN Department of Transportation as a Preliminary Design Project Manager after 42 years. He is preceded in death by his first wife of 39 years, Orianne; parents, Elmer and Mabel Hylland; sister, Audrey (Elmer) Graham; son-in-law, Bruce Burdick and nephew, Michael Braddock. He is survived by his children, Robert (Susan), Wendi Burdick, and Joel; grandchildren, Kyle and Caitlyn Burdick, Sydney Hylland, and Joshua Hylland; second wife of 12 years, Lois; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. A private graveside service will be held at the Lebanon Cemetery in Apple Valley, MN. Memorials may be directed to the Marshall County Historical Society in Alden's name. White Funeral Home 952-432-2001 Condolences: www.whitefuneralhomes.com

McGovern, Patrick Age 82, passed away peacefully at home, with his wife, Mary, holding him. Mary and Pat had been married for 59 years and had 3 wonderful children, PJ (Lisa) McGovern, Jennifer (Reynolds-deceased) Fisher, Heather (Joe) Walker and 6 cherished grandchildren, Katie and Emily McGovern, Chase and Preston (Deena) Fisher, and Hailey and Kasey Walker. Pat was born in Saginaw Michigan on January 14, 1938. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1961. His career was with Cargill and then was a partner of Business Insurance Brokers, before founding McGovern-Fisher Insurance Agency. Pat was a first class character! Whoever met him, never forgot him ... as he told Mary early in their relationship, "I am a legend in my own time" ... and he worked hard to make that true. He had a mischievous spirit and with a sly Irish grin that said it all. He loved saying something to shock people, but always accompanied by that twinkle in his eyes. When he was at the U of M, he put a baby pig on the field during halftime at the Michigan-Wisconsin football game. It is a prank that is still talked about today. He adored his family and always had his heart and generosity open to them ... buy whatever you want, he would say ... one calling him ... Pitter Pat with a Purse. He treasured his friends and was always there for any of them. His golf game was not fine tuned and he took so many Mulligan's during the game that they called them McGovern's. He was a great insurance man, but had no skill for working with his hands ... Changing a lightbulb was challenging and every home repair need was met with a loud call for ... MARY!. After moving to Cottagewood in 2002, he became it's unofficial mayor, because of his happy wave from his front porch on the hill, followed by ... "It's a great day" ... "Good to see you" ... "beautiful family: ... "cute dog" ..."come in". He had many visitors on that porch and they covered many topics in their conversations. People who did not know him stopped to chat. They have said that his warm smile and wave were a hallmark of the neighborhood. The evening that he passed a large double rainbow appeared in the sky ... it was though he was saying ... I am here and all is well. "In life we loved you dearly, in death, we love you still ... in our hearts you hold a special place that on one will ever fill." A Celebration of Pat's life will be held at a later this summer. Memorials referred to Hope For The World. You can donate online at HFTW.org/give or send

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a check to: HFTW PO Box 1463, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459. State that it is in memory of Patrick McGovern.

Tohm, Phyllis Ellen Age 67 of Coon Rapids went to be with the Lord on 06/19/20. Preceded in death by father Clayton. Survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Ken; mother Helen Toso; children Kim Tohm (Efren Maldonado), Ryan (Janessa), Justin (Kaycie) and Kari (Jesse) Schwen; grandchildren Jakob, Jessa, Bailey, Rosalind, Aliza, Isaac and Frankie; sister Kathy Marshall; and brother Keith Toso. Devoted member of Zion Choir. "I will sing to the Lord all my life: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalms 104:33. Public visitation Wednesday 06/24 4-7 PM at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. Family service Thursday 06/25 at Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Schultz, Lee M. Age 43 of Otsego. Preceded in death by grandparents, Charles Schultz & Mary Anne Kostick, Donald & Mary Columbus; step-mom, Sandra Columbus & uncle, Charles Schultz. Survived by parents, Sue (David) Kostick & Lee Columbus; siblings, Nathaniel (Emily) Kostick, Stephanie (Kyle) Gangl, Brandon Columbus & Luke (Betsy) Denny; grandparents, Darlene Schultz & Donald Kostick; other family members & friends. Visitation at KOZLAK-RADULOVICH BLAINE CHAPEL (107th Ave. NE & Hwy. 65) Tuesday from 5-8 PM with Vigil (Parastas) at 7:30 PM. Funeral service Wednesday at 10 AM also at the funeral home. Interment St. Mary's Orthodox Cemetery. Family requests no plants. www.kozlakradulovich.com "A Celebration of Life" 763-783-1100

Gamst, Nicholas Alexander "Nick" Age 50 of St. Paul died June 18, 2020. Nick grew up in St. Paul, and graduated from Woodbury High School in 1988. On September 25, 1993 he would marry JoDee Lehto, and he eventually earned his BA in Economics from the University of Minnesota in 2003. Nick had numerous passions; he started Brutal MMA, a promotion company, and was a top ranked referee in the UFC. He was an avid Minnesota Viking and Minnesota Wild fan, and knew every episode of Frasier. As a scuba diver, Nick travelled the world and explored countless farfetched islands and reefs. Most important, though, was his family. He was most proud of his four boys, or "amazing men", as he would put it. Always a jokester, his amazing sense of humor will be dearly missed. Nick was preceded in death by his mom, Dori; father in law, Joseph Lehto; Grandma Fern; and grandparents Joe (Bernice) Dervie. He is survived by his sons, Pacer Alexander, Shandon Tyler, Xander Paul Joseph, and Roman Gray; loving wife, JoDee Lehto Gamst; parents, Paul (Wendy); mother in law, Darelynn Lehto; siblings, Deanna (Jason), Nicci (Craig), Brian (Single), Sean (It's Complicated), and Joey (Alyssa), as well as numerous loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. O'Halloran and Murphy 651-702-0302

Weber, Dominick "DJ" It is with deepest sorrow we announce our beloved DJ, age 24, passed away on June 12, 2020. At the time of his death, DJ was hard at work fixing his first car. He never let a lack of transportation slow him down, however, and traveled the Twin Cities on two wheels or two feet to visit friends and family, fueled by Pokmon GO and the music of Chief Keef (please don't Google it if you're over 30). Those visits invariably included DJ charming his host into cooking. Where such a skinny kid put all that food remains one of life's great mysteries. DJ was a sports fanatic. His love/hate relationship with MN sports teams, particularly the Twins and Vikings, was legendary, and produced hi-fives, tears and profanity. He played competitively on many teams. As a young adult, DJ struggled with addiction. Despite the deep pain addiction caused him, it couldn't diminish his caring and generous spirit. He loved his people fiercely, and was loved fiercely in return. We will miss him every moment. His goofy sense of humor, contagious laugh and dazzling smile will live on in our memory. He is survived by his parents Nicole and Morgan, his

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father Joseph (Tracy), sisters Madison and Sophia, children Jayden (mom Alice) and Aubrey (mom Madeline), his loving grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends, and his arch-nemesis, the namesake of one football video game who every- one knows cheats shamelessly. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 26 promptly at 1:30pm at Church of the Assumption, 51 7th St. West in downtown St. Paul. All are welcome. A private reception will be held on Sunday, June 28. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following in his memory: southsideharmreduction.org/baylaurelfund.com/

Parrette, Rosemary Walsh "Rosie" died peacefully at her home in Mclean, VA on June 14, 2020, surrounded by her loving family, after bravely battling Parkinson's disease for many years. She is survived by her children Marie Parrette Walker (Carl) of Thurmont, MD; Anne Parrette Rohall-Andrade (Jose) of Mclean, VA; former son-in-law, James Rohall of Montross, VA; Tom Parrette of San Francisco, CA; grandchildren Amani, Robert, Jack, Carleton, Ella, Nora, Conley and Pearl; her precious little sister, Eileen Osterbauer (John); big brother Jerome Walsh (Ann); and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Judge Bernard V. Parrette, Lt Col, USAF; her parents Norine Walsh, ne Conley, and Matthew Walsh; and big brother, Matthew Walsh, Jr. (Ginny). Born August 2, 1931 in Minneapolis, MN, Rosemary was a devoted teacher, lifelong musician, and devout Catholic. She was a graduate of the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, MN and the College of St. Catherine (St. Catherine University) in St. Paul, MN, where she earned her B.S. in Primary and Elementary Education. She taught grade school in Ely, MN from 1953 to 1958, and in Edina, MN from 1958 to 1963. In April of 1963, she married Bernard (Bernie) Parrette of St. Paul, MN, and the couple relocated to Washington, DC when Bernie was hired as an attorney for the Kennedy Administration. The couple lived on Capitol Hill during the "Camelot" era of the 1960s, then moved to NW Washington, DC where they made their home and raised their three children. In 1988, they moved to McLean, VA. Rosemary's teaching career spanned almost 50 years. Her last teaching position was at St. Thomas Cathedral School in Arlington, VA. After retirement, she volunteered at St. James Catholic School where her grandchildren attended. An accomplished pianist, she made music and music education an essential part of the learning experience - there was always a piano in her classroom. Later in life, she taught private piano lessons to children. Her gentle, encouraging manner and genuine love of children made her a favorite of all her students. Her extensive knowledge of American history and passion for art, architecture and design shaped her own elegant sense of style, which was greatly admired. Her sense of humor and quiet laughter will be missed! A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am EDT on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church, VA. The Mass will be live-streamed via the St. James Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurch/>. A private burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to Rosie's beloved parish, Saint James Catholic Church or to Saint James Catholic School <https://www.stjamescatholic.org/index>

Sorenson, Lorraine J. Age 98 passed away peacefully on June 18. Preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Leland (who also made it to 98), her parents Carl and Helen (Lauer) Mademann, and her bother Earl Mademann. Survived by her children Carol (Steve), Owen (Susan), Louise (Doug) and James (Nancy), eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Lorraine was born in St. Paul on Oct 5, 1921. Her parents died when she was young and she was raised by aunts and uncles. She graduated from Humboldt HS and worked as a secretary when she met Leland. She was a typical housewife of the post WWII era. She reentered the workforce and was secretary to the President of the U of M and the Donaldson Co. Always active she enjoyed long blade skating, biking and taught herself guitar. In retirement she and Leland enjoyed winters in Sun City, AZ where she was active in golf, exercise class and bocce ball (she won the AZ Senior

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Olympics at age 88). A special thanks to Arthur's Senior Care for their care and compassion. Memorials to Minnetonka Lutheran Church or donor's choice. There will be a short graveside service on Wednesday, June 24, 9:30 am at Fort Snelling where she will be buried next to Leland a WWII vet. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

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Breakfast-time shooting on Powderhorn sidewalk kills 1

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3B**Length:** 313 words**Byline:** LIBOR JANY; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Mpls. sees a surge of shootings since the killing of **George Floyd**.**Body**

Minneapolis homicide detectives continued their investigation Saturday into Friday morning's fatal shooting of a man in his 30s.

The man, whose name has not yet been released, died when gunfire erupted about 6:40 a.m. Friday in the 3400 block of S. Elliot Avenue, in the Powderhorn neighborhood, said police spokesman John Elder.

Elder said the victim was taken to a hospital, where he died several hours later. Exactly what led up to the shooting was not clear, and police so far have not released a description of the suspected gunman. No one has been arrested.

Tim Anderson, who lives near the scene, said he was just sitting down for his morning coffee when he heard a loud bang.

Startled, he looked out of his living room window to see a man with gun "aiming down the sidewalk."

Recalling the incident in a phone interview on Friday afternoon, Anderson said the suspect kept firing while moving in a distinct manner - "kind of shuffling."

"When I saw him, he shot probably five more shots down the street, down the sidewalk," Anderson said.

Once the gunfire stopped, the suspect looked around, as if to check if anyone had witnessed the shooting, before ducking into a nearby alley, according to Anderson, who gave a similar account to police. After making sure his wife and three children were safe, Anderson said he ran outside to check on the victim, who was sprawled on the pavement.

"He was unresponsive and [there was] a lot of blood," Anderson recalled.

"When I got to him, there was one other gal from the block who was there with me," he said, adding that the neighbor was already on the phone with 911.

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The death continued a surge in shootings in the city. Nearly 70 people have been shot since last month's unrest over the killing of ***George Floyd*** by a former Minneapolis officer.

Friday's slaying was the city's 23rd of the year.

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Caryn M. Sullivan: Learning about leadership in the St. Paul midway

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Highlight: "In parts of our society, there appears to be a turmoil of trust and a crisis in civility. There also appears to be a very sweeping, debilitating and destructive narrative of if you are not with me, then you are against me. Sadly, this narrative has found refuge in our communities, our politics, our faiths, [...]"

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"In parts of our society, there appears to be a turmoil of trust and a crisis in civility. There also appears to be a very sweeping, debilitating and destructive narrative of if you are not with me, then you are against me. Sadly, this narrative has found refuge in our communities, our politics, our faiths, the media and, yes, even policing."

While these words aptly describe our current environment, they are part of the commencement address Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo delivered at Concordia University, St. Paul, a year ago.

Their pertinence reminds us we are a divided society with differing views on many issues, with race, governance, and policing in the forefront at this moment.

Last year Arradondo said, "There is a tremendous lesson in seeking first to understand, then be understood." If there was ever a time to pause, listen, and learn, it is now.

Arradondo leads the police department known now for the death of [George Floyd](#), in a city now known for the ensuing chaos and change.

The chief favors "servant leadership," a way of thinking observed by leaders who are drawn to first serve, then lead.

He's not alone.

Positioned between St. Paul and Minneapolis, Concordia University is home to a Criminal Justice Leadership program that was addressing headline issues before citizens demanded and elected officials undertook reforms these past few weeks.

Taught by professionals in the field, the program is preparing the next generation of leaders in law enforcement and the broader criminal justice arena, says Janina Cich, professor and department chair.

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Cich, who spent nearly two decades working in law enforcement as a civilian and uniformed officer, took her life experiences to the academic arena. She and her colleagues revamped the program to nurture servant leaders with emotional intelligence who aspire to be change agents in their communities.

With a focus on internal and external stakeholders, they study real-life scenarios, analyzing how they would respond to and communicate about situations they might face in their professions. Lessons are transportable to their workplaces.

Several years ago, Cich assembled an executive criminal-justice advisory board composed of community stakeholders. Tasked with identifying skill sets lacking in criminal justice positions, the board concluded communication, ethics, and cultural awareness were critical areas of weakness.

The areas of weakness became a focus of the curriculum, with self-reflection as a foundation.

Students identify the values upon which they were raised; their current values; and their profession's values. They address bias and cultural awareness, looking both inward and outward, assessing the broader impact of decisions, actions, and communication on particular scenarios.

"We're helping students identify how to be creative thinkers and problem solvers and also be strong in their conviction and leadership while attending to the many stakeholders these decisions affect," Cich says.

Because the curriculum includes current difficult topics, students may be addressing them in both their workplaces and in their studies. Some discussion focuses on personal responses and how they impact the individuals in their work.

Scenarios like the *George Floyd* killing prompt reflection and discussion, such as, "How are the other officers showing up as informal leaders? How are they showing up with humanity and grace? How are they attending to life?"

"It's been a delicate balance in our department," Cich says.

She explains, "We are taking this whole-lens view and trying to figure out how are we showing up, not just as 'I'm a cop and I want control and I want you to listen to what I have to say,' but also, "How can I respond to you in a way that is humane and empathetic and understands you're in a crisis that you can't handle right now, which is why I am here?"

"We're seeing an evolution of officers," Cich says. "We're seeing people retiring out who had a whole different idea of what policing was because the communities back then were different than they are now."

Seeds are being planted. But change is a process.

"As a society, we're talking about reform," she says. "We're seeing that. We can't make it happen overnight. But we can change the system by working collaboratively, by the community working with police and the police working with the community, because we are all one."

In his commencement speech, Arrandondo said, "The most devastating and destructive harm we as adults can inflict upon our children is removing hope from their journey."

He was right. We all need hope that communities, families, and organizations - fractured and fearful, weary and resolute - will find their way through the current turmoil.

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But, in this unsettling time, when emotions and expectations are on overdrive, we also need steady and thoughtful leadership, delivered through a wide lens, not a narrow one.

Cich is hopeful.

"I think change is happening. That's really what we're pushing for, to be agents of change, not only in our lens view but in our professions. That's why we take a whole system view."

"Our program is not about cops," she says. "We have expanded the conversation to many professions within the criminal justice system, which could be advocates, corrections, probation or anybody that has an influence in working with people. We're in the people business."

"We're making change, even if it's one person at a time," she says. "That's what officers do out on the street. They make change, one person at a time, one crisis at a time. Sometimes to create a movement you just need one person to start."

Caryn Sullivan of Mendota Heights, an inspirational speaker and author of "Bitter or Better: Grappling with Life on the Op-Ed Page," is a contributing columnist for the Pioneer Press.

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 1C**Length:** 1520 words**Byline:** MICHAEL RAND; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** On this Father's Day, many sports figures can be grateful for precious family time during these past few months**Body**

If 2020 were a normal year, Derek Falvey knows exactly where he would have been on Sunday for Father's Day: Target Field.

The Twins would be wrapping up a four-game series with the Yankees, and Falvey, the organization's president of baseball operations, would be putting in a long day at the ballpark.

This is not, of course, a normal year. And Falvey is pretty sure where he will be instead on Sunday: Exploring a Twin Cities park or trail and having a picnic with wife Meghan, son Jack (4) and daughter Brynn (1).

Coronavirus has put a lot of what we take for granted on pause, including major U.S. sports since the middle of March. While it's hard to find silver linings in the midst of a global health pandemic, Falvey is one of several highly visible Minnesota sports figures determined to make the most of another aspect of their lives during this unique, challenging time: being a dad to children still in their formative years.

Players, coaches and sports executives normally wired for the long hours demanded by their hypercompetitive careers have scaled back both intentionally and out of necessity to achieve a better work-life balance - sometimes, quite literally, as their kids suddenly burst into the room during Zoom calls.

The consensus among them: Even as dedicated dads before, they have seen these past few months as an opportunity to grow.

"I think the best way to phrase it is that I'm a more present dad," said Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph, who along with wife Jordan has twin 3-year-old daughters, Andersyn and Finley, and 1-year-old son Henry. "It's an incredibly unique opportunity to spend the amount of time together that we'll never have again. For my wife and I, for the kids. We'll never be in this same situation again."

Making the most of this time

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Former Gophers and NFL receiver Ron Johnson and his wife, Shani Marks Johnson - a former Gophers track and field star who competed in the triple jump at the 2008 Beijing Olympics - pride themselves on having a close family and being involved parents to Kamryn, 9, and Quinn, 5.

They perhaps made the stay-at-home transition as seamless as possible, with Marks Johnson using her skills as a substitute teacher to educate the girls while Johnson toggled between Zoom calls and family time at their Chanhassen home.

The closeness combined with extra time together in recent months has allowed them to help foster the charitable and entrepreneurial spirit of Kamryn, who along with a group of friends has gained nationwide attention for starting Bracelets for Unity and Justice - an endeavor that has raised nearly \$100,000 for relief efforts in Minneapolis in the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death.

"It's been great for our neighborhood and families in our neighborhood to be able to learn and have the ability to come talk to us and strike up a conversation about everything that's been going on," said Johnson, who was out Thursday in Plymouth with Kamryn helping sell the handmade bracelets.

That spirit is echoed by Gersson Rosas, Timberwolves president of basketball operations.

The Wolves' season ended abruptly March 11 when the NBA shut down. It was barely a month after Rosas had made a flurry of trades to reshape the roster, and it was less than a year into his tenure with the organization. But instead of worrying about what was lost, Rosas set about trying to determine what could be gained.

Some of it revolved around new processes to keep the Wolves moving forward. But much of it had to do with what Rosas called "the most rewarding part of this time period": slowing down, putting down stronger roots in Minnesota and getting to see the daily, up-close development of his twin 4-year-olds, Grayson and Giana.

Rosas realized how much time he typically spends on the road when Grayson complained that Dad is always "in his spot" now when he tries to sneak into his parents' bed at night.

"I constantly push our organization and staff - whether we're talking about COVID, the tragedy of *George Floyd* or anything else - to turn negatives into positives and find silver linings," Rosas said. "If I'm preaching that to our staff, I have to own it at home, too."

He's watched his son get interested in sports and heard his daughter ask questions about his job. Rosas has appreciated how effortlessly his wife, Susana, handles many of the tasks that are now divided more equally.

A survey in the midst of the pandemic of 1,060 parents revealed that nearly half of all dads reported spending more time on housework and taking care of young children than they did previously. Past research also suggests that at least some of that shift in responsibility could become permanent.

"Knowing I have a regular responsibility to help, even with meetings, work, everything going on, you really put into perspective what's valuable," Rosas said. "I'll take this experience as something that changed my relationship with my kids."

He and Ryan Saunders talk about fatherhood often, with Rosas providing counsel to Saunders - who became a dad last June, right around the time Rosas removed the interim label and hired him as Wolves head coach.

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Saunders is on morning duty with his son, Lucas, who just turned 1 and is an early riser like his dad. They go for a walk in the morning, and they play basketball on a newly installed driveway hoop in the evening as Saunders and his wife, Hayley, the managing editor and associate publisher at Artful Living Magazine, juggle their work responsibilities.

Saunders misses coaching, game-planning and the thrill that comes from competition. But he didn't miss some pretty big milestones.

"He's used to having two parents home now," Saunders said. "The fact that I'm getting to spend time with Lucas, being home for his first steps, for his first words, is pretty special."

All you can do is laugh

Richard Pitino's Gophers men's basketball team was in the midst of the Big Ten tournament when play was halted and the season was ultimately canceled.

He went from hoping his team could string enough wins together to grab an NCAA tournament bid to trying to figure out how to communicate with his returning players and recruit in the midst of a pandemic - all while sharing with his wife, Jill, distance learning duties and other new responsibilities for Ava (9), Jack (6) and Zoe (3).

It hasn't all been perfect, but even the imperfections - Pitino's family bought him Father's Day balloons last Sunday, mistakenly thinking that was his big day - make you smile.

Pitino estimates that at least one of his kids has made an impromptu appearance on a video call "75 percent of the time," and that he's found that "whenever I get a phone call, the children just gravitate toward my voice." He jokes that if he has a really important video call, he'll at least make sure all the kids are wearing clothes.

But he also takes his role as a dad seriously.

"If you're lazy as a father, your kids are going to be lazy. If you're not on top of their habits, it's going to affect their personality and development. So you'd better be invested," Pitino said. "We're all they have right now. Their health, their safety, their maturity, all of it is in your hands, your wife's hands. It's been fun, but it's been eye-opening."

Rudolph can relate to the "video bombs." It's been a regular occurrence from his three kids - both during the Vikings' virtual offseason program and as he's started taking online summer classes at Notre Dame.

" 'Daddy, why are you in school?' " Rudolph said, imitating his daughters. "They want to walk up and see the professor lecture. Henry would walk up during virtual meetings and just pop in. If it was a regular offseason, I'd be at work all day and not see that. It's fun to see the chaos."

Shortly after spring training was halted, and before everyone became Zoom experts, Falvey recalls being on a video call with executives from every other team in baseball and trying to navigate the mute button and turning his screen off after his son walked into the room and his daughter woke up from a nap.

"I thought, 'This is a little different,' " Falvey said. "I know I have a lot of balls to juggle from time to time at work, but to have the kids and call going at the same time was something I hadn't expected."

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Now it's just the new reality. A Twins season that would be close to half over hasn't even started, and a home run counter that reached an MLB-record 307 last season is stuck on zero Bombas.

There's nothing Falvey can do about that. He could check in with fellow executives (or scroll Twitter, as he often does) to find out the latest on baseball's return-to-play status. He could imagine what a packed Target Field might have looked like this weekend for a huge series against the Yankees.

Or, like so many of his peers in sports, he can find joy in being a dad.

"I try to have balance, but I know our jobs are difficult and we're usually going full speed ahead," Falvey said. "But I feel like I've deepened my relationship with my kids and my wife during the course of this time in a way that I will always appreciate. There's uniqueness and challenges in this time, but that part I wouldn't trade for anything."

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It's been a rough year for everyone, but especially for kids.

The coronavirus pandemic closed schools, limiting access to trusted teachers and friends, even playgrounds. Financial strain taxed some families as parents lost jobs. Then came ***George Floyd***'s death, followed by both peaceful protests and civil unrest, including burning buildings and tear gas.

"It's been hard times," said St. Paul resident Kiarra Story, mom to an 8-year-old daughter, Kiley. "She is feeling everything coming down on her at such a young age."

Health care providers say they have seen a surge in calls with families seeking help for children and teens showing signs of trauma and anxiety. Parents, reporting children's fears manifesting in tantrums, mood swings and separation anxiety, are seeking advice on how to talk with their kids about sensitive and often frightening topics, including disease, death and racial injustice.

"We see kids who are regressing including thumb sucking, bed wetting, hiding and fighting more with their siblings," said Wendy Goodman, executive director of the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative, which has fielded hundreds of calls, e-mails and texts from families reaching out for help. "Everyone is asking: What can we do?"

St. Paul mom Aerine Caerwyn said her son and foster son, both 15, were already anxious about the coronavirus, missing school and friends, when Floyd's death after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck led to protests and then unrest near their home. The boys were so worried they packed bags in case they had to leave in a hurry.

She eventually took them to her parents' house in rural Georgia to go fishing and

unplug a bit from all the news and chaos.

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"The feeling is that the world was sort of aggravated and we were really trapped," said Caerwyn, board chairwoman of the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative.

Tension and stress

Children and teens were already being diagnosed with more mental health conditions than previous generations before the start of 2020, said Abigail Gewirtz, a child psychologist and professor at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development and the Department of Family Social Science.

"Since 2010, anxiety, depression and suicide have been going up in kids," Gewirtz said. "Add a pandemic and racial injustice, and you see heightened tension and stress."

Another factor fueling this rise in children's and adolescent mental health issues: The average American child is now getting their first cellphone at age 10. That often means parents have less control over what their children see.

"That is what makes parenting so difficult around these very, very scary sensitive issues," said Gewirtz, author of the book "When the World Feels Like a Scary Place: Essential Conversations for Worried Parents and Anxious Kids."

Experts agree there is no single correct formula or course of action for families, who have different values and experiences.

But the biggest mistake parents can make is not engaging their children at all, said Lisa Deputie, a manager at the nonprofit Minnesota Communities Caring for Children/Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota. Deputie is an African-American parent educator who teaches about trauma and adverse childhood experiences.

"We don't want to act like nothing is happening. We want to have those conversations, but we want to have those conversations in the language they understand," Deputie said.

St. Paul mom Jacinta Moss said world events combined with personal tragedy - the death of her mother - have sent her and her two kids, Malachi, 9, and A'Zaynia, 6, reeling. Malachi, who has autism with anxiety and depression, has already had negative interactions with the police at school, so hearing about Floyd's death was traumatizing.

"Our young black men are scared. My son is scared to be outside without my father," Moss said.

To cope, Moss said she has set up a calm space in her St. Paul home. The area resembling a blanket fort in the corner of the living room gives her son and her daughter a quiet place to draw, relax and play on their tablets.

Moss said she and her children have also leaned heavily on her father, who is a minister. Visiting his St. Louis Park home feels like an escape, and taking part in charity works at his church has helped the family to focus on life-affirming activities.

Moss said she's also been able to comfort her son by telling him that the wheels of justice are turning, starting with the arrests of the officers involved.

"Justice is all they want," Moss said.

Comfort in routine

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Story said she and her daughter watched the video showing *George Floyd's* death together. They live in St. Paul near the Lake Street bridge, just across the river from the Minneapolis neighborhoods most affected by the unrest.

Story, who is black, said she cried. Then the family took part in peaceful protests.

"I have not tried to shelter her," said Story, noting that her daughter is mixed race. "I want her to see my reality ... If she is curious and wants to know more, I keep going."

At the same time, Story says she is maintaining daily routines, including bedtime, to help her daughter feel secure.

Dr. Andrea Singh, chairwoman of pediatrics at Park Nicollet and co-lead of HealthPartners Children's Health Initiative, said she encourages families to maintain those habits and incorporate physical activity into those routines to lower stress.

"Get up every morning, brush your teeth and change your clothes even if you are not going anywhere," Singh said. "Do your normal bedtime routine at a normal time."

Before a tough conversation, parents need to take some time off to regulate their own emotions and think about the values and messages that they hope to convey. Then, Gewirtz said, they also need to take the time to observe their children's emotions and acknowledge them.

"Kids see the world through the bubble of the parent," she said. "When we get caught up in our emotions from these events - our anger, frustration, anxiety and worry - it's very hard for us to sit and listen to our kids."

There are no easy, quick answers, Gewirtz said, but parents can leave their children with a message of hope.

"There are always things you can do," Gewirtz said. "That is such an important message for your kids."

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Body

In the days since the world saw Minneapolis police kill *George Floyd*, expectations were high that the death of an unarmed black man would compel decisive action by the Minnesota Legislature.

But a week of emotional hearings and tense behind-the-scenes negotiations on police reform produced nothing more than an impasse between Gov. Tim Walz, the House Democratic majority and Republicans who control the Minnesota Senate.

Lawmakers left St. Paul at sunup Saturday morning without a deal on criminal justice reform, ending a long night of frustration and weeks of hope for finding some common ground.

The DFL governor called it an "embarrassment" for Minnesota and blamed Republicans for setting an "arbitrary" deadline: "I'm really worried the message this sends to all those tens of thousands of protesters who were on the streets, all those people across Minnesota and across the country who expected that this time it was going to be different."

The divisions on display in the final hours of the special session trickled into other parts of the legislative agenda as well, leaving unsettled a tentative deal to distribute \$841 million in federal COVID-19 aid to counties and towns across Minnesota. Also left undone: a billion-dollar-plus bonding package to finance public infrastructure projects throughout the state.

Party leaders set no timeline for resuming their work, though another extension of Walz's emergency powers in the middle of July could bring lawmakers back to St. Paul for yet another special session. Walz was noncommittal about whether he might call the Legislature back before then.

Despite increasingly urgent appeals for action from activists and DFL legislators, Republicans suggested that more time was needed to complete the work.

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"We are weeks and weeks away from the possibility of doing something with criminal justice reform," Senate Majority Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said before the Senate adjourned around 6 a.m. "Done doesn't mean we're stopping working," he told reporters late Friday.

Democrats assailed their Republican colleagues for giving up without an agreement on police accountability, an issue that had overtaken a weeklong special session called to review Walz's powers under the pandemic.

"It is unfortunate that the Senate decided that one week was all that we could muster in order to begin to address these issues, because quite frankly they are much bigger than a week," said House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, DFL-Golden Valley.

Hundreds of protesters who gathered at the Capitol on Friday - the Juneteenth celebration of the end of slavery - demanded passage of the DFL's criminal justice package. It would add more officer training, boost community-led alternatives to policing, and raise the threshold for using deadly force from "apparent" to "imminent" threats to officers and others.

Republicans answered late Friday night with a package of reforms they said matched some of the DFL measures, including raising training standards and requiring officers to intervene if colleagues use excessive force. The two sides also appeared to inch closer to an agreement to change officers' arbitration rights, which many police executives say keep them from dismissing bad cops.

"If they're not interested in this, I don't think personally that they will ever be interested in something we can agree to," Gazelka said of a list of 11 criminal justice changes he said would be Republicans' "final offer."

The Senate's People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus, which had played a central role in the DFL's reform package, quickly rejected the slate of GOP plans.

"Nothing the Senate Republicans have offered will stop another Black person from being killed," the POCI Caucus said in a statement. "There is no middle ground and there will be no compromise until our Black brothers and sisters receive redemption."

As talks passed the midnight hour - accompanied by an eerie electrical outage in the Capitol - DFL leaders backed away from two key demands: voting rights for felons on probation, and shifting jurisdiction over cases of police deadly force from county attorneys to the state attorney general's office now led by civil rights activist and former congressman Keith Ellison.

However, they countered that GOP senators needed to add other pieces of their plan, including banning "warrior-style" training, allowing cities to impose residency requirements on their police officers, and creating a state community-led public safety office. As the impasse continued, lawmakers remained largely out of sight into the early hours of the morning.

Meanwhile, Gazelka said he thought they had an agreement on federal CARES Act funding that has been idle in state coffers, along with \$58 million in additional spending. Democrats had been pushing for far more state spending. House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, said after midnight that they were "pretty darn close" on the federal aid deal.

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But Republicans accused the DFL of renegeing on a CARES Act deal. "I know that the governor was again involved in trying to defeat things for Minnesota. I know that, and that's very disappointing," Gazelka said as he called to adjourn without finishing the federal aid bill.

Some lawmakers held out hope for continued talks in the coming days and weeks. "I hope that this creates a pause for us to go back, reflect a little bit on the need to get the job done for the people of Minnesota," Winkler said.

But with the battle lines seemingly drawn ahead of the November elections, Republicans and Democrats pushed the political blame back and forth as they came up short of a compromise.

Sen. Jeff Hayden, who represents the Minneapolis district where ***George Floyd*** was killed, said he will tell his constituents that "there was no meaningful offer from the Senate majority. I'm going to tell them that it doesn't appear that they even care enough to read our proposals. ... We need to start telling the truth. Minnesotans need to know if folks care or not."

Similar debates have been playing out across the nation, with other cities and states taking up changes to their policing standards.

Minnesota's legislative discussions over the past week have extended beyond police reform. Activists and community members demanded lawmakers address racial inequities underlying police killings like Floyd's, and are seeking aid for businesses damaged in the unrest that followed his death.

Lawmakers also came up short of a deal on business aid.

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Ordway CEO leaving for theater job near Palm Springs, Calif.

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ORDWAY CEO LEAVING FOR THEATER JOB NEAR PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

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Highlight: Jamie Grant broadened the center's programming beyond Broadway.

Body

Jamie Grant, the charismatic president and CEO of the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, is stepping down after 4½ years at the helm of St. Paul's flagship arts venue.

A booster of Twin Cities restaurants, nightlife and the Minnesota Wild, he is leaving to take the reins at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert, Calif.

"The Coachella Valley/Palm Springs area is a place where I vacation every year and this opportunity was too good to pass up," said Grant, 59. "You don't get to plan when these things happen, but I think my kids will want to come visit in the middle of winter."

Ordway CFO Chris Sagstetter, who has been at the Ordway for 27 years, will serve as interim president and CEO while the board undertakes a national search for a replacement. That process is expected to take six to 12 months, said board chairman Bill Parker.

"We will establish a search committee, select a recruiting firm specializing in the performing arts, and ensure we have a robust, diverse pool of candidates," Parker said.

Grant leaves the Ordway at a time when Twin Cities arts organizations have been battered by the pandemic and unsettled by the civil unrest following the May 25 police killing of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis.

Nonprofit arts and culture groups rely on income earned at the box office for a significant portion of their budget. The mid-March shutdown of the performing arts sector has meant that they have zero earned income.

The Ordway, which has to postpone Sting's "The Last Ship," laid off 90% of its staff as a result. And like other arts outfits, the Ordway expects to post a deficit.

But the Ordway already has announced a season that starts in December with Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

Ordway CEO leaving for theater job near Palm Springs, Calif.

"The Ordway is poised for the next great chapter," Grant said, "and I think this is a great opportunity for new leadership to imagine what will be different about the Ordway after the pandemic and after the death of *George Floyd*."

Grant came to the Ordway during a time of stability, after years of competition for the stage among the resident arts organizations that share the facility: the Minnesota Opera, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Schubert Club. Grant arrived a year after the Ordway opened its Tim Carl-designed, 1,100-seat concert hall to complement its 1,900-seat music theater where touring Broadway shows land.

During his tenure, Grant built up the number of "Ordway originals" - Broadway-caliber shows produced by the Ordway with Twin Cities and national talent. He also expanded the concert programming to include the likes of Ringo Starr, Gladys Knight and Alice Cooper. And he was able to snag some buzzy titles such as "Six," which sold well and drew a younger audience.

Grant's last day at the Ordway is Aug. 31. "When I was leaving Texas for the Ordway, people made fun of me," said Grant, who ran the Long Center for the Performing Arts in Austin. "They said, 'If you're not going for the weather or for the taxes, what are you going for?' I reminded them that Minnesota, in virtually every category, is one of the best places in the country to live. It's true, unless you're a person of color. That disparity was a surprise to me, but the state, like the country, is still battling that."

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 1373 words**Byline:** CHRISTOPHER SNOWBECK; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** New analysis shows a wide gap in death rates.**Body**

A new analysis shows a wider gap in Minnesota between the rates at which white residents and those in racial and ethnic minority groups have suffered from COVID-19.

For more than a month, state data have shown that black, Asian and Hispanic residents run disproportionate risks related to COVID-19. Numbers released last week by the Minnesota Department of Health better illustrate the problem, state officials say, by adjusting for the age of those who have gotten sick.

The new analysis shows that black Minnesotans have the highest age-adjusted death rate among all racial and ethnic groups at 70 per 100,000 residents. The age-adjusted rate for whites is about 20 deaths per 100,000 people.

Beyond differences in death rates, the report found even larger gaps in the rate at which COVID-19 patients from different groups are being hospitalized or placed in intensive care.

"We know that we have disparities, and it's a real problem," Kris Ehresmann, the director of infectious disease at the Health Department, said Saturday. "But this helped us recognize that it was a greater problem than we had even been reporting."

The disparities have nothing to do with a different biology or disease process, Ehresmann said during a call with reporters last week. "It's the conditions in the community," said Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm.

The state numbers add to a series of reports showing how racial and ethnic minority groups have been hit hard by COVID-19.

Last week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a study looking at care at one large health care system in Atlanta and found that being black was among the factors that raised the chances

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of being hospitalized for COVID-19. It found that while blacks accounted for 79% of patients hospitalized with the virus, they accounted for just 45% of nonhospitalized patients.

"The independent association between black race and hospitalization in this investigation remained, even when the analysis controlled for other characteristics (including diagnosed underlying conditions)," researchers wrote. That suggests "underlying conditions alone might not account for the higher rate of hospitalization among black persons."

Earlier this month, the New England Journal of Medicine published a study of COVID-19 patients treated at a large health system in Louisiana and found that about 77% of those hospitalized with COVID-19 were black, whereas blacks made up only 31% of the health system's overall patient population.

Worse underlying problems

The medical journal posted a podcast discussion of the study, where Dr. Eric Rubin, the editor-in-chief, said the results suggest black patients were just as likely as others to get good care once they were in the hospital. The problem was that black patients arrived with much more serious health problems, Rubin said, which could represent unequal access to health care.

Higher risk for serious COVID-19 illness continues a theme where social factors ranging from employment status and residential segregation to economic inequality contribute to a number of health problems for African-Americans, said Dr. Michele Andrews, a senior investigator and deputy scientific director at the National Institute on Aging.

"Many African-Americans and other minorities occupy jobs that are classified as essential workers, that do not provide the privilege of working from home," Evans said during the podcast. She added: "Income inequality is a severe problem, and that drives people to decrease their ability to protect themselves from, in this case, the virus."

In Minn., 12 more die

In Minnesota, the Health Department reported Saturday that 12 more people have died of COVID-19, bringing the pandemic's statewide toll to 1,372 deaths.

Residents of long-term care and assisted-living facilities accounted for nine of the 12 newly announced deaths. The state reported its first death involving someone whose residence was described as homeless/sheltered - a category that includes those in shelters, supportive housing and encampments as well as those homeless without a shelter.

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness. Those at greatest risk include people 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities and those with underlying medical conditions. The medical conditions range from lung disease, serious heart conditions and cancer to severe obesity, diabetes and failing kidneys.

Most patients with COVID-19 don't need to be hospitalized. The illness usually causes mild to moderate sickness, and some who are infected don't have symptoms.

The new Health Department report shows that white residents in Minnesota account for more COVID-19 cases, hospital stays and deaths, but their share is lower than their 83% share of the state's population.

To adjust for population, the Health Department calculated rates per 100,000 state residents.

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By that basis in late May, whites were dying from COVID-19 at a rate of 13 per 100,000, Ehresmann said, whereas blacks were dying at a rate of 15 per 100,000 people. Whites tend to be older, though, so age adjustment lowered the rates for white residents and increased it for black residents.

"This age-adjusted method allows us to see the full impact of the disparities," Malcolm told reporters Thursday.

The adjustment for age also shows that Asians and Hispanics are being hospitalized for COVID-19 at a higher rate than state officials previously understood.

The new report says that Asians are hospitalized at an age-adjusted rate of 146 per 100,000 while the rate for Hispanics is 247 per 100,000; whites are hospitalized at a rate of 19 per 100,000 people. Asians and Hispanics wind up in ICU units at a higher age-adjusted rate, as well.

Health disparities complex

While social factors lead to health disparities, hospitals are working hard to make sure they aren't reinforced by the care they provide with COVID-19 patients, said Syl Jones, equity and inclusion director at Hennepin Healthcare. Jones works on a committee that helps make sure patients get fair access to advanced treatments.

Health disparities are complex because they're multi-factoral.

"It's really clear that people of color have many more co-morbidities to start with," Jones said. "All of this can be chalked up to systemic racism, in some ways. Genetics and lifestyle choices are also important factors, as well."

The net count for positive test results grew by 436 confirmed cases in the past day, bringing the total to 32,467 cases overall. With 16,815 tests completed, it was one of the state's largest days by testing volume thus far.

Recent downward trends in the number of hospitalized patients continued Saturday, with 324 in the hospital including 161 people in intensive care.

More than 3,700 people have been hospitalized in Minnesota since the state reported its first case in early March.

Numbers released Saturday show health care workers have accounted for 3,348 cases statewide. A total of 28,205 Minnesotans who were infected with the novel coronavirus no longer need to be in isolation, up from 27,709 people at Friday's data release.

Confirmed cases have been reported in 86 of the state's 87 counties, with no cases in Lake of the Woods County in far northern Minnesota.

The Health Department added to its list of congregate care facilities publicly identified with at least one COVID-19 case among residents or staff, upping the total by two to 317 facilities. State officials are releasing names only for facilities with at least 10 cases among residents.

This week, the Health Department started allowing outdoor and window visits for residents at nursing homes and assisted-living facilities under strict new guidelines.

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

32,467 -- Total cases

438 -- June 20 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,372 -- Total deaths

12 -- June 20

U.S. cases, new daily

2,233,315 -- Total cases

30,775 -- June 19

U.S. deaths, new daily

119,168 -- Total deaths

701 -- June 19

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

Correction

This story gave an incorrect last name for Dr. Michele Evans.

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7-foot-tall roses are set to bloom in Roseville public art project

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7-FOOT-TALL ROSES ARE SET TO BLOOM IN ROSEVILLE PUBLIC ART PROJECT

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Highlight: A citywide public art project is ready to blossom in Roseville. "Roseville in Bloom - 20 in 2020" will feature 20 huge rose statues that have been decorated, illustrated, embellished and otherwise transformed by Twin Cities artists placed throughout the city starting July 1. Each statue is nearly 7 feet tall and weighs 658 pounds [...]

Body

A citywide public art project is ready to blossom in Roseville.

"Roseville in Bloom - 20 in 2020" will feature 20 huge rose statues that have been decorated, illustrated, embellished and otherwise transformed by Twin Cities artists placed throughout the city starting July 1.

Each statue is nearly 7 feet tall and weighs 658 pounds (rose, rose pot and base). The rose blossom is 100 inches in diameter. Artists involved in the project include "Project Runway" alum and fashion designer Christopher Straub and well-known artist Adam Turman.

It's like the Snoopy statues and "Peanuts on Parade" art that was part of summers in St. Paul in the early 2000s, with artist-embellished statues of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Lucy and Woodstock.

The roses project, which has been in the works for 18 months, wilted a bit because of coronavirus shutdowns and was delayed for a month. But the coronavirus precautions are a good fit for "20 in 2020," said Julie Wearn, CEO of Visit Roseville, which is coordinating the project, with businesses sponsoring the statues.

"It's family-friendly, free, open-air, and allows for social distancing," Wearn said. "COVID forced us to move, but it's going to work out."

There's a map of statue locations - from the Roseville library and Central Park, to Rosedale shopping center, hotels and the John Rose Oval skating center. It will be available at various locations in Roseville and at rosevilleinbloom.com.

Statues will be in place July 1 through Oct. 31 and each will have a QR code on the base that can be downloaded for coupons at Roseville restaurants the businesses.

While working on their creations in early June in a building at the State Fairgrounds, some of the artists talked about their inspiration and designs:

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Christopher Straub's theme is "Petals on the Runway." It will be at Rosedale. Fashion designer Straub's statue is covered with illustrations of fashions inspired by roses. (Plans for an accompanying fashion show had to be scrapped because of coronavirus restrictions.) Straub says his piece is just a slice of the message in the overall project. "The storytelling is so apparent in this group of designers, you want to see what's next."

Kristi Abbott's theme is "Paper Rose." It will be at the Hampton Inn. Collage artist Abbott is covering her rose with bits of paper. She has handmade and specialty paper on the rose, which is her first 3D piece. Abbott created a collage for the [2018 Minnesota State Fair commemorative](#) poster. "The thing about working with paper is it's color, pattern and texture and how you can bring them together."

Wendy McCarty's theme is "Flower Power." It will be at TSE, 2027 Rice St. McCarty's art is usually more serious - portraits, still life and landscapes. This whimsical design is inspired by nonprofit TSE, which does workforce training. McCarty grew up in Roseville, where she says puppet shows in the park and a high school art teacher who helped her get into the Minneapolis College of Art and Design come into play in her rose. "Roseville is the reason I'm an artist," she says.

Kao Lee Thao's theme is "Hmong Story Cloth." It will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The designs on the statue tell the stories of first-generation Hmong people who came to Minnesota, Thao says. "It was inspired by our journey to America." (And in a link back to the "Peanuts on Parade" statue, Thao was part of a group of artists who created "Peanuts" character statues for St. Paul's sister city in Changsa, China. Thao created Lucy in Hmong dress. Changsa created a pavilion that has been installed in St. Paul's Phalen Park.)

Cora Hays' theme is "The Value of Education" and it will be at Kids in Need Foundation, 2719 Patton Road. Kids in Need collects and donates school supplies. Hays' design draws from her work as a biological illustrator and features books around the base (the titles on the spines are from friends' suggestions of books that were formative in their education). The petals are covered with math equations, galaxies, books, a nod to agriculture, and books that are important to Hays (such as "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"), and the stem is covered with images of students and teachers.

Daniela Bianchini's theme is "Blossoming Tesserae" at Rosewood Office Plaza, 1711 W. County Road B. Mosaic artist Bianchini's piece is covered with hand-cut glass. The pieces she had to use are smaller than her usual works, she said, because of the curves on the statue. She said she loves working with mosaic because it shimmers at a distance and the detail is revealed up close. Some of her other work in mosaic designs is on concrete garbage cans in downtown St. Paul.

Erin Ward's theme is "Bloom" at North American Banking Co., 2230 Albert St. Ward started working with mosaic about 10 years ago, she says. The dirt in the pot at the base of her rose will be mosaic created with pennies (the bank sent over a special shipment). Ward works mainly with animal and pet portraits in mosaic and says she works in St. Paul and remembers going to see all the Snoopy statues in the first "Peanuts on Parade."

Shakun Maheshwari's "Color & Culture" will be at McCarrons Lake, 1745 Rice St. Maheshwari said she wanted to represent "all the different type people and all the different colors that make (this neighborhood) beautiful." The colors she painted on the base are covered with intricate designs Maheshwari uses in her henna art.

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Lydia Anderson's "What Brings You Joy?" will be at Bent Brewstillery, 1744 Terrace Dr. Anderson said her wildly colorful design was originally intended to draw children in a park setting, but any location can use "something happy." Color, clouds and stars cover the rose. "It couldn't be any more busy," said Anderson, who has worked on murals around the Twin Cities and on theater sets. She will be at Boston University this fall studying scenic painting.

[Lake Harriet Art Shanty Projects canceled for 2021](#) [Minnesota Museum of American Art director released from job](#) [MN State Fair Fine Arts show will open for limited viewing at the Fairgrounds; artists can still register](#) [Here's what you need to know as Twin Cities top art museums reopen](#) [Traditional weekend art fair at University of St. Catherine goes virtual](#) Adam Turman's theme is "Discover." It will be at Central Park, 2540 N. Lexington Ave. Turman was trained as a graphic artist, so he says he loves to work with direction. He got his direction from visits to Roseville's Central Park, which covers 225 acres. The park has trails, picnic shelters, playground equipment and entertainment events and there are snippets of the park's attractions covering Turman's colorful work. Look for the park's unique "rocket ship" slide and wildlife. In between work on the rose, Turman created the **George Floyd** mural that's inspired by the 1989 Spike Lee movie "Do the Right Thing" on the plywood covering the Uptown Theatre in Minneapolis following riots in that neighborhood.

What: "Roseville in Bloom - 20 in 2020," a public art display of artist-designed rose statues. The statues were built by TivoliToo, the Roseville company that created the "Peanuts" characters for the "Peanuts on Parade" in St. Paul in the early 2000s

When: July 1 through Oct. 31

Where: Locations throughout Roseville. You can find a map at rosevilleinbloom.com

Events: A series of events are planned throughout the summer, including a bee-friendly family event, coloring contest at the library and school donation drive.

Eat, drink and more: Grand Ole Creamery will create a limited-edition flavor for Roseville in Bloom that will be sold at its retail shops, including their location at Potluck in Rosedale Center, and Bent Brewstillery will create specialty Roseville in Bloom-themed beverages for October as well as providing their house-made sanitizer for all rose locations.

Contest: There will also be an Instagram photo contest in which people can post their rose images using #rosevilleinbloom.

About the project: Visit Roseville CEO Julie Wearn said the statues fit into the city's "Perfectly Positioned" message, which touts its proximity to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Visit Roseville is funded by local hotel lodging taxes.

The artists, themes and locations of the 20 statues for Roseville in Bloom:

Adam Turman - Theme: Discover; location: Central Park, 2540 Lexington Ave. N.

Christopher Straub - Theme: Petals on the Runway; location: Rosedale Center.

Kristi Abbott - Theme: Paper Rose; location: Hampton Inn, 2050 W. Iona Lane

Shakun Maheshwari - Theme: Color & Culture; location: McCarrons Lake, 1745 Rice St.

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Bailey Quam - Theme: "La Glace" Rose; location: John Rose OVAL Minnesota, 2661 Civic Center Dr.

Kimberly McCracken - Theme: Alice in Wonderland - Painting the Roses Red; location: Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave N.

Kao Lee Thao - Theme: Hmong Story Cloth; location: DoubleTree by Hilton Roseville, 2540 Cleveland Ave. N.

Sean Hvidston - Theme: Dew Diligence; location: Spire Credit Union, 1880 Perimeter Dr.

Aimee Fierke - Theme: Aurora Borealis; location: McGough, Inc., 2737 N. Fairview Ave.

Donna Post - Theme: Minnesota Helpers; location: St. Rosa of Lima, 2048 N. Hamline Ave.

Thomas Toebe - Theme: Goodie; location: Goodmanson Construction, 2500 W. County Road B.

TivoliToo Artist - Theme: Spirit of Hospitality; location: Rosedale Tower, 1700 Hwy 36 W, Suite 600.

Cora Hays - Theme: The Value of Education; location: Kids in Need Foundation, 2719 Patton Rd.

Wendy McCarty - Theme: Flower Power; location: TSE, 2027 Rice St.

Jim Defeo - Theme: Busy as a Bee; location: Lexington Park, 2131 Lexington Ave N

Daniela Bianchini - Theme: Blossoming Tesserae; location: Rosewood Office Plaza, 1711 W. County Road B.

Jill Osiecki - Theme: Harmony in Nature; location: Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 3045 N. Centre Pointe Dr.

Erin Ward - Theme: Bloom; location: North American Banking Co., 2230 Albert St.

Lili Payne - Theme: Rosewood; location: Country Inn & Suites, 2740 N. Snelling Ave.

Lydia Anderson - Theme: What Brings You Joy?; location: Bent Brewstillery, 1744 Terrace Dr.

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Adam Turman works on his rose for "Roseville in Bloom." (Courtesy Visit Roseville)

Christopher Straub works on his rose statue. (Courtesy Visit Roseville)

Kao Lee Thao paints "Hmong Story Cloth," a rose sculpture with Hmong-inspired designs, on Sunday, June 7, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Cora Hays paints "The Value of Education," on Sunday, June 7, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Daniela Bianchini uses stained glass to create a mosaic on her rose sculpture. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Lili Payne's rose sculpture, painted to look like wood and titled "Rosewood." (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Crowds blocking officers at crime scenes, police say

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CROWDS BLOCKING OFFICERS AT CRIME SCENES, POLICE SAY

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Highlight: One call was near Floyd's death site, where a man shot himself.

Body

Minneapolis police officers responding to separate shootings Friday night were met with angry crowds that impeded them from doing their job, a department spokesman said Saturday.

Around 11:25 p.m. in the 3800 block of Chicago Avenue - near the site where **George Floyd** was killed by police May 25 - officers responded to a reported shooting. A man had shot himself, and bystanders were administering CPR, according to police.

Officers tried to provide aid upon their arrival but encountered "hostile" crowds that impeded them, police spokesman John Elder said. The man was taken to HCMC, where he died. Elder said it is not clear if the shooting was a suicide or an accident. Police are investigating.

About the same time, officers responded to a separate double shooting at S. 28th Avenue and E. 54th Street. Officers found two adults who had suffered noncritical gunshot wounds.

A man was arrested, a gun was recovered and the two victims were taken to HCMC, police say.

The scene became "chaotic," Elder said, with onlookers refusing commands to stay back. Police could "barely even get an investigation started" and additional officers had to be called in, he said.

Elder said officers are increasingly facing resistance from crowds when arriving at scenes. People are "grabbing ahold of officers and their equipment" and stepping in front of paramedics, he said. Earlier this week, officers were pelted with rocks and bottles as they tried to administer Narcan to someone who had overdosed and was without a pulse, Elder said.

"We continue to see people fail to obey lawful orders to stand back, to stay back while officers are trying to do their job. Having projectiles thrown at officers is not uncommon," Elder said.

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Fond memories of 'The Uncles'

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In the middle of the night, as the roaring fire consumed his business, all Don Blyly could do was go home. He couldn't bear to watch it burn. "There goes 46 years of work," he thought.

Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore and its twin brother, Uncle Edgar's Mystery Bookstore, were torched early in the morning of May 30, five days after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on the neck of a black man named *George Floyd*, who died. The ensuing protests were large, and, for two nights, destructive. Buildings were looted and burned.

Uncle Hugo's, the oldest science fiction bookstore in the country, was reduced to a pile of bricks.

Blyly started the store in 1974 when he was a law student at the University of Minnesota. "I was bored out of my mind with constitutional law and I needed something to keep me sane," he said last week.

Maybe a bookstore? Yes, a bookstore. From idea to execution took two weeks. He found a storefront on 4th Avenue S. that he could rent for \$50 a month. Gopher News had a warehouse of books in Minneapolis, where he chose his favorite genre - science fiction and fantasy. They threw in the racks for free.

Blyly named his store after Hugo Gernsback, who started the first science fiction magazine in 1926.

"By the time I finished law school, it was obvious I wouldn't be happy as an attorney, but I did love running a bookstore," he said.

A few years later, he opened a mystery bookstore nearby and named that one for Edgar Allan Poe.

In 1984, both stores moved to 2864 Chicago Av. S. Customers entered the 1915 building that housed Uncle Hugo's and walked through an archway to a separate, newer space that housed Uncle Edgar's.

Authors held readings there, and customers made pilgrimages. With their stuffed shelves, piles stacked on the floor and knowledgeable staff, the Uncles weren't just genre bookstores. They were book lovers' bookstores.

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Reopening waits for the insurance companies. "I don't have enough numbers yet to make any decision," Blyly said. "I'm 69 years old and I am developing arthritis in my hands. If I were younger, I would definitely want to rebuild. But I'm not sure how many more years I have available to me."

For now, Blyly is switching to online commerce - as soon as he replaces his incinerated computer. He has bookstore T-shirts and sweatshirts to sell. He also plans to sell books from his own collection, as well as autographed books that authors are donating.

There is a GoFundMe campaign to help him pay off debt and rehire a part-time worker. Money, and memories, are coming in from around the Cities, the country and the world.

Dana O'Gorman, St. Paul Park: In the late '90s, I picked up an unknown staff-recommended book called "Game of Thrones." I devoured it, and then I saw that the author was coming for a book signing. There were not a ton of people at the signing for the relatively unknown author, and he (George RR Martin) was happy to sign my book and chat, as well as hint at where the series would wander. It's definitely my favorite memory.

Eleanor Rosenthal, Minneapolis: I think the first book I purchased from there was Emma Bull's "War for the Oaks," a decade ago. I had this strange sublet in Loring Park and this soul-crushing job downtown, but at least I could walk home, pass Peavey Plaza, turn down Oak Grove Street, and go into my apartment and read my book.

In "War for the Oaks," the main character walks home, has a magical experience in Peavey Plaza, turns down Oak Grove Street to go to her apartment. ...

There were honestly a few moments there where I thought I'd somehow managed to step into a portal fantasy, and Uncle Hugo's definitely seemed like it could make that happen.

Gina Munter, Little Canada: I was in Uncle Edgar's, the mystery store, and was looking for a particular series but couldn't remember the author's name. I told the bookseller it was a series set in a bookstore and the author's name was two female first names. He said, "Oh, you must be looking for Alice Kimberly." Yep, that was it. Amazing!

Beth Kent, London, UK: I was a grad student at the U when I discovered Uncle Hugo's. It was a treasure trove of used sci-fi and fantasy books, which fed my habit quite nicely while still allowing me to buy food.

One of my favorite memories is when our household decided to categorize our books by putting colored sticky dots on the spines. We had an eventual clear-out and sold a few bags of books back to the Uncles, and for months (years) after I would see those sticky dots on books there and occasionally buy them back.

Grace Thomas, Denver: Uncle Hugo's was an important place to me in high school and college. Without it, I don't think I would be a professional writer today. Reading through decades-old sci-fi anthologies, magazines and paperbacks from Uncle Hugo's carried me through a very difficult time in my life, when I was dealing with the onset of my bipolar disorder, struggling to figure out how to live with it. Uncle Hugo's was a calming place, a sanctuary where I could clear my head. I hope it is again one day.

Sofie Netteberg, Little Canada: For a class project I needed to read Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower" and realized it right before businesses shut down. My parents recommended Uncle Hugo's. The staff member I spoke to was willing to talk through the different editions in stock, figure out payment over the

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phone, and hand deliver the book to me outside the store with five bookmarks (that I'm holding on to as "collector's items").

David Gustafson, Hopkins: 1981, my first adult job, front desk clerk at the Radisson South Hotel, working for minimum wage. I always went down to Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore - their original location on 4th Av. - and bought one book. Gregg Press had printed a number of Fritz Leiber's books in library-quality hardcover editions, and Hugo's had them all. So each payday, I'd add one more to my tiny shelf of science fiction hardcovers. Got 'em all. And to this day, those 15 books are the cornerstone of my Fritz Leiber library.

Reuben Herfindahl, River Falls, Wis: When I was growing up in the 1980s my favorite show was "Doctor Who." Before every show they would thank the sponsors, and Uncle Hugo's was always one of them. My local bookstore carried maybe 15 sci-fi books in total, so the thought of a bookstore that carried only sci-fi was beyond my wildest dreams.

When I moved to the Cities to go to college in 1993, the first place I went was Uncle Hugo's. It exceeded my wildest expectations. I've been a regular ever since. Still my favorite bookstore on the planet.

Chuck Welch, Sherbrooke, Quebec: I didn't live in the Cities, but would often travel from La Crosse, Wis. No matter if I was there for a game or just to visit, I made time for a visit to Hugo's. I could not walk in the door for a quick minute and I could not walk out with just one book. Just before I moved to Canada a couple of years ago, my gift to myself was a trip to the Cities for one last bookstore visit. I hope that I can someday return and find Uncle Hugo's restored and thriving.

David Rowe, San Jose, Calif.: When I moved to the U in the late 80s, I found Uncle Hugo's / Uncle Edgar's. I would bike over from campus to get my fix of science fiction books. Entering the store crammed full of books and smelling of old books was a haven from the rush of college. Scott Imes and Don would ask what I had read lately that was good and were always ready with a recommendation. Even though I've moved away from the Cities, I visit the Uncles every time I am in town and they are still my go-to for ordering books.

Elaine K. Murray, Minneapolis: It was my mother's bookstore. All the years she worked at Sears across the street she could go there and get her beloved vintage mysteries at a price she could afford. After she retired I would drive her there and buy her books for a Christmas or birthday present.

She has been gone more than five years, but I could still go there, find books from some of her favorite authors, and feel like she was still near me.

Now that's gone forever and I can't seem to stop crying.

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HOT DISH POLITICS

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Tensions were rising in a late-night debate in the Minnesota Senate last week when Sen. Patricia Torres Ray turned to each member of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus (aka "POCI") and asked if they'd been consulted on a pending GOP police reform measure.

When each one replied no, the Democrat from Minneapolis turned to the Republican leader of the chamber, Sen. Paul Gazelka: Do "our opinions and the work that we do here, with you, actually matter to you?"

The question triggered a stunning exchange in the usually staid Senate, one of several confrontations during a short special session overshadowed by racial tensions sparked by the police killing of [George Floyd](#).

Floyd's death, and the ensuing calls to tackle racial inequities in policing, brought to the surface the Legislature's own institutional challenges with diversity in representation. While the number of people from communities of color serving in the Legislature has grown over the years - to 21 out of 201 members - it's still not representative of the state as a whole. People of color make up 20% of Minnesota's population statewide but only 10% of the Legislature.

Gazelka, who hails from rural East Gull Lake in north-central Minnesota, told Torres Ray he had consulted directly with people from communities of color in her district and others in the "inner city" of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Both cities faced extensive damage from rioting after Floyd's death.

"We went to talk to a dozen or so people from the black community to ask them directly, and I was surprised that they said they hadn't really talked much to their own senators," he said, returning the jibe.

Torres Ray, the first Latina woman to serve in the Senate, fired back: "That is [like] if I said: 'If something happens in rural Minnesota, I will selectively go to some places in rural Minnesota and ask people. I won't consult with the rural members here, because why would I?' "

Twitter lit up with criticism of Gazelka's repeated allusion to neighborhoods in Minneapolis and St. Paul as "inner city," a political dog whistle often used by President Donald Trump. Adding to the friction, Rep.

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Mohamud Noor, DFL-Minneapolis, one of two Somali-American legislators in the chamber, took offense that members of a House committee degraded the Twin Cities by suggesting that they start an online fundraiser to repair damages caused by riots.

But at the center of the frustration was the feeling within the POCI caucus that they weren't being heard by their mostly white colleagues.

"Don't do things to us unless you talk to us," pleaded Sen. Jeff Hayden, DFL-Minneapolis, who is black. "That's all that we're asking."

On Friday, as DFL and GOP leaders debated deals on policing reforms inside the chambers of a secured Capitol complex, a crowd gathered on the front lawn to commemorate Juneteenth and the end of slavery in the United States.

They had a chant: "Get rid of the worms." White old Republican men.

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Long lines, little gear: Clinics put to the test

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Body

They don't have enough masks. They don't have enough gowns. They don't have enough help.

But at Open Cities Health Center, they use what they have to help as many as they can.

On a bright Friday morning, Dr. Vanessa Ng stood outside the Midtown St. Paul clinic, watching cars line up on Dunlap Street for drive-up COVID-19 testing.

"It's never-ending," she said, her smile hidden behind a mask and face shield. "But I never have to ask myself why I do this."

Open Cities' network of nonprofit health clinics serves some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the Twin Cities in the middle of a pandemic, in the middle of an economic collapse, in the middle of neighborhoods that were on fire a few weeks ago. They do it on shoestring budgets, with 15-year-old computers and scavenged personal protective equipment.

"Thank you." Nearly everyone in line takes the time to say thank you to Ng and the other volunteers sweltering in the June heat under stifling layers of protective gear. "Thank you. Thank you so much."

Months ago, when they first started testing, a third or more of the people who came to Open Cities with symptoms tested positive for coronavirus. Now the state is recommending that anyone who's been to a vigil, mass gathering or crowded event during the **George Floyd** protests should get tested as a precaution.

Most of the people in line will be fine. Just 1% of the first 1,300 protesters tested positive.

That doesn't change the need for masks and gear to protect the people swabbing all those throats and noses.

Every hospital, clinic and doctor's office in the country faced shortages as America's medical supply chain buckled under pandemic demand.

Months into the crisis, each piece of personal protective equipment that comes to Open Cities is a small victory.

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Doctors and nurses here have haunted local hardware stores, trying to coax away a few extra dust masks or painter coveralls.

The mask Ng wore came from her cousins in Macau, who scoured local pharmacies for Chinese-made masks and shipped them in bulk care packages to St. Paul.

Open Cities medical director Dr. Cynthia Woods wore a face shield made by the Chippewa Middle School robotics club in North Oaks. The students made PPE on 3-D printers in the school lab and donated 100 of them to Open Cities.

Masks gets reused. Gowns get sprayed down with bleach or alcohol and hung up to dry for another day.

There's a stash of actual N95 masks at the clinic, locked away like treasure. They're saving them for the dental clinic when it reopens from its coronavirus hiatus.

The pandemic forced the clinic to scale back its services, lay off staff and turn to telemedicine. Few services will be riskier than dentistry, which puts dentists, technicians and patients face-to-face in an aerosolized cloud kicked up by the drill.

If they ration the N95 masks just for the dental clinic, Open Cities will need about 2,300 of them to make it through December. At last count, they had 101.

"It's kind of ridiculous we're still scrounging" for basic medical necessities months into the pandemic, Ng said.

But 101 of the good masks are better than none, and Open Cities is used to making the best from less.

The clinic opened in a church basement in 1967 with a volunteer staff determined to offer health care and health education to the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul. "Of all the forms of inequality," the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane."

They serve the uninsured and underinsured, immigrants and impoverished neighborhoods. They almost had to close their doors this year until a combination of grants, layoffs and steep budget cuts kept the lights on.

So if you have any spare N95 masks, Open Cities could really use them. If you have a source for protective gowns, or face shields, or hand sanitizer, or disinfectant wipes, let them know.

If you have a few hours a week, they could really use some volunteers. Demand for COVID testing was so high that Friday, Open Cities had an orthopedic surgeon doing intake paperwork, an optometrist answering the phones and a psychologist bagging samples.

To help Open Cities out, or for more information, visit opencitieshealth.org

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Minnesota writers trust kids to take on difficult topics in new picture books

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Highlight: Our children need to talk and learn about scary stuff going on in our world today, even if the conversation is difficult for adults, whether it's the death of a child or the Earth without humans. That's the message from award-winning Minnesota writers Kao Kalia Yang and John Coy, who will talk about their new [...]

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That's the message from award-winning Minnesota writers Kao Kalia Yang and John Coy, who will talk about their new picture books in a virtual conversation this week.

Yang, one of the country's first published Hmong-American writers, honors a Hmong family who lost a child in "The Shared Room." Coy celebrates the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in "If We Were Gone: Imagining the World Without People," a story of good things that will happen to the Earth if humans no longer inhabit it.

"We need authors willing to write hard books with compassion," says Yang, born in a refugee camp in Thailand. She lives on the East Side of St. Paul with her husband, Aaron Hokanson, their 6-year-old daughter and their 4-year-old twin boys.

"I want to prepare my children for all of life, how to sit with sadness as well as happiness and joy," Yang says.

John Coy is struck by how many children are being taken to the Minneapolis memorial for ***George Floyd***, whose death sparked protests around the world.

"Watching kids walk down that street with its powerful list of names of those killed by police, I think parents are having that conversation with their kids," he says. "We all know that kids are able to understand things in different ways than adults assume and it happens at a younger age than some adults wish. Seeing kids go through this COVID crisis with their lives turned upside down, no way we should ever say the best thing is not to talk about that. That makes no sense. The kids are there already."

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Kalia Yang's "The Shared Room" (University of Minnesota Press), illustrated with cultural authenticity by Hmong American artist Xee Reiter, tells of how a family comes to terms with the death of a daughter/sister in the depths of winter "in a little house on St. Paul's east side." Only warmth of the fire in the fireplace draws them together in their sorrow. When the parents ask the girl's brother if he wants to move into his sister's room, he cries for the first time, realizing she is never coming back. But as the boy goes to sleep in the bedroom he's calmed by the quiet and comforted by knowing he sees what his sister saw.

Yang wrote "The Shared Room" for the family of Ghia Nah, who was 6 when she drowned three years ago in the Lake Elmo swimming pond.

"I met that little girl many times. She came to my readings from the beginning," Yang recalls. "One evening after a reading at Metro State we took a photo together. She said: 'When I grow up I want to be a writer. Not just any writer, but one like you.' That stayed in my heart. I tried to tell her story tenderly and well so she lives on. All children need to learn to sit comfortably in a place that's hard and dark and survive together. Sometimes the warm fire (that drew the fictional family together) has to be enough."

Yang, newly appointed Edelstein-Keller writer-in-residence at the University of Minnesota, also writes memoir for adults, including "The Song Poet," currently being turned into an opera, and "The Latehomecomer," which was widely praised. Her previous picture book "A Map Into the World" won a 2020 Minnesota Book Award.

Yang acknowledges that "The Shared Room" has elicited powerful responses. "Some love it and others think it's way too sad and depressing," she said calmly. "At this point in my career everybody has a different aesthetic about my work. This book goes beyond aesthetics to the mental health approach to feelings of sadness and loss in our society. We live in a grief-averse society. All the more reason for this book to enter into the world."

Coy, who considers Yang "a treasure" and an "extraordinary writer, thinker and speaker," understands her book because he was a year old when his 2-month-old sister died.

"At that time people believed it was best not to talk to kids. Nobody talked with me about what happened," he recalled. "The absence of talking didn't make it easier, or go away. I admire Kalia for writing a book that provides an opportunity for parents to talk with kids who have gone through something difficult. She is so willing to lead people to discuss these things in a kind of welcoming, inviting way. That's exactly what we need more of in picture books."

When Yang was asked by the Loft to do a webinar about writing for children for hard times, she invited Coy to join her because she admires his work.

Coy lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Fiona McCrae, publisher/director of Minneapolis-based Graywolf Press. A Minnesota Book Award-winner, he writes books for children and young adults, including picture books such as such as "Two Old Potatoes and Me" and sports-oriented stories with basketball themes like "Hoop Genius."

Interest in the environment began early for Coy. When he was 11 he attended events celebrating the first Earth Day in 1970 and he was strongly affected by Alan Weisman's 2007 book "The World Without Us."

In "If We Were Gone" (Millbrooke Press) Coy writes in a nonthreatening way about how things would change if humans disappeared: "Pipes would burst/and pavement buckle...The air would become

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cleaner/with each rainfall..." New York-based illustrator Natalie Capanelli's colorful illustrations show a world at peace where everything thrives without people.

The book was born when Coy was talking with his friend, poet Juliet Patterson, about climate change and what was going to happen to the world. Coy's thought: "Well, the world is going to be here. It's us we need to be worrying about."

When Coy was working on his book he couldn't have known how his vision would be playing out now as people stay indoors because of the virus. News stories tell of smog-free skies around the world. Creatures are swimming in Venice's newly clear canal waters. Lions lounge on quiet roads in Africa, and bears are having a ball in America's national parks.

"It's extraordinary how quickly things can change," Coy marvels. "It's such a reminder of how, when we change our behavior, the Earth responds quickly. If anybody needed evidence, we are getting it regularly right now."

Coy's book has met some of the same criticisms as Yang's in terms of age appropriateness. Some wonder whether kids will be able to handle the idea of humans vanishing.

"I never had a single kid raise that point," says Coy, who spends a lot of time visiting classrooms. "In some ways kids are more able to handle a big idea than adults, who get too specific, asking questions like, 'How would that happen?' To kids it's the idea. Kids have a strong sense of fairness. They don't have such a strong belief that humans are superior to everything else. That openness allows them to consider the possibility of what would happen."

Coy sees our unpredictable times as an opportunity for humans to reset, changing our habits because climate changes are happening now.

"There is something about the idea of exploring the possibility we might not be here that can help us look differently at how we are here, what we do and where we go," he says. "There is no guarantee we are going to stay here doing what we want to do. If you look at what percent of species has gone extinct (since life first appeared on Earth) it's 99.9. What makes us assume we are in that one-tenth of 1 percent that will survive?"

Coy and Yang have written very different books, but they are united in their belief that children's picture books can illuminate hard times with hope.

WHAT: Kao Kalia Yang and John Coy discuss Writing the Hard Books for Hard Times, based on their new children's picture books.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25, presented by the Loft Literary Center.

ADMISSION/REGISTRATION: Meeting link at loft.org/events/upcoming-events. Suggested \$10 admission, but pay what you can or free.

When Xee Reiter got a call from Kalia Yang inviting her to illustrate "The Shared Room," Reiter was amazed at this chance to make her debut in children's books.

"I can't believe it's been two years since the day Kalia reached out to me," Reiter says. "As an artist you start to lose hope. I thought, 'is this for real?' "

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Kalia didn't know of any Hmong illustrators of literary children's books, and she was able to do something about that by reaching out to Reiter. "My personal mission is to open options to facilitate new voices," she says. "I didn't want to be the only Hmong in children's literature. It would be lonely."

Reiter, who grew up in North Carolina, is a perfect partner for Yang. Both women had refugee parents, live on the East Side of St. Paul, and have three children. Reiter and her husband, Nate, are parents of 14- and 13-year-old daughters and a 9-year-old son.

"I was a very quiet kid," Reiter recalls. "I didn't know about (American) society, so I started to discover I could get my voice out and connect by drawing pictures. I make art to tell stories."

After talking about "The Shared Room" in detail, Yang and the editors at University of Minnesota Press gave Reiter complete freedom to bring the Hmong family in Yang's story to life and put them in an authentic setting.

"I didn't go to school for art. I didn't know where to begin and I was a bit nervous," Reiter says of accepting Yang's invitation. "I started by looking at the heart of the book. It's crucial for the artist to pay respects to what's in the pages."

Reiter admits there were times when she had to stop work on the illustrations for a while.

"It was a very personal and lonely journey to be surrounded by my family while I was working on the book sitting in my dining room where there is the most light," she recalls. "I had to step away from it because I got too emotional. It's easy to get lost when you start to empathize with the subject you are illustrating, when you have to fit in their shoes. I have not lost anyone but I know how I would feel if something happened to my kids. I wouldn't know how to deal with it."

It was also important to Reiter that her illustrations "tell a universal story while being true to experience as a Hmong American. I did that with details specifically relatable to Hmong families."

That's why she included pictures of a little stool, an important element in Hmong homes, as well as mismatched furniture and sheets, and a fly swatter hanging on the living room wall.

Now that "The Shared Room" is published, Reiter has received book deal offers from two independent publishers. She's also working on a graphic novel about her grandmother, who was a shaman.

[Literary calendar: Nate Patrin on 'How Sampling Built Hip-Hop;' more Kevin Costner, Diane Lane star in movie based on Wisconsin writer Larry Watson's book Readers and Writers: Emotions run deep in Wisconsin author Larry Watson's new book A backyard astronomy book and other literary events for the week of July 12 Readers and Writers: Books that look at police and people of color](#)

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Kao Kalia Yang and Xee Reiter, author and illustrator of "The Shared Room."

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READERS WRITE The progress of the '60s betrayed

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LOST MINNEAPOLIS

I am heartbroken for the Minneapolis we knew in 1959, when we moved there for my husband to join the faculty at the University of Minnesota. In the early 1960s, the state was at the forefront of the civil-rights movement, led by DFL U.S. Sens. Hubert Humphrey and Eugene McCarthy and progressive city and state leaders. My husband, James Lowell Gibbs Jr., one of the first African-Americans appointed to the U faculty, served on the Minneapolis Fair Employment Practice Commission and the State Commission Against Discrimination when there were few complaints of police brutality and blacks were making gains in employment and housing.

Since we moved to California in 1966, the waves of immigrants and refugees (Hmong, Somalis, Latinos) who were first welcomed to the city apparently were never really integrated, perhaps because of their foreign cultures, different languages and religious practices. Social problems surfaced, tensions escalated, and attitudes changed toward these newcomers.

However, we were shocked by the brutal death of [George Floyd](#) in the custody of four police officers. It is difficult for me to cope with the betrayal of the progressive legacy of the political leaders of the 1960s who made Minneapolis a model city of tolerance and civility. Whatever happened to Minnesota Nice?

Jewelle Taylor Gibbs, Oakland, Calif.

'HOLY LAND' BRAND

Those were some wholesale responses to controversy

The hasty actions by the Seward Coop, Midtown Global Market and Costco to immediately discontinue selling Holy Land products after seeing social media posted by an employee appear to be a knee-jerk reaction instead of a decision ("Holy Land deli loses business over racist posts," June 6). Without thoughtful consideration and deliberation, these businesses responded like the mobs that exploded on Lake Street two weeks ago. Yes, the employee in question was the daughter of the owner, but she was fired from her position, as was the correct action.

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Perhaps we should review every social posting of every employee who works at the co-ops and Costco. If we found an employee who tweeted racial insults, should these business immediately be closed? Should we stop shopping there entirely? Or should we rightly expect this employee will be fired? Do we punish the business, the rest of its employees and its suppliers because of one person who works there?

Do we perpetuate a different type of intolerance from our glass houses?

Bette Packer, Andover

POLICE APPRECIATION

If officers don't feel they have it, they should ask if they've earned it

I read with great interest "Citing lack of support, officers quitting MPD" (June 14). The paragraph that caught my attention was the next to last, which stated that "some officers spoke of feeling underappreciated, and being asked to answer for the actions of one of their colleagues."

I doubt anyone is asking them to answer for the actions of their colleagues. Perhaps they are asking for Minneapolis police officers to stop their union from defending their colleagues' criminal behavior.

Based on my demographics: white, upper-middle-class, over 70 years old, most would expect me to be a strong supporter of the police, and I am. I donate money every year to support the Edina PD. My department has earned the trust and support of its community. Those Minneapolis officers should focus on building that same relationship of trust and support with the city they serve.

Daniel A. Morgan, Edina

POLICE KILLINGS

Omitted in article's counting: Those that are justified

The June 14 article "Despite promised reforms cops kill nearly 1,000 a year" says that experts are "confounded" that the number of people killed by police doesn't vary much year-to-year. One possible explanation is that most of the killings are justified. Training police in de-escalation tactics can help in certain situations, but, if someone is armed and endangering someone else's life, the use of force is justified. That is the case with most of the people killed by police.

The story doesn't bother to mention that only 55 of the 1,003 people killed by police in 2019 were unarmed! That information is readily available on the Washington Post's website on police killings. I cannot understand why an article written by Washington Post reporters would fail to mention this critical piece of information.

The article also says that black people have been shot and killed by police at disproportionate rates. But the real issue is not whether the rates of blacks being killed by police are disproportionate to their proportion of the population, it is whether a significant number of blacks are unjustifiably killed by police. The article provides no information on that; however, since only 55 out of 1,003 people killed by police in 2019 were unarmed, and some of those unarmed people may still have been endangering people's lives, unjustified killings by police would appear relatively uncommon, contrary to what you read in the news.

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Reporters need to dig deeper and find out how many potentially unjustified killings by police happen each year, then find out whether it is more common for blacks to be killed by police without justification.

James Brandt, New Brighton

POLICE RECRUITMENT

If you think former MPs, two-year degrees are the problem, show it

The June 14 letters included one by a Woodbury resident who formerly lived in Minneapolis. From his safe suburb, he thinks he has the answers to problems with the MPD, but offers no concrete data in his argument.

In his second of three points, he implies that former military police are "bad" guys, and people with two-year degrees in criminal justice are unsuitable. I am a former military police officer, patrol supervisor and desk sergeant/squad leader. But, I do have a four-year degree in English, a real plus to this letter writer. I keep in touch with my former MP Army buddies, some who are African-American, some who are Puerto Rican. None of us are "bad," bigoted people. I resent the implication that former MPs have become "problem cops."

This letter writer not once suggests that applicants should be required to take a test similar to a Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory. I took the test at the University of Minnesota, and results showed my strongest interest/likelihood of success was in science and medicine. Policing was close to the bottom. Based on the test, I ruled out law enforcement, though I enjoyed serving as an MP in the Army. So, my question to this letter writer would be: How many Minneapolis police officers are former MPs and how many have only a two-year degree? Data please!

Wayne Dokken, Robbinsdale

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SUNDAYS WITH SID

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It has been a while since the most exciting athlete in the state was the quarterback of the Gophers, but that is the case with Tanner Morgan getting ready for his junior campaign coming off an 11-2 record in 2019 and one of the best seasons for a signal caller in school history.

If the Gophers are going to find some way to top one of their best seasons in recent memory, and reach the Big Ten Championship Game for the first time in program history, Morgan will have to be their leader on offense.

At the end of last season, Pro Football Focus named Morgan the seventh-best QB in all of college football - trailing Justin Herbert (Oregon), Tua Tagovailoa and Mac Jones (Alabama), Jalen Hurts (Oklahoma), Justin Fields (Ohio State), Trevor Lawrence (Clemson) and Joe Burrow (Louisiana State).

Burrow was the No. 1 overall selection in the 2020 NFL draft and Lawrence figures to go No. 1 overall in 2021 assuming his stock doesn't take a big hit this season.

And that ranking might have been low for Morgan because at the end of the season he had the No. 4 passing efficiency ranking in the nation, behind only Burrow, Hurts and Fields - three of the four starting QBs in the College Football Playoff.

"It didn't matter the situation, didn't matter the throw type," Pro Football Focus wrote. "Morgan made nearly every throw look easy and took advantage of his extremely talented receivers on the outside as well as anyone else did in 2019."

Incredibly Morgan set single-season school records for passing yards (3,253), touchdown passes (30), completion percentage (66%) and efficiency (178.7).

More important than all of those numbers, though, is that Morgan is 15-4 as a starter.

Experience is huge

SUNDAYS WITH SID

The Gophers quarterback will be working with new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Mike Sanford Jr., who joined the program from Utah State in the offseason.

One big benefit for Morgan and Sanford is that the offense returns nine of 11 starters from a club that ranked No. 4 in the Big Ten in both scoring offense and total offense.

Morgan knows having that many starters back can make a huge difference this season.

"The experience is huge, and our offensive unit and our team has played a lot of football at a high level," Morgan said. "It's very fortunate that that is something that we have and I'm blessed that I have been able to play a decent amount of football. It definitely helps. But again, there's always ways that we can get better.

"So just because we have played football for a while or have the experience doesn't mean we can get complacent. But it definitely helps, it definitely helps the developmental process. Again, we have to continue to strive for perfection knowing we're not going to get there, but ways we can get better, looking forward and not backward."

Mentally prepared

This past week, the NCAA outlined rules for having college football teams start summer activities in July and full practices in August, and almost the entire Gophers squad is back on campus with voluntary workouts getting underway.

Morgan said that one of the benefits to the offseason was that while the team couldn't be together, the coaching staff did a lot of film room work on both the current roster and the Gophers' upcoming opponents.

"I think the first part for me is just continuing to strive for mastery of our offense and mastery of defensive recognition and things like that. And Coach Sanford has done a great job of giving us the tools," Morgan said. "The next step would be to potentially get into game-plan, break down things for our opponents this upcoming fall, as the coaches are way ahead of schedule breaking down our 2020 opponents at the beginning of the season. That is just phenomenal."

Ready to lead

Morgan said he spent a lot of the offseason focused on being a team leader.

"Coach [P.J.] Fleck has done a great job of helping us as leaders be able to apply our culture to our leadership," Morgan said. "He has done a phenomenal job of sending us team meetings in the morning. Those are for optional view, and those are just phenomenal and very inspiring with what we're going through right now. It really helps instill our cultural mind-set, as well."

Despite all the difficulties of dealing with the pandemic, the Gophers football team has been brought closer together this spring after the death of George Floyd, a movement that brought a lot of strong statements and actions from players and coaches alike.

This past week, Fleck and H-back Seth Green became two of the Gophers' 13 representatives on the Big Ten Conference Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition put together by Commissioner Kevin Warren. Others include University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel, athletic director Mark Coyle and volleyball coach Hugh McCutcheon.

SUNDAYS WITH SID

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JOTTINGS

- There is no better promoter of the game of golf than Hollis Cagner, the executive director of the 3M Open, so you have to be thrilled that the state of Minnesota and the PGA Tour came together to make sure the event will be held at TPC Twin Cities July 23-26. You can bet Cagner will put on an excellent show, even if it's only for television audiences.
- While the NBA is set to resume in July, Spain's top basketball league started this past week. Former Timberwolves forward Anthony Randolph is playing for Real Madrid and scored 11 points in his first game back. Bojan Dubljevic, a 2013 Wolves draft pick whose NBA rights were traded to Portland last year as part of the Jake Layman deal, is playing for Valencia.
- The Gophers and Richard Pitino getting a commitment from Austin's Both Gach to transfer from Utah was huge, and now the next step is getting Gach eligible to play this fall, because the Big Ten is looking like the toughest conference in the country. ESPN ran a preseason ranking that had Iowa fifth, Wisconsin sixth, Michigan State eighth, Ohio State 20th, Rutgers 22nd and Indiana and Michigan just outside of the Top 25.
- The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that Peter Hedstrom, the father of Wisconsin basketball player Joe Hedstrom of Hopkins, has been recovering from a serious bicycling accident that nearly killed him. Peter, who played basketball at St. Olaf, has returned to work part-time from home.
- The Vikings have a family connection this offseason as offensive lineman Jake Lacina, who played at Cretin-Derham Hall and Augustana, signed as a rookie free agent. Jake's father is Corbin Lacina, a Vikings offensive lineman from 1999 to 2002.
- The Twins' \$134 million spent on free agency this past offseason ranked seventh in the major leagues behind the Yankees, Nationals, Angels, White Sox, Reds and Phillies.

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Trump comeback rally features empty seats, staff infections

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TRUMP COMEBACK RALLY FEATURES EMPTY SEATS, STAFF INFECTIONS

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Body

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Trump ignored health warnings to hold his first rally in 110 days - one of the largest indoor gatherings in the world during a coronavirus outbreak that has killed more than 120,000 Americans and put 40 million out of work. The rally was meant to restart his reelection effort less than five months before the president faces voters again.

"The choice in 2020 is very simple," Trump said. "Do you want to bow before the left-wing mob, or do you want to stand up tall and proud as Americans?"

Trump unleashed months of pent-up grievances about the coronavirus, which he dubbed the "Kung flu," a racist term for COVID-19, which originated in China. He also tried to defend his handling of the pandemic, even as cases continue to surge in many states, including Oklahoma.

He complained that robust coronavirus testing was making his record look bad - and suggested the testing effort should slow down.

"Here's the bad part. When you do testing to that extent, you're going to find more cases," he said. "So I said to my people, 'Slow the testing down.' They test and they test."

"Speed up the testing," Trump's Democratic opponent, Joe Biden, tweeted later.

Trump comeback rally features empty seats, staff infections

In the hours before the rally, crowds were significantly lighter than expected, and campaign officials scrapped plans for Trump to address an overflow space outdoors. When Trump thundered that "the silent majority is stronger than ever before," about a third of the seats at his indoor rally were empty.

Trump tried to explain away the crowd size by blaming the media for scaring people and by insisting there were protesters outside who were "doing bad things." But the small crowds of pre-rally demonstrators were largely peaceful, and Tulsa police reported just one arrest Saturday afternoon.

Before the rally, Trump's campaign revealed that six staff members who were helping set up for the event had tested positive for the coronavirus. Campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh said neither the affected staffers nor anyone who was in immediate contact with them would attend the event.

The president raged to aides that the staffers' positive cases had been made public, according to two White House and campaign officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Trump devoted more than 10 minutes of his 105-minute rally - with the crowd laughing along - trying to explain away a pair of odd images from his speech last weekend at West Point, blaming his slippery leather-soled shoes for video of him walking awkwardly down a ramp as he left the podium. And then he declared that he used two hands to drink a cup of water that day because he didn't want to spill water on his tie - and proceeded to this time drink with just one hand.

But Trump also leaned in hard on cultural issues, including the push to tear down statues and rename military bases honoring Confederate generals following nationwide protests about racial injustice.

"The unhinged left-wing mob is trying to vandalize our history, desecrate our monuments, our beautiful monuments," Trump said. "They want to demolish our heritage so they can impose their new repressive regime in its place."

Trump also floated the idea of a one-year prison sentence for anyone convicted of burning an American flag, an act of protest protected by the First Amendment. And he revived his attacks on Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar, who emigrated from Somalia as a child, claiming she would want "to make the government of our country just like the country from where she came, Somalia: no government, no safety, no police, no nothing - just anarchy."

"And now she's telling us how to run our country," Trump continued. "No, thank you."

After a three-month break from rallies, Trump spent the evening reviving his greatest hits, including boasts about the pre-pandemic economy and complaints about the media. But his scattershot remarks made no mention of some of the flashpoints roiling the nation, including the abrupt firing of a U.S. attorney in Manhattan, the damaging new book from his former national security adviser or the killing of **George Floyd**.

Large gatherings in the United States were shut down in March because of the coronavirus. The rally was scheduled over the protests of local health officials as COVID-19 cases spike in many states, while the choice of host city and date - it was originally set for Friday, Juneteenth, in a city where a 1921 racist attack killed as many as 300 people - prompted anger amid a national wave of protests against racial injustice.

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But Trump and his advisers forged forward, believing that a return to the rally stage would reenergize the president, who is furious that he has fallen behind Biden in polls, and reassure increasingly anxious Republicans.

But Trump has struggled to land effective attacks against Biden, and his broadsides against the former vice president did not draw nearly the applause as did his digs at his 2016 opponent, Hillary Clinton.

City officials had expected a crowd of 100,000 people or more in downtown Tulsa. Trump's campaign, for its part, declared that it had received over a million ticket requests. The crowd that gathered was far less than that, though the rally, being broadcast on cable, also targeted voters in battleground states such as Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Florida.

The president's campaign tried to point fingers elsewhere over the smaller-than-expected crowds, accusing protesters of blocking access to metal detectors and preventing people from entering the rally. Three Associated Press journalists reporting in Tulsa for several hours leading up to the president's speaking did not see protesters block entry to the area where the rally was held.

The campaign handed out masks and hand sanitizer, but there was no requirement that participants use them and few did. Participants also underwent a temperature check.

"I don't think it's anything worse than the flu," said Brian Bernard, 54, a retired IT worker from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who sported a Trump 2020 hat. "I haven't caught a cold or a flu in probably 15 years, and if I haven't caught a cold or flu yet, I don't think I'm gonna catch COVID."

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Lemire reported from New York. Associated Press writers John Mone and Ellen Knickmeyer in Tulsa, Okla., contributed to this report.

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Tulsa arena hosts thousands for Trump rally amid virus fears

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State and city health department officials were already bracing for a possible surge in COVID-19 cases from large outdoor demonstrations against police brutality held across the country. Now the Trump rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, shaped up to be the first indoor event of such a massive scale since the coronavirus pandemic took hold and many states issued stay-at-home orders.

More than 120,000 Americans have died from the coronavirus.

During Saturday's rally, Trump told his supporters the United States has tested 25 million people, far more than any other country. He also told the crowd that more testing leads to finding more positive cases.

Trump said that "so I said to my people slow the testing down, please."

Officials said they expected 100,000 people from many states to converge on Tulsa for the rally and other events, but thousands of the BOK Center's 19,000 seats were empty for the rally. Supporters - most without masks - and hundreds of protesters filled streets Saturday around the stadium.

The Trump campaign's communications director, Tim Murtaugh, said in a statement that "quarantine procedures" were immediately initiated and no staff member who tested positive would attend the event. Those who had immediate contact with them would also abstain.

Tulsa arena hosts thousands for Trump rally amid virus fears

Brian Bernard sported a Trump 2020 hat on Saturday in downtown Tulsa, but no face covering. He said the numbers and media attention on coronavirus are artificially inflated, and that didn't stop him from making a nine-hour drive from his home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to attend his second Trump rally.

"I haven't caught a cold or a flu in probably 15 years, and if I haven't caught a cold or flu yet, I don't think I'm gonna catch COVID," said the 54-year-old from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "I don't think it's anything worse than the flu."

The map of the outbreak in the U.S., and elsewhere, has become a patchwork, with infections falling in some areas and surging in others. In New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo didn't hold a televised coronavirus briefing for the first time in months Saturday - a sign of progress in the state that was home to the epicenter of the outbreak - though he did convene a conference call to make an announcement about baseball spring training.

Other states are seeing increases, and Nevada and Arizona, for instance, have reported record single-day jumps in new cases in recent days.

In Tulsa, health department officials have said two large indoor gatherings recently contributed to a spike in new cases. They declined to name the events or say how big they were, but the city has seen the largest increase in infections in Oklahoma in recent days. Several bordering states, including Arkansas, have also seen spikes in community spread of the virus in recent weeks.

That is worrying some experts as Tulsa prepares again for Trump's large indoor gathering.

"I think there's no question that indoor events are more risky than outdoor events. But we don't really know how big that difference is. And certainly other aspects, like how tightly packed things are ... will make a big difference," said Justin Lessler, an associate professor of epidemiology at John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Lessler said large events like the rally or the protests have the "potential to be super spreader events," but their potential to drive the pandemic is short-lived.

"The larger factor is what happens when people go home," he said. "If everybody goes home and doesn't respect the social distancing factors and goes out into the community, then they could push the spread."

On its website, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people hoping to attend an event take into consideration whether it is outside or inside, noting indoor events are "more risky" because it might be harder to keep a safe distance from other people and because ventilation is poorer than outside.

Tulsa County health officials had urged state officials to postpone the event at the BOK Center because of a recent spike in cases: Oklahoma set a high for new cases last Thursday, with 450, and Tulsa saw 125 new cases Friday. Other health experts are worried that attendees could unknowingly take the virus back to their respective hometowns and states, seeding additional outbreaks. But Oklahoma's Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt said it would be safe.

The Trump campaign acknowledged the risk in a waiver it asked attendees to sign that absolves them of any responsibility if someone should get sick. It was handing out masks and hand sanitizer, but there is no requirement that participants use them and there will be no required social distancing inside. Trump also plans an outdoor event.

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Teams of people wearing goggles, masks, gloves and blue gowns are checking temperatures of those heading to the arena on Saturday. Some entering were wearing the free masks as their temperatures were checked, and some took them off afterward.

The rally came a day after the head of the World Health Organization warned that the pandemic is "accelerating." Outbreaks in the Americas were of particular concern, with Brazil surpassing 1 million confirmed infections, second only to the United States.

It also came the same day the National Institutes of Health halted a clinical trial of a Trump-touted malaria drug, hydroxychloroquine, for treating adults hospitalized with coronavirus, saying it found the drug provided no benefit but did not harm patients. Earlier this week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration revoked authorization to use the drug in treating coronavirus, saying it had the potential for serious side effects.

Meanwhile, health officials are still eyeing the outdoor demonstrations against police brutality sparked by the death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis. Those have gathered thousands of people together, in many instances not wearing masks. States and cities have not yet reported large upticks in virus cases since the protests began at the end of May, but it was unclear whether protesters have been seeking tests in large numbers or are self-quarantining.

California health officials have reported so far only a few people attending the demonstrations have tested positive for COVID-19, but identifying all their contacts is proving futile.

States are also preparing for summer vacations, stressing that people must continue to social distance when going to the beach, camping or taking part in other activities. Delaware officials put out the call to high school seniors who participated in traditional senior week events at beaches over the weekend to get tested, after at least three teens tested positive.

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SUPREME COURT

Whether you agreed with one or both of the significant rulings made by the U.S. Supreme Court in recent days or not, we all ought to be reminded that the sitting judges are not stooges of the president who appointed them. During their confirmation hearings, opponents of Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh howled that they would obligingly rule on cases sympathetic to President Donald Trump's position on the matter.

So much for politicization of the court! While the court has differences in interpretation, we should be thankful that there is still integrity and nonpartisanship in at least one branch of government!

Marvin A. Koski, Minnetonka

ELDER CARE

Got any more ideas, Housley?

As chair of the Senate Family Care and Aging Committee, state Sen. Karin Housley claims to stand for the elderly and vulnerable, yet she provides no positive or helpful recommendations during this pandemic. Believe me, we would welcome productive ideas. Instead, she reliably criticizes every improvement effort made by the current administration, while conveniently ignoring the fact that it takes only one asymptomatic person to bring the virus into a care facility where it can spread quickly and silently.

I know how hard this pandemic is on families. I lost my father, my last parent, in April. He was 99, and lived in a congregate-care facility. We were both frustrated that we couldn't visit in person during the last six weeks of his life. Our last visit was over Zoom a day before he passed. We could have only 10 people at his funeral.

There are thousands of others who also suffer in this; we are far from alone, and we are all looking for something better. So, Sen. Housley, we would welcome any ideas you have to improve the current situation. But until you have something positive to say, you aren't helping.

Karen Thielman, Woodbury

READERS WRITE Not so predictable after all

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Tuesday's front-page article on visitor restrictions in long-term care by Chris Serres gave credit to everyone for easing restrictions on outdoor visits except the most important person involved, state Sen. Karin Housley ("State eases visitor restrictions to allow elders to see families," June 16). Sen. Housley has worked passionately and tirelessly for long-term care residents for years now and has been their, and their loved ones', voice in the Minnesota Legislature. She has heard from countless families about how painful this isolation has been for their loved ones. Many have even died alone and afraid because of the restrictions. There can be solutions that are also safe, and she will fight for those.

The one advocate our elderly and disabled in long-term care can count on is Sen. Housley, and I believe it was unfair to everyone not to mention her in that article. Research her record and listen to her passionate speeches on this topic and you will be convinced she is the most important voice for long-term care residents in our state. Please give her the credit she deserves.

Chris Addington, Baytown Township

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Don't let this moment scar us more

A walk from Minnehaha Avenue to Hennepin Avenue along the deep scar that is now Lake Street brought back disturbing memories of the 12th Street riots that took place when I was young teenager in the Detroit metropolitan area. When it happened, I only understood that people were angry, but as I matured into adulthood I appreciated firsthand the devastating result of the uprising as Detroit was reduced to a shell of its former self. Racism played a large role in what happened to Detroit, but at its core the collapse of that once great city was due to economic disinvestment. White flight by individuals removed many small chunks of property tax revenue, but larger pieces of capital were withheld by investors who took their money elsewhere because of the fear and apprehension that stigmatized the city.

Before its riots, Detroit was already facing challenges that Minneapolis does not confront, but the pandemic represents an existential threat to all major cities. Skyscrapers are filled with empty offices serviced by elevators that can't be fully used until a vaccine is available. Many jobs will never return to the urban core because new methods of doing them remotely have already been discovered. The roles of cities as centers of commerce, business, entertainment and culture are all in question.

Now is not the time to compound likely post-pandemic business disinvestment by promoting poorly labeled and ill-defined proposals to disband the police department. I oppose removing the requirement for a police force from the Minneapolis charter.

Gary Meyer, Minneapolis

Every time we are forced to observe an example of a "bad cop," as we all too often are, and are lectured to not paint all the "good cops" with the same brush, I wonder about these "good cops."

Sgt. Mike Quinn was a good cop, serving the *Minneapolis Police Department* with distinction from 1975 to 1999 - until he quit because he could no longer stand to watch the daily racism and brutality of his fellow officers. In 2004 (this is not a new problem, folks), Quinn, the son and brother of cops, wrote a book, "Walking with the Devil: The Police Code of Silence," about his experience on the MPD. In this book,

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Quinn makes a convincing case that, yes, only a small percentage of Minneapolis cops commit horrible acts of racism and brutality, but every cop on the MPD has seen it and looked the other way!

No one who has watched the callous killing of George Floyd can have much doubt about Derek Chauvin, but what about former officers Tou Thao, J Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane? Are they "good cops"? What about former officer Mohamed Noor's partner, Matthew Harity, whose instinct after Noor killed Justine Damond was to protect Noor? What about the dozen Minneapolis cops who refused to cooperate with the investigation? Are they "good cops"?

My sympathies are with those who call for getting rid of the MPD.

John K. Trepp, Minneapolis

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While plans by the Minneapolis City Council to dismantle the police force dominate the headlines, shootings in the city are at an at least five-year record pace of 149 so far this year. Nearly half of those shootings occurred in the past three weeks, including nine on a single day ("9 shot in separate incidents, continuing a run of violence," June 18).

I wonder how the community activists and social workers that some council members have suggested could replace the police force would deal with the shooters. Maybe help them understand the social injustices and life deprivations that excuse their violent actions? Or perhaps ask the shooters to sign a petition in support of stronger gun control?

The serious question is whether Minneapolis residents will challenge the lunacy of the current council before the city is lost forever to crime and social chaos.

Jerry Anderson, Eagan

HOUSING

Rising prices plus a legacy of redlining mean we need to fix this

On Juneteenth, a date celebrated by African-Americans for almost 150 years, I read of the lack of affordable housing in Minneapolis (" 'It's a dogfight' as market tightens, prices rise," June 19). We need to reckon with our history of redlining and denying opportunities to our brothers and sisters of color to build wealth as so many white people have done.

We need our legislators to make affordable housing a key component of their work to dismantle the racist systems that have been built over centuries and continue to shackle our brown and black brothers and sisters.

Mary Slobig, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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In Minneapolis, looking for police recruits who can resist 'warrior culture'

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IN MINNEAPOLIS, LOOKING FOR POLICE RECRUITS WHO CAN RESIST 'WARRIOR CULTURE'

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Body

Even as the *Minneapolis Police Department* reels in the aftermath of its officers' involvement in the killing of *George Floyd*, the department has been recruiting a new crop of trainees who will face the same challenge of every rookie: navigating the dramatic difference between what is preached at the academy and what is practiced on the street.

In the Minneapolis Police Academy, cadets are trained to be mindful of their own biases, to treat the public with respect and to use force only when necessary. But then they enter station houses and squad cars with veteran officers who may view policing differently - as an us-versus-them profession with a potential threat on every street corner.

Since Mr. Floyd's death, the process of turning civilians into effective officers on the Minneapolis force has taken on added urgency, and raised questions in the mind of one senior officer of how to tell who might be capable of abusive policing, such as pressing a knee into a suspect's neck, as former Officer *Derek Chauvin* did on the evening of May 25 as three of his colleagues, two of them rookies, looked on.

"We're just trying to hire some more right now, and I'm just sitting there - 'How do I know which one of these guys is going to be the next *Derek Chauvin*?'" said Cmdr. Charles Adams, a 34-year veteran who recruits new officers and trains them on the necessity of community engagement. "How do you make that determination when their record is clean as heck? We just got to weed out the ones that don't want to buy into the program."

The death of Floyd has led to a national rethinking of police training. Some are urging significant reforms, while others complain that the current system is irredeemably broken, with a long history of policy changes

In Minneapolis, looking for police recruits who can resist 'warrior culture'

that have failed to stop officers from resorting to violence too often, especially against black residents such as Floyd.

Floyd's killing in police custody made clear the depth of the problem. Chauvin, who had a string of complaints against him for abusive policing, was a training officer assigned to showing new officers the ropes.

Those pushing for fundamental change in policing doubt whether enhanced training alone can overcome an entrenched culture of aggression that they feel is pervasive in the profession. They also question whether the basic requirements for getting a badge and a gun in the United States are sufficient.

It takes more than three years to become a police officer in countries like Finland and Norway, but in some U.S. states someone can complete basic training in as little as 11 weeks. Minneapolis is on the higher end of the scale, requiring more than a year of training before swearing in a new officer.

Most states require fewer minimum training hours to become licensed as a police officer than they do for barbers or cosmetologists. New York state law mandates 1,000 hours of training for massage therapists, compared with around 700 for officers. Hawaii has no minimum requirements for police officers, but manicurists must train for 300 hours.

And while many police departments require additional training, 37 states permit untrained officers to work with full authority for months before attending basic training.

"It's insane that hairstylists need more training than cops in this country," said Randy Shrewsberry, executive director of the Institute for Criminal Justice Training Reform. "We need police officers to be educated like other professionals who are given the authority of life or death or freedom. And that takes far more than increasing training by a couple of hundred hours."

Lawmakers in Congress and state capitals have proposed measures for law enforcement training in de-escalation, use of force and dealing with mental health crises, among other situations.

In Minneapolis, Chauvin was a 19-year veteran whose job included training other officers in the field. Two of the officers he had supervised were only days into the job when they responded to a 911 call accusing Floyd of using a fake \$20 bill at a South Minneapolis corner store, a relatively minor offense.

As the two rookies and Chauvin held Floyd face-down in the street, one of the rookies suggested turning Floyd on his side, but Chauvin, the ranking officer at the scene, declined to do so, prosecutors say.

Chauvin, the two rookies and a fourth officer present were all fired and charged with crimes.

"I saw murder," Adams said of the video of Floyd's arrest, adding that it seemed to be a widespread sentiment within the department, even among officers who usually urge a wait-and-see approach when colleagues are accused of wrongdoing.

One frustration, Adams said, was that Chauvin's actions erased strides he believed that the department had made to teach officers to be more accountable to communities like the predominantly black North Side, where he grew up.

Adams leads the department's procedural justice initiatives, which include training officers on how their interactions with residents can shape public perception and affect public safety.

In Minneapolis, looking for police recruits who can resist 'warrior culture'

Implicit bias training, which the department began about eight years ago, includes discussions of the aggressive policing tactics of the 1960s that damaged public trust in law enforcement and a simulated video of an officer talking disrespectfully to a black motorist only to learn later that she was the wife of a high-ranking police officer.

But law enforcement officials and experts say de-escalation training is not enough.

"I don't care how many new policies and laws you pass," said Sue Rahr, a former sheriff who is executive director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, which oversees training of all law enforcement officers in the state. "If we don't address the culture, that behavior is not going to change. Period. End of story."

Despite decades of community policing efforts, many of the nation's police academies and 18,000 departments have long emphasized a warrior mentality, with officers trained for battle and equipped with the gear and weapons of modern warfare, she said.

The warrior culture often begins during basic training in academies modeled on military boot camp. Police academies spend around 168 hours training recruits on firearms, self-defense and use of force but only nine hours on conflict management and mediation, according to a Justice Department report.

"If you train cops like soldiers, dress them like soldiers and equip them like soldiers, you can't be surprised that they act like soldiers, and that's exactly what we've done," said Shrewsberry, of the Institute for Criminal Justice Training Reform. The training imbalance, he said, reinforces a "thin blue line" police culture perpetuated in many departments by higher-ups and unions. "There's just this constant reiteration that cops are in constant danger," he said.

Systemic reform efforts are hindered by a lack of any centralized standards for the nation's police departments, nearly half of which employ fewer than 10 officers, according to the Justice Department. Even though many departments provide additional training, those lessons only go so far.

Washington state is widely seen as having some of the country's highest training standards, but the police force in its largest city, Seattle, has been under federal oversight since 2012 after an investigation found that excessive force was routinely used.

"Every police agency has a mission statement, but the culture is what is accepted by leadership on a day-to-day basis," said Sean Hendrickson, an instructor at Washington state's police academy. "That gets backed up by other officers and is extremely deep and very difficult to change."

Becoming a police officer in Minneapolis requires first getting a peace officer license from the state, which entails as many as 1,050 hours of training.

Once recruits obtain their licenses, they have to go through additional training run by the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** that includes 19 weeks in the academy. The department has said it does not employ warrior-style training, and the city banned such training outright last year, but the union has offered to pay for officers to receive it from outside vendors.

After completing the academy, new officers spend five months on the streets with a field training officer, who is supposed to teach recruits how to translate what they learned in the academy to real-life situations.

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But that is not always the case. Current and former officers pointed to one of the first things that field training officers often say to new recruits: "Forget everything you learned in the academy."

Chief Medaria Arradondo, who has been on the Minneapolis force since 1989, said he heard it when he was coming out of the academy. That attitude is much less prevalent now, he said, but is still a concern.

"We have to lay that to rest, that old culture," he said. "It's about making sure that there's ongoing training and the training in the academy just doesn't become this subculture of a thing that you learn and you disregard."

A former Minneapolis officer, Andrew Arashiba, said in a lawsuit against the city that during his field training in 2016 and 2017, one of his training officers told him not to activate his body camera at times when it was required unless he had notified other officers first.

The same training officer also once scolded him for not using force against a drunken older man they had encountered, according to the lawsuit. "You missed a free slap," he recalled the training officer telling him.

"They have a culture and an unwritten practice of putting down anyone who opposes excessive use of force," said Peter Nickitas, the lawyer for Arashiba.

Arashiba is Japanese American and is suing for racial and age discrimination after being terminated from the department in October 2017.

The emphasis on officer safety in training can make officers feel as if they will constantly be under attack in the streets, and that can be a barrier to developing meaningful relationships with the communities they serve, said Michael Friestleben, a former Minneapolis police inspector who retired three years ago.

"It was very difficult to get many of our officers to realize that the folks outside the building were not our enemies but actually our friends," Friestleben wrote in a blunt Facebook post last month as the streets of Minneapolis erupted in protest.

When he led the 4th Precinct, on the North Side, Friestleben said he began requiring officers to attend community events. Many complained. "It's not our job," some said. "Everybody hates us here," others said.

In 2015, when demonstrators set up an encampment outside of the 4th Precinct station for 18 days to protest the police killing of Jamar Clark, Friestleben spent hours each day speaking with demonstrators, he said. That elicited snarls from some of his officers.

"Who are you going to choose," he recalled officers asking, "the police or the community?"

The department's inability to rid the force of that attitude has brought the city to this moment of upheaval over policing and racism, Friestleben said.

"Now, today we see the results of not getting to know your community," he wrote on Facebook, "not really serving your community, not caring about your community."

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Commander Charles Adams Jr., of the Minneapolis Police, in Minneapolis, June 18, 2020. Even as the **Minneapolis Police Department** reels in the aftermath of its officers' involvement in the killing of **George Floyd**, the department has been recruiting a new crop of trainees who will face the same challenge of every rookie: navigating the dramatic difference between what is preached at the academy and what is practiced on the street. (Andrea Ellen Reed/The New York Times)

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UPTOWN REELS AFTER GUNFIRE, BLOODSHED

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Gunmen unleashed a torrent of bullets in a crowded block in the heart of Minneapolis' Uptown area early Sunday, killing one person and wounding 11 others in one of the city's most violent shootings in recent memory.

The gunfire sent terrified bar patrons and revelers in the area, newly crowded after weeks of COVID-19 closures, diving for cover, unsure of what was unfolding. Bystanders and police officers rushed to help the wounded and to get people to safety.

One man was killed, police said. Family and friends identified him on social media as Cody C. Pollard, 27, a father of two small children and a talented barber called Cody Loc by friends. The 11 survivors, all adults, were scattered at area hospitals with wounds of varying severity, but all were expected to survive.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo called the carnage "tragic and senseless" and said the FBI and state agencies will assist his department as it deals with the recent surge in shootings around the city.

"We have seen unfortunately in the past several months an uptick in violent crime in Minneapolis, and we are certainly doing our best to address that," the chief said. "This is going to take more than just the **Minneapolis Police Department**. The numbers we are seeing are truly ... a public health crisis."

FBI spokesman Kevin Smith confirmed that the FBI is in close communication with Minneapolis police, "assessing what assets we can bring to bear here."

"First, we can bring significant intelligence and investigative tools to this particular shooting, as well as provide additional tools and resources in the coming days and weeks," he said.

Arradondo said police "absolutely do have several leads" on suspects, but no arrests had been announced by Sunday night. He also said the overnight mayhem had no connection to the May 25 death of **George Floyd** while in police custody, which prompted violent protests in the days that followed.

Mayor Jacob Frey said the fresh violence "only compounds our grief" over Floyd's death.

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"The lawlessness serves no purpose and it won't be tolerated," he said. "Local residents deserve better."

Frey called the recent shootings "totally a distraction from the work we need on the structural police reforms we need to do."

The violence began at 12:37 a.m. Sunday during a large gathering in the 2900 block of Hennepin Avenue, said police spokesman John Elder. Officers responding to multiple 911 calls found multiple gunshot victims and learned that others had left the scene in private vehicles.

The area, known for its bars and boisterous nightlife, had been bustling the past few nights as several businesses reopened. Hennepin Avenue had been partly blocked off to prevent road racing and to accommodate large crowds.

A Facebook Live video posted by K.G. Wilson, a longtime peace activist, showed the shooting's chaotic aftermath, with bystanders tending to several victims sitting on a curb. The scene was awash in flashing blue and red lights. A police officer and a bystander could be seen carrying a wounded person to a waiting ambulance.

On Sunday, business owners and citizens in the 2900 block of Hennepin Avenue swept up glass from windows shattered by bullets and hosed blood off the sidewalks. A few flower bouquets had been laid at the site of the most intense gunfire, and people came by both to gawk and to pray.

Wilson returned to the area Sunday, still shaken by how close the bullets had come to him.

"I really thought last night I was going to be the victim, that I was going to lose my life," he said as he stood outside Hoban Korean BBQ, where boards covered two windows that had been shot out. "I'm heartbroken by what I saw here last night and what I experienced and what I barely escaped."

Hoban remained closed Sunday, but several other nearby businesses were open. However, several, including Cowboy Slim's, the Uptown Tavern, the Pourhouse and the Fremont Restaurant & Bar, closed early Sunday evening. Foot traffic was light in the area, partly because of rainfall.

Joseph "Smalls" Johnson, manager of Williams Uptown Pub and Peanut Bar, said his bar had a long line out the door when the gunfire erupted. Some customers sheltered in the pub's basement while others left via the back door to avoid Hennepin Avenue.

Business has been bustling the past two weeks, he said, with people delighted to be out with friends again. But it was slow Sunday night, and he said he too was considering closing early.

"I want all of us to be open, but I want us to be safe," he said. "We're not back to normal yet. It's going to be a while."

'Pretty much speechless'

Hours after the shooting Sunday, Alyssa Tyson paced nervously outside HCMC while her 23-year-old daughter, Taija, was inside for treatment after being shot twice. One bullet had ripped through her leg, striking her femur, while another had grazed her arm, according to her mother.

Alyssa Tyson said that her daughter, who works as a personal care assistant, had gone to Uptown with a male companion, who had also been shot, with a bullet passing close to his spine.

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"The young lady who was with my daughter said it was, like, 80 shots," she said.

She said she was shocked to hear how many people were shot. "I'm just pretty much speechless," she said. "That's a lot of people's lives about to be changed, and for one person, that's no more Christmases, no more birthdays."

Violence up; reasons unclear

The shooting was one of several across the city since Saturday afternoon, continuing a rash of gun violence since the unrest over the police killing of Floyd, with more than 90 people shot in Minneapolis since May 26.

Yet another fatal shooting took place Sunday night in Minneapolis. Officers found a 17-year-old boy suffering from a gunshot wound in the 3000 block of N. Knox Avenue. He was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His death marked the city's 25th homicide of the year.

Criminologists have noted similar patterns in other cities - most recently Baltimore, which saw violent crime rise in the wake of a police killing - offering a variety of possible explanations, from eroded confidence in police to officers pulling back on their duties because of the intense public backlash.

Last week, Elder scoffed at the suggestion that officers were showing less initiative. "Our officers are still responding to calls, they are still addressing calls, and the fact that anybody would think that there is a stand-down order or some sort of work stoppage, that is patently false," he said.

He said the surge in shootings coincided with the start of summer.

Sunday's mass shooting was one of the most violent in recent city history. Earlier this month, seven people were shot, one fatally, when a brawl in a north Minneapolis bar escalated into gunfire.

In the city's deadliest mass shooting, a gunman burst into Accent Signage Systems in 2012 and fatally shot six people before turning the gun on himself.

'We saw humanity last night'

On Sunday, Frey praised the police response to the overnight shooting.

"Last night, the first officer was on the scene in three minutes," he said. "He was from the bike rapid response team. Our officers have seen a lot of violence in the last couple of weeks. They are working diligently to serve the public's needs, and I appreciate them."

City Council President Lisa Bender, whose ward includes Uptown, said Minneapolis and "communities all over the country need to be getting all these guns out of our streets."

Bender, one of several council members who called for dismantling the city's Police Department after Floyd's death, said, "This is a reminder that we need to do more proactively to stop this type of violence."

Arradondo praised his officers for "responding very courageously to the sound of shots fired," as well as bystanders who helped the wounded.

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"We saw officers and we saw community members rushing to aid those victims, to assist them to get to EMS personnel," he said. "I do believe ... we saw humanity last night. And that really and truly inspires me, and it says there is hope here in our city, and it will remain in our city."

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Retired police chief intervenes when couple is randomly attacked in St. Paul; he's also assaulted

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A retired police chief witnessed a couple being assaulted in St. Paul, came to their aid and found himself under attack, according to police.

Bob Jacobson, who was a police officer for more than 30 years and director of the New Brighton Department of Public Safety until 2016, was hit in the head from behind with a piece of wooden furniture.

Jacobson and his wife were heading out Friday about 7:10 p.m. when they heard chaos and yelling coming from a neighbor's home in the Como Park area.

They later found out a young man and woman had arrived to pick up a free couch.

"That couple was randomly and brutally assaulted in daylight," Jacobson wrote on Facebook. He said about eight young people demanded their phone and money.

Jacobson continued, "As the old retired cop that I am and as I was trained to do, I intervened, I gave verbal commands, pushed, pulled, and in one instance chased the young men responsible for this vicious attack which included kicks to the head of a victim who had only wanted to pick up a free piece of furniture."

The 20-year-old man who'd come for the couch put up quite the fight, Jacobson said. Paramedics took him the hospital because he had cuts to his head from the assault and needed stitches, according to Sgt. Mike Ernster, a St. Paul police spokesman. The 22-year-old woman with him was evaluated by paramedics at the scene.

Jacobson told paramedics he didn't want to go to the hospital, but they said he needed to when they found out he's 60. He was evaluated and released.

Police arrested two males, who are 15 and 17, and two females, who are 14 and 16, Ernster said.

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Because of safety concerns, Jacobson's neighbors asked that their exact location not be publicized - they're in the Como Park neighborhood between Lexington Parkway and Snelling Avenue.

In Jacobson's post, he wrote about the current push to reform policing, which has been underway in earnest since [George Floyd](#) died in Minneapolis police custody.

"Calls to reform policing are timely," he wrote. "But consideration has to be given that police are needed, they are at times the only thing that stands in the way of a chaos, violence and destruction."

Jacobson also wrote: "Those kids didn't grow up thinking that they wanted to hit an old cop 'upside' the head with a hunk of wood. It went wrong somewhere, and yes, we need more resources to deal with the front-end issues that help bring about crime in our cities. ... While our leaders try to figure this out, a cut in policing will only serve to make this problem more difficult to solve. Our communities will continue to dissolve into some forms of lawlessness without a concerted effort of partnerships between the community and the police. I have witnessed it, I have experienced it, I visited Regions Hospital because of it."

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I have great respect for Peter Bell and Mitch Pearlstein and their continual willingness to say what they think. And the message of "Change must be sought from within as well" (June 5) was worthwhile - that it can self-defeating for African-Americans to identify themselves or their community as wholly the victim of external forces.

In 20 years as a Hennepin County judge, I saw many times that it was an attitude of determination and self-reliance that enabled people to overcome backgrounds of poverty, crime, injustice or drug abuse to become inspiring, solid citizens.

But I think Bell and Pearlstein missed the basic problem in writing that progress in reforming racial attitudes has been limited because political and social remedies have de-emphasized "what the black community - or any community - must do to improve its own fate."

They say that reasons for racial disparities are that black young people watch too much television and play too many video games, while black adults commit too many crimes and have too many children outside of marriage.

But pulling yourself up by your bootstraps requires something to stand on, some kind of capital.

Centuries of slavery and Jim Crow oppression deprived black families of the opportunity to accumulate financial capital. The average net worth of white families is 10 times that of black families. Homeownership among whites exceeds blacks by 30 percentage points.

Then there is social capital - the network of people and resources you can call on for help. Both my grandfathers came from Sweden as penniless immigrants who couldn't speak English. But unhindered by racial barriers, they worked incredibly hard and started small businesses. Thus, for five straight years, with a single phone call my father was able to line up for me the summer park maintenance and construction jobs that paid my way through college.

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But the most important kind of capital may be what I call "character capital" - the stable, nurturing family environment that enables a young person to achieve the emotional and cognitive development to restrain impulses, overcome adversity and plan for the future. In other words, it's what it takes to develop the self-confidence and hopefulness needed to pull yourself up by your bootstraps.

But children who grow up amid toxic stress, brains awash in the cortisol that fuels fight or flight, incur actual structural brain changes that promote aggression, risky behavior, drug abuse, even early pregnancies. As our nation painfully processes the death of George Floyd, I have heard many accounts of the harsh and demeaning treatment African-Americans routinely encounter. I am worried most of all about the effect of this on black children.

In his lovely book, "The Nurture Society," psychologist Anthony Biglan of the Oregon Research Institute shows how most of the problems in our society stem from our failure to provide a nurturing environment. Bell and Pearlstein contend that we have expended prodigious sums on reducing racial disparities with limited results. But perhaps we have not spent the money to promote nurturing. Systems that should be supportive, like public assistance, child support and child protection, can be harsh and coercive.

Biglan's book is full of examples of how nurturing works. In one study of poor teenage mothers, about 35% of their children were arrested by age 15. But randomized control trials showed that regular visits by a warm, supportive nurse during the pregnancy and first two years of the baby's life cut that delinquency rate in more than half. And the mothers? Years later they were better off emotionally and even financially.

In what may be the single most impressive prevention science result ever achieved, Baltimore first- and second-grade children were divided into teams to play the fun "Good Behavior Game" (an alternative to coercive methods of classroom discipline) during one year. The results were much calmer classrooms - and as adults the participants were still less likely to be suicidal or addicted to drugs and they committed fewer crimes.

When I first heard about the idea of defunding the Minneapolis Police Department, it would be an understatement to say I was skeptical. Sometimes we just need effective protection. But the more I think about it, the more intrigued I am about how law enforcement might evolve into a more nurturing influence for young black people.

A few years ago, I had a minor traffic accident downtown. Instead of a policeman with a gun and maybe better things to do responding to the scene, immediately coming over to offer help and information was one of the Downtown Improvement District ambassadors in his crisp jacket. What would it be like for black kids to see a few of those around the neighborhood instead of police patrol cars?

So, to my African-American friends and fellow citizens, I say by all means believe in yourselves and what you can do with your bootstraps. But we must all accept the responsibility to help replace the harsh and threatening environment in which many of your children live with a more nurturing community.

Bruce Peterson is a senior Hennepin County judge and teaches a course on lawyers as peacemakers at the University of Minnesota Law School.

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What Lunar Startups has learned from running an inclusive accelerator

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At a time when startup accelerators and other entrepreneurial organizations are looking to become more diverse and inclusive, Lunar Startups has a head start.

St. Paul-based Lunar, which launched in 2018 with help from the Knight Foundation and American Public Media, was designed to serve underrepresented entrepreneurs, such as people of color, women or members of the LGBTQ community. Since it was founded Lunar has served 32 companies which have raised a collective \$1.3 million in capital and have created 40 full-time jobs, as well as over 100 contractor positions.

Its managing director, Danielle Steer, said it has been fielding a number of calls recently as [other accelerators](#), startups and [venture capitalists](#) work to make their community more inclusive in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s killing by the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. Lunar is happy to help, Steer said.

"We want to be a resource," she said.

What Lunar Startups has learned from running an inclusive accelerator

From its early days, Lunar realized that creating an inclusive accelerator would mean eschewing the one-size-fits-all model that other similar organizations rely on. That's meant doing a lot of learning on the fly; it also means getting rid of some accelerator standbys.

Many accelerators require founders to pay for the experience with equity, and expect them to quit their jobs to be an entrepreneur full-time. Lunar doesn't expect either of those things because they can act as a barrier to entry for many founders, Steer said. The accelerator also accepts companies from industries beyond tech, though it does expect participants to be able to scale quickly.

Those measures are meant to disrupt the intense disparities in who gets venture capital funding and who doesn't. According to Forbes, only two percent of venture capital funding goes to companies owned by women; less than one percent goes to companies founded by black or Hispanic entrepreneurs.

Lunar can help organizations that are just getting started, but for established organizations that are trying to become more equitable, Steer recommends getting specific.

Identifying barriers to entry to a company is critical, whether that's overhauling the job application process or hiring more diverse leaders so that employees of all backgrounds can feel a little more comfortable. In areas like policy change or hiring, it's good to set tangible goals, Steer said.

If goals aren't specific, it's impossible to know if a company has achieved them or not. Plus, it's pretty easy to tell who's setting the hard goals.

"Our communities are pretty quick to be able to say who's doing lip service to equity versus who's doing the tough and challenging work," Steer said.

Steer also recommends hiring an outside company to help you become more inclusive. Lunar has hosted a few companies that fit that bill like 26 Letters and Imagine | Deliver, both of which combine equity and inclusion consulting with data-driven approaches.

And, of course, you're encouraged to reach out to Lunar Startups directly. But be warned, Steer said: they won't go easy with their suggestions.

"We are not going to be too nice about it. We are really going to challenge and push people," she said.

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Man charged with bias-motivated assault told police: 'I was looking for (racial epithets) to kill,' complaint says

ARTICLE DCCCLXII. **[MAN CHARGED WITH BIAS-MOTIVATED ASSAULT TOLD POLICE: 'I WAS LOOKING FOR \(RACIAL EPITHETS\) TO KILL,' COMPLAINT SAYS](#)**

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The Ramsey County Attorney's Office charged Eric Andrew Nelson, 36, of St. Paul, with second-degree assault motivated by bias.

When a police officer asked Nelson why he threatened a woman, he said, "Because I was mad at Black people. You guys get away with it, why can't I?," according to the complaint.

The woman was standing at Snelling and Selby avenues about 12:30 p.m. Friday when a man approached and said, "Give me money or I'm going to stab you," as he pointed the knife at her, the complaint said.

As an officer spoke with the woman, police received another report about the same suspect: He had walked into the nearby Zait and Za'atar restaurant and asked, "Are there any (racial epithets) in here?" He grabbed money out of the tip jar and, when an employee walked into the area, the suspect said, "OK, you're white," returned the money to the jar and left the business.

The woman who was threatened with the knife identified a man, whom police found walking at Snelling and Lincoln avenues, as the suspect.

In a confrontation with police, Nelson held a knife to his neck and then his chest, and told the officer to shoot him, according to the complaint. An officer convinced him to drop the knife and handcuffed him.

The officer asked him what was going on and Nelson said, "People are harassing my family, like (racial epithets) ... I got into an argument with this woman and a bunch of (racial epithets) jumped me near University and Snelling," according to the complaint.

Man charged with bias-motivated assault told police: 'I was looking for (racial epithets) to kill,' complaint says

Video from Rose Street Patisserie at Snelling and Selby showed Nelson approaching people on the sidewalk with a knife in his hand and pointing it at a woman. The officer asked him what happened at the pastry shop.

Nelson told him, "I was looking for (racial epithets) to kill. I told them I wanted to kill (racial epithets), but they don't care." The officer asked Nelson if the people were Black and he responded, "No, so I left them alone," the complaint said.

Nelson also told the officer he had tried to go to an emergency mental health center, but was turned away.

An attorney for Nelson was not listed in the court record. [Big Lake man arrested Thursday, accused in death of his mother, police said](#) [St. Paul driver high on marijuana when he caused fatal crash with motorcyclist in May, charges say](#) [Read the tax fraud charges filed against **Derek Chauvin** and his wife **Derek Chauvin**, officer in **George Floyd** death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County](#) [Family wants charges in Lake Street pawnshop shooting; prosecutors seek witnesses](#)

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Eric Andrew Nelson (Courtesy of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office)

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Officers disappear from schools

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OFFICERS DISAPPEAR FROM SCHOOLS

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If Minneapolis Public Schools students are able to return to their classrooms this fall, the hallways they roam will be free of police for the first time in more than 50 years.

Soon, the same could be said for a growing number of public school districts across the country, which are considering following Minneapolis' lead in kicking officers out of schools after the police killing of **George Floyd**.

Just as Floyd's death in Minneapolis sparked a nationwide movement against police violence, so, too, has it reignited the debate over the presence of officers in schools. Urban school districts in Portland, Denver and Milwaukee have since cut ties with police departments for school resource officers, or SROs, and districts in other large cities are considering it. It's a striking turnabout for American schools that have shored up their security over the years in response to the threat of school shootings.

"We are seeing a historic moment here," said Peter Demerath, a University of Minnesota professor who studies school culture and improvement. "It is a moment of opportunity to make meaningful change, not only in policing but in ... education as well."

Districts across Minnesota have revisited their contracts with police in recent weeks, but none except Minneapolis and Winona have taken such action. Students and activists across the state are demanding change.

During a school board meeting last week, St. Paul Public Schools Superintendent Joe Gothard said he received more than 1,000 e-mails since Floyd's death, with most people urging the district to remove SROs from schools. The funds, budgeted at up to \$775,000 in 2019-20, should instead be spent on student supports, critics say.

In Duluth, a student-led petition calling on the city's school district to end its relationship with police and stop the "school-to-prison pipeline" had garnered more than 900 signatures as of Sunday night.

Officers disappear from schools

"We believe removing the presence of police in our schools will improve the learning environment for all students," Duluth school board student representative Nabiha Imtiaz told members last week.

Critics of school officers have long voiced concern over how they treat students of color, saying their presence criminalizes student behavior. Supporters counter that when school policing is done right, officers serve as mentors and even counselors to students, in addition to a first line of defense in the event of an emergency.

"It's a very active engagement in community-based policing and really connecting with ... what will be the next generation of adults," said Mo Canady, executive director of the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Some districts stick with cops

St. Paul could decide on whether to continue deploying SROs in schools on Tuesday. Unlike in Minneapolis, where a board member accused the police department of a "blatant disregard for black lives," St. Paul school board members offered words of appreciation last week for the district's seven SROs.

The district has worked hard to shift an officer's role from that of enforcer to mentor, and to reduce the number of student arrests. In 2018-19, the last year for which numbers were available, SROs made 41 arrests, down from 180 in 2013-14, but up from five in 2016-17 - the year the district and police set out to consciously avoid putting students into the criminal justice system.

"St. Paul really does things differently," Laura Olson, the district's security and emergency management director, told board members last week. "We are a national leader, by far."

But the killing of Floyd has sparked calls for change and a confronting of systemic racism in the district, feelings aired by some board members last week.

"Inaction will not get us anywhere," Vice Chairwoman Jeanelle Foster said. "It is time for folks to figure out what you value."

In the absence of an alternative plan for life after SROs, Gothard said he liked the idea of having an advisory task force create what that model could look like.

Some of Minnesota's other large districts have elected to continue with SROs in 2020-21 but are taking steps to ensure officers better understand students' needs.

Anoka-Hennepin, the state's largest school district, contracts with multiple suburban police departments. Officers are stationed at five high schools, six middle schools and a special education center. Spokesman Jim Skelly said the district plans to maintain its relationships with local police.

"It seems like the system that's in place is serving both the police departments and the schools well," he said.

Osseo, which budgeted \$516,938 for 10 officers from Brooklyn Park and Maple Grove in 2019-20, approved a new three-year contract recently that calls for annual joint program reviews plus training in areas including social-emotional learning and approaches to behavior that emphasize relationships over punitive action.

Officers disappear from schools

In South Washington County, which budgeted about \$400,000 for five officers from Cottage Grove and Woodbury, Superintendent Keith Jacobus met recently with the chiefs of both departments and all agreed that SROs are to focus on relationship building and open communication with staff and students, district spokesman Pepe Barton said.

Rochester, which budgeted \$334,956 for five city police officers in 2019-20, took to Facebook recently to explain, in part, that SROs do more than provide safety and security, and are trained in counseling and other skills so they can be effective both in school settings and in crises.

"I think the vision ... and the policy of the district will define that role and that relationship with the SRO," said Kirk Schneidawind, executive director of the Minnesota School Boards Association.

Some lament Mpls. decision

Back in Minneapolis, many praised the school board's unanimous decision to cut ties with police.

Nathaniel Genene, student representative to the Minneapolis school board, said during the June 2 meeting that he surveyed more than 1,000 fellow students on the decision. The overwhelming majority supported the district's divestment from Minneapolis police.

But at North High School, students and administrators have lamented the decision. The school's SRO, Charles Adams III, is a fixture and a father figure to many students. He's also the school's football coach.

Last week, around 30 North football players gathered in a garage-style gym for the team's first group workout since March. The fate of Adams weighed on them.

"He's like another father to me. He really cares about us and he shows it a lot," said junior receiver Rio Sanders. "In the school, things happen. He's one that stops things from getting out of hand, not letting it get too far."

Adams remains the coach, but he's still waiting to see what his new policing assignment will be, and whether it conflicts with his coaching duties.

In a recent Facebook post, North High Principal Mauri Friestleben expressed her disappointment with the district's decision. Adams, she said, "stands for what is good within my school, what is good within the police department, and what is good within Minneapolis."

"... It is at times like these that I wish I weren't at the will of nine elected officials who will make a decision for all that will deeply impact our one," Friestleben said.

Staff writer Jim Paulsen contributed to this report.

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Statewide book club reads essays on race

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STATEWIDE BOOK CLUB READS ESSAYS ON RACE

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 304 words**Byline:** LAURIE HERTZEL; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** "A Good Time for the Truth" will be read and discussed across Minnesota.**Body**

A collection of essays by Minnesota writers of color is the second book in the new statewide book discussion club "One Book, One Minnesota."

"A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota," edited by Minneapolis poet Sun Yung Shin, contains essays by 16 Minnesota writers who provide perspective on what it is like to live as a Native person or a person of color here.

Beth Burns, president of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, noted in an e-mail the importance of that book at this particular time.

The death of a black man, ***George Floyd***, while in police custody, has prompted "a reckoning that we must confront institutional and ***systemic racism*** - and that means all of us," she said. "Reading this book in community offers some Minnesotans the opportunity to see their experiences broadly shared and others a chance to educate themselves - and to discover ways to act on their convictions."

The digital edition of the book, which was published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press in 2016, will be available free on Ebooks Minnesota's website until Aug. 23. Physical copies of the book are available at public libraries and also are for sale at local bookstores.

Authors in the book include Taiyon J. Coleman, Heid E. Erdrich, Venessa Fuentes, Shannon Gibney, David Lawrence Grant, Carolyn Holbrook, IBé, Andrea Jenkins, Robert Farid Karimi, JaeRan Kim, Sherry Quan Lee, David Mura, Bao Phi, Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria, Diane Wilson, and Kao Kalia Yang.

All Minnesotans will be invited to participate in a statewide virtual discussion with Sun Yung Shin in August.

"One Book, One Minnesota" began in April as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as a way to unite people across the state through books and common conversation. More information can be found on the website for the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library.

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St. Paul protesters demand removal of police from public high schools

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ST. PAUL PROTESTERS DEMAND REMOVAL OF POLICE FROM PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

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Byline: Emma Harville

Highlight: Protesters filled the courtyard outside Central High School Monday afternoon to demand the removal of police officers from St. Paul Public Schools. As protesters gathered with signs that read "Defend Black voices" and "Fund counselors and community, not cops," current and former Central students took turns sharing their personal experiences with the school resource officers. [...]

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As protesters gathered with signs that read "Defend Black voices" and "Fund counselors and community, not cops," current and former Central students took turns sharing their personal experiences with the school resource officers.

"The adultification of Black children in schools is what puts us in danger," 2017 graduate Saffiyah Aziz Muhammad said. "People who are doing the most adultification of Black children in schools are police officers because they even make us adults in the streets."

Last school year, the St. Paul school district posted seven St. Paul police officers at public high schools in the city, costing the district up to \$775,000.

On Tuesday, the school board will vote on whether to negotiate another contract with the St. Paul Police Department.

Minneapolis Public Schools voted unanimously to terminate their contract with the **Minneapolis Police Department** early this month.

"We're definitely taking the opportunity now," rally organizer and 2019 CHS graduate Miski Omar said. "We saw what MPS did, so we're taking the opportunity now to get SROs out of our schools. It's a hopeful time right now."

The rally was hosted by the Student Engagement and Advancement Board, a team of students who work on initiatives to bring to the elected school board and administration each year, as well as St. Paul coalition Root & Restore.

St. Paul protesters demand removal of police from public high schools

SEAB members first advocated for the removal of police officers from St. Paul public high schools in 2016.

At the end of the rally, protesters formed a caravan and honked their car horns along a route past the houses of three school board members who will vote on the matter Tuesday.

"Last time I checked, this was an institution of learning, not an institution of fear," 2020 CHS graduate Mickies Kiros said. "It's not fair for students to feel like they're not safe. I guarantee they will feel more safe when there are no police officers."

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Daily distraction: History Theatre hosts free screening of 'A Breath for George'

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[DAILY DISTRACTION: HISTORY THEATRE HOSTS FREE SCREENING OF 'A BREATH FOR GEORGE'](#)

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Highlight: St. Paul's History Theatre will host a free outdoor screening of "A Breath for George" at 8:30 p.m. Monday. Created by St. Paul's New Dawn Theatre, "A Breath for George" features songs, interviews and poems created to honor the life of ***George Floyd***. Artists featured include James T. Alfred, Aimee Bryant, Wanda Christine, Perri Gaffney, [...]

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"There is value in people knowing that they are not alone in the way that they are feeling right now," New Dawn Theatre artistic director Austene Van said in a news release. "There is also value in speaking truth to people who have never heard our stories or ever been in position to hear our stories."

Patrons are asked to wear a face mask and maintain social distancing. Lawn chairs are optional. Donations will be accepted for local charities.

For more details, see newdawntheatre.org. [St. Paul police debut truck armed with ice cream, video games, bike helmets](#) [Science Museum to reopen Sept. 4, but cuts 158 staff members amid pandemic](#) [Bonnie Blodgett: Here are a few handy garden tricks I've learned this summer](#) [Park Square whodunit has clues and characters, online in four installments](#) [Review: New Netflix documentary 'Father Soldier Son' is moving, sincere, soulful](#)

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ESPN overwhelms Cruz with humanitarian honor

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[ESPN OVERWHELMS CRUZ WITH HUMANITARIAN HONOR](#)

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 1C**Length:** 670 words**Byline:** LA VELLE E. NEAL III; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** The Twins star's Ali award catches him by surprise.**Body**

Nelson Cruz took part in a Zoom interview three weeks ago with two producers from ESPN as they recorded content in advance of the ESPY Awards on Sunday night.

The Twins designated hitter was one of five finalists for the Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian Award, and had the opportunity to discuss the extensive charity work he does in his native Dominican Republic as well as the United States.

But the sports network threw him a curveball. They informed him that he had won.

Cruz, a six-time All-Star who has hit 401 career home runs, likes curveballs when they are served over a plate. This one, he wasn't ready for.

"I was crying, man," Cruz said. "It was really emotional. It was like an interview and they asked all the questions and they asked me if I won the award, what it would mean. And I said it would be great, it would be special, and with that money it will help out a lot of people in my country and in the States. But if anyone else wins it I will be happy because it would be the right call.

"Then they told me, 'Congratulations you won the award.' I just started crying man; it touched me pretty good."

Dustin Morse, the Twins director of baseball communications, was also on the video conference and confirmed the tears. A few of Cruz's relatives were in the room as well, leading to a big celebration.

The award, named after the late boxing and social icon, is given to an athlete who has had an impact in his or her community through sports while sharing the same principles that Ali did, including confidence, conviction, dedication and respect. The winner of the award receives \$100,000 donation to his or her charity.

The other finalists, a group Cruz was very impressed with, will receive \$25,000 for their charities of choice.

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It includes former Timberwolves All-Star forward Kevin Love, whose history with panic attacks has led him to support mental health management, and won the Arthur Ashe Award for courage. Lynx forward Maya Moore, another finalist, put her basketball career on hold as she fights for criminal justice reform as well as the release of Jonathan Irons, who has served 22 years of a 50-year sentence for burglary and assault. The conviction was overturned in March but is under appeal.

WWE star Titus O'Neil, another finalist, is active in education, health and wellness initiatives in his hometown of Tampa, Fla., and has helped more than 200 student-athletes in the area attend college. And there are twins Devin and Jason McCourty, both defensive backs for the New England Patriots, who have pushed for criminal justice reform for juveniles as well as eliminating disparities in educational funding.

While Cruz waits, and hopes, for the 2020 season to begin, he's been active in his community, donating food and medical supplies to the needy as recently as two weeks ago. His past endeavors include donating a fire truck and building a police station for his hometown of Las Matas De Santa Cruz, in the Dominican Republic. And he dreams of building an education and wellness center for children there. The money that comes with the award could be the start of fulfilling that dream.

"I definitely feel blessed," Cruz said. "Never in my dreams I felt like I was going to win this. I don't think we do it to be recognized. We do it because we feel is the right thing to do. That is what our heart is telling us to do. It's always nice to be recognized that what you are doing is the right thing.

"Just to be nominated is a great thing but to win it, it just fills your heart of joy and you feel blessed."

The year 2020 has not been kind to the world, as it continues to grapple with COVID-19. And the killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police has led to outrage and demands for change.

Cruz could not help but to think of what Ali would be doing today.

"Especially these days, with what is going on with the racism and the strife and all the things that are going on right now," Cruz said. "He would have been the first one fighting for the cause. That makes the award even more special."

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Legal aid for dire straits

ARTICLE DCCCLXVIII. **LEGAL AID FOR DIRE STRAITS**

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 1127 words**Byline:** DEE DePASS; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Pop-up legal clinic guides business owners hurt by riots through recovery from their losses.**Body**

Ricardo Hernandez Espinoza thought he was safe after rioters angry over *George Floyd's* killing burned three adjacent businesses but spared his La Michoacana Purépecha ice cream shop on Lake Street in Minneapolis.

Then came the looters, who at 2 a.m. on May 29 smashed in his shop door and entered. Finding Espinoza inside, they bolted.

Espinoza was still in a quandary. The electricity to his shop was out for a week. Even after the power returned, his landlord's insurance company wouldn't let him reopen his shop. He had 10 freezers of inventory wasting away, 21 workers who still needed their jobs and customers his family depended on.

The insurer "actually wanted me to stay closed and I could not afford that," said Espinoza, who used his life savings as a former printing-press operator to open the shop two years ago.

Needing help fast, Espinoza turned to a legal clinic opened earlier this month by Fredrikson & Byron (F&B) to offer free legal help to businesses damaged by riots along Lake Street, University Avenue,

the North Side and elsewhere in the Twin Cities.

F&B's new legal clinic hopes to assist business owners such as Espinoza, who are struggling with insurance claims, tenant/landlord issues, and the loss of buildings, equipment, lease agreements, contracts and tax records destroyed during riots that damaged more than 500 Twin Cities businesses in less than a week.

F&B attorneys Kiel McElveen and Levi Smith, who both live not far from the police's gutted Third Precinct building on Lake Street, said they had to find some way to help their neighbors.

After surveying the damage in their neighborhoods, they reached out to the F&B partners to see what could be done.

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"Our neighborhood really felt the riots. Businesses were impacted to a really extreme degree. So, this is a personal thing for us," Smith said. "People have suffered. If you drive down Lake Street you could tell that people are hurting. Our hope is that we can help everyone who needs help and doesn't have the resources to pay for legal help."

Dan Mott, an F&B business attorney, noted that many area businesses don't know what to do. "Their livelihood is gone. They have leases for buildings that were burned to the ground. The property no longer exists," he said.

Near Espinoza's ice cream shop, the Shell gas station across the street, the O'Reilly's Auto Parts store that's kitty corner, and the building next door are all gone, Espinoza said. He feels lucky to have escaped with just a bashed door and thousands of dollars in lost ice cream.

Losses are so extensive in the area that they have spurred toiletry and food-donation drives and now, free legal aid from F&B and a new partnership between Legal Corps and the Volunteer Lawyers Network. The two groups now offer riot victims free legal counseling and construction law services via a hotline (612-752-6687) and the help of hundreds of volunteer lawyers from various Twin Cities firms.

F&B attorneys said they want to be sure insurance firms don't lowball property-damage estimates and that banks work with victims to extend equipment or building loan payments.

"That gives you additional time to get back on your feet so you don't have to go into default on their loan," said Mott, who is taking clients' initial information before referring them to specialists inside the law firm. "Those are things we can help work out."

Pam Wandzel, F&B director of pro bono and community service, said prospective clients learn about the new legal help from F&B's nonprofit partners such as Neighborhood Development Center (NDC), Meda, Lake Street Council, the Northside Economic Opportunity Network and others helping business owners assess the damage, get insurance, retrace burned business documents and hopefully rebuild.

It was the Neighborhood Development Center that referred Espinoza to Wandzel at F&B.

The help came at a critical time, Espinoza said. "Many little businesses don't have the resources for an attorney or don't have insurance or know how to make sure they get a fair settlement. So these guys [from F&B] came in and helped us out a lot."

After the insurer for Espinoza's landlord learned he had an attorney, it let La Michoacana Purépecha reopen. But his inventory loss - thousands of pounds of handmade specialty ice cream and fruit-sicles - hit just as the store was to open a second location in St. Paul.

"I was concerned. But Pam [Wandzel] and her team probably spent 20 hours on my case," reviewing leases, contracts and insurance coverage before helping him fill out a complete insurance claim, Espinoza said. "They made sure that we were good to go."

Days later, eight other weary business owners walked into F&B's pop-up legal clinic inside the Midtown Global Market building.

One property owner needed help finding a structural engineer because his building was badly damaged by fire but his insurer insists it is not a total loss.

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A business owner with an established hair-braiding service needed help because her insurance company offered a very low settlement. In another case, an immigrant with a thriving restaurant on Lake Street that supported his family for decades suddenly had nothing but ashes. Among the losses: business records needed to solve an issue with the IRS. "It breaks my heart," said Wandzel, who is referring each client to the proper attorney or community-assistance group.

Some clients are traumatized.

Overnight, "your revenue stream is gone whether it's COVID-19 or because your building has been burned down," said F&B's Mott. "If ever there were victims here, these are the folks. They did nothing wrong but happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. They are small businesses just trying to support their families with these businesses and they have lost it all."

Given the uncertainty, F&B said it will keep the clinic running for as long as people need help.

"Fredrikson & Byron is a community of dedicated and compassionate lawyers and staff who contribute in concrete ways to assist those in need," said President John Koneck. "We stand together with our neighbors."

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Legal help

Clients needing help can reach the legal clinic in three ways.

F&B operates a walk-in clinic inside the Graves Foundation office, across the hall from the Midtown Global Market on Lake Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis.

Attorneys, wearing masks to guard against COVID-19, are meeting with clients on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and plan daily sessions from Monday through Thursday during the week of June 29.

Businesses needing help can also call 612-492-8078 to leave a message in English or Spanish that will be returned in a day. Or they can complete an intake form online at legalhelp@fredlaw.com

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Telemedicine from within a hospital or homeless shelter? M Health Fairview says it's underway

ARTICLE DCCCLXIX. **[TELEMEDICINE FROM WITHIN A HOSPITAL OR HOMELESS SHELTER? M HEALTH FAIRVIEW SAYS IT'S UNDERWAY](#)**

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Highlight: At St. Joseph's Hospital in downtown St. Paul, doctors colloquially call them "the phone booths," but two private rooms that have been set aside as tele-medicine hubs for patients needing mental health and addiction therapy may represent the next frontier in remote treatment. Using computer screens and AmWell virtual meeting software, outpatient clients can hold [...]

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At St. Joseph's Hospital in downtown St. Paul, doctors colloquially call them "the phone booths," but two private rooms that have been set aside as tele-medicine hubs for patients needing mental health and addiction therapy may represent the next frontier in remote treatment.

Using [computer screens and AmWell virtual meeting software](#), outpatient clients can hold private conferences with psychiatrists, drug counselors and other professionals in a professional hospital environment, without fear of catching coronavirus.

"We realized when COVID hit ... that not all of our patients have the access to be able to use a smartphone or computer, or maybe they don't have a safe place in their home to be able to talk privately," said Dr. Rich Levine, a psychiatrist and family medicine provider who helped launch the effort. "That brought up the idea of a tele-medicine hub, a location where they could go to a private room or have virtual visits with a provider to be able to get care."

A pilot effort at St. Joseph's Hospital has drawn a handful of patients to date, and a third tele-medicine hub will soon debut across the street at Catholic Charities' Opportunity Center, which serves the homeless in downtown St. Paul.

If the effort goes over well with patients and providers, M Health Fairview may expand the tele-medicine hubs to other hospital locations.

"It's a first for our system," Levine said. "I can't speak for other systems, but I have not heard of this anywhere else."

Dr. Allison Holt, chief mental health psychiatrist with M Health Fairview's mental health service line, said the health system scrambled in the first three weeks of the pandemic to make online appointments available

Telemedicine from within a hospital or homeless shelter? M Health Fairview says it's underway

as an alternative to face-to-face care. Some clients unable to manage face chat software had to use telephone lines.

The goal was to keep as many mental health patients as possible serviced remotely and have them avoid facilities where they could catch or spread the virus.

As time went on, however, the fear was that stresses around the pandemic, the economy and recent social unrest following the police-involved killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis would trigger a patient tsunami.

That hasn't exactly happened yet, but there's still some evidence that more needs to be done by the mental health community to help mitigate the intense stresses many Americans are feeling.

For M Health Fairview, inpatient mental health admissions remain slightly below pre-pandemic levels, but outpatient mental health visits have increased 14 percent, despite the fact they're largely held online.

If that trend continues, tele-medicine hubs could be an important tool in the toolbox.

"We haven't actually seen this big surge that we expected," Holt said. "It could be that people are just afraid to come in. We are seeing a higher acuity, though."

She added: "It's anecdotal, but the police are reporting more suicide attempts and overdoses. Our physicians are finding we're seeing more relapses on substances. People are so isolated, they don't have the supports as before. We think there's a lot of untreated mental illnesses and addiction."

Levine suspects even if the pandemic subsides enough for in-person counseling to resume, the tele-medicine hubs probably aren't going away.

The prospect of talking to specialists from across the state from a central location cuts down on travel time and missed appointments, important efficiencies at a time when both personal and hospital budgets have been hammered.

"The hope would be this could continue as another avenue to reach more patients, and reach a wider audience for our providers," Levine said. "Yes, we will eventually return to face-to-face, but not all of our care will be face-to-face."

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Timberwolves hunt for new jersey patch sponsor, and it's not just a matter of money

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**[TIMBERWOLVES HUNT FOR NEW JERSEY PATCH SPONSOR,
AND IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF MONEY](#)**

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Body

The Minnesota Timberwolves have hired a sports-management firm to select a new jersey patch sponsor for the 2020-2021 season.

The NBA team said in a statement Monday that it is partnering with New York-based Excel Sports Management to find a sponsor to replace Fitbit, whose deal with the Wolves expired this year.

"The NBA jersey patch is one of the most iconic placements in modern marketing, and we know Excel Sports Management will help find a partner for the historic 2020-21 NBA season," said Ryan Tanke, COO of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx.

The NBA began allowing teams to sell a single, 2.5-inch jersey patch starting for the 2017-2018 season. Fitbit was the first company to partner with the Wolves for the space, signing a [three-year deal](#) in 2017. (Fitbit is in the [process of being acquired by Google](#).)

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It's not clear how much the Timberwolves are seeking in the sponsorship deal. Sports Business Journal [last year reported](#) that the first batch of NBA patch sponsorships went for between \$5 million and \$20 million annually and that the program had generated total revenue of more than \$150 million for the league.

Money may not be the only factor in play. CNBC [reports that the Wolves are specifically looking for a brand](#) with strong social-awareness credibility as the city looks to recover from social unrest and the aftermath of the death of **George Floyd** during an arrest by Minneapolis police officers. Tanke told the business network that the ideal sponsor would "create impact in our community" and "be a champion for social advancement."

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Black bird-watchers draw attention to racial issues outdoors

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BLACK BIRD-WATCHERS DRAW ATTENTION TO RACIAL ISSUES OUTDOORS

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Jason Ward fell in love with birds at age 14 when he spotted a peregrine falcon outside the homeless shelter where he was staying with his family.

The now 33-year-old Atlanta bird lover parlayed that passion into a YouTube series last year. One of the guests on his first episode of "Birds of North America" was Christian Cooper, a Black bird watcher who was targeted in New York City's Central Park by a white woman after he told her to leash her dog.

A video capturing the encounter showed the woman, Amy Cooper (no relation), retaliate by calling the police and clearly referencing his race to raise the threat level.

Ward, who is Black, said the video, even now, is "jarring" to watch. Butting heads with dog owners is common among birders but he'd never seen it take such a turn.

"Especially knowing Christian and how confident he is, hearing his nervousness and trembling, it shed light on how dangerous that situation could have been," Ward said.

It didn't culminate in any arrests, and Amy Cooper later issued an apology. But it has brought attention to how the great outdoors can be far from great for Black people. Worries about discrimination, racial profiling and even subtle aggression keep some away. Furthermore, those fears can perpetuate the stereotype that hiking, camping and bird watching are "white" activities.

Christian Cooper's encounter, which happened on May 25, the same day as *George Floyd's* death at the hands of a white Minneapolis police officer, has been cited in nationwide protests against *systemic racism* and *white privilege*.

For Black people, the incident was not surprising, said Carolyn Finney, author of "Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors."

Black bird-watchers draw attention to racial issues outdoors

"***Systemic racism*** doesn't stop at the park gates," Finney said. "I've backpacked all over the world. ... There are places in this country I would never go on my own. It is my loss. I just don't trust the public."

Birding can take participants to parks, woods and suburban streets. Depending on the setting, Ward said he adjusts his demeanor so he doesn't seem threatening. He makes sure his face isn't covered even if it's cold. He always has his binoculars in plain sight rather than pulling them out of his bag.

"Just simple stuff like that I have to pay attention to that other people might say, 'What? Come on dude! They're just binoculars,'" Ward said. "If someone easily recognizes them as binoculars, it's still a case in which I have to prove that I'm actually looking for birds occasionally."

Mike Parr, president of the American Bird Conservancy, is white but his three sons are half-Black. His youngest, who is 12, has gotten into birding. Cooper's experience is now in the back of his mind.

"We personally haven't come across anything like that, but as a parent, I am concerned about things that could happen to him. Birding isn't all that well understood by people," Parr said.

Keith Russell, 63, an urban conservation program manager for the National Audubon Society's Philadelphia-based chapter, said as a Black person, he has his guard up if he's searching for birds with binoculars near homes. But he's never felt unsafe among fellow birders and hopes Cooper's close call doesn't scare off others.

"I think it's very very important to be clear for anyone who might not understand this and take a superficial view of this. ... It's not dangerous to be a birder if you're a person of color," Russell said. But, he added: "There have been historical problems with access."

He thinks for some Black families, past discrimination and segregation at parks and other recreation sites may have set them on a path away from nature. That lack of connection to the outdoors then continues with the next generation.

"It can take a while to make that internal culture go away. I think it's definitely starting to," Russell said.

The misconception that most Black people aren't outdoorsy may get bolstered by history books. Finney, the author, said too often the history of U.S. conservation centers on white figures like naturalist John Muir. Meanwhile, less attention is paid to the hundreds of Black soldiers who protected national parks after the Civil War.

The same goes for Hispanic communities. Many are unaware that Hispanics have connections with public lands going back generations, said Liz Archuleta, a county board supervisor in Flagstaff, Arizona, and co-founder of Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting and the Outdoors.

"My mother tells stories about how at least twice a month on a Saturday, the entire Hispanic pioneer community of Flagstaff used to get together and go through the forest and have picnics," Archuleta said. "It's foreign to me when people say we have to get Hispanics to enjoy the outdoors more."

The shift in support toward ***Black Lives Matter*** after Floyd's death has every corporation and nonprofit re-evaluating how they can elevate Black and brown voices.

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In the bird-watching world, there's already been an effort in recent years to do that. The National Audubon Society, which was established in 1905 to preserve birds and their habitat, has 1.8 million members. Approximately 198,000 identify as people of color.; only 45,000 identify as Black or African American.

"Obviously, that's not reflective of where the U.S. population is," said Rebeccah Sanders, senior vice president of the organization's state programs.

The group is trying to recruit more minorities. Staff training now includes ways to intervene if someone is mistreated because of race or another trait. In the last year, they have set up chapters at dozens of colleges, including historically Black ones. They also filled almost half of nearly 100 internships and fellowships with people of diverse backgrounds.

"As our staff and our membership base become more representative, it changes who you are," Sanders said. "Those perspectives make us ask different questions and change some of our decisions."

Environmental organizations are making universal statements that the outdoors belong to everyone but, Finney said, they have to address that it's simply not the same for Black communities.

"The National Park Service and others want to engage diverse communities and often are bringing kids in," Finney said. "How is some Black teenager going to feel about their ability to feel safe and welcome?"

Since Christian Cooper's video, several Black professionals have reached out to Ward via social media to inquire about birding.

"We're definitely getting feedback from a lot of people who are saying 'You know what? I definitely want to get a pair of binoculars now,'" Ward said. "I thought this was boring and for people who didn't look like me."

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Minneapolis police chief says Floyd's death was 'murder'

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[MINNEAPOLIS POLICE CHIEF SAYS FLOYD'S DEATH WAS 'MURDER'](#)

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Minneapolis' police chief says the death of *George Floyd* was "murder" and that the officer who pressed his knee into Floyd's neck knew what he was doing because he had taken specific training on the dangers of positional asphyxiation.

It appears to be the first time Chief Medaria Arradondo has used the word "murder" to describe the death. Floyd, a Black handcuffed man, died May 25 after *Derek Chauvin*, a white officer, pressed his knee into his neck for nearly 8 minutes and held it there even after Floyd said he couldn't breathe and stopped moving.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Three other officers - J. Kueng, *Tou Thao* and *Thomas Lane* - are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter.

All four officers were fired.

In response to questions and a data request from the Star Tribune, Arradondo issued a statement Monday night saying: "Mr. *George Floyd*'s tragic death was not due to a lack of training - the training was there. Chauvin knew what he was doing."

Arradondo went on to say: "The officers knew what was happening - one intentionally caused it and the others failed to prevent it. This was murder - it wasn't a lack of training."

Attorneys for Chauvin, Thao and Kueng had no comment. A message left for Lane's attorney wasn't immediately returned to The Associated Press.

Arradondo said in his statement, first reported by the Star Tribune and also provided to the AP, that both Chauvin and Thao took training on the dangers of positional asphyxiation in 2014. The training, which covered how to get an arrestee from a prone position into a recovery or seated position, was required after

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a 2013 settlement with the family of David Cornelius Smith, a handcuffed Black man who died in 2010 after police pinned him face down.

Arradondo said the department also changed its policy in June 2014 to explicitly require moving an arrestee from a prone position to a recovery position when the highest degree of restraint is used, and to require continuous monitoring of the person's condition.

He also said trainees continue to discuss the risks of in-custody deaths, and there's "simply no way that any competent officer" would be unaware of the need to move an arrestee so he or she can breathe freely.

Separately, leaders of the Minneapolis police union acknowledged Tuesday that bystander video of the police encounter with Floyd was "horrific" but said they've been denied the chance to look at body camera video that could shed more light on what happened.

The union's president, Lt. Bob Kroll, issued a statement soon after Floyd died cautioning the public not to rush to judgment and saying the union would provide its "full support" to the officers. On Tuesday, he told "CBS This Morning" that he thinks union members are being scapegoated for incompetent department leadership.

Kroll acknowledged that widely seen cellphone video of Floyd's death is "horrific," but that the union was left "blindsided" by being denied the right to review officer body camera video.

"Right now we cannot make an informed decision regarding the other officers that do not appear on camera," he said.

Union director Rich Walker said "any human being" that watches the bystander video knows that Floyd's arrest "should not have ended the way it did." But Walker questioned statements that Floyd didn't resist officers because the union hasn't seen footage of the minutes leading up to what the bystander video showed. [Roseville man accused of threatening to burn neighbors homes 'while you sleep in it' over **Black Lives Matter** signs](#) [Minnesota governor signs police accountability bill. A deeper look at what law does.](#) [Read the tax fraud charges filed against **Derek Chauvin** and his wife **Derek Chauvin**, officer in **George Floyd** death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County](#) [After **George Floyd**'s death, MN police training programs aim to do better on race](#)

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Lewis opposes defunding police

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Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jason Lewis used the backdrop of the burned-out Third Precinct Minneapolis police station Monday to attack incumbent Sen. Tina Smith and other Democrats who have called for reforms in the wake of the police killing of [George Floyd](#).

Warning that police reform efforts are descending into mob rule, Lewis called for the restoration of public order. He was flanked by about two dozen supporters, including several retired police officials.

"This notion that we're going to [defund police](#) departments: Who are you going to call, Dr. Phil?" he asked.

Lewis assailed calls to abolish the police and singled out a statement by Smith in which she said "there is something dangerously wrong about the role police play in society."

Smith's campaign issued a statement Monday afternoon saying she doesn't support abolishing the police.

"It is clear that we need to reimagine policing in a way that emphasizes de-escalation and community engagement. This is how we fulfill the fundamental promise that everyone feels safe in their home, on the streets in their neighborhood, and in their community," Smith said.

Lewis' pro-law enforcement message comes amid a nationwide debate over police and police tactics that's likely to carry into this year's election. Lewis said the conversation has now moved to Washington, D.C. He faulted Smith for not condemning statements by Minneapolis City Council members and others calling for the abolition or defunding of police departments.

Two retired Minneapolis police officers spoke in support of Lewis, as did Freeborn County Sheriff Kurt Freitag and state Rep. Brian Johnson, R-Cambridge. None of the speakers were active Minneapolis police officers or representatives of their union, the Minneapolis Police Federation.

Lewis, a former talk show host, served a single term in the U.S. House from Minnesota's suburban Second Congressional District before he was defeated for re-election in 2018 by Democrat Angie Craig.

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The burned-out hulk of the Minneapolis police station served as a pointed reminder of the rioting and unrest that followed Floyd's death on May 25.

Efforts to pass police reform measures in the Minnesota Legislature broke down across party lines last week, with Republicans and Democrats trading blame for their inability to come to any agreements. A reform package proposed by DFL lawmakers would have added more officer training, boosted community-led alternatives to policing and raised the threshold for using deadly force. The Republicans' response would have matched some of the DFL initiatives, including raising training standards and requiring officers to intervene when colleagues use excessive force.

A survey last year showed widespread support for Police Chief Medaria Arradondo's plan to hire hundreds more police officers in Minneapolis. The City Council responded by raising the Police Department's funding in last year's budget from \$184.9 million to \$193.3 million.

The council also agreed unanimously to ban chokeholds and neck restraints by police officers and mandate officers to try to stop other officers from using improper force.

Despite partisan differences, a group of GOP state lawmakers called Monday for a U.S. Justice Department civil rights investigation into the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. The request is being made by state Sens. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, David Senjem, R-Rochester, and Bill Ingebrigtsen, R-Alexandria.

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Congress stalls on policing overhaul, despite public outcry

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CONGRESS STALLS ON POLICING OVERHAUL, DESPITE PUBLIC OUTCRY

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Body

WASHINGTON - Congress is hitting an impasse on policing legislation, as key Senate Democrats on Tuesday opposed a Republican proposal as inadequate, leaving the parties to decide whether to take on the hard job of negotiating a compromise or walk away despite public outcry over the killings of Black Americans.

The standoff threatens to turn the nationwide protests over the deaths of **George Floyd**, Breonna Taylor and others into another moment that galvanizes the nation but leaves lawmakers unable to act. Common ground is not out of reach. A new Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll shows almost all Americans support some degree of criminal justice changes.

"This is a profound moment, it is a moral moment," said Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., a co-author of the Democrats' proposal. "The call is for us to act."

Yet Congress, as it has so many times before when confronted with crisis - on gun control or immigration changes supported by broad segments of the population - is expected to stall out, for now. Lawmakers are hesitant to make moves upsetting to voters as they campaign for the fall election. And President Donald Trump, facing his own reelection, is an uneven partner with shifting positions on the types of changes he would accept from Capitol Hill.

Ahead of a test vote Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell acknowledged it may fall short. If so, he vowed to try again, hoping to pass legislation before a July 4 holiday recess.

"This is not about them or us," said Sen. Tim Scott, the only Black Republican in the Senate and author of the GOP bill. It's about young people and others, he said, "who are afraid to jog down the street or get in their car and drive."

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The GOP's Justice Act would create a national database of police use-of-force incidents, restrict police chokeholds and set up new training procedures and commissions to study race and law enforcement. It is not as sweeping as a Democratic proposal, which mandates many of the changes and would hold police liable to damages in lawsuits. There are similarities on some issues, lawmakers say, but also vast differences.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer and top Democrats signaled they would oppose the Republican bill as "not salvageable," as they demand negotiations on a new, bipartisan package with more extensive changes to law enforcement tactics and accountability aligned with their own Democratic bill.

The Democrats are being backed by the nation's leading civil rights organizations and the lawyer, Benjamin Crump, representing the families of Floyd and Taylor, two African Americans whose deaths in police interactions sparked worldwide protests over racial bias in policing.

"The Black community is tired of the lip service," Crump said in a statement.

As talks potentially continue, Democrats are trying to force Republicans to the negotiating table to strengthen Democrats' hand. The House is set to approve the Democrats bill later this week. The two bills, the House and Senate versions, would ultimately need to be the same to become law.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has indicated she is eager to enter talks with the Senate, a signal the door is not closed to compromise. Neither bill goes as far as some activists want with calls to defund the police and shift resources to other community services.

But in a CBS News Radio interview Tuesday, Pelosi said Republicans need to step up with a better bill. "They were trying to get away with murder, actually - the murder of *George Floyd*."

The comment drew sharp rebuke and calls from Republicans for her to apologize.

"We're ready to make a law, not just make a point," McConnell said as he opened the Senate on Tuesday. He said Americans "deserve better than a partisan stalemate."

During Tuesday's Senate floor debate, Republicans insisted Democrats would have a chance to amend the Senate bill if they allow the debate to begin. But Democrats countered there is no agreement their changes would be up for consideration.

"Now is the time for Congress to pass legislation that will bring real change," said Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., a co-author with Booker and House leaders on the Democratic bill.

Political risks of inaction are high, as the public wants to see policing changes after nearly a month of constant demonstrations nationwide, in cities large and small, forcing a worldwide reckoning over law enforcement and racial injustice.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Fund is urging senators to vote against the GOP package on Wednesday and push for a broader bill.

"In this moment, we cannot support legislation that does not embody a strong accountability framework for police officers and other law enforcement who engage in misconduct as well as needed reforms to policing practices," the organization wrote to senators, according to a letter obtained by AP.

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The parties also face some degree of internal divisions within their ranks, with some Democrats likely to support advancing the Senate bill Wednesday, and some Republicans proposing their own law enforcement changes.

For example, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., proposes ending the practice of sending military equipment to local police departments, which is similar to a provision included in the Democrats' bill but not in the Republican package.

And Sen. Mike Braun, R-Ind., wants to limit the immunity protections for officers in lawsuits. The White House has opposed that in the Democratic bill and it's not included in the Republican package.

Associated Press writers Laurie Kellman and Andrew Taylor contributed to this report. [*Roseville man accused of threatening to burn neighbors homes 'while you sleep in it' over **Black Lives Matter** signs*](#) [*Minnesota governor signs police accountability bill. A deeper look at what law does.*](#) [*Read the tax fraud charges filed against **Derek Chauvin** and his wife **Derek Chauvin**, officer in **George Floyd** death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County*](#) [*After **George Floyd's** death, MN police training programs aim to do better on race*](#)

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"Just a few bad apples."

People like me - young black men - have been told this for decades, whenever we are brutalized by the police. And the claim has only been amplified with the death of **George Floyd**.

But it seems as if the country has finally come to the realization that the public safety system itself is built around **systemic racism** and oppressive practices. If it took millions of dollars in damages and hundreds and thousands of voices for this realization to come about, where does that leave the role of the police in the modern world?

Time and time again, those "bad apples" have been granted impunity to continue to tarnish the name of the police and taint the trust of the community, especially with black and brown Americans. **Derek Chauvin** had 18 complaints filed against him before he killed **George Floyd**, only two of which were closed "with discipline."

What discipline? Suspension? Desk duty? What purpose does discipline have if it doesn't deter future offenses? The prison system has a term for that: recidivism. And those who commit repeat offenses receive harsher punishment. But **Derek Chauvin** was allowed to not only continue his tenure as a police officer in Minneapolis, but was allowed to commit more offenses, including being involved with at least one other killing of a civilian in 2006.

What does this show us, the people who are supposed to place our trust in the police to "protect and serve?" At this point, it doesn't matter if there are a few "bad apples." While it may only be a small minority of police who commit these heinous acts, the rest of the system is more than willing to sweep their offenses under the rug.

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The idea that police can act with impunity, and are armed to do so, creates the cycle, which we have seen played out in the past and are seeing play out once more: The police commit a crime, the system covers for the officer, protests erupt, that officer is charged, and things return "to normal."

Notice the one thing that would break the cycle is missing from it: tangible change - change to how policing in the United States is done, so altercations like the ones that killed *George Floyd* and Philando Castile don't result in tragedy.

I hope, as a black man in the state of Minnesota, and as a U.S. citizen, that real change will come from the tragedy laid before our eyes. I hope, as a 20-year-old, that the rest of my life is lived in peace with the knowledge that the system protects and serves everyone, including those like me.

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No charges in NASCAR noose incident involving Black driver Bubba Wallace

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***NO CHARGES IN NASCAR NOOSE INCIDENT INVOLVING
BLACK DRIVER BUBBA WALLACE***

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Body

The noose found hanging in Bubba Wallace's garage stall at Talladega Superspeedway had been there since at least last October, federal authorities said Tuesday in announcing there will be no charges filed in an incident that rocked NASCAR and its only fulltime Black driver.

U.S. Attorney Jay Town and FBI Special Agent in Charge Johnnie Sharp Jr. said an investigation determined "although the noose is now known to have been in garage number 4 in 2019, nobody could have known Mr. Wallace would be assigned to garage number 4 last week."

A crew member for Richard Petty Motorsports discovered the noose Sunday at the Alabama race track. NASCAR was alerted and contacted the FBI, which sent 15 agents to the track to investigate. They determined no federal crime was committed.

The statement said the garage stall was assigned to Wallace last week in advance of the race scheduled for Sunday but held on Monday because of rain. Through video confirmed by NASCAR it was discovered the noose "was in that garage as early as October 2019."

The agencies said the evidence did not support federal charges.

Wallace successfully pushed the stock car series to ban the Confederate flag at its venues less than two weeks ago. There has been criticism of the ban by some longtime fans and security had been stepped up for Wallace, a 26-year-old Alabama native who has worn in the last month a shirt over his firesuit that read "***I Can't Breathe***." His paint scheme for a race in Virginia was ***Black Lives Matter***.

NASCAR said in a statement that "the FBI report concludes, and photographic evidence confirms, that the garage door pull rope fashioned like a noose had been positioned there since as early as last fall. This was obviously well before the 43 team's arrival and garage assignment."

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The Wood Brothers Racing team said one of its employees informed the team he recalled "seeing a tied handle in the garage pull down rope from last fall," when NASCAR raced at Talladega in October. The team said it immediately alerted NASCAR and assisted the investigation.

The discovery of the noose stunned the stock car series as it is taking an active position in a push for inclusion while distancing itself from its rocky racial history. The series first tried to ban the Confederate flag five years ago but did nothing to enforce the order.

Wallace two weeks ago renewed the call for a ban and NASCAR answered but has yet to detail how it will stop the display. Talladega marked the first race since the coronavirus pandemic that fans were permitted - 5,000 were allowed to purchase tickets - and some upset with the flag ban paraded past the main entrance with the Southern symbol. A banner flew over the speedway Sunday of a Confederate flag that read "Defund NASCAR."

NASCAR announced late Sunday the noose had been discovered and the industry rallied around Wallace. All 39 of his rival drivers and their crews helped push Wallace's car to the front of pit road before the national anthem and stood behind him in solidarity.

Wallace was joined by his team owner, Hall of Famer Richard Petty, who gently placed a hand on Wallace's shoulder as he sobbed. Wallace after the race went to the fencing along the grandstands and greeted supporters.

"The sport is changing," he said.

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More violence leads to more policing in Mpls.

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Body

The shock of a mass shooting in Uptown that left one man dead and 11 other people wounded had barely subsided Monday when multiple shootings elsewhere in the city swelled the number of casualties.

On Monday, the day three separate afternoon shootings on the North Side left nine people injured, Mayor Jacob Frey announced details behind a multiagency effort to quell the bloodshed that has persisted over the past several weeks.

Joining the *Minneapolis Police Department* will be virtually every law enforcement agency within reach: the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Metro Transit police, and federal authorities from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the FBI and the Secret Service, according to the mayor.

"The violence and lawlessness that we've seen the last few days is not acceptable in any form," Frey said. "Residents, businesses and all that choose to be in Minneapolis for any reason deserve to feel safe."

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo declined to reveal how the other agencies will interact with his department, but he said it would include being a visible presence as well as providing intelligence.

Arradondo, the city's first black police chief, made a point to remind the public that many of the gunshot victims "are members of the African-American community ... young men. Their lives are not disposable. This cannot become our new normal."

Police say 111 people have been shot in the four weeks since *George Floyd* was killed in an encounter with four Minneapolis police officers, setting up widespread civil unrest. Arradondo said he does not believe the Uptown shooting had any connection to Floyd's death.

In the meantime, police spokesman John Elder said "we are making good headway" in the Uptown investigation.

There was no preliminary word on a motive or even how many shooters were involved in sparking the chaos while the area was bustling with activity now that bars and restaurants have loosened customer limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Monday afternoon saw police at three scenes of gunfire. Shortly after 2:30 p.m., ShotSpotter technology recorded the sound of 41 rounds at N. 16th and Newton avenues, police said. One person went to the hospital in critical condition, while three others came away with noncritical wounds. Then shortly after 4 p.m., four people suffered gunshot wounds in a commercial stretch in the 600 block of W. Broadway. Another person was injured by gunfire just before 7 p.m. at 25th Avenue and 4th Street.

Two people were also stabbed, one fatally, in the 500 block of Nicollet downtown Monday afternoon.

Victim a husband, father

The man killed in this past weekend's mass shooting in Uptown was remembered as a loving husband and father and gifted hairstylist.

Cody Pollard "had a talent no one else could possess," said his brother Troy Pollard, who grew up with Cody in St. Paul.

A night out with a client took Cody Pollard, 27, to Uptown on Saturday, and it was just after midnight when gunfire erupted as the two were leaving Cowboy Slim's for downtown Minneapolis.

Cody was hit and died that same day, leaving behind his wife, Quinesha Adams, 4-year-old son Ochean and baby Khodi, who joined their family early this year.

"His family was everything, and his kids were his prized possessions," Troy Pollard said.

Cody Pollard took to cutting hair while watching his mother tend to the kids in their St. Paul home, Troy said.

"He started off cutting my hair," Troy Pollard recalled. "I was his first test dummy."

By age 15, he was jumping from shop to shop while honing his barber skills despite lacking a license. He kept up his grooming pursuits after moving to Norfolk, Va., as a high school sophomore to attend military school.

He and his wife have been raising their children in the University-Dale area of St. Paul. With his barber license secured, he was working at nearby Wrist Work Barber Lounge, a family-owned shop that hired him about a year ago.

Waiting for a haircut

On Saturday, before Cody Pollard left for Uptown and an evening of low-key socializing, he was supposed to give Troy a haircut.

"The boy had me waiting in his chair to get a cut while he was in Uptown," Troy Pollard said. "He always forgets."

But Troy's fond recollection soon gave way to thoughts of Uptown's mayhem stealing the younger brother he shared clothes with and who had a way of being his mentor.

"He always pushed me to have a plan," he said. "My baby, I loved him so much."

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UPTOWN SHOOTING

On Sunday, 12 human beings were shot in Uptown ("Uptown reels after gunfire, bloodshed," front page, June 22).

Given the pace of recent rhetoric from the majority of the Minneapolis City Council members, it's tough for me to keep track: Was it "privileged" of those present to expect to be safe on the city's streets? In Uptown last night, when the first person's body was ripped open by a bullet and the shooters were moving on to their next victims, would the gathered crowd have been best served by a rapid response force of "elders and healers"?

Today, as the one victim lies in the morgue and 11 others lie in area hospitals, their bodies and minds in various states of brokenness, let's say it clearly: The majority of City Council is pushing to dismantle the police, but last night's butchery shows that City Council's emperors have no clothes.

Here in reality, every city resident grieves deeply for *George Floyd*, knows that transformative reform of the *Minneapolis Police Department* is essential and long overdue, and is trying to find ways to guarantee safety and opportunity for every person in the city - rights we're all entitled to, but that too many of our neighbors don't experience.

But dismantling the police? As long as shooters keep roaming the neighborhoods of the city where we raise our children, no.

Cam Winton, Minneapolis

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To Lisa Bender, Minneapolis City Council president: You were elected to represent the 10th Ward, which includes Uptown. Please inform the public what you are doing, as an elected official, to get "all these guns out of our streets" as you stated. Please inform us as well what you are doing to "more proactively ... stop this type of violence." In the aftermath of a fatal shooting, I would suggest that you skip the platitudes and share specific details of how you plan to make this city's streets safer. In the absence of details, you are merely posturing.

READERS WRITE See why we need the police?

Robert Rees, Minneapolis

CITY LEADERSHIP

More than one way to show courage

The author of the counterpoint to Norm Coleman's commentary on failed political leadership couldn't hide her agenda ("Coleman's no expert on courage," Opinion Exchange, June 20). She is evidently bitter that Coleman "dismissed" as "radical fringe" a 1991 campaign (in which she participated) on human rights protection for LGBT St. Paulites. This is the sole basis of her contention that Coleman lacks "courage and a sense of moral necessity."

Might it not have taken a bit of both personal and political courage for Coleman to publicly state, "It's time to defund and disband the current elected leadership at Minneapolis City Hall and find people with the courage and conviction to protect all of the people of Minneapolis, all of the time, everywhere in the city"?

And for Coleman to state that "blaming Republicans isn't an option as there isn't an elected Republican in the city as far as the eye can see" while knowing that there would be a progressive political blowback?

Actually, Coleman speaks for Minnesota's silenced majority and their disgust with failed political leadership.

Gene Delaune, New Brighton

SPECIAL SESSION

Legislature walks off the job early

Gov. Tim Walz stated on the news on Saturday that all Minnesotans should be disappointed that our Legislature went home without finishing their job ("No deals, on police reform or otherwise," front page, June 21).

I am more than disappointed. I am angry. I certainly did not go home when I was working if my work was not done. Our state is in a crisis as were all my patients. (I spent 32 years as an ICU nurse.) What would that have said about me if I just decided that I could go home because it was going-home time? When you are doing important work, you continue until the work is complete or someone stands in for you to continue that work. Lives depend on that.

To the Legislature: Get your rear ends back to the Capitol and finish the work with which you were tasked. No excuses. Just do it. Your state depends on you to do your best work every day, all the time.

Susan Parham, Edina

TWIN METALS

Actually, we are happy to talk

The Star Tribune Editorial Board published an editorial on June 21 that wrongly stated that Twin Metals Minnesota responded to a request for a statement only by referring the editorial writer to its website ("DNR fumbles decision on mining"). Here is the full statement Twin Metals delivered to the writer at her request on June 19:

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Twin Metals Minnesota is committed to developing a 21st-century copper, nickel, cobalt and platinum group metals mine in northeast Minnesota that prioritizes environmental protection and stewardship. The access agreement granted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources allows for the collection of surface environmental data on state land. The information gathered through these baseline studies is critical for informing regulatory agencies and the people of Minnesota as the Twin Metals project undergoes the rigorous environmental review process.

"This access agreement notably does not permit any mining activity," said Julie Padilla, Twin Metals Chief Regulatory Officer. "It's essential for regulatory agencies, tribal governments and the public to have access to this data to complete a thorough environmental review. Additionally, this means we have the opportunity to contribute to the local economy through the hiring of trusted contractors to support Twin Metals in gathering this data over the coming months."

At Twin Metals, we take every opportunity we can to communicate with media members and the public on the details of our proposed mine. We are committed to having open and honest conversations with Minnesotans as our project moves forward. The communities in which we operate expect and deserve nothing less.

Kathy Graul, St. Paul

The writer is public relations manager at Twin Metals Minnesota.

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As a retiree with mining experience in several different states, I appreciate the conclusion of the June 21 editorial.

However, the editorial contains an error that is as common as it is damaging to the debate. It refers to the copper nickel ore body as being "rich." It states that Antofagasta is "one of several companies aiming to eventually mine the rich deposits of copper, nickel and other precious metals in northeast Minnesota."

It's safe to say that Minnesota no longer has "rich" ore bodies. Admittedly, the Duluth copper nickel complex is huge, but it averages less than 1% mineralization. It will never be competitive on a global scale without subsidies and gutted environmental regulations by the Legislature, Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Our iron mining industry exhausted our rich natural ore and now survives on low-grade taconite operations and the bankruptcy courts. Mining professionals have a saying that "grade is king." There are no kings in Minnesota.

Our existing iron mines and proposed copper mines are unlikely to ever provide a net benefit to the state of Minnesota. According to the Department of Commerce, mining is less than 1% of Minnesota's economy. When you deduct the cost of assets stripped, waters degraded and tribal resources diminished, hard rock mining is a liability to the state of Minnesota.

Bob Tammen, Soudan, Minn.

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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See portraits of people visiting the site of George Floyd's death, projected on a church wall

ARTICLE DCCCLXXIX. **[SEE PORTRAITS OF PEOPLE VISITING THE SITE OF
GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH, PROJECTED ON A CHURCH WALL](#)**

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June 23, 2020 Tuesday

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Byline: Ross Raihala

Highlight: In the days after ***George Floyd*** died under the knee of a police officer, Minneapolis photographer John Noltner visited the corner where Floyd died, East 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in South Minneapolis, to capture a series of portraits. He approached people and asked "What do you want to say?" As he listened over several [...]

Body

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He approached people and asked "What do you want to say?" As he listened over several days, Noltner gathered 50 stories and portraits.

Those portraits will be projected onto the exterior wall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 2315 Chicago Ave. in Minneapolis each night from 9 to 10:30 p.m. through Sunday.

The images are also available at the website for Noltner's multimedia arts project A Peace of My Mind. For details, see apomm.net.

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This St. Thomas dean had taken a job in New York. After George Floyd's death, he's staying.

ARTICLE DCCCLXXX. [***THIS ST. THOMAS DEAN HAD TAKEN A JOB IN NEW YORK.
AFTER GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH, HE'S STAYING.***](#)

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Byline: Katrina Pross

Highlight: One month ago, Yohuru Williams was winding down his work as arts and sciences dean at the University of St. Thomas and preparing to lead the liberal arts college at St. John's University in New York. A nationally-recognized academic and activist in civil rights and racial justice who grew up on the East Coast, Williams [...]

Body

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A nationally-recognized academic and activist in civil rights and racial justice who grew up on the East Coast, Williams said he was looking forward to working in a new community.

But the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody changed all that.

"It was very difficult for me to leave after witnessing what we all witnessed in Minneapolis on Memorial Day, and to feel good about leaving this community in a moment where so much of my life's work is in this area," said Williams, who is Black.

In the weeks that followed, Williams and President Julie Sullivan launched a [*new racial justice initiative at St. Thomas*](#) that will keep Williams in the Twin Cities. The initiative will involve research, engagement and partnerships to learn about how to rebuild the community and prevent racism. It also aims to prepare St. Thomas students to lead in those efforts.

"These opportunities don't come along often, and when they do you really have to be poised to think about how you're going to make a difference and better your community as a result," Williams said.

Sullivan and Williams said the Twin Cities has become the epicenter of conversations on racial justice after Floyd, who was Black, died after being held under the knee of a white police officer.

"We had come to a tipping point, and in particular a tipping point in the Twin Cities," Sullivan said. "There's kind of a glaring light shining on the racial injustices that exist right here in our own community, as well as of course across our country and around the globe."

This St. Thomas dean had taken a job in New York. After George Floyd's death, he's staying.

Williams now is a distinguished university chair, professor [and the initiative's founding director](#). Sullivan said his extensive experience on race and civil rights makes him well-prepared for the role.

"His career has always been about impact and the impact of teaching the history of racial disparities, and then getting involved in actions to eliminate them," Sullivan said.

The initiative is in its early stages, with an official start date of July 1. Williams said he will begin by listening closely to community members and deciding what steps to take.

"When you see academic institutions get involved in this work, they show up with all the answers. We don't have the answers. We need to show up and listen," Williams said.

The initiative will involve long-term work, and Sullivan said she envisions it existing at St. Thomas for many years to come.

The work will focus on the Twin Cities, but also beyond, examining and learning from other communities confronting racial inequality.

"Our country has never been a truly racially just society. So we have to build something that's never existed here, and that's hard," Sullivan said. "We have to come together across races to listen to one another and to nurture one another, and then work side-by-side with one another."

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Ramsey County to research whether it could alter charter to make sheriff's position appointed instead of elected

ARTICLE DCCCLXXXI. **[RAMSEY COUNTY TO RESEARCH WHETHER IT COULD ALTER CHARTER TO MAKE SHERIFF'S POSITION APPOINTED INSTEAD OF ELECTED](#)**

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Highlight: Ramsey County Board members lashed out at Sheriff Bob Fletcher during their Tuesday meeting, condemning his leadership, demanding a state investigation into his office and calling for a change in the county charter to make his position an appointed one. The criticism follows allegations by eight minority employees of the Ramsey County Jail who said [...]

Body

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The criticism follows [allegations by eight minority employees](#) of the Ramsey County Jail who said they were discriminated against when they were prohibited from interacting with former Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin** at the jail last month, according to a complaint filed with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

"I support the opportunity for the public to have a say in an appointed versus elected sheriff," said Commissioner Jim McDonough. "I am angered and saddened that with all the good work this county is moving forward on that we spend so much time on the harm the Sheriff is causing in our community. It just sucks the air out of the room."

Fletcher dismissed the comments as political.

"Our elected sheriff's office has a strong, trusting relationship with the community," he said. "What we really need is an elected county manager who represents the needs of Ramsey County's citizens instead of the seven politicians who have confused accountability with control."

Fletcher and the board have had a strained, and at times, acrimonious relationship stretching back to 2009 when Fletcher's [Metro Gang Strike Force](#) was probed for aggressive tactics, something McDonough brought up at the meeting.

Ramsey County to research whether it could alter charter to make sheriff's position appointed instead of elected

"Commissioner McDonough is just using this as an excuse to forward his agenda to 'defund the police,'" Fletcher said. "McDonough never misses an opportunity to complain. Sadly, I've never heard him complain about the number one issue of his constituents - the increase in crime."

The board, which has been focused on addressing racial equity through its Transforming Systems Together program, said Fletcher's missteps are undermining their efforts.

"(Racism) truly is the evil that is spoiling a really, really great Ramsey County," said Commissioner Trista MatasCastillo. "As for the sheriff's department, we have seen this over and over and over. ... We need to make sure that we have oversight in many ways."

By state law, all sheriffs in Minnesota are elected. None are appointed other than to fill a temporary vacancy between elections. However, Ramsey County is the only county organized by charter. The county is looking at whether it gives them authority to appoint the sheriff.

In the meantime, the county board called for the state's Department of Human Rights to conduct a broad review of the sheriff's office. It also called for the sheriff's office to create a "trust and accountability" position within the department to report concerns to the deputy county manager.

Fletcher says he welcomes an investigation.

"We are confident any investigation will confirm best practices at the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office," he said.

The county is also considering whether to declare racism a public health crisis as a way to better address inequities. According to the Pew Research Center, a think tank based in Washington D.C., at least 24 state or county municipalities have made the declaration.

"Black and brown bodies are constantly being weathered, due to the stress of racism that causes disease; it causes early death," said Ramsey County Director of Public Health Kathy Hedin. "It doesn't matter the education that I have, the likelihood of me dying from a stroke earlier than a white counterpart with the same education level and the same income is higher because of what I look like. That is a crisis."

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A KILLING AMID THE RIOTS

ARTICLE DCCCLXXXII. [**A KILLING AMID THE RIOTS**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1A**Length:** 1226 words**Byline:** RANDY FURST; GREG STANLEY; STAFF WRITERS, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Weeks after Calvin Horton Jr. was shot, his family has few answers**Body**

Two Minneapolis police officers answered a 911 call about a stabbing on East Lake Street on May 27 and found a chaotic scene as arson, looting and protests raged in the wake of *George Floyd's* death.

A black man lay on the sidewalk in front of the Cadillac Pawnshop with a gunshot wound to the torso. He was not breathing. A crowd of noisy protesters gathered around, some of them shooting videos with their phones and speculating about what had taken place. While one officer knelt beside the man and performed CPR, the second officer waved off protesters. Soon, more officers arrived as the crowd swelled.

Medical personnel grabbed Calvin "Chuck" Horton Jr., 43, by the arms and legs and loaded him into an ambulance that rushed him to HCMC, where he was declared dead at 9:37 p.m.

Horton's death was the only fatality during the protests and civil unrest that swept through Minneapolis in the aftermath of the May 25 killing of Floyd by police. Three weeks later, very little is known about what actually took place at the pawnshop and whether anyone will be charged with killing Horton.

John Rieple, 59, the owner of Cadillac Pawn at 1538 E. Lake St., was arrested after he shot Horton, claiming he was a looter, according to a police source on the night of his death.

Rieple, of Galesville, Wis., was later released without charges, however. Authorities say the case remains under investigation.

While the Star Tribune generally does not identify people who have not been charged with a crime, it is doing so with Rieple because his identity as the owner of the pawnshop is widely known and because he has been identified in other media writing about Horton's killing.

To date, neither police nor county prosecutors have publicly described Horton as a looter, though they acknowledge that it was one of the theories they are investigating.

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"Sadly, there was one homicide ... where a gentleman was shot and killed outside of a pawnshop," Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said at a recent news conference. The case, he said, remains under investigation.

Meanwhile, Horton's family wants answers.

"Based on what we know, we are very disturbed about the circumstances surrounding Mr. Horton's death," Oliver Nelson, the family's attorney, said in a text message on Friday. "We are exhausting every effort to obtain the information to determine exactly why Mr. Horton was shot and killed. The family deserves to know this information for the sake of closure and for the cause of justice."

Horton, father of seven

Around 100 people attended Horton's funeral Friday in north Minneapolis. He lived in the Twin Cities, but had no permanent address, according to family members. He was unemployed and received Social Security disability payments, they said.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office has issued a short news release. Horton "died of shotgun wounds of the chest and upper extremities," it said. "Manner of death is homicide and Minneapolis police are investigating." The office has declined further comment, citing the investigation.

Horton leaves behind seven children. Five carloads of family and friends drove up Friday from Little Rock, Ark., where he was born and where his mother lives, to attend his funeral at Estes Funeral Chapel in north Minneapolis.

"I am very heartbroken," Horton's mother, Mae Roberts, said in an interview. "It's just devastating."

She said her son moved to the Twin Cities to live with his father, Calvin Horton Sr.

"He had always been a daddy baby," his father said. "I raised him from a baby to a man."

Horton attended North High School, his father said, but did not graduate. He would later earn his GED, and family members said he would "glow" whenever he had the chance help his kids with their homework.

"He put his kids before the world," said his daughter, Cadaezhah Horton, a student at Inver Hills Community College. "He always talked about his kids, wondering what we were up to."

She remembers fondly how he drove from Little Rock, where he had been living for three years, to Minneapolis so that he could attend her high school graduation.

"It is very tough, and to lose him the way we did is very hard," she said. "Looting or not, he shouldn't die for it."

Court records show Calvin Horton Jr. had a long history of criminal convictions, including for theft, marijuana possession, second-degree assault and driving after his license had been revoked. He also had a domestic assault conviction.

In February, he pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$1,000 in merchandise from Target last November. Judge Luis Bartolomei sentenced him to 17 months in prison, but stayed imprisonment for three years while he served probation.

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Horton wasn't perfect, said Mario Chizelle, a cousin. But he was kind, he was caring, and he helped his friends through some of the worst moments of their lives, Chizelle said.

"He was a loving guy, a peaceful guy," Chizelle said. "His heart was as big as this church."

Rieple, meanwhile, has said nothing publicly about the shooting.

When a reporter, identifying himself from the Star Tribune, called Rieple on Thursday at a phone number listed on his pawnshop license, the man who answered hung up. Messages seeking comment were left at Rieple's home in Galesville, 23 miles north of La Crosse, Wis.

Minnesota Secretary of State records show that Rieple incorporated Lincoln Pawn and Jewelry under the business name of Third Financial Corp. at the current address of Cadillac Pawn shop on East Lake Street in 1990. He renamed it Cadillac Pawn and the Gold Mine in 1997. Minneapolis pawnshop licensing records only go back to 2004 when it was listed as Cadillac Pawn. Rieple describes himself in business records as chief executive.

At one time, he owned a pawnshop and a jewelry store in Winona and, in 2002, a business called Mainstream Firearms and Marine, also in Winona. He also once operated a pawnshop in La Crosse.

He and his brother, Tom Rieple, bought and restored an old fishing pier in 2010 just beneath a lock and dam near La Crosse. John Rieple, who doesn't regularly work at the pier, was filling in for his brother in 2013 when a houseboat lost power and was sucked through the dam, capsizing and hurling 11 people overboard.

Rieple was in a pontoon boat when he saw the wreckage and helped pull five people out of the water while rescuers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were able to save the others.

Tom Rieple said he hasn't spoken much with his brother since he was arrested.

"He's up in Minneapolis and I'm down here," he said.

Any criminal charges against Rieple in Horton's death will depend on what prosecutors find happened that night at the pawnshop, said Marshall Tanick, a local attorney who was not involved in the case. Under common law, a person has the right to use lethal force if someone breaks into their home, but that isn't necessarily the case if someone breaks into their store.

Unless the owner or others are in imminent danger of grave bodily harm, they generally have a duty to retreat, though they may use reasonable force to repel an intruder, short of killing the person, Tanick said.

"If the person was looting or caught in the act of looting, [shooting the looter] is not self-defense," he said.

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More outdoor screenings for 'A Breath for George'

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[MORE OUTDOOR SCREENINGS FOR 'A BREATH FOR GEORGE'](#)

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Highlight: "A Breath for George," a collection of songs, interviews and poems that has been showing in outdoor screenings at locations around the Twin Cities since June 14, has added dates to its schedule. Created by New Dawn Theatre and Minnesota artists, the production features actors, theater-makers, civil rights leaders and educators. "A Breath for George" [...]

Body

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["A Breath for George"](#) is a response and call to action in the wake of the killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis. It was scheduled to run one week at a number of Twin Cities theaters.

Additional screenings include one at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Ordway in downtown St. Paul. The event is free and "A Breath for George" is shown on the outside of theater buildings. Audiences can bring lawn chairs and receive an Action Guide pamphlet listing ways to get involved, including support for victims' families, community support, organizations working against police abuse and rebuilding. It also contains protest tips and support resources.

For additional screening sites and more information, go to [newdawntheatre.org](#). [Movie theaters implore studios: Release the blockbusters](#) [St. Paul police debut truck armed with ice cream, video games, bike helmets](#) [Science Museum to reopen Sept. 4, but cuts 158 staff members amid pandemic](#) [Bonnie Blodgett: Here are a few handy garden tricks I've learned this summer](#) [Park Square whodunit has clues and characters, online in four installments](#)

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More outdoor screenings for 'A Breath for George'

Audiences receive an Action Guide at screenings of "A Breath for George." Photo courtesy of Pedro Juan Fonseca

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Post-protest virus surge not seen

ARTICLE DCCCLXXXIV. **POST-PROTEST VIRUS SURGE NOT SEEN**

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A surge in COVID-19 cases following the mass protests and riots over the May 25 police killing of ***George Floyd*** has not yet materialized, despite aggressive testing over the past two weeks of people involved in the demonstrations that roiled the Twin Cities.

The Minnesota Department of Health on Monday reported four more deaths and 308 more lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19, an infectious disease caused by a novel coronavirus. That is the lowest number of COVID-19 deaths reported in one day in the pandemic since April 13.

Only 1.5% of tests at four community sites last week of people involved in demonstrations turned up positive for the presence of the virus, suggesting that all of the shouting and crowding didn't result in widespread transmission.

"That is a relief," said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

State officials warned that the positive trends could be upset, though, if Minnesotans stop complying with recommendations to wear masks in public and practice social distancing. Arizona and other states in the south were faster than Minnesota in scaling back restrictions on businesses and social mobility, and have seen cases spike upward.

Minnesota health officials are concerned that a declining trend in the median age of COVID-19 cases - now at 40.4 years of age - suggests that more young people are disregarding social distancing and spreading the virus.

Minnesota permitted limited indoor restaurant and bar service as of June 10, along with restricted reopenings of fitness clubs and entertainment venues. Ehresmann said the impact of those changes won't be known for another week or two.

Post-protest virus surge not seen

Contact tracing interviews with people diagnosed with COVID-19 since June 3 found that at least 6.5% had been at restaurants before their infections - though it was unclear if they already had the virus or were infectious during these visits.

An increase in workplace infections is driving down the median age of those sickened as well. The state has been tracking outbreaks in food processing plants in southern Minnesota's Mower County - where there have now been 802 confirmed infections and two deaths.

"We all have to be doing our part to make sure that we are social distancing, wearing masks, all of those things," Ehresmann said. "We certainly don't want to see our cases increase and then have to dial back" on the reopening of business and activities.

The pandemic has caused 1,384 deaths and 33,227 known cases in Minnesota. The state also reported that 332 patients with COVID-19 were hospitalized on Monday, and that 156 required intensive care. The number of hospitalized patients increased by 10 since Sunday, but remains below the peak of 606 patients on May 28.

The latest figures come more than three weeks after some of the heaviest demonstrations over Floyd's death, and more than two weeks after a June 4 memorial event.

Many protesters did not wear masks, raising concerns that they would infect one another while shouting and standing in tight crowds. However, health officials hoped that the virus didn't spread as much outdoors.

Secondary impacts of the prolonged pandemic are beginning to show. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Monday showed a decline since the start of the pandemic in emergency room visits for heart attacks, strokes and uncontrolled blood sugar.

Ehresmann said these trends reflect people who are no longer going to the ER - perhaps due to fear of COVID-19 exposure - and putting their health at risk.

Childhood immunizations also have declined as people have stayed away from clinics. The number of measles shots in the state in March was 70% below the same period a year earlier. While vaccination levels improved this spring, health officials worried that parents wouldn't seek them this summer because they usually time them with physicals for sports and activities and camps that may have been canceled.

"We could see a resurgence of vaccine-preventable - but still highly contagious - diseases at a time when our public health system is already strained in response to the pandemic," U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., said in a letter sent Monday to the U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services that called for more education on vaccinations.

Klobuchar on Monday also disclosed that her father - 92-year-old former Star Tribune columnist Jim Klobuchar - has COVID-19. The senator's husband had been hospitalized in March due to COVID-19 as well, but has recovered. Klobuchar said she spoke with her father outside the window to his room in an assisted-living facility and that he is doing OK.

Two of the four deaths reported Monday involved residents of long-term care and assisted-living facilities, bringing the statewide total to 1,095, or nearly eight out of 10 deaths to date. The majority of deaths have involved the elderly or people with underlying health conditions, including diabetes, asthma and diseases of the lungs, heart, kidneys and immune system.

Post-protest virus surge not seen

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

33,227 -- Total cases

308 -- June 22 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,384 -- Total deaths

4 -- June 22

U.S. cases, new daily

2,291,735 -- Total cases

26,373 -- June 21

U.S. deaths, new daily

119,985 -- Total deaths

275 -- June 21

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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'The Hook' goes live again

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Highlight: Davina & the Vagabonds jump-started the venue's HookStream virtual series.

Body

They live only three blocks from the venue that hosted their first gig in three months on Saturday night. A few weeks earlier, though, bandleaders Davina and Zack Lozier had to rely on TV news helicopter footage to know if the Hook & Ladder was still standing.

"We were following it in real time," Davina recalled just before showtime Saturday. "Whenever we'd get a glimpse of it, we'd say, 'It's still there!'"

Is it ever. The south Minneapolis performance venue - around the corner from the charred remnants of what used to be the Third Precinct police headquarters - rather miraculously survived the riots and destructive rampaging along E. Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue following [George Floyd](#)'s tragic death in police custody on May 25.

Now, "The Hook" is ready to breathe new life into its gasping neighborhood - on top of its original, pre-riots goal of helping the Twin Cities music scene survive the coronavirus quarantine.

Over the weekend, the nonprofit venue returned to action with the HookStream, a series of professionally produced, livestreamed fundraiser concerts inaugurated by Southern-baked jazz-rock darlings Davina & the Vagabonds. It was just a nice coincidence that the kickoff band happened to come from the neighborhood.

In fact, the HookStream was supposed to start June 5, but it had to be delayed as the venue's operators cleaned up after fire and water damage and other destruction caused by rioters. The shows even had to be moved into the smaller but more open-air Mission Room because the main Hook & Ladder theater space - in a historic firehouse that executive director Chris Mozena declared "a sturdy old building built to last" - just got its electricity turned back on late last week.

His smile obvious beneath his face mask after Saturday's concert, the Hook's marketing director and co-booker Jesse Brodd seemed content that Davina's crew wound up being the test pilots.

'The Hook' goes live again

"A lot of the people watching online commented that it felt good to have live music back," said Brodd. "It was great to start with a full-blown band like that, with horns and everything."

Was it ever. Davina's music is steeped in the buoyant jazz and R&B of New Orleans, a city that knows a lot about bouncing back from turmoil and tragedy with an extra bounce in its step.

On Saturday, she and the band encored with "Shake That Thing," a rowdy NOLA standard featuring her husband and trumpeter Zack Lozier on vocals. They opened their set with another oldie carefully chosen by Davina: "When My Sugar Walks Down the Street," popularized by Ella Fitzgerald.

"My music would be nothing without black music," said the bandleader, who pledged to donate her pay for Saturday's performance to two Minneapolis funds, the Association for Black Empowerment and Pimento Jamaican Kitchen's Relief Services.

And yes, it actually was a paying gig. Tickets cost \$15 apiece for access to the livestream via Crowdcast.io (look for a rebroadcast Wednesday at 8 p.m.). Nearly 200 of them were sold, which Brodd proudly noted amounted to more than a sold-out show in the Hook's Mission Room.

All of this week's HookStream installments and many others will be webcast for free via the venue's Facebook page and website, including New Primitives on Thursday, the Mae Simpson Band on Friday and Charlie Parr on Saturday. Viewers in those cases will be asked to pony up for "cover" via Venmo tips to the artists and/or donations to the Hook via its website.

Some of the upcoming \$8-\$10 ticketed performances include GB Leighton (July 9), the Bawdy Down benefit for Black Table Arts (July 10), Frogleg (July 11) and the Belfast Cowboys (July 25).

Once the venue's heavily damaged bathrooms and theater space are operable again - hopefully by fall - it plans to begin selling a limited number of tickets for patrons to enjoy the HookStream performances in person under safe distancing guidelines.

In any case, money from tickets, donations and sponsorships will be divided among the musicians, the venue and the HookStream production team - a six-man crew Saturday that worked four cameras, lights and audio and video mixing boards.

"The point is to bring live music back at the professional level people expect here," Brodd noted.

Viewers of the webcast seemed impressed: "It sounds so good, Hook folks!" Minneapolis musician Annie Enneking wrote in the comments section.

Cleo Swanson posted at show's end, "My husband and I danced in our kitchen to your last song. How fun!"

Davina and the band seemed satisfied with the results, too.

A full-time touring act, she was supposed to perform in Australia, instead of south Minneapolis, last weekend to tout her latest album, "Sugar Drops." Some U.K. gigs and many other shows also had to be canceled this summer due to the coronavirus.

In the interim, Davina delivered a variety of livestreamed and home-recorded performances during quarantine that were successful, but, she wryly noted, "They were more on the level of first-year film students."

'The Hook' goes live again

"There's just no replacing us all being together in a real live music room like this," the bandleader noted, standing outside the venue over speckles of broken glass from when looters broke in during the unrest.

With the ruins of Minnehaha Liquor and numerous other damaged buildings across the street, she added, "it was hard to know what to play and how to act."

"I just decided to do what we do best and hope that helps make things better."

Good plan. That same approach from the Hook & Ladder should also serve its community well in the coming months.

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HookStream

Upcoming free shows: New Primitives (8 p.m. Thu.), Mae Simpson (Fri.), Charlie Parr (Sat.), the Shackletons (July 15), Big George Jackson (July 16), Kind Country (July 17), Cornbread Harris and Black-Eyed Snakes (July 18), Lewiee Blaze & N4 (July 23).

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Tough start for new HCMC chief

ARTICLE DCCCLXXXVI. [TOUGH START FOR NEW HCMC CHIEF](#)

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Jennifer DeCubellis had been CEO of Hennepin Healthcare, the sprawling system that operates the county's flagship trauma hospital and clinics, for two weeks when COVID-19 upended her transition plans.

Then on Memorial Day, *George Floyd* arrived at HCMC's stabilization room, the stop for patients who need the fastest lifesaving measures available.

Then came the riots, bringing nervous nights as DeCubellis and staff girded for an influx of trauma patients and worried about smoke from fires throughout the city infiltrating the downtown Minneapolis hospital, where patients on ventilators fought for their lives.

"As tired as folks are, as scared as folks are ... the passion that drives people here is incredible," she said of the staff at the hospital and clinics that Hennepin Healthcare oversees.

The new CEO comes through these career-defining challenges committed to the view of HCMC as a leader in the community health, a safety net for the poor but also a leader in teaching, trauma and innovation.

"It's about doing the right thing first and figuring out the policy and funding levers later," DeCubellis said in an online interview from her office. "We're not in it to pad pocketbooks; we're here to get better health outcomes."

DeCubellis, 50, came to HCMC from the county, where she had worked for much of the last decade and stood out for her commitment to public health innovation, her deep knowledge and unflagging work ethic. She was hailed a health care "rock star" at the county, and now she's expected to make Hennepin Healthcare a leading innovator and care provider.

To her, COVID-19 has shown why Hennepin Healthcare must be a leader across the racial and income divide. "If we keep everybody else healthy, we're keeping ourselves healthy," she said.

Her broad vision helped her land the job. She is not a physician and does not have an MBA. Her background is in special education and she has a master's in psychology, but she's always sought jobs that put her in the center of a challenge.

Tough start for new HCMC chief

As a 13-year-old growing up in Deephaven, she taught American Sign Language to children with Down syndrome. In her first job out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she taught special education to violent, emotionally disturbed teenagers in Chicago. Her innovative approach landed her in a Chicago Tribune cover story.

At the county, she helped shape Hennepin Health, a separate organization that coordinates medical, mental health and social service needs for those who receive Medicaid benefits. Changes included bringing prescriptions to homeless shelters so that patients wouldn't come to the emergency department for refills and setting up a dental clinic downtown.

At Hennepin Healthcare, a subsidiary of the county, DeCubellis oversees 7,000 employees with an annual budget of \$1.1 billion. Hennepin Healthcare includes HCMC and a network of clinics in Minneapolis, Brooklyn Park, Golden Valley, Richfield and St. Anthony. The system includes a large psychiatric program, home care and hospice, plus a research institute, a philanthropic foundation and Hennepin Healthcare Emergency Medical Services.

HCMC is the flagship hospital, which includes Level 1 adult and pediatric trauma centers, a 473-bed academic medical center, a large outpatient clinic and a specialty center.

Funding is always an issue because HCMC's fortunes are tied to state and federal reimbursements. "Every tax dollar counts," DeCubellis said.

Every year, Hennepin County cuts a check to HCMC to cover uncompensated care. It's usually about \$28 million. This year, it could be as high as \$100 million, depending on reimbursements for COVID-19 patients.

"We're pulling every funding lever we can," DeCubellis said.

County Commissioner Mike Opat has been a longtime booster of DeCubellis. County Board Chairwoman Marion Greene was on the committee that chose her for HCMC.

Her trial by fire shows her talent, Opat said. "There's hope for the institution again," he said. "She has a unique way of bringing a bigger picture focus to the place."

Greene was equally effusive, saying, "With the onset of the pandemic, I thanked my lucky stars that she was the hire. Navigating something as complex as this, we had chosen a CEO who knew who to call and whose calls would be answered."

Even before the pandemic, Hennepin Healthcare was facing challenges.

Former CEO Dr. Jon Pryor left abruptly in early 2019 amid an ethics scandal. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found HCMC had failed to provide adequate oversight and safeguards on the use of ketamine to calm agitated patients.

Last June, an emergency doctor at HCMC was forced to end his work for Axon Enterprise Inc., the Taser stun-gun manufacturer. The doctor had been working at least 32 hours a month as a paid consultant to Axon.

In contrast, just last week HCMC's aggressive use of a common steroid, dexamethasone, to treat COVID-19 was validated by a British study. HCMC physicians had been using the drug for severe cases since the start of the pandemic.

Tough start for new HCMC chief

While DeCubellis may be the new leader, she directs the spotlight onto the staff both in interviews and in her daily work.

"Our job as leaders is to support the front lines and not just our nurses and docs, but our security staff and our food staff," she said.

Throughout the pandemic, senior leaders have rotated working from home and coming into the office - although DeCubellis admits she likes to walk the halls. She came into her job with what she called a "glorious 90-day plan" to learn about the operation. That was shredded within two weeks because of COVID-19 as the system started closing the doors to the ambulatory clinic and limiting access to essential staff.

What she's seen since, she said, is a staff committed to serving the greater good.

"Their first answer is always, 'What's right for our community?' " she said.

She offered examples.

There's the staffer she met in the psychiatric ward who puts a fresh flower in her visor every day to provide a dose of beauty.

There's the funny-informative video the OB-GYN staff made for worried expectant mothers, promising a "happy birth day" for their babies. "Nobody asked them to do that," she said of the video.

There were the staffers from the Lake Street clinic the morning after the riots, who "instead of going home, they're sweeping up with everybody else," DeCubellis said. "We need to help invest in rebuilding that neighborhood," she added.

In the interview from her office, DeCubellis was relaxed, comforting and ready with answers. Her windowsill was lined with photos of her family, including her husband, Ken, and their three kids, 20-year-old son Quin, 18-year-old daughter Sydney and 12-year son Luca.

One book, "Rebel Talent: Why it Pays to Break the Rules in Work and in Life," was perched alone on a shelf.

When she's not in the office, the family relaxes outdoors or boating on a nearby lake.

"I couldn't be more inspired by the work here so it doesn't feel like you need a getaway," DeCubellis said.

Then when it's time to head to work, DeCubellis said Sydney sends her off with a cheery, "Go do good, Mama."

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Chauvin firing is justified, Kroll says

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Highlight: But police union leader says rank-and-file officers are being scapegoated.

Body

The president of the Minneapolis police union said *Derek Chauvin's* deadly restraint of *George Floyd* is troubling and substantiates his firing, while he maintained steadfast support for the rank and file.

In his first public comments since Floyd's death on May 25, Lt. Bob Kroll said in a string of media interviews that members of the Minneapolis Police Federation are being unfairly "scapegoated by political leaders in our city and our state, and they have shifted their incompetent leadership, failed leadership onto us and our membership, and it is simply unjust."

However, he acknowledged in an interview aired Tuesday on "CBS This Morning," that Floyd's curbside arrest "does look and sound horrible" on the Facebook video shot by a bystander. It documents the unarmed and handcuffed Floyd repeating "*I can't breathe*" and begging for his life.

Kroll went further in a follow-up interview with KARE-11, on Tuesday in his criticism of former officer *Derek Chauvin*, who planted his knee in Floyd's neck, saying the officer's firing was justified because "we've got a pretty good picture of what Chauvin did. It's easy to form judgment there and terminate."

It's a different tone from a letter Kroll wrote to union members days after Floyd's death, in which he expressed support for all four officers involved and said he was working with defense lawyers and labor attorneys to "fight for their jobs. They were terminated without due process."

Kroll was joined by three fellow union leaders for the series of interviews with Twin Cities and national media. They refused to give an interview to the Star Tribune. In a November profile, Kroll said he would no longer talk to the newspaper if it reported his marriage to WCCO-TV reporter and anchor Liz Collin. He said he was concerned it would negatively affect her career.

Video review sought

In the "CBS This Morning" interview, Kroll said the officers' body camera footage could present a fuller picture and that the union has the right to see the still-undisclosed videos.

Chauvin firing is justified, Kroll says

"It may shed some light that we are unaware of," Kroll said in response to questions from anchor Gayle King. "Right now, we cannot make an informed decision regarding the other officers that do not appear on camera."

In a statement Tuesday afternoon, Mayor Jacob Frey's office said the body camera video from when Floyd was restrained cannot be released in the midst of the ongoing investigation. Exceptions include dispelling "widespread rumor or unrest."

In June 2018, Frey released the body camera video from when police fatally shot Thurman Blevins. The difference, said mayor's spokesman Mychal Vlatkovich, is that there was no witness video to Blevins' encounter with police as there was when Floyd was detained.

Kroll has been the object of repeated protests outside union headquarters, and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said he has had conversations with him about the Floyd case but declined to say whether he asked Kroll to no longer represent more than 800 Minneapolis and park police.

Kroll said in an interview Tuesday with Minnesota Public Radio that as public pressure mounted, he weighed resigning as head of the union, but board members wanted him to stay for the sake of stability.

'Failed exercise in leadership'

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for pinning his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes.

Facing aiding and abetting charges are *J. Alexander Kueng* and *Thomas Lane*, who also had their weight on the unarmed and handcuffed Floyd until he become unresponsive and died. A fourth charged officer, *Tou Thao*, stood by keeping watch over witnesses. All have been fired.

Kroll, a persistent target of criticism, both for his unabashed defense of officers accused of misconduct and because critics believe he represents a bygone era of policing, pushed back during the "CBS This Morning" interview.

"We will be on the right side of history," he said, while acknowledging that what the bystander's video showed happening to Floyd "is horrific."

King questioned Minneapolis Police Federation Vice President Sherral Schmidt, Kroll's designated successor.

"I'm not one that likes to Monday-morning quarterback things," said Schmidt, when asked how the officers on the scene should have handled Floyd. "If I was there, I probably would have put him on his side in a recovery position once he went unconscious."

Another board member, officer Rich Walker, accused news media of feeding the viewpoint that police have it out for black suspects.

"The narrative that is being pushed in the media is that white police officers are out on these streets just to kill black men, and this is absolutely farthest from the truth," said Walker, who is black.

"We are not defending the actions of Mr. Chauvin. What happened to Mr. Floyd is a tragedy. [But] police officers are not out here just randomly hunting black people to kill them. That's just terrible."

Chauvin firing is justified, Kroll says

Along those same lines, Kroll said that "issues certainly need to be addressed. And we are willing to work through that as we have done in year after year. ... There are racial issues. Is it *systemic racism*? Not in my opinion."

The four officers are having their legal defense paid for the by the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA), whose top official pointed out on "CBS This Morning" that the public has yet to hear all the facts about the cases against the men his group is defending.

However, MPPOA Executive Director Brian Peters went on to address Chauvin's actions during Floyd's arrest, saying, "He betrayed the badge. And there's no excuse for it."

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, declined to respond to Peters' comment.

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Minneapolis police union president in wake of George Floyd: He considered stepping down, but officers told him to stay

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He discussed it with the Minneapolis police chief, the Minneapolis Police Federation board and officers.

"I thought if it might help calm the situation in Minneapolis, if that would do it, I would consider it," Kroll said Tuesday. "And the feedback that I got back from our membership and our board was exactly the opposite - that it would just fuel more fire and (rioters) would take it as a victory, much like taking the 3rd Precinct empowered them to ... destroy South Minneapolis."

Kroll and other Minneapolis police union leaders spoke out publicly Tuesday - it was the first time since **[George Floyd](#)** died after officers pinned him to the ground, while he was handcuffed, on May 25.

Kroll said they all agree a bystander's video of what happened to Floyd was "absolutely horrific."

"Very tough to watch," he said. "Does not reflect our department."

In the aftermath, four officers - who were fired - were **[criminally charged in Floyd's death](#)**; the Minnesota Department of Human Rights past decade of racial practices; and Minneapolis City Council members announced they would **[begin the process of ending the police department](#)**.

In a 30-minute interview on Tuesday with the Pioneer Press, Kroll and Minneapolis police union leaders discussed declining morale among officers, what they see as a path forward, and that they don't see **[systemic racism](#)** in law enforcement.

WHY DID THEY DECIDE TO TALK NOW?

Minneapolis police union president in wake of George Floyd: He considered stepping down, but officers told him to stay

Brian Peters, executive director of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, said they spoke out Tuesday because they wanted to shut "down the false narratives." The association represents 10,400 officers in the state and Peters said those rank-and-file cops have become scapegoats.

"Leadership really needs to turn and look in the mirror," he said. "At the state level, at the city level nobody's doing that right now."

Officer morale has been devastated, said officer Rich Walker Sr., a director of the Minneapolis Police Federation. Some officers who were close to retirement decided to leave early and others resigned because "they feel our city's not going to support us," he said.

Kroll said he think it's unfair and misdirected that city leaders have focused their attention on the police union and him. Protesters also gathered outside WCCO-TV, where Kroll's wife, Liz Collin, is an anchor and reporter.

"It's despicable behavior the things that they're saying to her," Kroll said.

Monique Cullars-Doty, an organizer with ***Black Lives Matter*** Twin Cities Metro, views Kroll as blaming the administration, but she said, "really, the whole police system is unjust."

"There's a lot of history ... and Bob Kroll cannot remove himself from that history, he cannot blame or try to make himself and the police federation victims," she said.

BURNING OF THE 3rd PRECINCT

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, who pleaded for calm during rioting, approved the decision to abandon the city's 3rd Precinct station on the night of May 28, surrendering it to people who set fire to the building, .

That morning, officers who worked in the precinct were told to collect their belongings "because they were going to give it up," Kroll said Tuesday.

Frey said in a Tuesday statement: "I'm not interested in Kroll's arm-chair quarterbacking. However, I will note that the governor has repeatedly stated no city could have handled a crisis of this magnitude without support from other jurisdictions, and the [full mobilization of the Minnesota National Guard opened a wide-ranging investigation into the Minneapolis Police Department's the Associated Press reported](#) was necessary."

Walker, who worked in the 3rd Precinct, said Tuesday, "I don't believe I've ever felt the sense of loss of faith in our city leaders when I was rushing to empty my locker out. I never thought that we would get to this point that our leaders would quit on us."

WHY DID KROLL BRING UP FLOYD'S CRIMINAL HISTORY?

In an earlier two-page letter to Minneapolis Police Federation members, Kroll wrote, "What is not being told is the violent criminal history of ***George Floyd***. The media will not air this."

Kroll's letter came to light on June 1 when former Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau tweeted it and wrote, "A disgrace to the badge!"

Minneapolis police union president in wake of George Floyd: He considered stepping down, but officers told him to stay

A disgrace to the badge! This is the battle that myself and others have been fighting against. Bob Kroll turn in your badge! pic.twitter.com/SQmeNIIU3v

- Janeé Harteau (@ChiefHarteau) [June 1, 2020](#)

Kroll said Tuesday that he put out the letter hastily after they were working long hours.

"It was a collection of thoughts and relaying what we as a federation board had been doing," he said. "It was intended to improve member morale and it was not well thought out. There were things in there that I shouldn't have included and it certainly was not to be shared to the media. It's not our job to research the criminal history or share that and we didn't do that."

SYSTEMIC RACISM IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?

Discussions about **systemic racism** have been front and center in Floyd's death - he was Black and officer **Derek Chauvin**, who kneeled on his neck for more than 7 minutes, is white.

Walker, who is also vice president of the National Black Police Association's Minnesota chapter, said Tuesday that it's his opinion that there's not **systemic racism** in law enforcement.

"I believe it's a punchline used right now to divide us," he said. "It's very divisive and it needs to stop. I believe we have progress in our city that people are failing to recognize. We have a Black attorney general. Our city council has a lot of minorities on it. Our chief is Black. I'm the first ever elected Black union leader in my department. You don't hear that."

And anywhere that there is **systemic racism**, Walker added, "We need to find it, we need to corner it and we need to fight it together."

DO POLICE UNIONS PROTECT BAD OFFICERS?

Among a host of [police accountability bills](#) proposed during the special session of the Legislature, which , was a bill that would have changed arbitration procedures for police officers.

Frey and other mayors expressed frustration that officers who are fired for misconduct can .

Sgt. Sherral Schmidt, Minneapolis Police Federation vice president, said Tuesday that they don't take every case of discipline or termination to an arbitrator.

"There are cases that we agree with the administration on and we agree that we're not going to grieve those cases," Schmidt said.

"Chauvin's one of them," Kroll added.

A PATH FORWARD?

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo announced earlier this month that he would [withdraw from police union contract negotiations ended in a stalemate early Saturday get their jobs back through the arbitration process](#).

Is there a way forward, past the strife between Minneapolis' leadership and the police federation?

Minneapolis police union president in wake of George Floyd: He considered stepping down, but officers told him to stay

"I'll tell you the exact opposite way is to pull away from the table," said Sgt. Anna Hedberg, a police union director. "It's very disheartening because up to May 24, we had a great working relationship with the front office."

After Floyd died, Hedberg said, "The narrative changed to, 'We have **systemic racism**.' It caught a lot of officers off guard because now our own chief and our own city officials are painting us with a broad stroke."

Schmidt said they're not opposed to ideas about reform or changes, but they don't agree with bills being quickly passed at the Legislature.

"We need to have thoughtful conversations about what this looks like and do it right the first time," she said.

[Roseville man accused of threatening to burn neighbors homes 'while you sleep in it' over **Black Lives Matter** signs](#) [Minnesota governor signs police accountability bill. A deeper look at what law does.](#) [Read the tax fraud charges filed against **Derek Chauvin** and his wife](#) [**Derek Chauvin**, officer in **George Floyd** death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County](#) [After **George Floyd**'s death, MN police training programs aim to do better on race](#)

Graphic

Protesters walk past a burning floodlight outside the Minneapolis police third precinct headquarters after it was abandoned Thursday, May 28, 2020, in the midst of protests over the death of **George Floyd** in police custody. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

Minneapolis police officer Rich Walker Sr., a director of the Minneapolis Police Federation. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Sgt. Sherral Schmidt, vice president of the Minneapolis Police Federation. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Sgt. Anna Hedberg, a director of the Minneapolis Police Federation and Lt. Bob Kroll, the union's president. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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MN senator says 'racism is just a sidebar' in Minneapolis police scrutiny. Black senator: That's 'insulting.'

ARTICLE DCCCLXXXIX. [**MN SENATOR SAYS 'RACISM IS JUST A SIDEBAR' IN MINNEAPOLIS POLICE SCRUTINY. BLACK SENATOR: THAT'S 'INSULTING.'**](#)

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"As far as racism, I just, I think it's just a sidebar here is what it is, and I'm sorry to say that," said Ingebrigtsen, who sits on the Senate's judiciary and public safety committee and served as Douglas County sheriff for 16 years. "You're not gonna wanna hear that. I want somebody to be treated exactly the same as somebody who's whatever color. There shouldn't be any color involved here.

"In fact, I guess I could say that I happen to be very close to an officer that responded to a [Grand Forks incident](#) that happened two nights after the [George Floyd](#) incident where a black man was being evicted out of the house and killed a white cop. I guess that's part of the job. It's a horrible part of the job. I didn't see a whole lot in the media about that. Not a lot. So, is there racism? Probably so. Maybe it's all over the place."

The suspect in that killing, Salamah Pendleton, 41, of Grand Forks, N.D., [has a history of run-ins](#) with, and even violence toward, police officers, but there doesn't appear to be any public information suggesting race was a factor; police were serving an eviction order when he opened fire. Pendleton is black; the officer he's charged with killing, Cody Holte, is white.

State Sen. Jeff Hayden, DFL-Minneapolis, took issue with Ingebrigtsen's words.

"It is insulting to suggest that racism is a sidebar to the pattern of police violence from the MPD against black and brown communities," said Hayden, the Senate's assistant minority leader. "Structural racism is a

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central issue in need of investigating, and our colleagues in the Senate majority would know this if they would make any effort to engage with members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus on criminal justice and policing reforms."

The stated point of Tuesday's news conference was for Senate Republicans to announce they've asked the U.S. Department of Justice to begin a thorough investigation into the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

Normally, the type of "***pattern-or-practice***" *probe* they've called for would be done by the DOJ's Civil Rights Division "to reform serious patterns and practices of excessive force, biased policing and other unconstitutional practices by law enforcement." In other words, the same issues that many Democrats - including Hayden - as well as police critics, ***Black Lives Matter*** causes and others have been asking for.

Republican senators have faced criticism from Democrats for ***not agreeing to as many changes to state policing laws as Democrats want***. At the news conference, which also included Sens. Dave Senjem, R-Rochester, and Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, they seemed to be trying to position themselves as hardly obstructionist in the matter, but as also seeking to probe the issue, which came to the fore of the state and the nation in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd*** on Memorial Day.

However, that message was immediately a bit confused when the very announcement of the news conference said the federal probe should look at "specifically, the department's response to the riots that followed ***George Floyd***'s death." At the news conference, the senators suggested at least part of the focus should be on the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Jacob Frey and their posture toward the police department, from Frey's proposed funding for new officers to the city council's recent shift in favor of ***dismantling the entire department***.

Ingebrigtsen downplayed the notion of racism at several points in the news conference.

The first time the question was posed, he said this: "As far as the racism in Minneapolis, I don't know exactly the numbers ... but I think the police shootings that result in death nationwide are less than one and one half percent by police officers, period. ... Most of the crime that you do see is race-on-race. In other words, black-on-black and white-on-white."

Gov. Tim Walz earlier this month ***directed the Minnesota Department of Human Rights*** to perform exactly the type of probe that the Republican senators have asked the feds to do. The senators said that investigation couldn't be trusted because Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero has already said ***systemic racism*** exists in the department.

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Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen

MN senator says 'racism is just a sidebar' in Minneapolis police scrutiny. Black senator: That's 'insulting.'

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Trump says 'learn from history' instead of removing statues

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WASHINGTON - As America grapples with racism in its past, President Donald Trump lined up squarely Tuesday with those who argue that the pendulum has swung too far in favor of removing statues and other symbols of that flawed history, saying mistakes will be repeated if not learned from and understood.

Trump's campaign also sees the divide over this latest cultural flash point as a way to boost the president's standing, which has suffered during his handling of the coronavirus outbreak and the protests over racial injustice that followed ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis.

After weeks spent demanding "law and order" in response to the protests sparked by Floyd's death by police, Trump began to draw a line in the sand.

He promised executive action to protect monuments after some statues of Confederates and other historical figures with checkered life stories were angrily brought down from parks and other places of public prominence.

Trump said he wants the maximum punishment available under federal law - up to a decade in prison - for those who destroy or tamper with statues on public property that commemorate anyone who served in the U.S. military. He said the executive order would "reinforce" existing law.

"We are looking at long-term jail sentences for these vandals and these hoodlums and these ***anarchists*** and agitators," Trump said, referring to protesters who have vented their anger over racial injustice by toppling statues of figures tied to America's racist history.

He spoke out after an attempt Monday night to bring down a Lafayette Park statue of Andrew Jackson, one of Trump's favorite presidents, was foiled by police in the park across from the White House. Trump called

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it a "sneak attack" on the statue of Jackson, who owned slaves and was ruthless in his treatment of Native Americans.

"We should learn from the history," he told Fox News in a taped interview broadcast Tuesday. "And if you don't understand your history, you will go back to it again."

Trump's campaign sees the attempts to remove statues as a potential presidential lifeline. The campaign argues that liberals are dramatically overreaching by embracing calls to "defund the police" and remove statues of American icons taught in history books.

At his Tuesday address in Phoenix to a gathering of Students for Trump, the president sought to tie the "radical left" to efforts to demolish monuments, while praising police for thwarting the Monday night attempt to topple the Jackson monument.

"If you give power to people that demolish monuments and attack churches and seize city streets and set fire to buildings, then nothing is sacred," Trump said. "And no one is safe."

Trump's prior defense of Confederate statues and military bases named after such figures amounted to a political risk in the current climate. But aides now believe the president has found an unexpected new attack line against Democrats as the effort to remove symbols has spread in some places to include the likes of Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Jackson and George Washington.

Though all three figures were flawed individuals, Trump's campaign believes he can use them to wage a culture war and position the president as the defender of a way of life that is threatened by demographic change and generational shifts in views on issues from marriage to racial justice.

Calls to overhaul policing and confront lingering racial inequality may be bipartisan, but Trump's reelection team believes the most aggressive steps being pushed by some Democrats will turn off centrists and energize the president's base -- many of whom share his avowed commitment to safeguard symbols of the nation's past. A White House official and a campaign aide outlined the president's thinking speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday cast the "lawlessness" of the attacks on statues as a cultural phenomenon among "far-left radicals" in need of a history lesson.

"Our founding fathers are being roped to the ground like they were Saddam Hussein," McConnell said, referring to Iraq's former authoritarian leader. Iraqis celebrated the end of Hussein's government by toppling a statue of Hussein in Baghdad in April 2003.

McConnell, R-Ky., criticized protesters for doing the same to statues of Washington and Thomas Jefferson. And he marveled at efforts to take down statues of Grant, the "general who crushed the Confederacy, the president who used federal force to fight the Klan. They, too, have been placed on the historical hit list for this new Red Guard that nobody elected."

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the chamber's only Black Republican, also decried the toppling of statues but said celebrating "all of our history would be crazy."

"I'm not going to celebrate all of our history because all of it shouldn't be celebrated," Scott told Fox News on Tuesday. "But we should remember it."

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Visitors to the Lafayette Square area Tuesday also panned the statue removal effort.

Wenola Wade, a white resident of the District of Columbia, said she's frustrated that "we're not far enough along" in dealing with systemic racism but added that "we can't take down every single statue. That's stupid."

"To me, that takes away from what the real message is," said Wade, 75, who was walking near Lafayette Square around midday hoping to see some of the protesters' posters.

Daryl Colter, an African American who lives in a Maryland suburb, brought his 5-year-old daughter to a street near the White House that the city has renamed as Black Lives Matter Plaza as an educational moment.

He said he wants leaders from the government and the protest movement to get together and have discussions about the Jackson statue and others, but "you can't just go around taking it into your own hands and just tear something down."

"Defacing, tearing it down, it's going against the cause," Colter said.

American University history professor Alan Kraut said he and some of his colleagues have used the statues as teaching tools but that a more appropriate question amid the renewed scrutiny is whether their physical destruction makes society better.

"Do you enrich society and social opportunity and social justice by tearing down these statues or is this just a feel-good moment?" Kraut asked.

The White House declined comment on when Trump would issue the executive order.

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Blasts rang out as Keion Franklin pulled up to a red light in north Minneapolis on Monday. He thought at first that he heard firecrackers, but he quickly realized they were bullets when he saw nearby pedestrians begin to scatter. Franklin ducked, honked the horn and raced around the corner.

The shots kept coming - he thought he heard at least 30 - and struck four people, including a man Franklin knew from working with youth at Farview Park.

Still wearing a neon vest from his job at a cement company, Franklin watched in wary disbelief as police sealed off the stretch of Lyndale Avenue north of W. Broadway. He had been thinking about crime, the roles police play and the meaning of racial justice more than ever since the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** under the knee of a Minneapolis cop and the "***defund police***" movement that followed.

Now those forces had converged in the latest of a spate of shootings on the North Side, as city leaders scrambled to call in outside law enforcement to help stop the violence.

"I know on one side of the city, it looks beautiful for defunding to happen," Franklin said from the parking lot of Merwin Liquors as investigators marked shell casings that fell inches from where his car had driven. "But here on this side of the city, I'm scared if you defund the police ... Is it going to turn into World War III over here?"

Surveying the block, Steven Belton, president and CEO of the Urban League Twin Cities, noted a "significant, dramatic uptick" in violent crime since June 7, when nine Minneapolis City Council members publicly pledged support for defunding police.

Belton called the move irresponsible, even as he supports transforming the department. He said those council members had not consulted with people who have a stake in the black community, particularly those on the North Side.

Violent people "have used that sound bite - 'defund the police' - as an indication that there is no consequence, that there is no policing, and [concluded] that they are free to do whatever they want to do," Belton said.

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'I needed to get up'

A month ago, Franklin was watching TV with his 15 year-old son, Jaydin, when they saw the news of Floyd's death.

Not again, he thought.

From the start, the 37-year-old Franklin saw himself in Floyd. They were both black fathers who moved here from the South - Franklin from Arkansas, Floyd from Texas. Franklin had faced racial profiling and tense encounters with cops.

He hadn't joined past *protests against police brutality*. But a friend who participated in demonstrations over Michael Brown's 2014 killing by police in Ferguson, Mo., stressed the importance of being at "ground zero." Franklin demonstrated for seven days straight and paid homage to Floyd where he died on 38th Street and Chicago Avenue.

"I realized, instead of sitting here being voiceless, I needed to get up," Franklin said.

In the wake of riots and looting that followed Floyd's death, residents joined together on the South Side to patrol their own streets. Franklin was convinced that a smaller police presence could work in part of the city. But he wasn't sure about north Minneapolis, where he served as a football coach to 10-to 14-year-old boys at Farview Park.

Last October, Franklin and fellow coach Clinton Scott were leading their team through stretching and conditioning drills when two men were shot in a drive-by near the north side of the park. The same month, the parent of a player punched them during a dispute at a game, and they said police were slow to respond.

The men unsuccessfully advocated for more park police patrols in the area.

"I'm tired of being put in these situations where we don't have police on the field," Scott said.

Like Franklin, he was frustrated by a perceived mismatch of public safety officers to community needs.

"Either the police are over-policing or in the next minute they're just nowhere to be found," Scott said.

Outrage over Floyd's killing spurred Franklin to volunteer with ISALAH, a faith-based coalition fighting for racial and economic justice. He went with Scott to North Commons Park for a discussion on public safety that ISALAH co-hosted on June 14 for black residents.

Wearing a T-shirt that said, "Get your knee off our neck," Franklin hung back in the shade as speakers voiced their frustrations with law enforcement. He listened as organizer Brian Fullman said that Police Chief Medaria Arradondo is a good man, but he's part of a system that must go.

"There's a culture inside of the *Minneapolis Police Department*, and to extract the culture, you've got to strip it down to its bare bones," Fullman said.

Franklin believed that working with youth through the park system could make a real difference in breaking the cycle of violence, but he doubted that community involvement in north Minneapolis was widespread enough to offset the elimination of the police department, as some activists have promoted.

A rash of shootings

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Early Sunday morning, a fusillade of gunfire tore through Uptown, injuring 11 people.

Afterward, police said 113 people had been shot in Minneapolis since Floyd's death.

The violence carried into Monday, when a 2:30 p.m. shooting near the southwest corner of North Commons sent one person to the hospital in critical condition and wounded three others.

Ninety minutes later and a mile to the east, Franklin was driving south on Lyndale when he heard the gunshots that caused him to seek cover. He later learned that his acquaintance from Farview Park took a bullet in the ankle.

Arradondo briefly visited the corner as a crowd gathered.

"Y'all don't need to be here right now," Franklin told some of the boys he knew from Farview Park. "Because if they get to shooting again, y'all will be in the midst."

Franklin said with his extended family in Arkansas, he's on his own in Minnesota. He worries not just for the future of his three sons, including a 4-year-old and 1-year-old, but also for the boys he coaches.

Franklin was conflicted over the best solution to the city's violence. But he believes much would improve if officers policed communities where they live. Just 8% of Minneapolis police officers live in the city. He thinks a lot of North Side kids are over-policed for petty violations, which make it harder for them to find work or to feel safe when police respond to more serious crimes.

"It's like a no-win situation in some cases for our youth because they don't know who to trust and who to look to for safety besides people in the streets," Franklin said.

'The murder station'

The intersection Franklin drove through when the shots broke is marked by a Winner Gas Station that has been the site of so much crime that the locals call it "the murder station."

For several hours after the shooting, people came by to ask what happened. Franklin lamented that it almost seemed like the day's entertainment. He explained the shooting to one woman passing by and told her about the attack near North Commons, too.

"Tonight is going to be crazy," he predicted.

An hour after Franklin left the scene, someone was wounded by gunfire a half-mile north.

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Police chief says 'This was murder'

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Highlight: Two officers were trained on preventing suffocation.

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Derek Chauvin and **Tou Thao** - two of the officers involved in killing **George Floyd** May 25 - both took department training on preventing suffocation in people being restrained face down, the **Minneapolis Police Department** confirmed.

In one of his most forceful comments yet on Floyd's killing, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo issued a statement Monday night, saying, "Chauvin knew what he was doing."

"Mr. **George Floyd**'s tragic death was not due to a lack of training - the training was there," he said. "This was murder - it wasn't a lack of training. This is why I took swift action regarding the involved officers' employment with MPD," Arradondo said.

While a number of public officials in Minnesota, including Gov. Tim Walz, have started calling Floyd's killing a murder, it appears to be the first such public statement by the police chief. Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington called Floyd's death "murder" on May 29, just hours before Chauvin was charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Arradondo released his statement late Monday in response to public records requests for specific training records after questions were raised about whether the

Minneapolis Police Department ever fulfilled a promise in a 2013 settlement to require all sworn officers to undergo training on the dangers of positional asphyxia.

Arradondo said that the MPD "went beyond the requirements" of the settlement. It not only provided the training, he said, but changed its policies in 2014 to "explicitly require moving an arrestee from a prone position to a recovery position when the maximal restraint technique is used and require continuous monitoring of an arrestee's condition."

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He went on to say that the MPD continues to emphasize training on the tactics: "There is simply no way that any competent officer in MPD would be unaware of the need to get an arrestee into a recovery position so that he or she can breathe freely."

Chauvin's lawyer, Eric Nelson, is not commenting on the case.

The 2013 settlement stemmed from a lawsuit filed by the family of David Cornelius Smith, a black man who died in 2010 after police pinned him face down, while handcuffed, on the floor of the downtown YMCA in Minneapolis. The city paid the family \$3 million to settle the claims.

Earlier this month, Smith's sister Angela Smith and a family lawyer made an impassioned plea to the city's civilian Police Conduct Oversight Commission to find out whether the training the family won as part of its settlement was ever conducted.

In an interview, Jeff Storms, a lawyer who represented the Smith family in its lawsuit, said he wants to verify the chief's claim.

"The statement that was released by the chief does not satisfy our concerns and we will continue to do our due diligence to ensure that the settlement agreement was complied with," he said.

In a WCCO television interview Tuesday, Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis Police union representing rank-and-file officers, said he did not disagree with Arradondo's statement.

"From what we've seen there, it's very tough to refute that," Kroll said in the interview. "But that's for the criminal justice system to decide."

Afsheen Foroozan, chairman of the Police Conduct Oversight Commission, could not immediately be reached for comment. Commission member Abigail Cerra said she couldn't speak for the commission, but added that as a lawyer she was "stunned" by the statement.

"As a prosecutor I would jump on that, calling Rondo as a witness and having Rondo testify about the training that was provided, how often it was provided, testifying as to which officers attended the training," Cerra said.

Cerra, who, along with the Star Tribune filed public records requests for the training data, said she still hasn't received a response from the MPD and wants to see the records.

"It's taken three weeks to get an answer about was this training requirement met," she said.

Marshall Tanick, a defense attorney who has represented law enforcement personnel, said he was "flabbergasted" by Arradondo's statement.

"It could significantly prejudice his right to a fair trial," Tanick said of Chauvin. "I'm fairly sure that the defense team will raise this comment in conjunction with other comments made by public officials to seek dismissal of the charges or at least a change of venue."

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THE POLICE

In his recent opinion piece, Elijah Todd-Walden poignantly asks, "What does this show us, the people who are supposed to place our trust in the police to 'protect and serve'?" (" 'Bad apple' theory is of little comfort to me," June 22). Todd-Walden's question comes in light of the impunity systemically granted to officers like ***Derek Chauvin***, who had 18 complaints filed against him before ***George Floyd***'s death. The question could also well be asked in the wake of increasing gun violence in Minneapolis. On a recent night in Uptown, when police were prepared for trouble and present all night, 12 people were shot. At the end of the night, one of the victims had died and still no shooters were in custody. And we are supposed to place our trust in the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** to "protect and serve"?

It is time to amend the city charter. It's clear that we are not dealing with "just a few bad apples" but a decadeslong lack of public accountability and oversight. What this latest shooting tragedy shows us is that more policing does not stop crime or gun violence. The ***Minneapolis Police Department*** has not made our neighborhoods demonstrably safer at the same time as it has funneled crucial resources away from real solutions to public safety crises like homelessness and opioid addiction. As Minneapolis residents, we have a chance now to demand a vote and create together the kind of city Todd-Walden hopes for.

Craig Simenson, Minneapolis

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We're writing to support the police in St. Paul and Minneapolis and not to underfund or abolish them. But changes need to be made, of which we think the following may be helpful. There ought to be continuing education for officers, along with semiannual performance reviews - more frequent if a complaint is made. When an officer's review shows poor performance, he/she should be required to attend a mandated re-education program or even face dismissal from the department. Finally, there should be annual recognition of officers who have made significant achievements in service to the community. There could be more opportunities for police to be involved in the community they serve.

Police departments, well-run and trusted, are windows through which the city is viewed. A high regard for the police is a genuine value to the Twin Cities.

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David and Karen Conradi-Jones, Shoreview

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I'm white, middle-class and old. I've experienced police in seven states where I've lived in the last 55 years, most either for traffic stops or as a witness to someone else's interaction, or on rare occasions when assistance from a police officer would have been helpful. From my perspective, I have to admit that when an officer is actually helpful or useful, it is a surprise. Generally, like the old man in "Catch 22," when I've heard the equivalent of "Help! Police!" it has meant that someone is being abused in some way by the police.

Anyone familiar with produce in a barrel knows that the rot in bad apples doesn't take long to infect most of the barrel's contents.

T.W. Day, Red Wing, Minn.

BUS LINES

Improve transit, lessen poverty

What to do about glaring differences in opportunity for our black, brown and indigenous citizens? A good first step would be to listen to the people most impacted. A second would be to focus on actions that are proven to work. A third would be to help our children.

Six elected officials of color at the city, county and state level are asking for better transit for their constituents ("Transportation access creates real change," Opinion Exchange, June 19). Specifically, they are asking for funding of three bus rapid transit lines that serve low-income and minority neighborhoods.

A large and careful study ranked factors that predicted whether children growing up in poverty would become successful adults. No. 1 was decreasing the time parents spend commuting to work. Fewer hours on the bus means more time for nurturing, helping with homework and fostering habits that lead to success.

Bus rapid transit is a fast and relatively inexpensive way for people to get where they need to go. Fares are paid before the bus arrives. Stops are spaced out. Platforms are elevated so there is less waiting for passengers with strollers or wheelchairs to board. Two lines are already operating in the metro area and functioning well.

Progress on the bonding bill at the Legislature has been slow because of rural/urban and conservative/liberal differences. Building out the B, D and E lines for \$75 million is an investment that politicians who advocate for small government and personal responsibility should recognize as a deal.

Richard Adair, Minneapolis

HOMELESSNESS

Camping in the park won't fix this

The affirmative vote by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to allow the homeless to camp in any city park they choose is a dangerously irresponsible decision ("Minneapolis park leaders to homeless: You can stay," June 19). This decision jeopardizes public safety and does nothing to help those in need. It is my opinion the city needs to find and repurpose facilities to rehabilitate the homeless who are able and to care

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for those who are not. If the governor thinks it appropriate to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on a facility to store dead people, perhaps the same consideration may be afforded the living.

It appears city and state government is either indifferent or incapable of finding a long-term solution. It seems obvious that a turn to the private sector is necessary. I believe that with adequate funding, an organization such as Mary Jo Copeland's could provide the solution. The cost may seem unaffordable in the short term; however, continued inaction and the costs of the board's decision to the city will be incalculably greater.

I understand that on the surface this may not look to be our biggest issue. But this is one more issue that impacts the health and safety of Minneapolis residents, and this list is beginning to look insurmountable. Police conduct, riots and Park Board approval of repurposing our public parks all impact the health and safety of the residents of this city.

We need solutions that go to the root of the issue rather than what appears to be simply applying Band-Aids and kicking the problems down the road. Please create some long-term solutions.

S.P. Larson, Minneapolis

PRESS FREEDOM

Don't undermine the essential

I want to compliment the Star Tribune on a very poignant and timely editorial on June 22 ("Free press attacked in the Philippines"). Even more reference should have been made to constant attacks on the free press in America by our president.

There is good reason why freedom of the press is guaranteed in the very first amendment to our Constitution. The founders understood democracy is dependent on an informed citizenry.

A constant harangue by President Donald Trump about reporting and inquiring press as fake news, enemies of the people, purveyors of misinformation undermines the most fundamental freedom in our society.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and Trump both have a right to disagree with what the press reports. But constantly undermining, suppressing and demeaning something so essential to democracy is dangerous. How many times has the free press saved our form of government in a little over 200 hundred years? The Teapot Dome scandal and Watergate are only a couple of important examples.

Thank God for the First Amendment!

Myron Just, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Ramsey County Board 'appalled, angered' by officers' segregation

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RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD 'APPALLED, ANGERED' BY OFFICERS' SEGREGATION

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Ramsey County commissioners rebuked jail leadership Tuesday for barring correctional officers of color from guarding **Derek Chauvin** and said they welcomed an external investigation of the sheriff's department amid charges of discrimination.

Chauvin, a former Minneapolis police officer, was booked at the county jail May 29 after he was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter in the death of **George Floyd**.

All officers of color at the county jail were ordered to a separate floor and prohibited from any contact with Chauvin because a supervisor said their race would be a potential "liability" around Chauvin, according to a copy of racial discrimination charges filed Friday on behalf of eight officers.

Toni Carter, the Ramsey County Board chairwoman, said the allegations "are of high concern."

"We are appalled and angered that several Ramsey County employees of color were allegedly prevented from performing their professional responsibilities," Carter said, reading from a written statement during Tuesday's board meeting. "We stand united in apologizing to the employees involved, and also in commending them for speaking up to demand the professional respect and human dignity they are due."

Jail Superintendent Steve Lydon has since been demoted. The Department of Human Rights is expected to launch a racism probe into the county jail. The state agency is also investigating the **Minneapolis Police Department** following Floyd's death.

Commissioner Jim McDonough said Sheriff Bob Fletcher lacks accountability and perpetuates racism and cronyism in the department.

He and other commissioners welcomed an external investigation into the department since Fletcher is unwilling to work together with commissioners, McDonough said.

Ramsey County Board 'appalled, angered' by officers' segregation

In April, Fletcher rehired two former employees McDonough said the county worked hard to fire. One officer was accused of falsifying time sheets while the other received ongoing racist, sexist and pornographic messages on his work e-mail.

McDonough questioned the election process for sheriffs and whether that's the best way to address public safety. Other commissioners agreed with taking a deeper look at structural changes, and whether appointing a sheriff is a better approach.

"There is this pattern of abuse of power," McDonough said. "I am angered and saddened that with all the good work this county is moving forward on, that we spend so much time on the harm the sheriff is causing in our community. It just sucks the air out of the room."

Commissioner Trista MatasCastillo said while she was "shocked" by the news report over the weekend about the discrimination charges, she noted examples in Fletcher's "failure of leadership" over and over again. Commissioner Nicole Joy Frethem said there is no excuse for discrimination.

"Every supervisor should know that you cannot change someone's work duties or work assignments solely based on that person's race," she said. "That is civil and human rights 101."

Carter announced a set of actions to uphold commitment to racial equity by requesting the Human Rights Department conduct a broad investigation that may include other aspects of Ramsey County to address past missteps.

The board is also requesting the sheriff immediately use a vacant position to create a "trust and accountability officer" who will report to the deputy county manager within the Safety and Justice Service Team. The position would also work closely with the county's chief compliance and ethics officer.

Carter said to bring "more significant structural change" the board will be evaluating the home rule charter and pertinent legislation to identify the appropriate process for the community in whether the sheriff should be elected or appointed. She said this re-evaluation is intended to provide more transparent, accountable and equitable public safety services across Ramsey County.

Fletcher in a statement Tuesday night said he supports the external investigation, but would not comment on whether his department would create a new trust and accountability officer position.

"We are confident any investigation will confirm best practices at the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office," Fletcher said.

"Our elected Sheriff's Office has a strong, trusting relationship with the community. What we really need is an elected county manager who represents the needs of Ramsey County's citizens instead of the seven politicians who have confused accountability with control."

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Twin Cities Pride 2020: virtual, socially-distanced and politically charged

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[TWIN CITIES PRIDE 2020: VIRTUAL, SOCIALLY-DISTANCED AND POLITICALLY CHARGED](#)

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Highlight: While the traditional Loring Park festival and Sunday parade are canceled, organizers are trying to find ways to keep people engaged.

Body

Typically this time each year hundreds of thousands of people would flock to the Twin Cities for the annual Pride Festival raising awareness, spirits and money.

But the deadly coronavirus pandemic has forced organizers to halt this year's festivities. And protests of racial disparities and the police treatment of Black people after the death of [George Floyd](#) has added to the cause of many pride organizers.

"We do not feel a celebratory Pride Parade is appropriate at this time and the inclusivity of all community members will be the focus of our events moving forward," read a Facebook message from the festival's organizers upon the canceling of a virtual parade.

While the traditional Loring Park festival and Sunday parade are canceled, organizers are trying to find ways to keep people engaged. Many efforts have been moved online. A few events like brunches at local hangouts are back - but with smaller crowds socially distanced to halt the virus' spread. And a march is being planned calling for social justice.

Pride weekend has attracted about 400,000 people in past years. But gatherings that size present a safety risks during the pandemic, so the Twin Cities Pride committee canceled its in-person events. The impact could be devastating for the organization.

Without revenue from concert tickets, food and drink vendors, and parade fees, Twin Cities Pride is looking at a major economic loss. Most years, they raise about \$1,000,000 during pride weekend events. They hope to raise at least \$200,000 to ensure there will be a festival in 2021.

SASHAY SIX FEET AWAY

This time last year, Harry Mason was busy performing in different shows at Pride events across the Twin Cities with the [LGBTQ party organizers Flip Phone](#). But with many bars and clubs closed this year, Mason, who goes by the drag name Sasha Cassadine, had to get creative.

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For the past few months, Mason has been hosting Flip Phone's virtual drag shows from a laptop in his living room. He even painted one of his walls to use as a green screen.

"I try to bring the same energy I would bring if you were watching me at brunch," he said. "The only difference is, I'm in my boxers and my house shoes."

Mason will be back to hosting in full costume in front of a live crowd this weekend for Pride brunches at Union Rooftop and Crave in downtown Minneapolis.

Under social distancing guidelines, drag queens will not be able to dance with audience members, and patrons will be asked to tip electronically.

"But we can have bigger costumes, and a lot more space to dance and twirl," Mason said.

The death of ***George Floyd*** while being arrested by Minneapolis police has sparked conversations about race and equity across the nation, including in the LGBTQ community. As a drag show host, Mason says he plans to talk about current events.

"I want to make sure everything is moving in the right direction," he said. "Pride this year is about using our platform to push our agenda for equality."

[*When your good to Mama... @sashacassadine at #ChicagoBrunch at @unionrooftop*](#)

A post shared by [*Flipphone*](#) (@flipphoneevents) on Jan 25, 2020 at 4:11pm PST

PRIDE GOES ONLINE

Those who long for the outdoor festival marketplace in Loring Park during pride weekend can log onto [*Twin Cities Pride's virtual marketplace*](#) on June 27-28 to support and connect with local vendors.

But those waiting for annual parade celebration are out of luck.

At first organizers created the Ashley Rukes LGBTQ+ Virtual Pride Parade and it was scheduled to air on June 28. But organizers later put off the virtual parade so as not to distract attention from the ongoing social justice movement.

The Pride movement started when the LGBTQ community stood up to police brutality, organizers note. "We stand in solidarity with the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement, and we must take action in the fight against racism in our communities," they [*posted online*](#).

The board members also posted a list of ways Twin Cities Pride is working toward more inclusivity and representation within the organization. Actions included reorganizing board member leadership, implementing more inclusive recruitment, and establishing an alliance with the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement.

"We felt it was the right time to show the community that we're listening." said board member Felix Foster.

RECLAIMING PRIDE

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With no parade or festival, there will be a "Taking Back Pride" march, coordinated by more than a dozen social justice organizations in Minnesota. They plan to assemble in Loring Park on June 28 and protest against police brutality and injustices affecting Black and transgender community members.

Mason, who plans to attend the "Taking Back Pride" march, is glad to see the local LGBTQ community grapple with racial injustice. Since moving to Minnesota from Tennessee, he's experienced his share of racial bias while working as a black drag queen. Drag queens of color often get paid lower rates or forced into worse time slots, he says.

[Movie theaters implore studios: Release the blockbusters](#) [St. Paul police debut truck armed with ice cream, video games, bike helmets](#) [Science Museum to reopen Sept. 4, but cuts 158 staff members amid pandemic](#) [Bonnie Blodgett: Here are a few handy garden tricks I've learned this summer](#) [Park Square whodunit has clues and characters, online in four installments](#) "So many performers of color are so talented, but they are always getting the short end of the stick," Mason said.

Although Pride 2020 does not have the same celebratory feeling as past years, this Pride is about healing, Mason said.

"The band-aid needed to be snatched off of a very old wound," Mason said. "We have to sort through the local inequalities together before we can throw an actual Pride again."

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St. Paul eliminates cops from schools

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[ST. PAUL ELIMINATES COPS FROM SCHOOLS](#)

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Byline: ANTHONY LONETREE; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Action followed a similar move in Minneapolis.

Body

St. Paul Public Schools on Tuesday night became the latest in a growing number of urban school districts to remove police officers from its schools.

The school board voted 5-1 to cease talks with the city's Police Department to continue deploying seven school resource officers (SROs). As with other districts, the move was spurred by the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis.

"Change is not going to happen absent a push," said Board Member Steve Marchese, who presented the proposal. It calls for district leaders to develop an interim school safety plan for board discussion in August.

As such, the move to cut ties with police and to come up with a new plan to keep students and staff safe mirrored action taken by the Minneapolis school board this month. There, the action came eight days after Floyd's death, and with a harder edge by portraying Minneapolis police as having a "blatant disregard for black lives."

Portland, Denver and Milwaukee school districts also have severed ties with their police departments. Chicago schools are set to take up the issue on Wednesday.

Tuesday's action came the day after more than 125 students and supporters rallied at St. Paul's Central High around the message "SROs Have Got To Go." Students and alumni spoke of how the \$775,000 budgeted for SROs in 2019-20 could be better spent on teachers of color and other staff members who could support students.

"This is an institution of learning, not an institution of fear, and it's not fair for students to feel like they're not safe," said Mickies Kiros, who is Ethiopian and graduated from Central this year.

Videos posted by the group Root & Restore St. Paul, a rally co-sponsor, showed people honking car horns near the homes of Marchese and colleague Jessica Kopp in efforts to win their support.

On Tuesday, Marchese referenced the incident as having startled his dog and some of his neighbors.

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He took the opportunity to send a message, too, that it was one thing to protest, and another to stick around for the "real work," and that people should be prepared to pitch in as the district reimagines its safety and security plans.

Board Member Chauntyll Allen, a ***Black Lives Matter*** organizer, said the vote was a long time coming.

"I think our students are going to be safer. They're going to feel safer," she said. "Our focus needs to be on student achievement."

The St. Paul district and Police Department worked hard in recent years to make the SROs a more positive presence in the schools, and a Minnesota student survey this year revealed strong support among a majority of St. Paul respondents.

The district had planned to conduct a survey of its own about the officers this year, but it was derailed by the pandemic, spokesman Kevin Burns said.

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Du Nord Craft Spirits launches contest to party (remotely) with Al Franken, Sarah Silverman

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\(REMOTELY\) WITH AL FRANKEN, SARAH SILVERMAN](#)

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Body

Du Nord Craft Spirits is raffling off an opportunity to join a virtual cocktail party with former Sen. Al Franken and comedian Sarah Silverman.

Participants can enter to win by donating to the Du Nord Craft Spirits Riot Recovery Fund GoFundMe page. The winner will join former U.S. Sen. Franken, D-Minn., Silverman and Du Nord founder Chris Montana in a half-hour Zoom cocktail party.

Du Nord co-owners Shanelle and Chris Montana established the Riot Recovery Fund for Black and brown-owned small businesses that were damaged in the unrest following the death of [George Floyd](#).

"[George Floyd](#)'s murder was profoundly tragic and laid bare the disparities that are the legacy of a long history of [systemic racism](#)," Franken said in a press release. "Sarah and I were looking for a way to help, and we connected with Chris, who has not just started raising money for these business owners, [but] on top of that has been feeding 400 people a day with his food pantry. Oh, and also, Chris is funny."

Du Nord Craft Spirits launches contest to party (remotely) with Al Franken, Sarah Silverman

Franken will also donate \$50,000 from his Midwest Values PAC to the fund.

"Black and brown owned businesses are historically under-insured and under-capitalized," said Chris Montana. "Supporting the Du Nord Riot Recovery Fund put funds directly in the hands of those businesses most in need to be able to not only rebuild but reimagine what their business can be."

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Wednesday coronavirus update: Five more MN deaths, 304 new cases

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[WEDNESDAY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: FIVE MORE MN DEATHS, 304 NEW CASES](#)

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Highlight: The death toll in Minnesota from COVID-19 reached 1,397 on Wednesday, with an additional five deaths. Another 304 confirmed infections were reported, increasing Minnesota's total number of coronavirus cases to 33,763, according to Minnesota Department of Health data updated Wednesday morning. The actual number of cases is likely much higher as the data only represents [...]

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Wednesday's additional deaths are one of the lowest daily counts in the past two months. The state hit a 10-week low on Monday, with just four deaths.

Of the state's total deaths, 1,102 were long-term care or assisted living center residents.

Despite large gatherings and protests surrounding the murder of ***George Floyd*** and police brutality, cases, deaths and hospitalizations from the virus have been on the decline.

Earlier this month, the MDH set up several community testing centers for those who had participated in protests. While the positivity rate at these sites has been low so far, officials said there are concerning racial disparities for those who tested positive for the virus.

Individuals who were Black, Asian or Latino had significantly higher positivity rates than whites. State officials said these disparities are more likely caused by ***systemic racism*** than by biology. The MDH needs to do more outreach in these communities and ensure that they have proper access to testing, state officials said.

Additionally, while cases and deaths are trending downward statewide, state officials said the Mankato area has seen a recent uptick in positive cases among young adults in their 20's. The MDH interviewed those who tested positive and found that many of them had been going to bars and restaurants.

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State officials urge those who are young to still take proper precautions when going out in public. Even though young people have a lower risk for complications, they can still spread it to vulnerable members of the population.

HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING? There were 29,707 patients Wednesday that no longer need to be isolated as they have recovered enough. This is an increase from 29,399 yesterday. There were 340 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, a slight increase from 339 the day before. Of those patients in hospitals, 160 are in intensive care, a slight increase from 158 Tuesday. WHO IS GETTING SICK? Number of health care workers with COVID-19: 3,450 The age group with the most infections remains 30- to 39-year-olds with 6,757 cases. 20- to 29-year-olds are just behind, with 6,747 cases. The age group with the most deaths remains 80- to 89-year-olds, with 477 deaths. [Twin Cities teachers unions demand schools stay closed this fall](#) [Charlie Baker announces new Massachusetts travel restrictions, fine amid coronavirus](#) [Photos: Covering face masks from every angle, all over the world](#) [MDH issues warning after 11 suffer severe lung injuries related to vaping](#) [No mask, pay a fine? Bay Area starts moving to enforce coronavirus rules](#)

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Andrew Borene: We white people need to take on aspects of this struggle as our own

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ANDREW BORENE: WE WHITE PEOPLE NEED TO TAKE ON ASPECTS OF THIS STRUGGLE AS OUR OWN

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Highlight: As a native Minnesotan, I was heartbroken to see what happened in my hometown. Today, I live in McLean, Virginia, just one stoplight away from the District where peaceful American protesters were violently swept with force, gas, and rubber bullets from the doors of a president's house which they own. As both a former Marine and a former [...]

Body

As a native Minnesotan, I was heartbroken to see what happened in my hometown. Today, I live in McLean, Virginia, just one stoplight away from the District where peaceful American protesters were violently swept with force, gas, and rubber bullets from the doors of a president's house which they own. As both a former Marine and a former civilian Pentagon lawyer, I am also extremely concerned about the increasingly dangerous suggestions of using military forces domestically against U.S. citizens.

I grew up in the Twin Cities, went to college there, went to law school there, worked in banking, and in business there for many years; and also have two teenage sons in the area. Almost universally, friends, family, and former Twin Cities business colleagues I talk to are 100% supportive of the peaceful protesters and are heartbroken by ***George Floyd***'s death at the hands of Minneapolis police officers. I am noticing a level of questioning in our society that I have never seen in many of those friends, former colleagues and business partners. Of course we all condemn the destruction of property and vandalism, but most of the people I speak to here of all races strongly support the daylight protests and are saying things like "we've seen this happen over and over again" and "we need to get rid of racist cops and cops with long complaint sheets" who are not suitable for police work.

I served under both General James Mattis and General John Kelly during major combat operations in Iraq in 2003. I was lucky to have watched them both closely and to observe what real leadership looks like: They always put their troops' needs first, they ate last in chow halls, they slept in the same conditions as all of us on that entire deployment, they wore the same outdated equipment, they told the truth about the situation on the ground, and they made it clear that no matter the political debate; we had a responsibility to serve the Constitution and to protect each other. I can attest that neither is the type to mince words - particularly when they almost simultaneously voiced concerns during the protests about how the White House is mismanaging the military and making threats to American citizens across the entire nation.

Andrew Borene: We white people need to take on aspects of this struggle as our own

Mattis, President Trump's own former Secretary of Defense, said: "I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Never did I dream that troops taking that same oath would be ordered under any circumstance to violate the constitutional rights of their fellow citizens - much less to provide a bizarre photo-op for the elected commander-in-chief, with military leadership standing alongside."

Then the leader who became Trump's former Chief of Staff, John Kelly, agreed with Mattis, saying, "I think we need to look harder at who we elect," adding "We should look at people that are running for office and put them through the filter: What is their character like? What are their ethics?"

This situation demands action.

It's been said in so many ways by so many real leaders that "the only thing required for evil to succeed is for good people to do nothing." Yet, here we are as another generation of good Americans, faced with a dilemma about what we do next. Will our current American generation fail to act, as those before us have done since the end of the civil war and a failed reconstruction effort to integrate former slaves as full equals? Or will we take action to join with Americans of every color, creed, and national origin who demand equal treatment for all under the law?

Many of us whites may have an unspoken concern that we cannot or need not lead on any needed changes from "our side" - that it's up to Black people and other members of minority groups to solve a 400-year legacy of chattel slavery, systemic oppression, segregation, cultural stereotypes, and mass incarceration.

Nothing could be further from the truth. We created this system - honesty demands that we admit that - and we need to work with all our non-white fellow citizens to reform it.

We whites must also take on aspects of this struggle as our own, to do otherwise is to ignore domestic tragedy once again, at the expense of lives like *George Floyd*'s. We all need to band together to change the system and truly make economic opportunity, justice, and policing work equally for people of all colors.

One right thing, shown by proven American leaders like Mattis and Kelly, is to lead by example in words and in actions, or what the Marines call "ductus exemplo." The next right thing to do, as *George Floyd*'s brother Terrence has said, is to vote.

Andrew Borene of McLean, Virginia, is a Minnesota native. A former CEO, he was named a top Twin Cities business leader in 2013. He was an associate deputy general counsel at the Pentagon. He also served in Iraq as a U.S. Marine officer under then-General Mattis and then-General Kelly in the First Marine Division.

Kottke, Jordan: Break the cycles, hold the gains. Jane Prince: Difficult decisions await. Mayor and City Council need to get on them, right now. Rosario: Judge in George Floyd case has his work cut out for him. Soucheray: Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That's not the fault of the police. Letters: Regarding 'The other First Minnesota,' amplifications and corrections

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More than 40 Black women running for political office in MN this year

ARTICLE CM. [**MORE THAN 40 BLACK WOMEN RUNNING FOR POLITICAL OFFICE IN MN THIS YEAR**](#)

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Body

Responding to [**George Floyd**](#)'s call out to his mother with his last breaths before he died in Minneapolis police custody last month, dozens of Black women are running for federal, state and city offices in Minnesota this year.

More than 40 African-American women have "heard his cry and responded with their collective political power," Anika Bowie, vice president of the Minneapolis NAACP and an adviser to the organization Black Women Rising, said in a statement this week. Many of them are challenging incumbents in the Aug. 11 primary elections.

"This year's primary will change the political discourse on the impacts of racism in Minnesota's democracy," Bowie said.

Black Women Rising's founder, Alberder Gillespie, is one of four candidates challenging long-time U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum in the 4th Congressional District DFL primary. The district includes St. Paul. For years, she has trained and coached other DFL candidates, many of them white.

But when it comes to Black women running themselves, [she told the Star Tribune](#) she's heard it all: "It's not our time. We shouldn't do that. We would love it, but ... There's not a system that's supportive of us. The idea that they can represent me, but I can't represent them."

No Black woman has ever been elected to the Minnesota State Senate. This year, four are running, all in DFL primaries.

Laverne McCartney Knighton is running against DFL Sen. Sandy Pappas, a 36-year legislative veteran from St. Paul.

More than 40 Black women running for political office in MN this year

"Me for Senate, are you crazy?" Knighton told the Star Tribune she asked herself. "[But] it's weighed on me in ways I didn't even know it would, and I ask myself every day, what are you doing? What are you getting ready to do?"

According to the Star Tribune, Bowie adds: "We don't have time for folks to figure it out anymore. We don't have time for elected officials, no matter what side of the aisle you are on, to finally pass policy that treats members of the Black community with dignity."

Marquita Stephens is taking on Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent of Woodbury in the District 53 DFL primary.

Her reason? "To have him (Floyd) holler for his mother at that point, you know you had to respond," she told the Star Tribune. "If something would happen to them, I'm putting on my shoes and I'm going. That's what a mom does."

Other Black women running for the Senate are Aarica Coleman of Maple Grove, who is one of two DFLers seeking the party's nomination to challenge Republican Sen. Warren Limmer, who chairs the public safety committee, and Zina Alston-Fizer of Plymouth, who's in a two-candidate DFL primary for an open District 44 seat.

Four other Black women are running for Minnesota House seats in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Gillespie said Black Women Rising recruited most of the women to run because of their leadership skills, history of community service and or political engagement and their interest in creating policy.

Starting Friday, Minnesota residents can vote early in person or by mail for the Aug. 11 primary elections.

Editor's note: Earlier versions of this article did not appropriately attribute several comments made by the candidates. The comments were originally made to and [published by the Minneapolis-based Star Tribune](#) before they were shared with the Pioneer Press.

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Letters: Laws alone won't do it. Time alone won't do it. Let's work on trust.

ARTICLE CMI. ***LETTERS: LAWS ALONE WON'T DO IT. TIME ALONE WON'T DO IT.
LET'S WORK ON TRUST.***

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Highlight: Everyone has heard that "***George Floyd*** has changed the world." I wonder if that will be true over time. I'm old enough to have lived through the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. Many of us were optimistic then that we were on the road to real change. Racial integration was both encouraged and even [...]

Body

Everyone has heard that "***George Floyd*** has changed the world." I wonder if that will be true over time. I'm old enough to have lived through the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. Many of us were optimistic then that we were on the road to real change. Racial integration was both encouraged and even forced on many fronts. That didn't solve racism. Over time we just reverted back again. When Obama was elected there seemed to be new hope, but then we elected a racist president.

So here we are experiencing protests and riots all over again. I don't think elections and tougher laws, while helpful, will change our society. The Emancipation Proclamation didn't end discrimination.

Laws alone can't force change in people's hearts. Time alone, hasn't changed them either.

I think the real answer is trust. We have to become comfortable with each other. When we understand how much we are alike, we can then embrace our differences in a positive way. When we do, we can trust each other. When we do, we can change the world.

John Mannillo, St. Paul

My mother is losing weight and has lost her sparky personality. She has Alzheimer's and lives in an assisted living facility.

There is no life there. Even if they have no Covid-19 cases, my mother is dying of social isolation. What could be worse for someone who was promised comfort care and has an advance directive than to be kept alive with almost absolutely no comfort from her family who she loves the most?

This is unacceptable. Where is the compassion for our elderly? Why do the protesters get free tests but our elderly only get a promise of more Covid-19 patients to be put into their homes?

Letters: Laws alone won't do it. Time alone won't do it. Let's work on trust.

Haven't they suffered enough? [Putting Covid-19 patients into our assisted livings and nursing homes](#) is as heartless and cruel as I have heard yet - why not use the \$6 million building that was made for the deceased Covid-19 instead, which is sitting empty b.t.w.

Melanie Van Wyhe, Stillwater

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Minnesotans of color at higher risk for coronavirus because of their jobs, other factors

ARTICLE CMII. **[MINNESOTANS OF COLOR AT HIGHER RISK FOR CORONAVIRUS
BECAUSE OF THEIR JOBS, OTHER FACTORS](#)**

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Body

Community-based coronavirus testing at four sites in St. Paul and Minneapolis following demonstrations protesting the death of **George Floyd** has revealed stark racial disparities in who is contracting COVID-19.

People of color accounted for about 40 percent of those who were tested, but they represented 90 percent of the positive test results, state health officials said Wednesday. White residents tested positive 0.2 percent of the time while Black residents were positive 1.3 percent, Asians 5 percent and Latinos 7.4 percent.

Nearly 13,000 people have been tested at the four community sites over the past few weeks. Not all test results have been returned, but positivity rates have generally been at or below the statewide seven-day average positivity rate of 3.3 percent.

Kris Ehresmann, director of the infectious disease division for the Minnesota Department of Health, said there was no known biological reason that some racial groups were more likely to contract the coronavirus than others.

The disparities are most likely caused by differences in exposure risks in their daily lives, she said. Essentially, Minnesotans of color have jobs and living conditions that make them more likely to come into contact with the coronavirus.

"These data reinforce concerns we have expressed before about the uneven nature of COVID as it relates to people of color," Ehresmann said. "Not because of any biological issue. Rather, due to differences in things like underlying health conditions and job-related exposure risk."

State health officials are working to address those disparities in several ways, including by making testing more easily available in communities of color, Ehresmann said.

Statewide coronavirus statistics by race and ethnicity also show stark disparities. Consider:

Minnesotans of color at higher risk for coronavirus because of their jobs, other factors

Blacks account for about 7 percent of all Minnesotans and 21 percent of coronavirus cases. About 5.5 percent of Minnesotans are Latino, but 23 percent of coronavirus cases are among Latinos. Asians make up 5 percent of the state population and 7.5 percent of coronavirus infections. Minnesota is 80 percent white, and 38 percent of coronavirus cases are among white residents. The race and ethnicity of about 17 percent of cases are unknown or missing.

Minnesota's coronavirus outbreak continued to show some semblance of stability Wednesday with five more deaths and 304 new cases reported by the state Department of Health.

The state's death toll has reached 1,397, and there are 33,763 laboratory-confirmed cases statewide. Every county except Lake of the Woods has at least one confirmed case.

Those whose deaths were reported Wednesday ranged in age from their 50s to their 90s. Two of the five were residents of long-term care facilities.

Since the outbreak began, the median age of those who have been diagnosed with the coronavirus is about 39 years old. The median age of those who've died is 83.

There are 29,707 patients who have recovered enough they no longer need to be isolated. There are 340 hospitalized and 160 in critical condition.

Ehresmann also expressed concern Wednesday for the growing number of new infections among people in their 20s in the Mankato area in south central Minnesota. Many of those who have tested positive recently reported visiting several bars before contracting the coronavirus.

A number of those newly infected young people worked in child care or health care, Ehresmann said. She emphasized the need for people to wear masks and social distance whenever possibly while out in public.

"The impact may be less for these age groups, but it has the potential to have secondary transmission to other parts of the community and individuals who may be at greater risk," she said.

[Minnesota has strong coronavirus testing capacity. How long will it last? Five more deaths from COVID-19, 805 more infections reported Saturday. Gov. Walz is requiring masks in school for kids as young as 5. Some question if it's worth the trouble. Twin Cities teachers unions demand schools stay closed this fall. Charlie Baker announces new Massachusetts travel restrictions, fine amid coronavirus](#)

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2 Republicans opposed by Trump win in Kentucky, N. Carolina

ARTICLE CMIII. [2 REPUBLICANS OPPOSED BY TRUMP WIN IN KENTUCKY, N. CAROLINA](#)

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Highlight: LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Voters rebuffed President Donald Trump and nominated two Republicans he opposed to House seats from North Carolina and Kentucky on Tuesday. Calls in higher-profile races in Kentucky and New York faced days of delay as swamped officials count mountains of mail-in ballots.

Body

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Voters rebuffed President Donald Trump and nominated two Republicans he opposed to House seats from North Carolina and Kentucky on Tuesday. Calls in higher-profile races in Kentucky and New York faced days of delay as swamped officials count mountains of mail-in ballots.

In western North Carolina, GOP voters picked 24-year-old investor Madison Cawthorn, who uses a wheelchair following an accident, over Trump-backed real estate agent Lynda Bennett. The runoff was for the seat vacated by GOP Rep. Mark Meadows, who resigned to become Trump's chief of staff and joined his new boss in backing Bennett.

Kentucky Republican Rep. Thomas Massie, a libertarian-minded maverick who often clashes with GOP leaders, was renominated for a sixth House term. Trump savaged Massie in March as a "disaster for America" who should be ejected from the party after he forced lawmakers to return to Washington during a pandemic to vote on a huge economic relief package.

Cawthorn, who will meet the constitutionally mandated minimum age of 25 when the next Congress convenes, has said he's a Trump supporter, and Massie is strongly conservative. Still, their victories were an embarrassment to a president whose own reelection campaign has teetered recently.

As states ease voting by mail because of the coronavirus pandemic, a deluge of mail-in ballots and glacially slow counting procedures made delays inevitable. That torturous wait seemed a preview of November, when more states will embrace mail-in voting and officials warn that uncertainty over who is the next president could linger for days.

Kentucky usually has 2% of its returns come from mail ballots. This year officials expect that figure to exceed 50%, and over 400,000 mail ballots were returned by Sunday.

2 Republicans opposed by Trump win in Kentucky, N. Carolina

New York officials expect the vast majority of votes to be mail ballots this year, compared to their typical 5% share. Counties have until eight days after Election Day to count and release the results of mail ballots, with 1.7 million requested by voters.

In the day's marquee contests, two young African American candidates with campaigns energized by nationwide protests for racial justice were challenging white Democratic establishment favorites for the party's nominations.

First-term state legislator Charles Booker was hoping a late surge would carry him past former Marine fighter pilot Amy McGrath for the Democratic Senate nomination from Kentucky. And in New York, political newcomer Jamaal Bowman was seeking to derail House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel's bid for a 17th term.

In Kentucky, many counties including Jefferson, the state's largest, faced piles of mail-in ballots and reported no results. The Associated Press doesn't expect to call the McGrath-Booker race until June 30, when Kentucky plans to release additional tallies.

Even so, Booker and supporters gathered in Louisville chanted 'from the 'hood to the holler,' the slogan he hoped would help build a coalition of urban Blacks and rural whites.

"We have the opportunity to transform history," Booker said.

The AP was also delaying its call in New York's Engel-Bowman race, pending additional vote tallies.

In other contests, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky easily won the Republican nomination for a seventh Senate term and will be favored in November against McGrath or Booker.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., won renomination, cementing her rise from obscurity to progressive icon status when she ousted Democratic Rep. Joe Crowley, on track to become speaker, from the New York City district.

In Virginia, retired Army Col. Daniel Gade won the GOP Senate nomination but seems certain to lose to Democratic Sen. Mark Warner in November. Republican Scott Taylor will face Democratic Rep. Elaine Luria in a rematch between two Navy veterans in a Virginia Beach district from which she toppled him in 2018.

And Cameron Webb, a health policy researcher, won the Democratic nomination for a central Virginia House district. GOP Rep. Denver Riggleman lost his party's nomination, fueling Democrats' hopes that Webb, an African American, can capture the seat.

Voters endured 90-minute waits in Kentucky's second-largest city, Lexington, and social media posts showed long lines in New York's Westchester County deep into the evening. Yet overall, the day's problems seemed less widespread than in recent elections in Georgia and Nevada, where some people stood in line for hours.

In Louisville, voting advocates complained that an unknown number of people stayed home because of difficulty traveling to the city's single polling place - the Kentucky Exposition Center.

"In my neighborhood, most people don't have cars," said voter Michael Baker. "It's not fair for them to have one site."

2 Republicans opposed by Trump win in Kentucky, N. Carolina

A judge kept the polling place open an extra half hour after about 175 people, some of whom pounded on the building's doors, demanded to vote. Louisville, the state's biggest city, has 600,000 residents.

In the big New York and Kentucky contests, Democrats were watching whether nationwide protests sparked by last month's killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police would translate to a decisive turnout by African American and progressive voters.

Kentucky's McGrath has a military resume, centrist views and fundraising abilities that helped her win support from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to oppose McConnell.

Booker's campaign caught fire after he attended recent protests against the March police killing of 26-year-old Breonna Taylor in her Louisville home. That helped him win support from progressive Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and the state's two largest newspapers.

In one measure of McGrath's financial advantage, she has spent \$16 million in ads compared to Booker's \$2 million, according to Advertising Analytics, which studies campaign advertising.

In New York, Engel is supported by Democratic stars like Hillary Clinton, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Congressional Black Caucus, plus major labor unions. He's one of Congress' most liberal members.

Bowman, an educator, has drawn strength from anti-racism protests and his accusations that Engel has grown aloof from his diverse district in parts of the Bronx and Westchester. Bowman has been helped by progressive groups and lawmakers like Sanders.

Cassidy reported from Atlanta and Fram reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Alexandra Jaffe and Stephen Ohlemacher in Washington, Sophia Tulp in Leawood, Kan., Michael Warren in Atlanta and Gary Robertson in Raleigh, N.C., contributed to this report. [Obama blasts Trump, praises Biden in new 2020 campaign video](#). [On House floor, Dem women call out abusive treatment by men](#). [AP-NORC poll: 3 in 4 Americans back requiring wearing masks](#). [U.S. Senate confirms head of Minnesota Guard to national post](#). [With tears, Congress honors Lewis, 'conscience of the House'](#)

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County panel declares racism a public health crisis

ARTICLE CMIV. [**COUNTY PANEL DECLARES RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**](#)

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Highlight: Full board also voted to keep nine of 41 libraries closed until 2021.

Body

After lengthy debate, Hennepin County commissioners passed a resolution Tuesday declaring racism a public health crisis.

The action was introduced by Angela Conley and Irene Fernando, the first commissioners of color to serve on the board. The measure, introduced at a committee meeting, passed by a 4-0 vote, with two commissioners abstaining. It will be put up for a final board vote Tuesday.

Commissioners Mike Opat and Jeff Johnson wanted the final vote delayed because they had questions about the resolution's impact and 10 directives attached to it.

Among the directives:

- Acknowledge that the county's current public health fact sheets present a clear picture of health disparity along lines of race/ethnicity.
- Recognize that the disparity is significant and has direct impacts from birth to death to the individual, as well as to their family and community members.
- Develop a consistent methodology for data collection, reporting and analysis related to race/ethnicity for future public health data fact sheets and assessment of internal policies and procedures.

Although Conley acknowledged the county has built a foundation to reduce racial disparities, she said there is much evidence from national and county sources to show racism's negative impact on the health and development of children and adults who are black, Indigenous and of color.

"As the largest county in the state, Hennepin bears the brunt of racial disparity," she said. "Minneapolis ranks as one of the worst places for people of color to live. We need to name structural racism as the root cause of our work to eliminate disparity."

County panel declares racism a public health crisis

No matter the topic discussed at board meetings - whether it be infectious disease, housing, income or criminal justice - racial disparity factors into it, Conley said. Although there are fewer blacks in the county than whites, blacks have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, she said.

Board Chairwoman Marion Greene and Commissioner Debbie Goettel supported the resolution, with Greene saying that racism was a pandemic before COVID-19 hit. Opat said he appreciated the detailed resolution but received it Friday and didn't have enough time to raise questions. He also questioned the fiscal impact of the action.

While expressing concerns about the resolution, Johnson said it's a sensitive issue and comes at a difficult time, given the police killing of George Floyd last month. If he were to vote against the measure, people will call him a racist, he said.

"The county has already done a lot of work on reducing disparity," Johnson said. "I want to know what the resolution will allow us to do that we aren't already or able to do."

Conley said it helps the county focus on disparity. She added that anyone who didn't support the measure wasn't racist in her mind.

"We just have to be honest about this issue," she said.

In other action, the board voted to keep nine of the county's 41 libraries closed until next year because of COVID-19. The libraries are East Lake, Linden Hills, Pierre Bottineau and Roosevelt in Minneapolis, and those in Golden Valley, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Osseo and St. Bonifacius. Some libraries have been offering curbside service for a few weeks. No timeline was given as to when the other libraries will open or in what capacity.

The board also approved \$12.5 million in federal funding for several COVID-19 related programs, including summer youth programs, food security, small business grants and the reopening of service centers.

Commissioners also passed the bylaws and charter for the county's Race Equity Advisory Council.

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Fund connects minority farmers to charities serving the hungry

ARTICLE CMV. **[FUND CONNECTS MINORITY FARMERS TO CHARITIES SERVING THE HUNGRY](#)**

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Body

Farmers who operate small and mid-size farms that produce fruits and vegetables are sitting on crops that are ready to harvest, but have nowhere to sell them as farmers markets, schools, corporate cafeterias and restaurants are closed.

Meanwhile, hunger is rising. Second Harvest Heartland said Wednesday it projects [735,000 Minnesotans will need food assistance by this fall.](#)

The Local Emergency Assistance Farmer Fund is trying to connect the two. Leaff is a collaborative of farmers, hunger relief organizations and food distribution services that is buying produce at market value to donate to area food shelves and organizations providing prepared meals.

The fund's pilot phase is using \$50,000 of seed money to support 20 farmers by purchasing up to \$2,500 worth of produce. Leaff will also help farmers who haven't harvested and packed for wholesale by assisting in harvesting, packing, grading and washing their products.

Fund connects minority farmers to charities serving the hungry

Farmers are eligible to apply for the pilot program if their farm is within 200 miles of the Twin Cities, gross farm sales are under \$100,000 and farm income is at least 25% of their household income.

Some farmers have found alternative routes to sell their products, such as starting online stores, but Black and indigenous farmers face challenges in accessing Minnesota's agricultural industry due to systemic racist practices in wealth and land distribution, Leaff says.

"Leaff provides resources and support to Black, indigenous, people of color farmers to ensure Covid-19 does not create additional barriers to success and provides connections to new wholesale markets and technology for longer-term sustainability," according to Leaff's executive summary. "We are committed to providing purchased produce to organizations supporting those facing hunger and food insecurity, whether it's people impacted by Covid-19, communities rebuilding from protests following the murder of **George Floyd**, or communities that have been oppressed throughout our state's history."

Leaff consists of representatives from The Good Acre, Mill City Farmers Market, Lakewinds Food Co-op, the Latino Economic Development Center, The Food Group, Hmong American Partnership and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The organization is requesting \$200,000 from the Bush Foundation's Community Innovation Fund to support the project from July through December.

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Letters: A job not done. Don't vote incumbent.

ARTICLE CMVI. [LETTERS: A JOB NOT DONE. DON'T VOTE INCUMBENT.](#)

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Highlight: After another year of the same old "doing nothing" but still getting paid, I believe it's time to replace all of the state legislators who are up for re-election this year. We know this bunch can't get the job done for Minnesotans so let's throw them out - don't vote for an incumbent! M.Z. Salo, [...]

Body

After another year of the same old "doing nothing" but still getting paid, I believe it's time to replace all of the state legislators who are up for re-election this year. We know this bunch [can't get the job done for Minnesotans](#) so let's throw them out - don't vote for an incumbent!

M.Z. Salo, Inver Grove Heights

While musing about the coronavirus and the complacency shown by far too many people, I suddenly imagined a modern, abbreviated version of the famous soliloquy that opens Act 3, Scene 1 of Shakespeare's "Hamlet", in which the Danish prince contemplates death and bemoans the pain and unfairness of life:

"To mask or not to mask, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The spittle and spray of uncovered coughs and sneezes, Or to take safety measures against a terrible pandemic And by ignoring it, to fall ill, to die. This is yet another heartache and natural shock That flesh is heir to. Perchance to dream - of a cure."

Louis DiSanto, St. Paul

I recently watched highlights of [Donald Trump's commencement speech earlier this month at West Point](#). As I watched and listened to him addressing over 1,000 of America's best and brightest young military women and men, I couldn't help but think of the irony of the event.

The cadets at West Point, much like their contemporaries at the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Coast Guard Academy, all have made a commitment to honesty, integrity, loyalty and empathy and concern for their fellow man. Those values are the basic principles our military professes and they help form the framework it operates within. To have a commencement speaker like Donald Trump, an individual

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who has made a habit of lying to the public at an alarming rate, a man who demands loyalty from his subordinates but rarely returns it unless it benefits him, and a man who several times did his best to successfully avoid serving his country during the Vietnam War, seems like a poor choice to say the very least.

As president, Donald Trump may hold the title Commander in Chief, but it's too bad those young graduates didn't have the opportunity to salute a man worthy of their accomplishments.

Mike Miller, Lakeland

In these crazed times when supposedly rational people call for the [defunding of the police](#) my vote goes with the police. They are the only ones, whether night or day, who will immediately step into the dangerous fray, wherever called. Every one of those defunding people will call on the police when needed.

Granted, the ***George Floyd*** case was an egregious and totally unjustified killing, and they will be tried in court. It in no way justifies riots and massive destruction and caused the killing of other African Americans that went largely uncondemned by politicians and the media.

Just this past weekend one person was killed and 11 [wounded on or near Lake Street](#). Who was called? Not the mayor - the police. In the new "nation" of CHAS (in Seattle) where police are not allowed, one was killed and seven injured. Who was called? Not the mayor, they don't even have one - the police.

In 2019, 48 police were killed by felonies in the line of duty, seven of whom were African Americans; no riots, how come? Riots only occur when it serves the purposes of the left.

Richard F. McMahon, Maplewood [Tainted: Unfriended, bullied, shunned, a neighbor family is moving](#) [Letter: One size doesn't fit all. Support local school districts as they decide how to reopen safely.](#) [Letters: How many more missed opportunities in Minneapolis?](#) [Letters: I always wear a mask. But ...](#) [Letters: One wonders how informed people are about the dangers of socialism](#)

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Minnesota to update its COVID-19 modeling

ARTICLE CMVII. [**MINNESOTA TO UPDATE ITS COVID-19 MODELING**](#)

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Predictive modeling that guided Minnesota's initial response to COVID-19 is being "recalibrated" with the latest pandemic data and will offer new forecasts about the spread of the infectious disease.

While growth in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths has eased in Minnesota, state health economist Stefan Gildemeister said Tuesday that modeling on the downside of the initial pandemic wave can help prepare the state long-term. Updated COVID-19 forecasts by researchers at the University of Minnesota and Minnesota Department of Health should be released by mid-July.

"There is a need for modeling and we will continue to carry it forward," Gildemeister said. "This epidemic will last until the virus has traveled through enough of the population (that we develop) natural immunity, or we gain immunity through a vaccine."

The pandemic has caused 33,469 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,393 deaths in the state, but case growth has leveled off - with the health department reporting 245 cases and nine deaths on Tuesday. Hospitalizations have increased since Sunday - with 339 patients being hospitalized for COVID-19 on Tuesday, and

158 needing intensive care - but that is below the peak of 606 hospitalizations on May 28.

Updated modeling will try to assess the timing of any second wave of COVID-19 cases as state restrictions ease and social distancing compliance diminishes, and whether it will exhaust the state's hospital resources, Gildemeister said. A delayed second peak in the winter could be problematic as it coincides with the start of the influenza season.

"As more people mix, the more the virus will be passed on to other individuals," Gildemeister said. "Some people will get very sick. Some people will die. The question is, when shall we expect that?"

Minnesotans are moving about more as Gov. Tim Walz has gradually repealed restrictions designed to reduce the spread of the virus.

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A statewide stay-at-home order ended on May 18; retail shopping, church services and outdoor dining resumed on June 1; and indoor restaurants, fitness clubs and entertainment venues reopened at limited capacities on June 10.

Highway traffic volumes that were 70% below normal in mid-April in the Twin Cities were just 25% below normal on June 16. And June 6 was the first day in months when there was more "unpredictable travel" in the Twin Cities - meaning more people were taking short trips and running multiple errands.

Other models have already predicted more cases due to the relaxation of restrictions. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Washington state predicts 3,191 COVID-19 deaths in Minnesota by Oct. 1.

Minnesota is one of 23 states currently rated by the COVID Exit Strategy website as "making progress" or "trending better" due to slower growth in COVID-19 cases.

State health officials have reported progress in reducing outbreaks among the most vulnerable populations in long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities - where increased diagnostic testing has sought to identify infections before they spread.

The majority of COVID-19 deaths in Minnesota - 1,101 - still involve residents of these facilities, though. Risks of severe COVID-19 appear highest among the elderly and people with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, asthma and diseases of the lungs, kidneys and heart.

A recent uptick in cases in younger people is raising concerns, especially as people return to restaurants and public gatherings, said state infectious disease director Kris Ehresmann. "With reports from our own staff of crowded venues with lots of people not wearing masks, we will likely see more cases," she said.

Some of that increase is due to workplace outbreaks, including at food-processing plants in Mower County that have contributed to 813 lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases and two deaths there.

Younger people also were involved in protests following the May 25 police killing of George Floyd, and health officials worried that the mass gatherings would spread the virus as well.

However, less than 2% of tests of people involved in the demonstrations have turned up positive for the virus, which Ehresmann said is "very encouraging."

Gildemeister said the updated modeling will benefit from the latest information about the outbreak in Minnesota. Earlier versions were more reliant on the origins of the pandemic in China and its spread to Europe.

Modeling in Minnesota has been politically controversial, with Republicans questioning the high death counts of initial models and questioning whether they pushed Walz to prolong an economically crippling stay-at-home order. Nearly 800,000 unemployment insurance claims have been filed since the start of the pandemic.

The latest state models predicted that Minnesota would see 1,441 deaths from COVID-19 by the end of May and a peak of cases on June 29, under a scenario by which its stay-at-home order ended on May 18. The actual death count at the end of the month was 1,050.

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Gildemeister said the latest data on the pandemic in Minnesota will increase the precision of modeling, though he stressed that it was designed to assess how social policies would reduce deaths and cases - not to predict precise COVID-19 counts.

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

33,469 -- Total cases

245 -- June 23 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,393 -- Total deaths

9 -- June 23

U.S. cases, new daily

2,322,186 -- Total cases

30,451 -- June 22

U.S. deaths, new daily

120,345 -- Total deaths

360 -- June 22

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Path forward unclear for Chicago Furniture Warehouse

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Faisal Demaag built Chicago Furniture Warehouse from scratch. When he opened the business back in 1997 on Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis, he was the salesman, the delivery man and the assemblyman. And he vividly recalls offering customers a discount for helping him unload their new furniture - the only assistance he received those first few years.

That hard work is ash and rubble now. Chicago Furniture Warehouse, located at 2941 Chicago Ave., burned to the ground early morning May 30, five days after the killing of ***George Floyd***.

"I spent day and night; I worked sometimes seven days a week," he said. "And all my efforts, all my dreams, it's just gone in one night."

He'll need around \$4 million to construct a building similar to the one he just lost, according to a recent estimate, he said. He's hoping that between his insurance, a GoFundMe page and perhaps some help from the government, he'll be able to get back on his feet. He wants to avoid applying for a personal loan to pay

Path forward unclear for Chicago Furniture Warehouse

for rebuilding if he can, although Demaag did receive a PPP loan. He did not comment on how much he received.

Demaag was at home when his security system wailed and the owner of a nearby business called him to let him know his building was burning. The store was looted and vandalized the two prior nights. The fire appears to have been set intentionally, but he is unsure by whom.

His business was more than just a source of income for Demaag. Chicago Furniture Warehouse was the place Lake Street's immigrant community could find affordable furniture. It was a rite of passage for recent immigrants to buy their first American furniture there, he said. An immigrant himself, originally from Ethiopia, Demaag felt Lake Street was like a new home. His customers and employees are like a family.

"I don't want to be displaced and I don't want to go anywhere else. I've been in that location, I've been in that area close to thirty years," said Demaag. "That's my livelihood. That's where I belong."

Though the going has been rough through COVID-19, he didn't lay off or furlough any of his employees. Even now, they're all still on board.

"I always tell them, 'If we go down, all of us will go down together,'" he said.

The [GoFundMe page has raised around \\$31,600 of its \\$150,000 goal](#), but it seems to have stalled out, he said. His insurer, American Family Insurance, is still determining how much of the damage it'll cover, he said.

Though he is optimistic he'll eventually rebuild, it'll take a mammoth effort and a great deal of time. For now, Demaag is trying to stay positive in the wake of a nightmare.

"What happened those days and nights, I don't think I can forget about for the rest of my life," he said. "I didn't just lose my business. I can't even describe it.

"Unless this happens to you, you won't understand it."

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Rebuilding riot-damaged corridors may have to proceed without state help, but there's hope

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As estimated damages have reached \$500 million and counting, the Lake Street, West Broadway Avenue and University Avenue corridors in Minneapolis and St. Paul will likely take years to rebuild following riots in late May.

State lawmakers did not agree to an aid package for the businesses damaged or destroyed by the civil unrest following the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody. The House passed a \$300 million package and the Senate proposed a \$200 million package, and both were going to tap into federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act dollars. However, lawmakers and Gov. Tim Walz couldn't come up with a compromise on any major legislation before adjourning their special session late last week.

Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce CEO Jonathan Weinhagen is optimistic that if the Legislature comes back in July for another special session, there will be money for rebuilding.

Rebuilding riot-damaged corridors may have to proceed without state help, but there's hope

"I still have a high level of confidence that they're going to get something done for the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to respond to the destruction that took place," Weinhagen said. "I'm pretty consistently hearing from leadership and members of the delegations that there's a shared commitment to put a package together."

But Weinhagen, who is also co-chair of Mayor Jacob Frey's Minneapolis Forward: Community Now Coalition that is tasked with supporting the rebuilding of Lake and Broadway, acknowledged that there's a sense of immediacy. Owners of destroyed buildings may be tempted to take their insurance payout and sell their land, displacing small businesses who were tenants.

"The other thing that we're dealing with right now is land speculators who are coming in and starting to assess the opportunity to acquire property," he said. "We are working with the city and the county to try to figure out how to ensure we don't see mass gentrification with outside groups coming in buying the property and developing it."

Worries of gentrification have reached elected officials. Marion Greene, chairwoman of the Hennepin County Board, said she will bring forward a resolution authorizing the county to invest in land-banking commercial and residential properties impacted by the civil unrest. She hopes it will be a multimillion dollar contribution of seed money that would leverage public, private and philanthropic funds.

"The goal of this land-banking proposal is to preserve community ownership and buy time for the creation of community plans and development proposals for communities that are under a lot of stress right now, and a lot of pressure to act quickly," she said at a board meeting this week.

Minneapolis-based nonprofit Land Bank Twin Cities also has been assessing damage to the corridors. Vice President and Senior Program Manager Eddie Landenberger said his organization is trying to raise money so that it might be able to step in to buy land and hold it for a local group to eventually purchase.

"Our primary role is to provide site control and time for people to pull their sources together," he said.

Weinhagen said there might be a silver lining to what happened on Lake, Broadway and University. The economy could be in store for a long recession and rebuilding these corridors could be a boost to Minneapolis.

"What happened to our city is really horrible, but there's an opportunity at hand to potentially invest half a billion or a billion dollars headed into a recession and coming off of a global pandemic," he said. "Many of the other regions, our peer cities and markets across the country, are dealing with the same economic environment, but without the opportunity to see an infusion of capital into their city."

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Salve for the city

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Several days after *George Floyd's* death, a group of strangers gathered on a grassy patch at 41st Street and Minnehaha Avenue S. in Minneapolis. The spot was equidistant from two sites marked by devastating loss: one where the 46-year-old black man was killed by police, the other the epicenter of widespread rioting.

More than 50 people spread out on the grass at a social distance. But for a moment, they were connected as they hummed in unison, directed by the event's co-host, Jamil Stamschror-Lott.

The humming lasted only a minute and was muffled by passing traffic. But at a time when big issues are weighing on so many minds, such a small act of unity and hope seemed to help.

Just two days earlier, Jamil and his wife, Sara, two self-professed "out of the box" therapists, had decided to help assuage the city's collective grief by hosting a series of free community healing sessions. Their aim with the weekly events is to bring people together to share their perspectives and listen to one another, while incorporating exercises to calm the body and mind.

At the session, Jamil described how the burning buildings and chaos surrounding the protests were, in some ways, a physical manifestation of the way racial injustice and lack of recognition feels to the black community. "Now you're seeing the external reality of what's been going on internally," he said.

Floyd's death and the subsequent unrest triggered those who have endured a lifetime of racism and jolted white people to confront their racial privilege. The events spurred something of a collective mental health crisis for the Twin Cities: a mix of rage, sadness, frustration and guilt.

Jamil and Sara began to realize how much communal pain Floyd's death had inflicted as they met with private therapy clients.

"There are so many people hurting - we have to reach further," Sara recalled telling Jamil. "We thought, 'Let's bring people together and validate people's feelings and affirm our neighbors of color,' " she said. "Let's try to build a bridge."

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A shared mission

Jamil's career in mental health is rooted in his personal experience. He spent most of his childhood in the Twin Cities, raised by a single mother. As an African-American male who would grow to reach 6 feet 7, Jamil often felt like an "alien" among his peers. As one of the few black kids in his Advanced Placement classes, he struggled with impostor syndrome and feeling isolated.

"It was like the black kids didn't really accept you, the white kids didn't accept you, and all the other ethnic groups had their own pockets, so I often ended up feeling alone," he said.

Jamil's interactions with African-American men mostly hinged on his height, and those hoping to catapult him to the NBA often seemed to look at the youngster more as a dollar sign than a person.

"There was always a black male to do coaching for sports," Jamil said. "But there wasn't a black male to coach you through, 'What do you do when you're interested in a girl?' 'What do you do when you're reaching puberty?' 'How do you tie your tie?,' all the basic day-to-day life things that matter way more than sports."

So Jamil set out to become the mentor he'd always desired, focusing on underprivileged youths, "trying to reach that kid that can't fit in."

He's played that role with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, as a youth probation officer and with Community Ambassadors Initiative, which works in partnership with the St. Paul Police Department to defuse tensions and reduce juvenile arrests.

After working in the St. Paul Public Schools, Jamil earned a master's degree to better understand the roots of behavior issues. He passed his social worker licensing exam the day after Philando Castile died; instead of celebrating his achievement, he took to the streets with the ambassadors.

Sara grew up on a farm near Wabasha, Minn., where she learned to milk cows, butcher deer and immersed herself in choir, band, dance and theater. "I dressed my own way and went to the beat of my own drummer," she recalled.

But family relationships were challenging. After her parents divorced when she was very young, Sara started seeing a school-based therapist, which led her to provide mental health services to adolescents and young adults at Minneapolis schools, a teen-focused clinic, and in-home and residential treatment settings.

Jamil and Sara first met while training for their careers, in a class on aggression replacement techniques. Three years later, Jamil spotted Sara at the Roseville Target store, said hello and asked if she remembered him. Sara thought he looked familiar but couldn't quite place him. Was he one of the players from the semipro Minnesota Ripknees basketball team, where she'd been on the dance team a few years back?

"He said, 'What, because I'm tall and black I have to be a basketball player?' And I was so mortified," Sara recalled.

In fact, Jamil had played Division 1 basketball at Marquette University and on one of their early dates, she watched one of his games with a local men's league. "I don't know the rules of basketball," Sara admitted. "I am not an athlete. I am an artist through and through. But he slam-dunked the ball so many times that I was like, 'Whoa!'"

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In contrast to college professors and classmates who Jamil felt were more focused on his athletic role than his academic one, the artsy therapist was refreshingly ignorant of the team's impressive reputation.

"When he told me he played basketball at Marquette, I was like, 'What's Marquette?' " she said.

"That's when I knew she was the one," Jamil joked.

A creative, communal approach

The couple now have a 2-year-old daughter, Zola, and a 2-year-old therapy practice, called Creative Kuponya (the Swahili word for "healing"), with a nontraditional approach.

During sessions, Sara expands on talk therapy, including movement, music and art, sometimes walking with her clients, shooting hoops, doing yoga or painting. "I try to meet people where they're at," she said.

Though the couple lost their office space near Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue in the May 29 fires, they are working to expand their reach. Aside from the healing sessions, they're raising funds to provide free individual and family therapy sessions to people of color in need.

While community healing might seem unconventional, it's actually an age-old tradition deeply rooted in Indigenous cultures, said Mary Jo Kreitzer, director of the Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota. The practice of connecting with other community members to deal with trauma and loss is now used for everything from coping with cancer and widowhood to repairing harm through restorative justice.

"There's a real benefit to being in a group and being able to share experiences and tap into one's own wisdom but also tap into the wisdom of others," Kreitzer said. "Sharing pain and sharing loss is a way to work through pain and loss."

Suzanne Koeplinger, who supports healers from within communities of color as the director of the Catalyst Initiative at the Minneapolis Foundation, said the Western-based medical model isn't good at understanding the damage that toxic stress inflicts on communities, not just individuals.

While clinical mental health care is absolutely vital and necessary, she said, it's important to offer other options for those who face taboos surrounding therapy, mistrust the medical system or don't have insurance.

"Communal healing needs to take place because in many cases, particularly in brown and black communities, and indigenous communities, the trauma is communal," she said. "Now, especially, the need for healing in community goes deep."

'We see you ... '

Creative Kuponya's first healing session drew a majority white, but racially mixed crowd.

Sara asked the group to begin by resting their bare feet or palms on the grass to connect their bodies to the Earth. Then she led a vision exercise. Jamil followed by asking the question: "What have you been doing to get through these days?"

People of color were asked to speak first. A middle-age man said he had been reflecting on his experience as a 3-year-old, when his family participated in the Poor People's March on Washington, organized by the

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Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. In addition to his memories of barking dogs and the smell of tear gas, he said he also felt a profound sense of hope.

Another speaker said she has been doing social justice work for a decade, but living it her whole life: "This is my skin, and this is what life has blessed me with," she said. She noted how black women are conditioned to "give, give, give" and said she was trying to care for herself, too, so she could better help her community.

After the mic was offered to white allies, a woman who said she lived a few blocks from the 38th and Chicago protest site told of how she's been listening to the sound of people rising up. "I can hear the chanting, I can hear the music, I can hear the power," she said.

When the woman finished, Jamil led the group in a response he'd used to affirm each speaker.

"We see you. We appreciate you. And we love you."

They were simple words, not said nearly enough. And they held even more power voiced by a group.

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Helping to heal the community

What: Minneapolis mental health professionals Sara and Jamil Stamschror-Lott will hold another free healing session, a safe place for people of color and white allies to express emotion and experience trauma-coping mechanisms.

When: June 24, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (They hope to continue the free sessions on Wednesday evenings as long as there is demand for them.)

Where: Adams Triangle, 4100 37th Av. S., Mpls.

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Scattered openings buck a gloomy trend in the Twin Cities restaurant scene

ARTICLE CMXI. [SCATTERED OPENINGS BUCK A GLOOMY TREND IN THE TWIN CITIES RESTAURANT SCENE](#)

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Even as [the list of Twin Cities restaurant closures](#) grows during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, a few chefs and restaurateurs are seizing an opportunity to launch new businesses.

News that The Tavern Grill restaurant brand would expand to a sixth location in Apple Valley as soon as late summer broke late last week. Then came word Wednesday that the former Blackbird Café in Minneapolis would soon be home to Petite Leon, a new restaurant from chef Jorge Guzman, who was a James Beard Award finalist in 2017 while running Brewers Table inside Surly Brewing Co.'s Minneapolis brewery and taproom complex.

One advantage restaurateurs have in opening now, during an especially dark period for the restaurant industry, is they at least know what they're getting into. They can design a restaurant for pandemic-era dining, rather than adjusting operations to meet the state's evolving health and safety guidelines.

Scattered openings buck a gloomy trend in the Twin Cities restaurant scene

"Yes, there's a pandemic. Yes, it's going to be difficult," Guzman said. "We'll do the best that we can smartly. Eventually Covid will go away or there will be a vaccine, hopefully sooner than later."

Tim Cary of Minneapolis-based Hemisphere Restaurant Group, which owns and operates the Tavern Grill restaurants, said he had long targeted a south metro location and "strategically kept looking at sites," even as his existing restaurant portfolio struggled in the pandemic. When Apple Valley's Vivo Kitchen closed in May, "we quickly, very quickly, pounced on it," Cary said.

"This [pandemic] will create winners and losers, as well as opportunities," he said.

Their stories run counter to the doom and gloom enveloping much of the hospitality industry, which even as it slowly reopens must labor under strict social distancing protocols. Meant to limit the potential spread of Covid-19, they also limit the number of guests restaurants and bars can have in their dining rooms or on their patios, cutting into potential revenues.

The outlook for restaurants is so dire that chef and television host Andrew Zimmern has repeatedly referred to the pandemic as a potential "extinction event" for the industry. Zimmern is a cofounder of the Independent Restaurant Coalition, which has warned that 85% of the country's independent restaurants could close by the end of the year without direct federal aid beyond the Paycheck Protection Program loans already made available to small businesses.

The first pandemic-related restaurant closures were still two months away when Blackbird Café closed in January. The 3800 Nicollet Ave. S. restaurant space is owned by Lander Group, a Minneapolis-based developer led by founder Michael Lander.

Asked if he was surprised to find a new tenant for the former Blackbird Café space in the middle of a pandemic, Lander replied, "Yeah, I think I have to be honest about that." But he added that he has always viewed the corner building - host to one in a cluster of restaurants at the 38th Street and Nicollet Avenue intersection - as a prime location.

Guzman said he and chef Benjamin Rients, a partner in Petite Leon, began scouting restaurant spaces before the pandemic hit with full force in March.

"Every restaurateur always has four or five concepts they're working on. You find a space and maybe one of them fits. That's what happened here," Guzman said.

Guzman is talking with peers in the restaurant industry about how they're dealing with the pandemic, lessons he can bake into his new concept.

"We don't have the unfortunate responsibility of having to put anyone on furlough. ... We'll be able to hire for exactly what we need depending on where the pandemic is at," he said. "I would rather be opening (a new restaurant) right now than have a restaurant that has to reopen."

From Cary's perspective, the outlook for restaurants is rosier in the Twin Cities suburbs, where four of his five Tavern Grills are located, than in the urban core. If an opportunity arose to open another Tavern Grill in the west metro, there's a good chance he'd take it, Cary said.

Meanwhile, Hemisphere Restaurant Group's downtown Minneapolis locations remain shuttered. They include Atlas Grill & Clubroom, Good to Go and Sphere Bar + Restaurant.

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Its Mission American Kitchen restaurant in the IDS Center closed permanently in March.

"I think everybody downtown has question marks, whether it be skyway or a street level. Downtown is definitely a question mark," he said, elaborating that one of the big questions in his mind is when downtown office workers will return after months of widespread telecommuting.

Cary said the unrest that followed the murder of *George Floyd* may also linger in the imaginations of diners weighing a trip to downtown Minneapolis.

"They're fighting more than just the Covid. They're fighting other issues down there," he said.

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St. Paul school board removes police officers from high schools on 5-1 vote

ARTICLE CMXII. **[ST. PAUL SCHOOL BOARD REMOVES POLICE OFFICERS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS ON 5-1 VOTE](#)**

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Body

St. Paul Public Schools no longer will pay the city of St. Paul to post police officers in seven of its high schools.

The school board voted 5-1 on Tuesday to stop contract negotiations with the city and develop a new safety plan.

Board member Chauntyll Allen said the move was a long time coming.

"Our focus needs to be on student achievement," she said, "and in order for all of our students to achieve, they need to be free from trauma."

School and police officials have worked together in recent years to turn school resource officers into student-friendly mentors, downplaying their law enforcement roles. They no longer arrest students for minor crimes, and their use of handcuffs or chemical irritants is increasingly rare.

Still, board members have debated whether armed officers belong in their schools at all.

Board member Zuki Ellis said she personally likes the seven officers, but "what I fundamentally believe has not changed" - that police officers don't belong in schools. She's frustrated district staff haven't presented an alternative to the program.

FLOYD'S DEATH

The May 25 death of **[George Floyd](#)** in Minneapolis police custody gave new life to the discussion.

The Minneapolis and Winona, Minn., school districts and several across the country have cut ties with their local police departments since Floyd's killing.

St. Paul school officials have received over 1,000 emails on the subject, most of them urging an end to the program.

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"Some may worry that we need SROs to help prevent random acts of violence in schools," St. Paul College philosophy instructor Jason Swartwood wrote. "But this ignores the other options we have for pro-actively addressing and preventing violence (adequate mental health support, community and social services, etc.) that do not have such a damaging and disproportionate effect on students who are poor, Black, Indigenous or persons of color."

The Student Engagement and Advancement Board, a group of students appointed to advise the school board, recently renewed its call for the program's end and held a rally Monday calling for the officers' removal.

PRINCIPAL SUPPORT

However, a state survey last year asked 369 St. Paul high school juniors whether it was a "good idea" to have a police officer at their school, and 96 percent said it was.

Principals from the seven high schools also support the program.

"The SRO partnerships in our high schools are vital tools in our collective efforts to be more just and equitable schools," the principals wrote in a joint letter.

"Simply walking away and excluding important members of our community will do harm to our students and neighborhoods, and will saddle our teachers and staff with even more responsibility beyond their already daunting task of educating our city's young people in very difficult times." [Classes twice a week, parents driving to school: St. Paul district details plans in case state opts for hybrid instruction](#) [St. Paul schools budget sees big enrollment loss, pandemic uncertainty](#) [Newly-retired Johnson basketball coach Vern Simmons left a lasting impact, on and off the court](#)

Board member John Brodrick cast the lone vote Tuesday in favor of school resource officers. He said the police have made changes to match the district's expectations for their role.

"We're different than other towns, and we have had a cadre of SRO officers that, for the most part, I think, we've been satisfied with," he said.

"I'm very, very concerned that if we sever this contract, we are going to jeopardize ... safety and relationships. And I hope that we do not regret this decision."

The board will discuss next steps in August.

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell said in a statement Tuesday night that he's disappointed with the vote:

"SROs are selected based on officers who possess the guardian mentality. They are mentors and friends of students and teachers alike. They also provide safety and security for some of our most vulnerable populations. Even though our officers will not be present in our schools, we will do everything possible to support and protect our students and teachers."

Mara H. Gottfried contributed to this report.

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'The worst is still ahead of us'

ARTICLE CMXIII. **'THE WORST IS STILL AHEAD OF US'**

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Highlight: New data project a Great Depression-level surge in hunger by September

Body

Minnesota's hunger crisis is expected to worsen this summer and fall, as the number of residents in need of food help surges to levels not seen since the Great Depression.

The new projections released Wednesday by Second Harvest Heartland are the first to show the length of a growing need in the state driven by a deepening economic downturn brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are going to see unprecedented need and really need unlike anything we've seen since the Great Depression," said Allison O'Toole, CEO of Second Harvest in Brooklyn Park, one of seven food banks that supply Minnesota food shelves. "We've been training all summer long for this steep climb."

The crisis has already strained Minnesota's 350 food shelves, with many seeing double or triple the normal levels of visitors since March, including an uptick in first-time users.

The new numbers from Second Harvest and consulting firm McKinsey & Co. predict the need for food assistance will peak in September to 735,000 Minnesotans who are "food insecure," or don't have consistent access to enough food. That's 13% of the state's population and 130,000 more people than after the 2008 recession.

"We have a strong emergency food system in Minnesota," said Colleen Moriarty, who heads the statewide advocacy group

Hunger Solutions. "I think, all working together, we can meet the challenge."

Minnesota's unemployment rate rose to 9.9% last month, the highest level ever recorded since the state began tracking it in the 1970s. But the \$600 a week that unemployed workers are receiving from the federal CARES Act ends July 31, so food shelves are bracing for an uptick in requests.

'The worst is still ahead of us'

The new data account for that loss of \$600 in federal aid and assume unemployment will peak in Minnesota at 18% this summer, with the hunger crisis continuing until the end of 2021 and the increased need costing the emergency food network \$21 million.

"People are seeing the reopening and presuming the crisis is ending," said David Fiocco of McKinsey, who is also on the board of Second Harvest. "The worst is still ahead of us."

So far, experts say public and private funding is keeping pace with rising costs. This summer, \$11 million in extra federal aid is going to the state's food assistance programs while another \$9 million in state aid already went to food shelves and food banks as part of a \$330 million emergency package.

"Safe access to healthy food is important to all of us, but particularly in times of crisis," Jodi Harpstead, commissioner of the Department of Human Services, said in a statement.

Second Harvest has raised more than \$11 million to cover the \$17.3 million it says it needs to meet a 70% increase in food from July to December. Hunger Solutions launched a relief fund that's raised \$112,000 so far for food shelves, especially those in Minneapolis and St. Paul responding after grocery stores were destroyed in riots following George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Churches, schools and even restaurants, distilleries, art galleries and theaters have become emergency pop-up grocery stores.

"[The] community is very innovative and people want to feed their neighbors," said Sophia Lenarz-Coy, executive director of the Food Group, a New Hope-based food bank.

But even if unemployment decreases as businesses reopen, Lenarz-Coy says people are likely returning to low-paying jobs. She worries that Minnesota's hunger relief system - which expanded dramatically after the 2008 recession and hasn't contracted since then - still can't sustain the extra need long term on its own. Broader policy changes are needed, she said - from better paying jobs to state and federal assistance.

"We definitely have not seen the height of the influx," she said. "The rebuild will be slow and long."

Starting new efforts

Before COVID-19, 1 in 11 Minnesotans struggled to afford food. By August, it's expected to hit 1 in 8 residents. (To locate a food shelf or see if you qualify for food stamps, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, go to hungersolutions.org or call 1-888-711-1151.)

The new data, which Second Harvest Heartland will update quarterly, will help nonprofits prepare for the fall peak and press for funding from donors and the government, O'Toole said. In the pandemic, Second Harvest has expanded pop-up grocery stores and traveling farmers markets and started Minnesota Central Kitchen - a collaboration with restaurants and chefs across the metro to make meals for people in need.

"We are innovating every single minute," O'Toole said.

Rural needs

On Tuesday, hundreds of people showed up at an event center parking lot in Sleepy Eye, two hours southwest of the metro, lining up in cars to pick up three boxes of produce, meat and dairy products.

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The hunger crisis isn't just an urban issue; in fact, two-thirds of Second Harvest's large distributions are outside the metro. Pat Pearson, the nonprofit's hunger programs manager, said food shelves in rural Minnesota are struggling with a drop in volunteers, especially retirees who are more vulnerable to complications of the coronavirus.

To assist with expenses such as more storage space, temporary staff and transportation, Second Harvest is giving about \$500,000 in grants to food shelves and has waived its fees to deliver food since March. The nonprofit is also pushing out a marketing campaign to destigmatize using food shelves, especially since so many people are seeking help for the first time.

In Rochester, Virginia Merritt hears of residents watering down their milk or skipping meals to make ends meet.

"These are families who, before furloughs and layoffs, were making it," said Merritt, who leads Channel One Regional Food Bank, which distributes food to 55 food shelves and 125 meal programs in southeastern Minnesota. "They [now] find themselves in need."

The food bank has expanded its mobile pantries in rural areas, many of which don't have grocery stores nearby, and partnered with counties to have social workers deliver food to seniors in need.

"I think everywhere is hurting in different ways," she said of the rural-urban impact of hunger. "We're going to be in this new normal for a while."

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Wisconsin governor activates National Guard after violence

ARTICLE CMXIV. **WISCONSIN GOVERNOR ACTIVATES NATIONAL GUARD AFTER VIOLENCE**

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MADISON, Wis. - Wisconsin's governor activated the National Guard on Wednesday to protect state properties after a night of violence that included the toppling of two statues outside the state Capitol, one of which commemorated an abolitionist Civil War hero.

Protesters also attacked a state senator, threw a Molotov cocktail into a government building and attempted to break into the Capitol Tuesday night, only to be repelled by pepper spray from police stationed inside. The violence broke out as a group of 200 to 300 people protested the arrest of a Black man who shouted at restaurant customers through a megaphone while carrying a baseball bat.

On Wednesday night, about 40 people gathered peacefully outside the county jail where the man was being held, calling for his release. A crowd of about 100 people congregated outside the Capitol, where one of the statues used to stand, as Madison police watched. There was no sign of the National Guard.

Gov. Tony Evers, who toured the damage from Tuesday night and said the violence was in "stark contrast" to earlier peaceful protests, said he was activating the National Guard "to make sure people can exercise their First Amendment rights while ensuring the safety of members of the public and state buildings and infrastructure."

"If your goal was to advance social justice and policing reforms in the state of Wisconsin and making sure systemic racism is a thing of the past, you failed," Evers said of the protesters on WTMJ-AM.

Republican state lawmakers and others faulted Evers and Madison's Democratic mayor for not moving more quickly on Tuesday to quell the violence.

"The mob has become very bold," said Madison Alderman Paul Skidmore. "They see they can get away with a little, and they inch forward more and more. (Downtown Madison) is a battle zone right now, and I fear for my city."

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The violence unfolded in a city long known as a liberal bastion with a long history of protest, dating back to student demonstrations on the University of Wisconsin campus in the 1960s. About 100,000 people protested in 2011 over then-Gov. Scott Walker's anti-union proposals.

It also exposed simmering anger over the 2015 shooting by police of a 19-year-old Black man by an officer who remains on the force. That shooting has been referenced by protesters in recent weeks.

The violence started Tuesday after Madison police arrested a protester who came to a restaurant across the street from the Capitol with a bat on his shoulder. Video released by Madison police shows the man, Devonere Johnson, talking through a megaphone while walking around the restaurant's outdoor patio and inside, saying he's "disturbing" the restaurant and talking about God and the police before walking out.

On another video released by police, as many as five officers can be seen taking Johnson to the sidewalk and carrying him to a police squad car after he resisted arrest.

Police said on Tuesday night a group of 200 to 300 people broke windows in multiple buildings, threw a Molotov cocktail into the city-county building, brought down the statues on the Capitol grounds, broke glass at a state office building and smashed windows and lights at the Capitol.

Democratic state Sen. Tim Carpenter was assaulted after taking a cellphone video of protesters.

"Punched/kicked in the head, neck, ribs," Carpenter tweeted around 4 a.m. "Innocent people are going to get killed."

One of the statues toppled, decapitated and dragged into a lake about a half-mile away was of Civil War Col. Hans Christian Heg. He was an anti-slavery activist and leader of an anti-slave catcher militia in Wisconsin who fought for the Union and died from injuries suffered during the Battle of Chickamauga.

The base of the Heg statue was defaced with graffiti Wednesday morning that read "Fire Matt Kenny," a reference to a white Madison police officer who shot and killed 19-year-old Tony Robinson, a Black man, in 2015. Kenny said Robinson had attacked him. Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne, who is Black, cleared Kenny of any criminal wrongdoing and he remains a Madison officer.

The other statue taken down represents Wisconsin's motto "Forward." The statue was first installed 125 years ago but replaced with a bronze replica in 1998. It sat prominently outside the Capitol, facing the University of Wisconsin campus and State Street, an avenue lined with bars, restaurants and small businesses. That corridor has been the target of much of the vandalism since the death of ***George Floyd*** on May 25 in Minneapolis after a white police officer used his knee to pin the handcuffed Black man's neck.

The destruction followed similar unrest nationwide following Floyd's death, but in other cities statues of Confederate soldiers and other symbols of slavery were destroyed.

Protester Micah Le said the two statues paint a picture of Wisconsin as a racially progressive state even though slavery has continued in the form of a corrections system built around incarcerating Blacks.

"The fall of the statues is a huge gain for the movement, though I think that liberal and conservative media outlets will try to represent last night as senseless violence rather than the strategic political move it really was," Le wrote.

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Republicans called on Evers and Madison's Democratic mayor to do more to protect the Capitol. Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos branded the protesters as "thugs." Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany, who until last month had served in the state Legislature, called on Evers to resign. Evers called that a "ridiculous statement."

"Why doesn't he resign?" Evers said on WTMJ.

Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway said later Wednesday that city leaders and law enforcement were working "on a number of fronts" to keep any additional protests calm.

"I am not in that room, I do not micromanage our law enforcement response," she said. "There has been broad agreement among law enforcement that deescalation and protecting people is the top concern."

Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, the first Black person to hold that office, condemned the violence in a tweet but said "far right provocateurs" had "fanned the flames of hate."

Robert Bowhan owns August, a clothing store that was looted during the first night of protests following Floyd's death. Bowhan, who is white, has boarded up his windows like many other merchants. He said he didn't know what to expect in the coming days.

"Everyone is probably a little frustrated. (Merchants) feel they don't have support from cops," Bowhan said. "They feel threatened and feel like their livelihoods are in jeopardy and they don't trust the government. This just scratches the surface of what our Black friends and colleagues go through on a daily basis." [Minneapolis council shifts police media duties to city staff](#) [Roseville man accused of threatening to burn neighbors homes 'while you sleep in it' over Black Lives Matter signs](#) [Minnesota governor signs police accountability bill. A deeper look at what law does.](#) [Read the tax fraud charges filed against Derek Chauvin and his wife](#) [Derek Chauvin, officer in George Floyd death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County](#)

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Funding for key Minneapolis police initiative falls through

ARTICLE CMXV. **FUNDING FOR KEY MINNEAPOLIS POLICE INITIATIVE FALLS THROUGH**

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Funding for a key ***Minneapolis Police Department*** accountability initiative after the death of ***George Floyd*** has fallen through, officials confirmed Thursday, meaning potential delays as the city scrambles to find another source for the money.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo announced June 10 the department would contract with Benchmark Analytics, a Chicago company, to use its data-driven system to identify problematic behavior by officers so supervisors could take corrective action. Developed by the University of Chicago, it's more advanced than similar systems used by many other departments across the country, as well as a system that Minneapolis tried in 2009 that never really got off the ground.

The nonprofit Minneapolis Foundation was to fund the project for the first year, but CEO R.T. Rybak - a founding member of the Benchmark Analytics board and a former Minneapolis mayor - confirmed Thursday that the foundation has dropped its involvement.

Rybak, who left the Benchmark board last December, said the foundation got involved because Arradondo wanted to move quickly. But he said they backed away "when there began to be some drama around Benchmark." He said the foundation wanted to avoid any harm to its broader work against racial injustice and in support of criminal justice reform, which predates Floyd's death.

Some activists had sharply criticized Rybak. Civil rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong and Michelle Gross of Communities United Against Police Brutality accused him at a news conference this week of failing to stop police brutality when he was mayor from 2002-2013. Armstrong, Gross and other activists - most of whom support the so-called dismantling of the department - said they didn't trust him or the foundation on police accountability issues.

Funding for key Minneapolis police initiative falls through

Gross denounced Rybak and the foundation as "a washed up former mayor who never did a damn thing about police accountability and a rich foundation who has no expertise and no credibility on this question." She called his former membership on the company's board "pretty cozy" and expressed skepticism that the project would ever get off the ground, given that previous efforts had failed. She also questioned why the city wasn't putting the work out for bids.

"It's important not to have any distractions because our role has been and is now more important than ever," Rybak said. Police spokesman John Elder said the department is trying to find alternative funding. He referred questions about where the money might come from to Mayor Jacob Frey, who said the city prefers "external partners" and said "I believe that we will get there."

Frey said if the city doesn't find other funders, it will see if the program can be done with existing money. It's not clear how much money the city needs. Benchmark Analytics CEO Ron Huberman said his company does not publicly discuss what it charges.

Nashville's department, about 1 1/2 times the size of the Minneapolis department, signed a five-year deal with Benchmark in 2018 worth around \$455,000.

Huberman said the system combines a department's own data with analytical technology developed by University of Chicago researchers to flag officers who might need coaching, training or other interventions before discipline is warranted. It usually takes three to nine months to implement, he said, and would likely be closer to nine months in Minneapolis due to the size of the department.

Huberman said he didn't have enough information on the officer charged with killing Floyd, ***Derek Chauvin***, to know if the system would have flagged him.

"Rarely does an officer engage in one super-problematic event," Huberman said in an interview. "You almost never see that. When officers are engaged in problematic conduct, it is almost always a pattern of problematic conduct that occurs. Because of that, it becomes a very predictable thing."

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Despite wave of violence, 'defund' effort continues

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An influential bloc of Minneapolis City Council members is pressing ahead with plans to dismantle the police department as a monthlong eruption of gunfire sent tremors through some neighborhoods.

Council President Lisa Bender said crime typically spikes in the summer and that the COVID-19 pandemic and the unrest following **George Floyd**'s death have added to the stress in the community.

"We still have a police department today," she said. "Its funding has not changed from three weeks ago."

Pressure is mounting on City Council members to clarify who would respond to reports of violent crime if they accede to calls to defund the police department.

At a community meeting in the city's Jordan neighborhood Tuesday, Sondra Samuels told a small group of police officers that she wants to see changes in the department in the aftermath of Floyd's killing. She doesn't want a "blue code of silence." She wants racism to end.

But, Samuels also told them, "We want to get rid of that. We do not want to get rid of you."

It has been more than two weeks

since nine City Council members gathered in Powderhorn Park to declare that they would begin the process of "ending" the **Minneapolis Police Department**. There has never been one clear, detailed description of what that would mean. Various council members and community activists have used the terms "defund," "dismantle," and "abolish" in different ways.

In the weeks since that statement, many of the discussions in City Hall have focused on the possibility of boosting investments in violence prevention programs and even sending mental health professionals or social workers to some types of calls.

But with gunshots erupting in their neighborhoods - and at least 113 people injured or killed in shootings since Floyd's death on May 25 - some residents are asking urgent new questions about the council's plans, or calling on them to back off the idea of defunding police altogether.

Despite wave of violence, 'defund' effort continues

Steven Belton, president and CEO of the Urban League Twin Cities, said he believes the public commitment to disband the police department has emboldened criminals and sparked a new wave of violence.

Absent any detailed proposals so far, some council members have floated ideas about what that defunding or dismantling might look like.

Five council members - Bender, Jeremiah Ellison, Alondra Cano, Cam Gordon and Steve Fletcher - are working to change city charter language that sets a minimum size requirement for the department. The department had 892 sworn officers and 175 non-sworn employees as of June 1.

One draft - its details being discussed privately - contemplates a larger public safety department that would still have some licensed officers.

But any change to the city charter would need to be approved by the council and the Charter Commission, and then put before voters.

Fletcher said he thinks the city will need to maintain some trained, licensed, armed employees to respond to violent calls in progress, such as active shooter situations. But he noted that in many instances, officers often arrive at a scene after the violence has ended.

"It's so much more common that we're showing up [and] the person has already left who has committed the crime," he said. "We're in problem-solving mode. We're in investigation mode. We're in logistical management mode, and those are things that we don't need necessarily armed officers to be doing."

Gordon said city officials need to determine which calls for service truly require a police response. "Whatever we come up with, we're going to have to look at what are the essential services the Minneapolis Police Department is providing," he said.

Council Member Andrew Johnson, who participated in the Powderhorn Park announcement, said there will still be a need for armed law enforcement. "But the question is, what's the appropriate amount, and what's the best way to respond to different types of crimes?" Johnson said.

He said armed officers might not be necessary for responding to car crashes or loud music calls. Council Member Jeremy Schroeder said he wants to ensure that there is a "swift response with appropriately trained people" in situations where there is an imminent threat. But he hopes that future efforts will put more emphasis on helping communities cope with trauma after crimes occur, or investigating their root causes.

The police union, Republicans and many Democrats outside the city have raised concerns about the "abolish" mantra and the recent flurry of shootings. Some official city statements also have described the recent uptick as "alarming." But Bender pushed back against the idea that council members' calls to defund the police department are contributing to the violence.

Bender acknowledged that some city residents say some officers might be pulling back in response to council members' criticism.

Minneapolis police Lt. Mark Montgomery told people at the Jordan meeting that his North Side officers feel "battered" but are continuing to respond to 911 calls. He denied that there was any work slowdown.

Other council members say that the recent wave of violence in the city confirms their belief in reforms that transform - but do not eliminate - police.

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"What I want as a result of these shootings [is] the gunman arrested and put in jail. And only a licensed peace officer can do that," said Council Member Linea Palmisano, who didn't join the pledge to end the police department.

City Council Member Andrea Jenkins said police should still respond to calls and do their job to "serve and protect" the community. But the city should focus on creating more schools, housing and other services that prevent people from pursuing crime or turning to violence, Jenkins said.

Council Member Lisa Goodman also refrained from the pledge.

"There needs to be transformational change in how we view public safety in the city," she said. "On the flip side, to be clear, I do not believe that social workers or other community activists, I don't believe it's reasonable for them to be asked to respond to 911 calls on domestic abuse or other very volatile situations."

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Dueling Trump and Biden events offer contrasting virus responses

ARTICLE CMXVII. [DUELING TRUMP AND BIDEN EVENTS OFFER CONTRASTING VIRUS RESPONSES](#)

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LANCASTER, Pa. - As President Donald Trump visited a Wisconsin shipyard to emphasize job growth and reviving an economy hammered by the coronavirus, Joe Biden spent Thursday in Pennsylvania warning "there are no miracles coming" to help the nation beat back the still deadly pandemic.

"Amazingly, he hasn't grasped the most basic fact of this crisis: To fix the economy we have to get control over the virus," the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee said of Trump while speaking at a community center in Lancaster. "He's like a child who can't believe this has happened to him. His whining and self-pity. This pandemic didn't happen to him. It happened to all of us."

Much of the nation remaining home for months has largely prevented the two presidential candidates from holding dueling appearances in pivotal battleground states. On Thursday, it gave them an opportunity to show off their contrasting styles on a virus outbreak that has killed more than 120,000 Americans.

Biden has spent weeks arguing that the pandemic remains a clear and present danger that Trump is trying to wish away amid a desire to speed an economic recovery. The president counters that the country doesn't have to choose between its health and improving the economy.

"There are no miracles coming," Biden said. "We're going to have to step up as Americans, all of us, and do the simple things and the hard things to keep our families safe and reopen our economy and to eventually put this pandemic behind us - and without responsible leadership coming out of the White House."

The former vice president spent much of Thursday defending the Obama administration's signature health care law and decrying what he said was a White House-led effort to dismantle it via a court challenge. It was part of a larger Democratic effort to refocus the 2020 election on health care, an issue that helped the party retake the House last cycle and one it hopes will resonate with even more voters amid the pandemic.

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Narrow 2016 victories in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania were vital in sending Trump to the White House. That he would build his travel around trying to do that again - and that Biden would respond with trips meant to flip the states back to Democratic - wouldn't usually be a surprise with the presidential election now less than five months away. But the coronavirus has upended normal travel since March.

After long focusing on staging virtual rallies and other online appearances from his Delaware home, Biden has in recent weeks begun making frequent trips to Pennsylvania, allowing him to target a swing state without venturing far. Lancaster is about an hour and 15 minutes by car from Biden's house, and yet it is the farthest he's traveled lately, aside from a trip to Houston to meet with the family of George Floyd, whose death in police custody sparked protests around the nation.

Trump, by contrast, staged a rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, last weekend and spoke at a megachurch in Arizona on Tuesday. On Thursday, he visited Marinette in rural Wisconsin for a private tour of a shipyard and to participate in a town hall to be broadcast by Fox News Channel from an airport in Green Bay. Vice President Mike Pence also hit another key state, Ohio.

Biden's team has organized small events and enforce social distancing while its members and its candidate wear masks. Trump has refused to wear a mask in public, and his campaign says Biden is using that cautious approach to hide the fact that he can't draw large, enthusiastic crowds.

Biden noted that while he took off a black face mask to give his speech, "I wear it everywhere I go."

"I know as Americans it's not something we're used to," he said. "But it matters."

Biden indeed wore his mask earlier, as he met in an outdoor courtyard with three mothers and two children who told of benefiting from the health care law. Beyond the police cordon, a group of Trump supporters could be heard chanting "four more years" and "USA."

In his subsequent speech, Biden spoke behind a placard proclaiming "Protect and Build on the Affordable Care Act" and promised to promote expanding health insurance to more Americans. He scoffed at Trump's suggestion during last weekend's rally that he'd asked officials to slow down testing for the coronavirus because doing more of it was leading to more people testing positive.

"He thinks finding out that more Americans are sick will make him look bad. And that's what he's worried about," Biden said. "He's worried about looking bad."

Polls in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania show Biden ahead of Trump, but nearly every poll had Trump trailing in 2016 before his base came together in the final weeks of the campaign to secure his victory.

[Obama blasts Trump, praises Biden in new 2020 campaign video](#) [On House floor, Dem women call out abusive treatment by men](#) [Trump says virus in US will get worse before it gets better](#) [Trump's show of federal force sparking alarm in cities](#) [Facing federal agents, Portland protests find new momentum](#)

Trump's event wasn't open to the public but featured hundreds of people inside the shipyard who will be required to wear masks - even though Trump won't be. He was promoting a contract won in April by Fincantieri Marinette Marine to build as many as 10 Navy frigates. The company employs about 2,500 people now, and the deal could add 1,000 jobs. It's the first new major shipbuilding program for the Navy in more than a decade.

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Arriving in Wisconsin, Trump acknowledged the power of incumbency, tweeting, "Launching big new ship contract!" Video on Twitter showed protesters just outside the airport, chanting "Hands up, don't shoot," and "*I can't breathe*." Meanwhile, an event page created by Fox News said attendees of the town hall event were required to wear a face covering.

Biden has also broken with Trump by spending weeks denouncing institutional racism and police brutality, siding with protesters around the country. Pence drove home that contrast on Thursday, participating in a police roll call during his stop in Youngstown, Ohio.

The vice president declared that promoting the rights of African Americans did not have to come at the expense of police rights. "We're showing we don't have to make that choice," Pence said.

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Tiny house homeless nonprofit seeks plywood donations

ARTICLE CMXVIII. [**TINY HOUSE HOMELESS NONPROFIT SEEKS PLYWOOD DONATIONS**](#)

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Settled, a nonprofit organization working to end homelessness, is asking business owners to donate the sheets of plywood so they can be used to build tiny houses - known as "Sacred Settlements" - on church-owned land.

"This is an opportunity for us to turn something that ... is no longer being used into something extremely valuable - snug, comfortable homes to protect our unhoused population, which is even more fragile in these uncertain times," Settled co-founder Gabrielle Clowdus said in a prepared statement.

In January, Forest Lake Lutheran voted to partner to explore placing a Sacred Settlement on its 7.8-acre property. Those plans have yet to be approved by the Forest Lake City Council.

To donate plywood or other building materials to Settled, call 512-788-0344.

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ARTICLE CMXIX. **[ST. PAUL POLICE REFORMS WERE UNDERWAY FOR YEARS WHEN GEORGE FLOYD DIED IN MINNEAPOLIS, AXTELL TELLS COUNCIL](#)**

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"I wonder what they would think about that," Axtell told St. Paul City Council members.

He pointed out that violent crime has increased in St. Paul and also said he has been working to reform the department since he became chief four years ago.

"While some law enforcement agencies around the country have been building policy in the last four weeks in the wake of the tragic murder of ***George Floyd*** (in Minneapolis police custody), your police department has been immersed in that work for the past four years," Axtell said during the virtual meeting. During the meeting he responded to questions council members sent him in advance and also to follow-up inquiries they posed to him.

[Two of seven St. Paul City Council members have stated they support abolishing the police.](#) One, Mitra Jalali, told Axtell on Thursday she appreciated him bringing up the question of defunding the police.

"I think that it's important to not conflate law enforcement with crime prevention because people who are experiencing crimes are not only experiencing disproportionate amounts of crimes due to a whole host of factors of under-investment in areas of their lives, but are also at higher risk of experiencing violence at the hands of law enforcement," Jalali said. "... This can't just stop at a reform conversation. We do have to talk about how to create community safety, and as a city our violence prevention dollars are going to things that aren't preventing violence."

City Council President Amy Brendmoen asked Axtell whether the period of civil unrest had skewed the overall crime trends upward. Axtell told her that with the exception of a couple of crime categories, crime had already been up in St. Paul this year.

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"Since the tragic Floyd incident, crime and shots-fired and people injured by gunfire continues to go up ... as well," Axtell said.

There have been 16 homicides in St. Paul this year; there were 12 through the end of June 2019. Axtell also said this year, compared to the same period last year:

Reports of shots fired are up 130 percent (there have been 928 reported). Robberies are up 30 percent (297 reported). Aggravated assaults are up 24 percent (421 reported).

During the past couple of weeks, there have been two instances of groups of officers being fired upon - one in Frogtown and the other on the East Side, Axtell said.

St. Paul police continue to work with federal law enforcement agencies to go after people "with razor-sharp precision" who are illegally carrying guns and pulling the triggers "indiscriminately" to settle disputes that often are about perceived acts of disrespect, Axtell said.

City Council member Jane Prince said when she was door knocking on the East Side last fall, during a time when there was a spike in homicides, people were not supportive of reductions to the police department.

"When we are talking about potential cuts to our police department, we really do need to speak to the people who live in areas where they are victimized at much higher rates than other parts of the city," Prince said.

After peaceful protests in Minneapolis and St. Paul, there were several days of looting and arson in both cities. More than 300 buildings and businesses in St. Paul - many on University Avenue - were damaged and destroyed by vandalism and fire, according to the city. St. Paul officials estimate the damage at more than \$73 million.

Jalali asked Axtell during about department policies regarding officers using chemicals and projectiles on people.

She said there was a video that showed a young person approach an officer standing next to what appeared to be a St. Paul police squad.

"The officer appears to mace them or spray them with some kind of pepper spray or chemical and they all run away ... and so when it looks like our officers are escalating interactions with protesters who aren't actually doing anything, it exacerbates the trust problems that we're all talking about," she said, asking Axtell what steps the department is taking to "be accountable where our policies weren't followed."

Axtell said the department has clear policies and he doesn't believe that officers overall went "further than it needed to."

Officers had rocks and bottles thrown at them as they tried to prevent more buildings from being burned, said Axtell, adding that it was "the most violence I've seen in a riot in my history on this department, 31 years."

Axtell also said, "If there were mistakes made, I'd like people to bring those mistakes to me."

Since Axtell became chief in 2016, he said the department "began a transformation from a police department that was mostly white, mostly male ... to a police department that is more transparent, more compassionate and more connected to our community, and that journey will continue."

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City Council member Rebecca Noecker recently held a virtual town hall with two legislators and said she heard that "so many of the people of color in my ward just feel like the kind of interaction that they have with our officers is fundamentally different because of who they are." She said a mother told her that her 11-year-old son, who is a person of color, had a gun pulled on him by police twice.

Axtell has said he wants the department to be transparent and has [released annual data about traffic stops that includes racial demographics](#), but Noecker asked if there were other ways "of measuring whether our officers are being fair and using the same kind of response no matter who they're responding to."

Officers continue to get training in implicit bias each year, which is more than the state mandates, and they work to ensure "our response to calls and our citizens are based on behavior and not the color of their skin," Axtell said.

Axtell highlighted changes he's overseen, among them:

Incorporating community recommendations when rewriting K-9 and use-of-force policies. Civil litigation involving St. Paul police has decreased since 2016, with the exception of the [record-setting \\$2 million settlement to Frank Baker](#), who was unarmed and not the suspect police were looking for when he was injured by a K-9 and an officer. Last year marked the lowest civil payouts related to the police department - \$24,000 - on record. Increasing diversity in the department by 30 percent among officers and civilians. Being the first department in the state to ban "warrior training" in favor of guardian and crisis intervention training. Forming a Community Outreach and Stabilization Unit that pairs officers with licensed clinical social workers for some mental health calls.

Axtell said claims that people have made about the St. Paul police department being the deadliest are untrue. Officers have fatally shot four people in the four years that Axtell has been chief, and he said several other cities of comparable size have higher numbers.

"All incidents are tragic, but St. Paul certainly does not warrant this label," he said. [Maple Grove man who buried wife's body in basement hangs himself in jail](#) [High-speed chase on I-94 ends with arrest in western Wisconsin](#) [Three arrested in series of kidnappings, armed robberies, carjackings, St. Paul police say](#) [South Dakota man charged in 1974 slaying in Minnesota](#) [Police arrest Sioux Falls man, 79, in 1974 homicide in Willmar, Minn.](#)

Graphic

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell, left, shows a PepperBall launcher to St. Paul City Council members during a virtual meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020. Axtell was responding to questions from Council Member Mitra Jalali, third from the left, about what chemicals and projectiles police used during civil unrest in St. Paul after the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody. The launcher deploys a plastic ball that has similar effects to pepper spray; Axtell said it doesn't break the skin. Also pictured, left to right, are City Council President Amy Brendmoen, director of City Council operations Trudy Moloney and City Council Member Rebecca Noecker. (Courtesy image)

St. Paul City Council Member Mitra Jalali.

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St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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The United States must be the only nation in the world that names military posts after traitors. The police killing of [George Floyd](#) has brought renewed attention to this absurd practice, in which U.S. Army and Army National Guard installations across the South bear the names of secessionist generals, most of them West Pointers, who fought to uphold slavery during the Civil War.

The moment to end this practice has arrived. The Army should take the opportunity to end this offensive tradition and ensure the namesakes of Army installations express the courage, fidelity and moral awareness that Americans expect of their soldiers.

Here are our nominations for replacement honorees for 10 Army posts that currently bear the names of dishonorable Confederate generals. Our criteria are simple: no one living and no generals.

Naming Army posts after very senior officers suggests a correlation between rank and military merit. From personal experience, we know that no such relationship exists. Besides, plenty of other posts - Forts Meade, Drum and Leonard Wood, for example - carry the names of generals who, whatever their limitations, at least fought on the right side.

Far better to honor those who while serving modeled virtues that can inspire current and future soldiers.

Civil War - Col. Robert Gould Shaw

Born of a prominent abolitionist family, Shaw organized, trained and led the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, among the very first African American regiments in the Union Army. At age 25, Shaw was killed on July 18, 1863, leading his regiment's assault on Battery Wagner, at Charleston, S.C. Fort Hood, Texas, currently designated for a Confederate general, should be renamed Fort Shaw.

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Post-Civil War - Lt. Henry Flipper

Born into slavery in Georgia, Flipper was the first African American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy. At West Point, he endured vile hazing at the hands of his fellow cadets. Commissioned in 1877, he served honorably with the 10th U.S. Cavalry, the Buffalo Soldiers, until dismissed from the Army in 1882 on trumped up charges. In 1999, a presidential pardon cleared Flipper's name, which should grace Fort Gordon, in his home state.

Awarded the Medal of Honor for combat actions in France in 1918, including leading an attack on a German machine gun emplacement. York represents the ideal of the citizen soldier serving his country in time of need. Fort Benning, Ga., should be renamed Fort York.

World War II, Pacific - Maj. Josephine Nesbit

Nesbit joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1918 during the influenza pandemic and served until 1946. Stationed in the Philippines in 1941, she was captured after the fall of Bataan and spent the remainder of the war faithfully administering to her fellow POWs. Fort Lee, Va., currently named in honor of the slaveholding Robert E. Lee, should be renamed Fort Nesbit.

World War II, Europe - Lt. Daniel Inouye

In 1943, when the Army dropped its ban on Japanese Americans serving, Inouye immediately volunteered and joined the famed all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. After earning a battlefield commission, he sustained several wounds and ultimately received the Medal of Honor. He subsequently served his native Hawaii in the Senate for more than 40 years. The Army should rename Fort Polk, La., Fort Daniel Inouye.

World War II, Army Air Forces - Capt. George McGovern

Piloting a B-24 Liberator bomber, McGovern flew 35 combat missions, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross among other decorations. After the war, he served his home state of South Dakota in the House of Representatives and the Senate, and courageously opposed the folly of the Vietnam War. Louisiana's Camp Beauregard, whose name now venerates the officer who fired the first shots at Fort Sumter in 1861, should become Camp McGovern.

Enlisting at age 16, Pena served in World War II and then Korea, where he earned the Medal of Honor posthumously after single-handedly holding off the enemy so his unit could safely retreat. Fort Pena is the better title for a Virginia post currently named for the traitor A.P. Hill.

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Vietnam - Chief Warrant Officer Hugh Thompson

While serving in Vietnam in 1968 as an Army aviator, Thompson landed his helicopter between Vietnamese villagers and U.S. troops to put an end to the My Lai massacre of some 350 civilians. Fort Rucker, Ala., home of U.S. Army Aviation, should be renamed Fort Thompson in his memory.

Post-9/11 - Staff Sgt. Justin Gallegos

In 2009, with his unit outnumbered six-to-one, Gallegos gallantly defended an Afghanistan outpost. This first-generation Mexican American held a critical position until exhausting his ammunition. Killed exposing himself to retrieve a wounded comrade, he received the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously. Gallegos is an appropriate namesake for Fort Pickett, Va., to replace the rebel general known for his foolish charge at Gettysburg.

A valiant Chiricahua Apache warrior, Geronimo resisted U.S. government efforts to deprive Indians of their freedom in the late 1800s. During World War II, U.S. Army paratroopers shouted, "Geronimo!" when exiting their aircraft. It is thus fitting to rename Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the airborne, Fort Geronimo.

Members of Congress can act quickly when appropriating trillions in corporate bailouts in a time of economic crisis. They should demonstrate similar alacrity in expunging Confederate names from Army installations. President Trump predictably opposes any such action. Our elected representatives and senators should disregard his intransigence and pass the necessary legislation by a veto-proof majority.

The Army has a lot of signs to repaint.

Andrew Bacevich and Danny Sjursen each graduated from West Point and subsequently taught U.S. history there. Bacevich is a Vietnam veteran. Sjursen served in Iraq and Afghanistan. They wrote this piece for the Los Angeles Times.

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Patrick Schmidt: Let's build law and order. We start by rethinking policing

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It's an opportunity, I believe, that should be joined by people from across the political spectrum.

I once saw why.

A few years ago, I was honored to be called for jury service in Ramsey County, and to end up as foreman of a six-person jury in a drunk-driving trial. The defendant, a white man in his late 20s, had been to a wedding of a fraternity buddy when he was pulled over in St. Paul for suspected intoxication. His claim: His girlfriend had been driving. The officer asserted that he identified the man driving before he turned his lights on, and that the two party-goers quickly exited the SUV and made up the story before he could turn a corner and pull up behind the stopped vehicle.

My jury was diverse, as it should be: a suburban family man, white and slightly younger than me; an older white businessman who spoke of having been a Reagan delegate in the 1980s; a retired white woman; an older African American woman, a social worker by profession; and a younger black man, a car mechanic.

We found one important thing in common. In deliberations, each told their distrust of the lead police officer. Assessing the facts, all jurors discounted the veteran officer's confidence in his powers of recognition and perception. They gave little weight to the corroborating witness of a second officer. They were downright suspicious of the gaps in the video record produced by a "mistake" when the officer turned the car's camera on. A deliberate and corrupt practice, many agreed.

Patrick Schmidt: Let's build law and order. We start by rethinking policing

The jurors shared the reasons for their skepticism. To the life experiences aired by my African American colleagues, even the older Republican spoke of a distrust born of his son's treatment in a drug case.

We had no love for the defendant's character, and despite our agreement that he probably had been the driver, our deliberations didn't last more than an hour. Acquitted.

I left satisfied at having done my civic duty but was still unsettled. This defendant concerned me. He smirked. He might drink and drive again. None of us wanted that. But we couldn't trust the source of the evidence against him. Leaving the Ramsey County courthouse that day, I knew that the cops on the beat had lost the faith of even some of the more conservative citizens.

Despite the obvious divisions today, we begin with shared interests. Indeed, as noted by Yale Law Professor James Forman, Jr. in his book, "Locking Up Our Own" (2018), many black policymakers and judges supported the war on crime that began in the 1970s, as they searched for ways to stop communities from being torn apart by drugs and murder. Tragically, that war's terrible effect was to militarize policing and drive mass incarceration. It is clearer than ever that we have criminalized too much and looked to police as the answer to too many problems. That will change and must change.

Freedom flourishes in peaceful communities. But those demanding "law and order" commonly forget the "law" part. The rule of law isn't a simple concept, but it certainly doesn't mean "rules ruthlessly enforced" or "whatever it takes."

When police battle and repress their community, they lose the trust of the people they serve, and order always remains a mirage. Law isn't made better by making law enforcement harsher, more physical, less forgiving. That kind of policing destroys trust and undermines the law itself. We require just laws, enforced equitably, humanely, and decently.

We have tried many reforms - body cameras, police review boards, de-escalation training - only for researchers to find little meaningful effect. My jury displayed one unintended consequence, too: that we can't assume an innocent explanation for the failure of police to turn on their cameras, which according to studies happens as much as 20% of the time.

Minor reforms attempting to restrain excessive force haven't displaced the adversarial philosophy that has already driven the United States to the world's highest incarceration rate. Just as important, the rear-view mirror on the past half century shows that the militarization of policing and overuse of criminal law has also produced pervasive targeting of communities of color over misdemeanor offenses. The loss of trust, I found with my jury, is even deeper than I thought.

At this crossroads, then, the real "law and order" agenda isn't more, but less: a smaller, more specialized role for law enforcement expertise.

America won't find consensus around a slogan like "Defund the Police," but we can take a fresh look at the question, when do we need policing? Police can't be the answer, or even the first response, to situations that have their roots in mental health or income inequality. And the slow road to rebuilding trust will come in approaches that grow in partnership with communities rather than against them.

So long as the partisan divide in the United States remains a culture war, the national conversation about law enforcement will stop short. But unless we embrace this opportunity, we won't have justice and we won't have peace - and no amount of policing will bring order either.

Patrick Schmidt: Let's build law and order. We start by rethinking policing

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3 men indicted on murder charges in killing of Ahmaud Arbery

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Body

ATLANTA - Three white men have been indicted on murder charges in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man fatally shot while running in a neighborhood near Georgia's coast.

Prosecutor Joyette Holmes announced Wednesday that a grand jury has indicted Travis McMichael, Greg McMichael and William "Roddie" Bryan Jr. on charges including malice and felony murder in Arbery's death.

"This is another positive step, another great step for finding justice for Ahmaud, for finding justice for this family and the community beyond," Holmes said at a news conference outside the Glynn County courthouse in Brunswick that was streamed online by news outlets.

Arbery's death has often been invoked during protests against racial injustice that have broken out across the nation since [**George Floyd**](#)'s death last month under a white Minneapolis police officer's knee. Arbery's death also fueled a renewed push for a state hate crimes law in Georgia, which state lawmakers passed on Tuesday.

Lawyers for the McMichaels have cautioned against a rush to judgment and have said the full story will come out in court. A lawyer for Bryan has maintained that his client was merely a witness.

Arbery was slain Feb. 23 when the Greg and Travis McMichael, a father and son, armed themselves and pursued the 25-year-old Black man running in their neighborhood. Greg McMichael told police he suspected Arbery was a burglar and that Arbery attacked his son before being shot. Arbery's family has said he was out for a jog.

Bryan lives in the same subdivision, just outside the port city of Brunswick. Bryan said he saw the McMichaels driving by and joined the chase, a Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent Richard Dial testified earlier this month at a probable cause hearing.

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It wasn't until May 7 - two days after Bryan's cellphone video leaked online and stirred a national outcry - that the McMichaels were arrested. Bryan was arrested on May 22, and an arrest warrant said he tried "to confine and detain" Arbery without legal authority by "utilizing his vehicle on multiple occasions" before Arbery was shot.

Bryan told investigators that Travis McMichael cursed and said a racist slur as he stood over Arbery, moments after he fatally shot him, Dial testified.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation took over the case after the video surfaced. The state attorney general appointed Holmes, who's the district attorney in Cobb County near Atlanta, to prosecute after the local district attorney recused herself because Greg McMichael had worked for her - and two other outside prosecutors also stepped aside.

In addition to malice murder and felony murder charges, the McMichaels and Bryan each are charged with two counts of aggravated assault and one count each of false imprisonment and criminal attempt to commit false imprisonment.

Under Georgia law, a felony murder charge means that a death occurred during the commission of an underlying felony and doesn't require intent to kill. Malice murder requires "malice aforethought, either express or implied." Any murder conviction in Georgia carries a minimum sentence of life in prison, either with or without the possibility of parole.

Court functions in Georgia have been severely limited in recent months because of a statewide judicial emergency declared by the chief justice of the state Supreme Court in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Holmes said they were able to call in a grand jury that had been impaneled prior to the judicial emergency.

Attorneys for Arbery's mother and father issued statements applauding the indictment and stressing their desire to see the three men convicted and sentenced for his death.

Bob Rubin, a lawyer for Travis McMichael, 34, said in an email that prosecutors choose the facts they want to present to a grand jury when seeking an indictment. The defense team has found other facts "that are an integral part of the case," he wrote.

"To this indictment, Travis McMichael will plead not guilty, and we look forward to presenting all of the facts regarding this tragic death in a court of law," Rubin wrote.

Attorney Kevin Gough, who represents Bryan, 50, spoke to reporters at the county courthouse right after Holmes announced the indictment.

"We welcome the action of the grand jury today,' Gough said. "While we disagree with it, it's an important step in the process to moving this case closer to the speedy trial that Roddie has demanded."

He said his client has committed no crime and has cooperated with law enforcement officers from the beginning.

Lawyers for Greg McMichael, 64, did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment Wednesday afternoon.

Even if Gov. Brian Kemp signs the state hate crimes legislation passed this week, it couldn't be applied retroactively to this case, Holmes told reporters. The U.S. Department of Justice has said it's assessing

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whether federal hate crimes charges are appropriate. [No mask, pay a fine? Bay Area starts moving to enforce coronavirus rules](#) [Last call for alcohol in Colorado will be 10 p.m., Gov. Jared Polis orders in latest salvo against COVID-19](#) [Trump's show of federal force sparking alarm in cities](#) [Facing federal agents, Portland protests find new momentum](#) [Federal agents, local streets: A 'red flag' in Oregon](#)

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A legacy going south?

ARTICLE CMXXIII. [A LEGACY GOING SOUTH?](#)

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Body

ALBERT LEA, MINN. - Hannah Goodemann recalls learning that her city was named for a man with a divisive past during a school field trip to the Freeborn County Historical Museum.

But Goodemann and other longtime residents of this city of 18,000 people say that Albert Lea's allegiance to the slaveholding South is seldom mentioned.

Lea was a Tennessean who served as a Confederate lieutenant colonel several decades after he surveyed parts of what became southern Minnesota for the U.S. Army in 1835. There's a bust of him at the county museum, but he's buried 900 miles away, down Interstate 35, in Corsicana, Texas.

"I think it would be interesting to open up that dialogue and see what other people in the community think," said Goodemann, 22, a bartender and community activist.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers in Washington, D.C., is trying to remove names of Confederate generals from military bases, and rebel statues are tumbling from Texas to Virginia. After **George Floyd's** killing in Minneapolis police custody, some racial justice advocates say such symbols glorify the forces that fought to preserve slavery.

Yet the debate about the place of Confederate names in 21st-century America has largely bypassed Albert Lea, far from the places where slavery helped drive the Civil War.

"I don't know that really as a community we've talked about Albert Lea. ... I would venture to guess that most people in town don't even know," said Mayor Vern Rasmussen Jr.

Rasmussen grew up in southern Minnesota but said he didn't hear much about Albert Lea's Confederate ties until 2015, when a volunteer firefighter flew a

Confederate flag on the back of a Hartland, Minn., fire truck during an Independence Day parade in Albert Lea.

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The incident spurred controversy at a time when South Carolina officials were looking to remove the Confederate flag at their statehouse after a white supremacist's shooting of nine black churchgoers in Charleston.

Rasmussen said one of the City Council's goals is to improve outreach and inclusiveness with the community, adding that "the most important thing for us to do is to continue to work on our race relations." If Albert Lea doesn't welcome everyone, he said, it won't grow.

The city is 91% white, 14% Hispanic or Latino (including some whites), 3% Asian, and 2% black, and the school system is rapidly growing even more racially diverse.

"The name itself, I don't think in our community has any negative or positive connotation," said Rasmussen. "It's really just a name. ... I think [changing it] is a lot of money and time spent, and I'm not sure it would benefit us as much as it would to try to build a receptive community to everyone."

Melissa Schmidt, 41, said she agrees with the mayor. Lea's Confederate service, she said, "had nothing to do with what he did in Albert Lea at the time."

An uncomfortable past

Lea was born in 1808 in Knoxville, Tenn., and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He served as a lieutenant in the First Regiment of the U.S. Dragoons at Fort Des Moines and was assigned in 1835 to a topographical expedition of Michigan Territory, spanning what became northern Iowa and southern Minnesota.

He helped map the region and published a pamphlet the following year that was credited with drawing waves of settlers to the brand-new Wisconsin Territory and also gave Iowa its name. French cartographer Joseph Nicollet later renamed Fox Lake after Lea, and the town that sprang up around the lake in the 1850s took on the name, too.

Lea went on to a wide-ranging career, including a stint as acting secretary of war under President Millard Fillmore. He was living in Texas when the Civil War broke out in 1861 and joined the Confederate army, even though his son, Edward, was a Union naval officer. In 1863, Lea saw Edward die after Confederate soldiers attacked the boat where he was chief officer near Galveston, Texas.

By 1874, with Minnesota a solidly Union state and the wounds of the Civil War still fresh, some Albert Lea residents were making an effort to change the city's name. They were opposed by a group that protested vigorously in the Freeborn County Standard that a change would lead to postal confusion and force Albert Lea to build its reputation under a new name.

Lea, they wrote, was only "a subordinate officer of the government at the time of the expedition, possessed of a keen appreciation of his position." They praised the town's historical origins and how Lea had dwelled enthusiastically in his writings on the area's beauty: "Must it be set aside because Mr. Lea, unfortunately, lived in the South when the war broke out?"

The name stayed. After the war, Lea opened a bookstore in Galveston and served as city engineer. The Standard trumpeted his visit to Albert Lea in 1879, stating his Confederate ties matter-of-factly: "On the breaking out of the rebellion [he] offered his services to the confederacy, which were accepted. He served the rebel cause in various capacities."

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While in town, Lea delivered an address before 3,500 people at the annual reunion of the Old Settlers of Freeborn County, but he made no mention of the Civil War. He died in 1891.

'History is history'

A week after Floyd's death, Goodemann organized a rally in Albert Lea demanding justice that drew at least 200 people outside the county courthouse. She said she received some backlash afterward, with messages accusing her of being anti-cop and associated with anti-fascist activists.

Lisa Hanson, 55, said she didn't think Albert Lea's Confederate past "is necessarily something that anyone is real proud of," but doesn't represent the community she loves.

"Albert Lea does not represent this Confederate soldier," said Hanson, owner of the Interchange Wine and Coffee Bistro. "Yes, it was named after him, but I think in no do we see ourselves ... as following in his footsteps."

Shawn Biggins, a 30-year-old customer at the Interchange, said he couldn't see why it would be a problem to rename the city. "But I think a lot of people around here wouldn't take too kindly to that," he said; it's a conservative area and "seem[s] to not like change very much."

At the Conger Meat Market downtown, behind-the-counter employee Tammy Eggum, 58, voiced dismay at efforts to remove Confederate names from military bases. She said her son is in the military and did his basic training in Georgia at Fort Benning, named for a Confederate general.

History must be preserved good and bad, she said, and that includes keeping Albert Lea's name.

"History is history - it should stay where it is," she said.

"History can be ugly," agreed customer Julie Sorenson, 54, a school district worker. But eliminating Confederate names and statues, she said, "doesn't erase it."

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Bread and Butter Ventures brings together local startup veterans

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A group of seasoned Twin Cities startup veterans with backgrounds in fundraising, investing, marketing, mentorship and more have teamed up to launch a new venture capital firm called Bread and Butter Ventures.

The firm's founders are Brett Brohl, Mary Grove and Stephanie Rich. Brohl is the managing director of the St. Paul-based Techstars Farm to Fork ag-tech accelerator. Rich is Farm to Fork's entrepreneur in residence and the founder of local tech news site Starting Up North. The site officially ceased operations Thursday morning so Rich could focus her efforts on Bread and Butter.

Bread and Butter Ventures brings together local startup veterans

"I'm beyond thrilled by the opportunity," Rich told Minne Inno. "I've had so much fun working with Brett and Mary. I'm excited to build this with them. I think we can do something special."

Grove is a former Google executive. Around two years ago, she moved to Minnesota to become a partner in Revolution and make investments from the firm's Rise of the Rest Seed Fund. During her time with Revolution, Grove led 25 investments for the firm in a number of sectors but developed a special interest in health care and enterprise SaaS software.

Grove said she is grateful for her time working with Rise of the Rest, especially because it helped her realize that she loved working with early-stage founders.

"As I contemplated my next chapter, it made sense to go all-in on the ecosystem here," she said. "Minnesota is something I'm deeply convicted in. By working here, we have the opportunity to re-galvanize more resources and bring the best of Minnesota to the world and the best of the world to Minnesota."

Bread and Butter is the evolution of The Syndicate Fund, a venture capital group founded by Brohl around four years ago.

"It wasn't that we needed to change, but that we had an opportunity," he said. "The three of us have very different backgrounds and we all look at deals differently. By bringing us all together, we can do more and improve our results."

The Syndicate Fund was about halfway through its second fund when it converted to Bread and Butter Ventures. Despite the change, Brohl said the firm first is prepared to continue investing out of this fund immediately. All Syndicate Fund portfolio companies will also be brought over to Bread and Butter.

Bread and Butter's name is a nod to its location. Minnesota has been known by some as the "Bread and Butter" state since the early 20th century. The firm's founders say that it also reflects their investing philosophy.

"This means food, enterprise SaaS and health care - some of Minnesota's strengths," Grove said. "But more than that, we want to focus on how we feed each other and how we take care of each other. That's our focus."

Bread and Butter will be investing in businesses both in Minnesota and across the globe.

Founders of color have historically been *overlooked and underfunded* in the world of venture capital. It's a problem that has plagued the industry for years, but discussions of inequality have been recently renewed in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s death.

Bread and Butter's founders say that this issue has been at the front of their minds and they're developing specific initiatives to combat this issue.

"We fundamentally believe that good investment strategy includes diversity," Rich said. "It's incredibly important. Anyone that's including it as an afterthought isn't doing it right."

"Diversity is not about charity," Brohl added. "Our job as a fund is to invest in the best founders and provide returns. Everything out there says diverse portfolios out-perform those that aren't diverse. So diversity is an integral part of this fund."

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Brohl and Grove will be general partners at Bread and Butter while Rich will serve as head of platform. In this role, Rich will focus on the firm's activities outside of investment, including ways to build the ecosystem and support entrepreneurs.

"We're doing a lot of discovery right now," Rich said. "We're looking at these companies, learning where they are and what they need. What are good and bad practices? After that, we'll be able to share more about longer-term strategies."

For now, Bread and Butter knows that it wants to commit to certain actions around transparency. The firm will publish data about its investments, recruit diverse speakers and provide hands-on training to help portfolio companies build inclusive teams.

Founders also say that any panel they participate in must be diverse, and if it's not, they'll help it change. In time, it also plans to bring on limited partners from diverse backgrounds.

Bread and Butter is wasting no time in putting its investment power to work. Just a few hours after making its official debut, the firm was already hearing pitches from founders.

"We want entrepreneurs to find us, reach us and get time with us," Grove said. "We want to be very accessible to the community. That's how we want to differentiate ourselves."

"We want to go in and have an impact," Brohl added. "That's our goal. We want to be the best venture capital firm out there."

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Civil unrest recovery bill dies in special session

ARTICLE CMXXV. [**CIVIL UNREST RECOVERY BILL DIES IN SPECIAL SESSION**](#)

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One casualty of the failed 2020 special session is legislation that would have provided financial help to scorched neighborhoods damaged by the unrest following *George Floyd*' death.

The bill, House File 132 from Rep. Mohamud Noor, DFL-Minneapolis, passed the House by a 74-53 vote on June 19.

However, it had no Senate companion and the upper chamber never took it up before breaking for an overnight recess, just before 11 p.m. on June 19. That pause was interrupted just long enough to reconvene at dawn for the 35-32 Senate vote that effectively ended the special session.

The Noor bill, dubbed the Providing Resources, Opportunity and Maximizing Investments in Striving Entrepreneurs (PROMISE) Act aimed to help rebuild the approximately 1,500 businesses that were damaged or destroyed in arson fires that plagued Lake Street, University Avenue and Broadway after Floyd's death in police custody.

"Members, this is what we need to do," Noor said during House floor debate on June 19. "This is what the communities are asking for during this difficult time. "

Among its features, the economic recovery omnibus package included a \$167.6 million appropriation from the state's general fund in fiscal year 2020, to launch a "civil unrest immediate relief program. "

That money included two \$17.5 million grants to the cities of Minneapolis and St Paul. Of that, \$5 million was intended for Minneapolis to acquire and hold property, either directly or through another entity, in the Lake Street business corridor.

Another \$5 million was dedicated for similar use in damaged areas of St. Paul. In both cases, the money was meant to help the cities "prevent displacement, retain existing businesses and maintain the character of the community. "

In total, the bill would have provided about \$300 million in aid over the 2020-21 biennium.

Among its provisions, it created a "special master panel" to sort out compensation claims for damages. It formed a nine-member Metropolitan Area Redevelopment Corporation board to oversee planning and

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award grants. The same redevelopment corporation also was given authority to levy a special 0.125% sales tax on the seven-county metro area.

The PROMISE Act bill had rent-control provisions for affected areas and required the state Commerce Department to help business owners handle property, liability and casualty insurance claims.

It also had “limited eminent domain” provisions and would have provided a tax break on construction materials to business owners attempting to rebuild.

A successful amendment from Rep. Aisha Gomez, DFL-Minneapolis, established a Civil Unrest Investigatory Commission. It would have functioned like a local version of the national Kerner Commission, which investigated what were then called the nation’s “race riots” of 1968.

That Gomez commission would have held public hearings, investigated leads and issued a public report on the “actions, choices, orders and responses by all local governments, police and military authorities and elected officials who were crucial to the government's response to the civil unrest.”

“The use of force against peaceful protesters, press, medics, residents on their porch and community protecting themselves in the absence of a response from the government are very much in the scope of the commission,” Gomez said on Twitter following the floor debate.

Like all special session bills that failed to reach the governor’s desk, any attempt to pass the Noor bill in a future special session would have to begin from scratch.

It is widely expected that Gov. Tim Walz will trigger another automatic special session when he extends his peacetime emergency authority by another month in mid-July.

Noor on Friday called his bill a “comprehensive economic recovery plan.” While neither he nor any of the lawmakers who helped write the bill condone the burning and looting of neighborhoods, Noor said, neither should the despair caused by the civil disorder be ignored.

“This is what I call a labor of love,” Noor said of his bill. “This is what I call community.”

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Cluster in state tied to drinking in bars

ARTICLE CMXXVI. [**CLUSTER IN STATE TIED TO DRINKING IN BARS**](#)

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Body

A cluster of COVID-19 cases tied to young adults drinking at southern Minnesota bars has raised concerns for state health officials, though it's unclear whether the infections will cause more hospitalizations and deaths.

While young adults are less likely to suffer severe cases, they could be the catalysts for a second wave of COVID-19 in Minnesota and the spreading of the disease to people at greater risk, said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

"As people are out, you know, enjoying a bit of freedom that we have now, [we want to make sure] that they're cognizant of the fact that they could be a risk factor for someone else," Ehresmann said. "Even though they may not be at risk for complications, they can still get COVID just as easily as anyone else and as a result they can spread it to others inadvertently."

Some of the roughly 100 young adults infected during visits to bars June 12 and 13 - the first weekend they reopened - work in child care. Others work in health care facilities and with people at greater risk of severe complications from COVID-19.

The Minnesota Department of Health reported five more deaths Wednesday, bringing the total for the pandemic to 1,397 - with 1,102 occurring in long-term care facilities.

The state also reported a total of 33,763 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19, and a slight uptick this week in hospitalizations - with 340 people admitted due to their infections and 160 needing intensive care.

Daily case growth has ebbed in Minnesota this month, with the 304 cases reported Wednesday well below the peak of 847 reported May 23.

This occurred despite the limited reopening in June of restaurants, bars, fitness centers, salons and entertainment venues, and the mass protests and riots following the police killing of ***George Floyd***, actions that could have spread the virus.

Cluster in state tied to drinking in bars

Blue Earth County is among the counties affected by transmission in bars of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Activity nearly doubled there from 142 COVID-19 cases and zero deaths at the start of this month to 265 cases and two deaths as of Wednesday.

Free testing at four community sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul ended Wednesday, with partial results showing a negligible impact from protest activities on COVID-19 case growth. Roughly 1.5% of 7,706 tests from the first two weeks at these sites were positive for the virus.

Disparity in spread

The results did reveal a disparity in the spread of the virus, though.

The positivity rate for white people at these test sites was .2%, compared to 1.3% among black people, 5% among Asians, and 7.4% among Latinos.

Minorities only made up 40% of the tests but 90% of the positive cases at these sites. Ehresmann said minorities more often work in jobs that don't present work-from-home options, increasing infection risks.

"We need to make sure we are making testing available to our populations of color and Indigenous populations," Ehresmann said.

The recent influx of younger people with COVID-19 might not lead to more deaths, unless those people spread the virus to others at greater risk.

Minnesotans 70 and older make up 12% of known cases and 82% of deaths, whereas Minnesotans 40 and younger make up 66% of known cases but 2% of deaths.

A report on Wednesday from the CDC highlighted how young people spread the virus, noting infections of 60 of 183 students from the University of Texas who were tested for COVID-19 after spring break travel to Cabo San Lucas in Mexico.

One-fifth of the students who tested positive had no symptoms, which is a concern because it means they were potentially spreading the virus without knowing it.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) on Wednesday reduced its COVID-19 estimate for Minnesota from 3,191 deaths to 1,797 by Oct. 1.

The reduction occurred because growth in cases and deaths slowed more than expected in the past week, said Dr. Theo Vos, a professor of health metrics science at IHME in Washington state. "That of course is a good thing, and bucks the pattern that we unfortunately see in quite a few other states in the South and West."

The lack of a surge in cases due to the Floyd protests in Minneapolis and St. Paul supports the theory that people are at less risk of exposure to the virus when outdoors.

Health officials worried despite the lower risks of outdoor transmission because the protesters had been singing and chanting while packed together, and gasping and coughing when tear gas was used to disperse crowds.

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The lack of a significant uptick in cases related to the protests was surprising to Dr. Bill Roberts, a professor of family medicine at the University of Minnesota, but will help inform understanding about transmission risks and environmental differences.

"The safest position is outdoors along with a good breeze, and the least safe is a small room packed with people with someone who is breathing the disease on you," he said. "In between, there's got to be a tipping point where it's safer to be than not to be. I think we'll start to learn that over time.

Safer outside

The lower outdoor risk partly informs the latest decision by Gov. Tim Walz and state health authorities to permit more outdoor youth sports activities.

State guidance allowed full practices and scrimmages starting Wednesday, and games against opponents from other communities in two weeks. Indoor sports can resume July 1.

Ehresmann said wind and outdoor airflow can diffuse the virus, reducing exposure risks.

A study last week in the Journal of Infectious Diseases also found that sunlight could make a difference.

It simulated the decay of aerosolized droplets carrying the virus and found it would take six minutes under summer sun, 19 minutes under fall/winter sunshine levels, and 125 minutes without sunlight.

Ehresmann said she hoped people would consider this protective benefit when congregating this summer, and that bars could steer crowds outdoors when possible.

People should also take precautions such as wearing masks and practicing social distancing, she added.

"I realize it's difficult to consume adult beverages wearing a mask," she said, "but please then social distance and make sure you that you are cognizant of the risk of COVID transmission in a group setting."

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

33,763 -- Total cases

304 -- June 24 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,397 -- Total deaths

5 -- June 24

U.S. cases, new daily

2,357,209 -- Total cases

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35,023 -- June 23

U.S. deaths, new daily

121,178 -- Total deaths

833 -- June 23

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

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Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Free speech, vandalism - and crossing the line

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FREE SPEECH, VANDALISM - AND CROSSING THE LINE

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The toppling of a statue of Christopher Columbus at the State Capitol, one in a spate of attacks on historic monuments around the nation, has prompted state officials to revisit their policies on public art even as they investigate the activists involved in the incident in St. Paul.

"I understand First Amendment rights, but there's a line there and when you cross it you're held criminally responsible," Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said Wednesday.

State investigators continue to try to determine who, beyond the American Indian Movement (AIM) official leading the protest, was involved in actually pulling down the statue two weeks ago. The investigation will then be turned over to the Ramsey County Attorney's Office for possible charges.

Mike Forcia, the AIM Twin Cities chairman and leader of the protest group at the statue site the day it was toppled, said Wednesday that he is still expecting to face criminal charges for what happened. "I'll accept it fully, whatever it is, 100 percent," Forcia said. "Whatever has happened to me is of little consequence compared to the conversation the state needs to have about this."

Forcia's attorney, Jack Rice, said he hopes authorities are open to a resolution that would allow those who pulled down the statue to explain their reasons in a public forum.

But while officials prepare potential criminal charges, the state government board that manages statues and art on the Capitol grounds meets Thursday to initiate a discussion about the public monuments it displays.

The AIM protesters pulled down the nearly 90-year-old statue on June 10, citing long-standing grievances with the 15th-century Genoese explorer and early colonizer of the Americas. It was one of many statues on public grounds felled by protesters in the nationwide reckoning over institutional racism that followed the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police officers.

The statue is now being held in an "undisclosed location," according to Paul Mandell, the executive secretary of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB). He said it would stay there while state leaders work on a new, more defined process for removing statues that offend modern sensibilities.

Free speech, vandalism - and crossing the line

It's a debate likely to echo around the country, as protesters target more and more statues for removal or defacement. In some cases, even the likenesses of historical figures like Ulysses S. Grant who supported the abolition of slavery have been pulled down.

The Minnesota architectural board has responsibility for the statues and art displayed around state government's St. Paul campus. It is chaired by Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. A member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, Flanagan said she was not sorry to see the statue fall.

In addition to discussions toward creating a petition process for removing statues, Mandell said Thursday's meeting would include a more comprehensive discussion of what art gets displayed in and around the Capitol.

Under current law, Mandell said, anyone could request the removal of a statue, but there's no clear criteria for the board to evaluate such requests. The board never received a formal request to remove the Columbus statue before its toppling, he said. "There were a number of years where it would be hit with red paint, a water balloon full of red paint, on Columbus Day," Mandell said.

Native Americans have long taken issue with the now-discredited idea that Columbus "discovered" America. His critics also point to ample historical evidence that he enslaved native residents upon arriving in the West Indies in the 1490s, and employed violence and brutality to quell local uprisings.

Gov. Tim Walz said after the statue fell that he sympathized with the protesters' motives but that there would be consequences for the civil disobedience.

The statue, erected in 1931, was commissioned by and paid for by a group that called itself Italian-Americans of Minnesota, Mandell said.

"It was in reaction to the anti-Italian attitudes in America at that time," Mandell said. "They picked the most famous Italian they could to show that Italians had contributed to America. This was a different time, and views of Columbus were very different."

The Italian-Americans of Minnesota continued for decades to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the statue, which is standard for statuary on the statehouse grounds.

The group later renamed itself the Columbus Memorial Society. It formally dissolved only three years ago, said Kurt Vento, a long-standing member and brother of the late St. Paul congressman Bruce Vento.

"If they want to prosecute those people, that's up to them," Vento said. At least a few people contacted him to say they were upset at what happened to the statue, he said.

"I'm not an apologist for the things Columbus did. A great injustice was done to the American Indians," Vento said. "I would say the Italian-Americans have a great deal of compassion for the American Indians, and we respect them as our brothers and sisters."

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Body

Days have passed since negotiations broke down last weekend at the Minnesota Legislature and, regrettably, not much has changed. The Senate and House failed to reach agreement on bills before the Senate adjourned and there is, as yet, no set date for another special session.

And yet the work - important work and lots of it - remains undone.

Most pressing is how to dispense \$841 million in federal aid to local governments across the state hit hard by the pandemic. For some, the health toll has been heavy, but even those without high case rates have suffered from the economic impact of months of closure and quarantine.

They should wait no longer. Gov. Tim Walz is set to use his emergency powers to distribute that money, a move the Star Tribune Editorial Board supports. The Legislature originally had a bipartisan agreement on distributing the money based on population. Talks broke down over whether to set aside some funds for future hot spots - an eminently sensible proposal, but there are additional funds that can cover that. Had they taken just a little more time, legislators might have worked through their differences and passed a bill to be signed. They did not, and so have forfeited the right to criticize the unilateral action Walz must take to move those funds out.

Hennepin and Ramsey counties got their funding separately. It is the rest of the state that finds itself waiting and waiting for money long since allocated by Washington but still in limbo.

That still leaves some big issues the Legislature should tackle. There's need for a substantial bonding bill to counteract the pandemic-induced recession. Low interest rates and worthy projects abound, and it is the single best economic jump-starter at the state's disposal.

But dwarfing that in importance is the need for law enforcement reforms in the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death at the hands of police.

In an earlier interview with an editorial writer, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said that in talking to residents in Minneapolis, "I don't think I had one who wanted to get rid of police entirely. They wanted to know police were doing their job well."

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Star Tribune reporter Maya Rao encountered a similar sentiment in the wake of gunfire on Minneapolis' North Side. "I know on one side of the city, it looks beautiful for defunding to happen," she was told by Keion Franklin as investigators marked shell casings that fell inches from where his car had driven. "But here on this side of the city, I'm scared if you defund the police ... is it going to turn into World War III over here?"

There can be at once a recognized need for law enforcement and an insistence on ending overly aggressive tactics that jeopardize - and sometimes end - people's lives, as the Editorial Board wrote Sunday. It is not often you get a police chief characterizing an officer-involved death as "murder," as Minneapolis Chief Medario Arradondo described the Floyd case this week, saying the officers who made the arrest did not lack training.

That makes it all the more imperative that legislators return to negotiations to work through their differences, to hear public testimony that challenges their thinking, and to emerge - however long it takes - with the policing reforms that are needed.

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New meaning to ballpark pop-up

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Body

With hot dogs, cold beer and an emerald green field sparkling under the June sunshine, the only thing missing at CHS Field is the team.

As the St. Paul Saints plan to start their 2020 season in Sioux Falls, S.D., their Lowertown home has been left vacant. But the gates aren't staying locked. The stadium is now open for lunch.

The Pop-Up Cafe at CHS Field is serving stadium staples such as burgers and cheese curds, daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are set 6 feet apart on the Broadway Street concourse overlooking the field.

"It's summertime. It's outside. You should be at a ballpark," said Joni Larson, who lives in the neighborhood and snacked on free popcorn while waiting for a burger.

The pop-up comes as many venues look for new avenues to attract customers amid the pandemic.

"Obviously, with the season on hold due to the COVID crisis, we began to take a look at what summer might look like with no games," said Saints general manager Derek Sharrer. Patio dining was the first idea.

"It's great to see the gates open, to see people sitting at tables laughing and smiling, as if they're at a Saint's game," Sharrer said.

Changes at Lyn-Lake

After sitting dormant since last September, the restaurant that kick-started the urban renaissance at Lyndale Avenue and Lake Street in Minneapolis 38 years ago is back in business.

It's Greek To Me has quietly reopened its doors, with a slightly altered name - it's now It's Greek To Me Taverna E Parea (626 W. Lake St., itsgreektomempls.com).

It was a no-brainer that the ownership - which includes some of the original team - would retain the restaurant's well-known name.

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"We wanted to pay homage to that name, because it's been there for so long, and it's such a pillar of the community," said Erik Johnson, a longtime It's Greek to Me employee who is now a co-owner.

The opening did not go as planned. It was originally scheduled for April, but the coronavirus pandemic intervened. With a limited staff, the kitchen started serving takeout in early May.

A planned June 1 opening of the restaurant's appealing off-the-sidewalk patio was sidelined after the protests that followed the death of *George Floyd*. The restaurant's windows were boarded up, and the kitchen turned to making gyro sandwiches to feed volunteers cleaning up the neighborhood.

Finally, the plywood came down, and the patio and dining room quietly reopened. "It's nice to get back to a sense of normalcy, whatever that is," Johnson said.

The restaurant is serving lunch and dinner, Tuesday through Sunday.

An anchor at the same intersection since 1999, the Herkimer Pub & Brewery is ending its run.

The neighborhood brewpub, home to shuffleboard and corn hole leagues, had its last day of service June 24.

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Read full reviews and other restaurant news at [startribune.com/dining](https://www.startribune.com/dining).

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THE CORONAVIRUS

A recent article in the Star Tribune reported on the findings of a large British study that found a significant benefit to using dexamethasone, a corticosteroid, in patients with severe COVID-19 ("HCMC's bullish use of steroid backed," front page, June 17). A focus of the article and the accompanying headline was that at Hennepin County Medical Center, we have given corticosteroid therapy to the majority of our critically ill COVID patients, as have many other medical centers in the U.S., Europe and China.

While the recent data from the United Kingdom does suggest there might be some benefit to this approach, it is important to put this in perspective. Corticosteroids are by no means a magic bullet for COVID-19. Many of the patients we have treated have progressed to irreversible respiratory failure, including several who were relatively young and previously healthy. At this time there is no therapy that will reliably reverse severe COVID pneumonia.

We are aware of the recent rapid increase in COVID hospitalizations in a number of states that recently relaxed their policies on social distancing and fervently hope that this does not happen in Minnesota. Until an effective vaccine becomes available, it is important that all Minnesotans continue to follow the recommended guidelines regarding use of masks, social distancing and hand hygiene to lessen the degree of community spread of this sometimes-lethal virus.

James Leatherman, Heidi Erickson and Robert Shapiro, Minneapolis

The writers are doctors at Hennepin County Medical Center.

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To anyone over age 2 who doesn't want to wear a mask in indoor public spaces for "medical reasons": To my knowledge - as a family physician with more than 40 years of experience - there are two main reasons for true medical difficulty wearing a mask:

1. Severe heart or lung disease. People in this category are at such high risk from COVID-19 that except for visits to the emergency room, they should probably stay home, have their groceries and medications

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delivered and see their outpatient health care providers virtually. It's tough, but the risk of going out, with or without a mask, is probably too high for you.

2. Severe anxiety or claustrophobia. That is truly a problem, but with therapy, some patients have been able to desensitize themselves to the point of being able to wear a mask at least for short times to do the things they really want to do. Wearing a cloth mask for a little while to go out is a whole lot easier than wearing an oxygen mask or being on a ventilator 24/7 for days or weeks if you are one of the unlucky ones who gets severe COVID-19.

For the rest of you, get over yourselves and wear your masks! It may be mildly annoying, but you, your neighbors and your community will be safer for it. Thank you.

Jennie Orr, Hastings

MAIL-IN VOTING

This means disenfranchisement

The right to vote is a fundamental right in our democracy. I am a proud Minnesotan, but I live overseas for my job. I have voted in every election and have always received a ballot by e-mail and mailed it back through the postal system. But life has changed. I just filled out my ballot for the August elections only to discover that Costa Rica currently has very little mail service from the U.S. because of the coronavirus. The U.S. Postal Service says service is suspended to 106 other countries as well. This effectively disenfranchises millions of Americans who live abroad, who may not be able to receive and/or send ballots. In 2016, 15,907 Minnesotans voted from abroad, of whom 4,318 were military and 11,589 were civilians.

Approximately 3 million U.S. voters live abroad. Twenty-five states offer the option to some voters to submit ballots by e-mail, with a web portal or via an app. Minnesota does not. It is time for Minnesota to offer this service for its citizens living abroad. Once the system is established, it could become available for other Minnesotans who prefer to vote online. Our right to vote must never be compromised.

Ruth Mooney, San Jose, Costa Rica

POLICE

Let's ask some deeper questions

In a letter published June 23, a reader made the case that police are needed to keep us safe from shootings, such as the one that occurred in the Uptown area Sunday, when 11 people were shot ("See why we need the police?"). No doubt about it!

But I'm thinking that a bigger question deserves our attention: Why are there people in our community who feel the need or right to terrorize a gathering - feeling that it's not only OK, but that they are proud of it? Where does such anger and disregard for life come from? For that matter, it's the same question we should be asking about ***George Floyd***'s killing - what triggers such behavior? Could the answer to that question be found by an examination of their childhoods?

Research about adverse childhood experiences tells us that the consequences of abuse and neglect are with us, in some fashion, for the rest of our lives. Did this violent, murderous and sadistic behavior stem from living in a violent home and/or community? Were these people bullied, sexually abused, emotionally and/or

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physically neglected by an addicted or mentally ill parent? These are examples of childhood trauma that are very damaging, but not uncommon. There are others, of course.

Getting at the root of these deadly behaviors needs to be our priority as we move forward to finding ways to keep our citizens safe rather than waiting until it becomes necessary for the police to intervene.

Carol Koepp, Edina

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I continue to be puzzled by the logical gap represented by those who point to current acts of violence as evidence that we need the police. Last I checked, Minneapolis does currently have a Police Department, under whose watch people have been shot and people have felt unsafe. Every call that I've seen to defund, dismantle and/or abolish the police has focused clearly and thoughtfully on improving public safety for the community, and demanding more public safety than the MPD has proved capable of delivering.

I understand that clinging to the status quo makes it easier for some Minnesotans to retain the illusion of safety and security, but I would hope that any compassionate Minnesotan would be willing to trade in that illusion for an actual increase in public safety. I would note that I have not yet seen any reports of arrests made in any of these recent shootings.

Continually pointing out the violent acts that are happening while the MPD is supposedly keeping people safe is not the unassailable evidence of police efficacy that many seem to think it is.

Julia Iwaszek, St. Paul

STATUES

Watch what you call 'troubling'

The American Museum of Natural History in New York proposed that the city take down the statue of Teddy Roosevelt that stands in front of the museum, and the city agrees. In the museum's explanation of the statue on its website, it says it finds Roosevelt's "troubling views on race" problematic.

Really? Roosevelt was the first president to invite a black person, Booker T. Washington, to dinner at the White House, and he did it knowing he would be harshly criticized given the attitudes of the time. I would recommend to the museum's administrator the book "Guest of Honor: Booker T. Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, and the White House Dinner That Shocked a Nation" by Deborah Davis.

Thomas W. Spence, St. Paul

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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House passes sweeping police overhaul after Floyd's death

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Body

By LISA MASCARO

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi gathered with members of the Congressional Black Caucus on the Capitol steps, challenging opponents not to allow the deaths to have been in vain or the outpouring of public support for changes to go unmatched. But the collapse of a Senate Republican bill leaves final legislation in doubt.

"Exactly one month ago, [George Floyd](#) spoke his final words - '[I can't breathe](#)' - and changed the course of history," Pelosi said.

She said the Senate faces a choice "to honor [George Floyd](#)'s life or to do nothing."

The [George Floyd](#) Justice in Policing Act is perhaps the most ambitious set of proposed changes to police procedures and accountability in decades. Backed by the nation's leading civil rights groups, it aims to match the moment of demonstrations that filled streets across the nation. It has almost zero chance of becoming law.

On the eve of the vote, President Donald Trump's administration said he would veto the bill. And Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has also said it would not pass the Republican-held chamber.

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"We hear you. We see you. We are you," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., during the debate.

It has been a month since Floyd's May 25 death sparked a global reckoning over police tactics and racial injustice. Since then, funeral services were held for Rayshard Brooks, a Black man shot and killed by police in Atlanta. Thursday is also what would have been the 18th birthday of Tamir Rice, a Black boy killed in Ohio in 2014.

Lawmakers who have been working from home during the COVID-19 crisis were summoned to the Capitol for an emotional, hours-long debate. Dozens voted by proxy under new pandemic rules.

During the day, several Democratic lawmakers read the names of those killed, shared experiences of racial bias and echoed support of ***Black Lives Matter*** activists.

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At one point Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Ga., stood up to say he just didn't understand what was happening in the country - from Floyd's death to the protests that followed. Several Black Democratic lawmakers rose to encourage him to pick up a U.S. history book or watch some of the many films now streaming about the Black experience in America.

Later, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., noting the legacy of Emmett Till, asked others to "walk in my shoes."

In the stalemate over the policing overhaul, the parties are settled into their political zones, almost ensuring no legislation will become law. While there may be shared outrage over Floyd's death, the lawmakers remain far apart on the broader debate over racial bias in policing and other institutions. The 236-181 House vote was largely on party lines. Three Republicans joined Democrats in favor of passage and no Democrats were opposed.

Both bills share common elements that could be grounds for a compromise. Central to both would be the creation of a national database of use-of-force incidents, which is viewed as a way to provide transparency on officers' records if they transfer from one agency to another. The bills would restrict police chokeholds and set up new training procedures, including beefing up the use of body cameras.

The Democratic bill goes much further, mandating many of those changes, while also revising the federal statute for police misconduct and holding officers personally liable for damages in lawsuits. It also would halt the practice of sending military equipment to local law enforcement agencies.

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"I'm frustrated," he said on Fox News Channel.

Scott insisted he was open to amending his bill with changes proposed by Democrats. But Democrats doubted McConnell would allow a thorough debate, and instead blocked the GOP bill.

Senate Democrats believe Senate Republicans will face mounting public pressure to open negotiations and act. But ahead of the November election, that appears uncertain.

Associated Press writers Laurie Kellman, Andrew Taylor, Darlene Superville and Jill Colvin contributed to this report.

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Nancy Pelosi pushes Senate with House passage of George Floyd bill

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi signaled she's willing to negotiate if the Senate is able to approve its own bill. But she said Democrats have no interest in engaging with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on the Republican-only package, which collapsed this week after Senate Democrats blocked it from debate.

"The Senate has to do better," Pelosi said.

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Even though the proposals from Congress share common ground, they diverge widely. One main difference is that several of the changes proposed by Republicans - such as restrictions on police use of chokeholds, which are already prohibited in many jurisdictions - are banned by Democrats.

Pelosi said she's all for bringing ideas to the table, but "if one person is saying chokeholds and the other is saying no chokeholds, it's very hard to compromise."

Law enforcement organizations and some of the nation's leading business groups, including the influential Business Roundtable of leading CEOs, are encouraging Congress to keep working toward a solution. But that seems unlikely, with lawmakers' positions hardening and the parties settled in for a political standoff ahead of campaign season and elections.

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July 4th is still more than a week away. But in neighborhoods across Minneapolis, fireworks have been going off all month - with raucous, illicit displays often stretching into the early morning hours, night after night.

Residents of cities across the country have been reporting unusual amounts of fireworks. From New York City to Denver to Los Angeles, many say the evenings filled with brightly colored explosions seem to have started earlier than in past summers.

For Jeanne Torma, fireworks have been a nightly occurrence since May, primarily to the west of her home in the Near North neighborhood. She said she is hearing thunderous booms, not little fizzles.

"They're huge, a lot of them are pretty big and a lot of the time they go off one after the other," Torma said. "It just feels like it's very different this summer."

Only three types of fireworks are legal in Minnesota: sparklers, cones and tubes

that emit sparks, and novelties like party poppers or snakes. Anything that flies or explodes is not permitted, according to the State Fire Marshal's website.

There were 291 fireworks complaints reported to Minneapolis 311 in the first three weeks of June - a 30-fold increase over the same period last year - with the bulk of the reports coming from south Minneapolis and the North Side, according to data compiled by the city. Before March 2019, 311 did not specifically track fireworks complaints.

Neighbors have taken to Twitter, Reddit and Nextdoor to vent their frustrations about the noise that often continues well into the morning, without regard for disrupted sleep, pets or those with PTSD. Numerous social media users have floated theories that the nightly barrages are related to the unrest following the killing of ***George Floyd*** - nationwide coordinated psychological attacks by police, white supremacists or ***antifa*** activists. However, little evidence has surfaced to support claims of any organized effort.

Regardless of the source of the firecrackers, just about everyone agrees this is not normal.

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"It is truly unusual for our neighborhood," said Janine Munson. A resident of St. Anthony West in northeast Minneapolis, Munson has heard loud fireworks nightly since Juneteenth, the June 19 celebration of the end of slavery. "This has really disrupted the peace," she said.

Minneapolis Police Department spokesman John Elder said police prioritize fireworks calls that threaten life or property. He noted that the fireworks are widespread outside the city limits, too, in both suburban and rural areas.

"This is not just a Minneapolis thing," he said.

Explaining the recent spike in activity may not require a conspiracy. Fireworks retailers are reporting increased sales compared with previous years, said Julie Heckman, executive director of the American Pyrotechnics Association, an industry trade group.

"Memorial Day, kind of the beginning of summer, is where we saw an uptick in sales. It's just gone gangbusters since then," Heckman said. "We see that continuing right through the Fourth of July."

In Prescott, Wis., less than an hour from downtown Minneapolis, business is booming at Victory Fireworks. Late Tuesday afternoon, store manager Tanner DeGross said he had a line of customers.

"We are seemingly busier than normal," DeGross said. "About twice as busy as what I've planned for. ... We saw absolute madness going around in here."

DeGross said he thinks the uptick in sales is probably due to cancellations of graduation and July 4th celebrations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"People [are] sitting at home bored, looking to blow off steam," he said. "So, literally blowing off steam."

Wisconsin requires buyers to purchase a \$3 permit, which allows them to possess and transport a wide array of fireworks. Still, many remain illegal to use outside of designated areas without a separate permit issued by a local official - though enforcement is often lax.

About 90% of Victory's customer base comes from Minnesota, DeGross estimated.

Heckman said she can't be sure why fireworks are flying off the shelves, but she agreed COVID-19 is probably a big part of it.

"People have been locked down for 3½ months with nothing to do," she said. "The weather got nice and people are looking for some form of entertainment."

Fireworks were unusually prevalent last weekend in Downtown West - an area where such spectacles aren't typical, said resident Michelle Schulp.

"It was prolonged and very bad on Saturday night," Schulp said, adding that she was kept up until around 4 a.m. Sunday. "Everywhere in the summer some people light off some fireworks; it's just normal. But this was extremely loud, extremely large and went on in intervals over the span of four hours."

In the morning, Schulp walked over to the parking lot next door and found tubes for launching mortars, a powerful type of artillery shell firework.

Big fireworks? You're not hearing things

"These were big and loud, similar to the kind of stuff you'd see on the Fourth of July, professionally," Schulp said.

It is unlikely the displays seen in videos from cities nationwide are pro-quality fireworks, Heckman said.

"I believe that in some of the cities where we're seeing this, it is consumer firework aerial devices which will burst just under 200 feet in the air," Heckman said. "They're a mini-version of what the professionals use."

Whoever is to blame, Munson hopes her St. Anthony West neighborhood will soon return to normal. She and her husband are avid gardeners and typically spend summer nights outside chatting,

"We really are unable to focus on anything other than the noise it is creating," Munson said of the firecrackers. Their blind basset hound Cleopatra is not fazed by the sounds, she said. But Molly, the dog they lost in November, would be having a tough time.

"She was always stressed by that noise," Munson said.

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FIREWORKS COMPLAINTS SKYROCKET IN JUNE

Complaints to 311 about fireworks in Minneapolis have increased dramatically this month over the same period in 2019.

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(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Source: Minneapolis 311 call data

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John Kass: What matters more? Children like 3-year-old Mekhi James or big city politics?

ARTICLE CMXXXIV. **[JOHN KASS: WHAT MATTERS MORE? CHILDREN LIKE 3-YEAR-OLD MEKHI JAMES OR BIG CITY POLITICS?](#)**

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That little boy slipped into Chicago's never-ending river of violence as have thousands before him, a river that numbs the city even as it washes the names of the dead from common memory.

The toddler was killed in Chicago's street-gang wars, one of more than 100 people shot over the weekend in the city, with 12 of those shot younger than 18. Included among the dead were two boys coming home after getting candy at a neighborhood store, a 13-year-old girl and Mekhi James.

The spike in violence in Chicago and other Democratic Party-controlled big cities, from New York to Los Angeles, is a function of street gangs, drug wars and politics. The elected social justice warriors demand little or no bail for the violent offenders who are released back onto the streets. Broken public school systems serve power interests, not the poor. Tax policy kills business and job opportunities in troubled neighborhoods.

In urban America, Democrats have no competition. And all that matters to the political class is counting the votes.

Carried away in that river of violence, Mekhi James slips past your public anguish and your hand-wringing about why "something" isn't done.

He's indifferent to your "hate has no home here" signs now. He's immune to your good intentions and tweets about that Minneapolis police murder of *George Floyd*.

The river takes him beyond your self-indulgent sentimentality that mourns the baby's death but allows for the continuation of policy that wreaks havoc upon the poor, election year after election year.

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"A line was crossed," said a broken-hearted Rev. Ira Acree of Greater St. John Bible Church on Chicago's West Side to a gathering of angry and distressed mourners from the neighborhood. "This 3-year-old baby lost his life. ... We say ***Black lives matter***, but we're here to say Black baby lives matter more."

Of course they should matter. But do they really matter?

Chicago is a street gang war zone over corners and drug sales. Not all the dead are from the street gang wars. But many are, and we don't dare admit it. Because if we did, we might realize that in Chicago, the violence is out of control.

If we really cared about these victims and their memories, we'd have the decency to call what happened to them by its real name: gang wars.

But instead we call it "gun violence." Why use antiseptic weasel words? Blaming a gun makes things a lot easier on the politicians, and on their wealthy liberal suburban supporters with the "hate has no home here" signs on their front lawns.

There are many guns in the suburbs and in rural areas. But people there aren't slaughtering one another.

The reason there is violence in some Black neighborhoods is the drug trade. And Black street gangs aren't the ones bringing drugs up from Mexico. The importing is handled by the Mexican drug cartels, which have made Chicago a hub.

So, do we really care about Black babies like Mekhi James?

If he hadn't been shot by an assassin's bullet police say was meant for his father, chances are he'd have been ready for kindergarten in a few years and might have attended the Chicago Public Schools.

Woke world journalism and politics are full of anger over institutional racism. But aren't the broken urban public school systems themselves institutionally racist? Yes. And they've had decades to prove it.

Public school systems are political systems. The one in Chicago really doesn't serve the poor as much as other interests.

Like the Chicago Teachers Union, which brings votes and angry demonstrators on demand; and school bureaucrats who historically are Democratic political patronage functionaries; and politically connected vendors who sell goods and services to the schools.

This iron triangle of interests is served first. They fight any effort that threatens their monopoly and gives minority families an alternative, particularly charter schools and school voucher programs. And minority families and students? They're the political cash cows of the system. But they're served last, by design.

If Mekhi James lived longer, he might have played on Chicago streets where violent and repeat gun offenders are often arrested but released back onto those same streets, often with little or no bail, to prey on and in their neighborhoods. Democrat social justice warriors are quite proud of this, including Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, her patron, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and Cook County Chief Judge Tim Evans.

I've written about this several times, from a column about a robber who slammed a young teacher to the ground in Chicago's Lincoln Park for her cellphone and only had to post \$100 bail, to a convicted felon

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arrested with a gun. His bail included electronic home monitoring. He was later arrested while driving; his electronic home monitoring device was plugged into a portable power pack, allowing him to roll through the city, freely.

In Cook County, the political class allows electronic home monitoring to be used for those arrested for murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and rape.

"There are too many violent offenders not in jail, or on electronic home monitoring, which no one is really monitoring," said Chicago police Superintendent David Brown. "We need violent felons to stay in jail longer."

But they don't. The politics won't allow it.

And Chicago's river of violence sweeps another child away. [Conor Sen: U.S. economy might be condemned to relive the '70s](#) [Andrea Gabor: Opening campuses is risky. The alternative is worse](#) [David Grew: Dealing with the coronavirus isn't about making everything safe - it's about assessing risk](#) [Faye Flam: How to make Trump's coronavirus briefings actually good](#) [Jamelle Bouie: The border war in Portland](#)

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People pay their respects on the 1-month anniversary of George Floyd's death

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[**PEOPLE PAY THEIR RESPECTS ON THE 1-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH**](#)

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People pay their respects by taking a knee on the one-month anniversary of ***George Floyd***'s death, at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in South Minneapolis, Thursday, June 25, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

People pay their respects by placing fresh flowers on the one-month anniversary of ***George Floyd***'s death, in front of Cup Foods at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in South Minneapolis, Thursday, June 25, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Call him 'El Roth': Van Halen legend David Lee Roth says he's changed his name

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[CALL HIM 'EL ROTH': VAN HELEN LEGEND DAVID LEE ROTH SAYS HE'S CHANGED HIS NAME](#)

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Body

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The former Van Halen front man now wants to be called "David L. Roth" or "El Roth."

The change was inspired by the current movement in the music industry to disown words having to do with the slavery that existed in the South - which comes in response to the ***Black Lives Matter*** protests that rose up after the death of ***George Floyd***.

Roth made the announcement via social media, posting a piece of artwork he'd created, showing a giant frog by a tiny human, with the following text about the name change:

"David 'Lee' Roth changes name! Diamond Dave, following Lady Antebellum's (now 'Lady A') example, will be dropping the 'Lee' from now on. He wants us all to call him 'David L. Roth' or simply 'El Roth.'"

And he ends the message, for some reason, with: "Bannana (sic) fana-fo-fana."

pic.twitter.com/jOFhpo4t8y

- David L Roth (@DavidLeeRoth) [June 22, 2020](#)

"El Roth" did not go into details as to why he'd decided to strike the "Lee" from his name. But some have hypothesized that it might be because of its [linkage to Confederate General Robert E. Lee](#). Many are assuming it's meant to be a joke.

Lady Antebellum changed its name to Lady A on June 11, with Roth making the announcement that he was dropping the "Lee" earlier this week.

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On Thursday, [*the Dixie Chicks announced that they were changing their name to the Chicks.*](#)

The Dixie Chicks have dropped the "Dixie" and have changed name to [*@thechicks*](#)

- Jim Harrington (@jimthecritic)

Bay Area icon Sammy Hagar OK with trading some lives in order to get economy back on track.
<https://t.co/tbbX4x0hyM> <https://t.co/7YbsexkBMd> [*June 25, 2020*](#)

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LAYERS OF CRISES STRAIN MPLS.

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Highlight: A month after Floyd's death, calls for change meet complications

Body

One month after ***George Floyd*** was killed by Minneapolis police, the city finds itself deep in a debate over racial inequities as leaders look to both remake law enforcement and respond to a new outbreak of violence on the streets.

Adding to the strain is a massive blow to city finances driven by the coronavirus pandemic, raising questions of whether resources will be available to mount the kind of large-scale change many in the city have envisioned.

Since Floyd's death, a generations-long debate about how to run the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** has flared anew. But as city leaders turn from one crisis to the next, it's less than certain whether concrete, transformative change can be delivered - particularly for the very people of color, especially black residents, who have felt the brunt of recent emergencies.

"It's going to be a culture clash and it remains to be seen who is going to come out on top," said Michelle Gross, local president of Communities United Against Police Brutality. The chief goal, she said, should be "to cleanse ourselves of racism."

The ***Minneapolis Police Department*** has been documented to use force disproportionately on black residents. The fiery riots following Floyd's death were focused in neighborhoods known for vibrant immigrant communities. While full demographic breakdowns aren't yet available, many of the shootings currently plaguing the city are happening in areas where people of color live. And state health officials say black and Hispanic Minnesotans have been infected with coronavirus at disproportionately high rates, mirroring the national trend.

"We, as city employees, are daily keeping the priorities of those communities, not just in our minds, but in our hearts," City Coordinator Mark Ruff said at a wide-ranging news conference on Thursday, the one-month anniversary of Floyd's death.

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Efforts to reform the *Minneapolis Police Department* long predate Floyd's death. Department leaders offered additional training. They tried, with mixed success, to diversify its force.

The Minnesota Department of Human Rights is investigating the *Minneapolis Police Department* in the wake of Floyd's death. The city and state negotiated a deal to ban officers from using chokeholds and neck restraints, to strengthen requirements to intervene in excessive force cases and increase transparency in some police discipline cases.

Additional terms will likely be hashed out in court in the coming weeks, and the city will submit to the state a list of laws that it believes impede its reform attempts.

Some police reform activists worry about whether the state will act. The Legislature left a special session this weekend without approving measures to increase training and change arbitration, among other proposals.

While the state investigation proceeds, City Council members are debating how to change the department.

Nine City Council members vowed earlier this month to "begin the process of ending" the *Minneapolis Police Department*. On Friday, they are scheduled to consider a measure that would not eliminate police but place them under the umbrella of a larger Community Safety and Violence Prevention Department. The measure would ultimately need approval from voters.

Many cities that have reduced police forces have also increased funding for social services and violence prevention programs. But the coronavirus pandemic left the city with a shortfall of about \$165 million.

Current violence prevention efforts have struggled to keep up with a surge in shootings that left more than 100 people injured since Floyd's death.

Sasha Cotton, director of the city's Office of Violence Prevention, said there are plans for emergency meetings with some community groups and increased efforts to meet with gunshot victims who come into Level One trauma centers.

Cotton says she believes several factors are contributing to the violence. Some of it appears retaliatory, she said. She noted that some lost jobs during the pandemic and unrest, and they "are feeling a deep level of desperation," and that others were released from jail or prison "at an expedited rate" due to both crises.

"We really do feel like ... this is a perfect storm," she said.

While the city copes with the crises, it's seeking help from the state and federal governments - both to cover its own costs and help local business owners who struggled first with pandemic-related closures and then with destruction during the unrest.

The city is still tallying the damage inflicted after Floyd's death. As of Thursday, it knew of more than 1,000 storefronts that had been damaged. Of those, 53 buildings were destroyed.

Many were located along Lake Street, known for its immigrant-owned businesses. Though not the epicenter of the riots, West Broadway, the site of some recent shootings, also saw a string of businesses looted or damaged.

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City officials are working with the state and Hennepin County to seek disaster declarations. One would ask the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance repairing public infrastructure and another would open up a small loan pool for businesses.

Decisions about federal aid to help with riot recovery have been inconsistent in the past. To bolster their case, city officials are asking business owners to report their losses, particularly ones that are not covered fully by insurance.

As they move forward, city officials have promised to include communities of color in the recovery - and to push their counterparts at the state level for changes in laws, in hopes of decreasing disparities in both policing and other aspects of life.

"I can't speak for what's in the legislators' minds," said Velma Korbel, director of Minneapolis' Department of Civil Rights, when asked about the prospects for police reforms. "But I can tell you that the moment is now, and I think we all understand the urgency to make the changes demanded by the community."

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Bad call at jail

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Adding fresh insult to already shaky police-community relations in the Twin Cities, a Ramsey County jail administrator discriminated against his own corrections officers in handling prisoner ***Derek Chauvin*** - the former Minneapolis cop accused of killing ***George Floyd***.

Chauvin was booked at the county jail on May 29, the same day he was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death. When Chauvin arrived, all officers of color were told to report to other floors and were barred from guarding or having any other contact with Chauvin. A supervisor told one of them that, because of their race, they would be a potential "liability" around the white cop.

As a result, eight Ramsey County officers of color filed racial discrimination charges. In an apt comparison, one said that female officers would not be barred from guarding male prisoners accused of assaulting their wives. Nor would a white deputy be told he couldn't do his job with a black prisoner accused of killing a white person.

It made matters worse that a Ramsey County Sheriff's Department spokesman first denied that the segregation ever happened - then later retracted that denial. In admitting to making the discriminatory call, jail Superintendent Steve Lydon told superiors that he made the decision to "protect and support" minority employees by shielding them from Chauvin. Lydon has since been demoted.

But reasonable people can't help but question that explanation: Was taking the black officers off the floor where Chauvin was held really for their benefit, or was it a racially motivated blunder intended to comfort the white former cop who has been charged with killing Floyd?

Ramsey County commissioners said they were "angered and appalled" by what happened to the officers of color and apologized. Board members also commended the officers for speaking up.

The discrimination charges are expected to trigger a state Human Rights Department investigation of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. That examination, along with a similar state probe of the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** in the wake of Floyd's death, should help determine exactly how deep racially biased practices run in both law enforcement agencies - and eventually lead to effective reforms.

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Casey appreciates support, awaits change

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CASEY APPRECIATES SUPPORT, AWAITS CHANGE

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Body

Dwane Casey is one of three black men who have coached the Timberwolves.

He owns the third-best winning percentage of the 13 Wolves head coaches in franchise history.

From 2005 to '07, he lived in downtown Minneapolis. Now coaching the Pistons, Casey was at his home in Detroit when he first saw video of **Derek Chauvin** kneeling on the neck of **George Floyd**.

"I knew it was going to be something big," Casey said in a phone conversation this week. "It was a public lynching. Even with the camera rolling, he had a look on his face that made my stomach turn. I think that's why you see the uproar around the country, the look on his face as he kept his knee on **George Floyd**'s neck, as three other cops stood around watching with no remorse that they had this human being on the ground, dying.

"I felt that clip right there was the beginning of the changes going on right now. If you had any decency at all as a human being, that hurt you to the middle of your soul."

Casey, 63, coached the Wolves from 2005 until Kevin McHale fired him in 2007. McHale replaced him with Randy Wittman when the Wolves were 20-20. Wittman finished his two-season stint with a .266 winning percentage.

McHale should not have fired Casey, who until this season made the playoffs in his previous six coaching seasons with Toronto and Detroit. That is a sporting injustice. Casey preferred to speak to American injustices, and how his league has reacted to the latest unjust killings of people of color in our country.

"I felt for Minneapolis," he said. "Not the police, but the people."

Casey is lending his voice to the chorus. So have other black NBA head coaches, such as Doc Rivers.

What is different about the NBA is that so many white head coaches have done more than shake their heads about the killing of Floyd. San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, Golden State Warriors coach Steve

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Kerr, Utah Jazz coach Quin Snyder and Timberwolves coach Ryan Saunders have taken stands against police brutality and *systemic racism*.

In a perfect world, black coaches wouldn't need the support of white coaches, but Casey believes they make a difference.

"We have a commissioner, Adam Silver, who allows us and encourages us to speak our minds," said Casey, the 2018 NBA Coach of the Year. "I'm so proud of my colleagues. I love that Steve and Gregg and Quin have stepped up. I love what Ryan has said. I really wonder what Flip [Saunders] would think about what's going on in Minneapolis.

"Doc said it last year. If black coaches complain, then we're just angry black men. Even though we have the right to speak out, it carries a lot more weight when white coaches say it. I hope the ones who are not speaking up take a stand and step up and do so. We are supposed to be leaders of men."

Casey was a gracious and approachable presence in Minneapolis. "Living there for two years and meeting the good people there, I know what happened doesn't represent the majority of the people in that city," he said. "I did meet a lot of great white people, and Somalis, and African-Americans. I do know that the city is a melting pot.

"You wouldn't imagine that what happened would happen in Minneapolis. The population did not reflect that attitude. Maybe the police department, but not the population."

The Kentucky native expressed guarded optimism about his league, and his country.

"I'm hopeful because I see so many different races and backgrounds and religions on the protest front speaking out," said Casey, whose Pistons will not be part of the NBA restart next month. "Growing up in the South, starting school during segregation and being a part of forced integration, I've seen the good and the bad in the South.

"The good thing about this time is that I see people who want to change, people fighting to change the way the police treat African-Americans. Yes, these things give me hope."

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Plan advances to allow dismantling Minneapolis Police Dept.

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The Minneapolis City Council on Friday unanimously advanced a proposal to change the city charter to allow the police department to be dismantled, following widespread criticism of law enforcement over the killing of ***George Floyd***.

The 12-0 vote is just the first step in a process that faces significant bureaucratic obstacles to make the November ballot, where the city's voters would have the final say. It also comes amid a spate of recent shootings in Minnesota's largest city that have heightened many citizens' concerns about talk of dismantling the department.

The proposed amendment, which would replace the police department with a new "Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention" that has yet to be fully defined, next goes to a policy committee and to the city's Charter Commission for a formal review, at which point citizens and city officials can weigh in.

"I hope that the Charter Commission will recognize the moment that we are in and take our offer of support, however we can provide it, to expedite this process so that voters have a chance to have their voices heard on this important question and this important moment in our city's history," Council President Lisa Bender said before the vote.

The Minneapolis force has come under heavy pressure since Floyd, a Black man in handcuffs, died May 25 after a police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. Activists have long accused the department of being unable to change a racist and brutal culture, and earlier this month, a majority of the council proclaimed support for dismantling the department.

Jeremiah Ellison, a member of the council, said after the vote that the charter is one of three major barriers to "transformative public safety," along with the city's police union and the Minnesota Legislature. The

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charter - which requires the city to have a police department of a certain size - is the one thing the city council has a say over, he said.

According to draft language posted online, the new department "will have responsibility for public safety services prioritizing a holistic, public health-oriented approach."

The amendment goes on to say the director of the new agency would have "non-law-enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches." It also provides for a division of licensed peace officers who would answer to the department's director.

Council member Phillippe Cunningham said they're committed to a year-long community process to determine how the new agency would work. "We are not starting from scratch. We are not starting with a completely blank slate," he said, pointing to changes meant to prevent violence at other law enforcement agencies across the country.

Ten years from now, Council member Steve Fletcher predicted, everybody will be looking to emulate the Minneapolis model.

"The path that we're going to chart will steal the best ideas from everywhere and combine them in away that is uniquely appropriate to our city," he said.

The board of the city's police union called the move "irresponsible" without a clear plan for what comes next.

"Politicians are good at making promises, but not at following through on them, and voters should be wary of any promises that delivered by the City Council about how they will figure it out when and if the charter amendment passes," it said in a statement.

Some activists against police brutality were displeased, too. The Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar, named for a black man who died in a 2015 confrontation with police, said the amendment would leave power in the hands of the council and mayor's office, which it said have already failed. The coalition wants the department under community control via a new elected civilian council with the power to hire, fire and prosecute officers.

Civil rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong, a sharp critic of the department, said the move is premature and counterproductive to building trust with the Black community amid the current uptick in crime.

"There are a lot of people in the African American community who are anxious, who are fearful, who are concerned about the irresponsibility of the Minneapolis City Council and the failure to articulate a clear plan of action on what to expect, and they want an opportunity to weigh in on that," Armstrong said.

Council members who support the change wanted to seize on a groundswell of support for significant policing changes following Floyd's death. If they don't get the charter change on the November ballot, their next chance won't come until November 2021, they say. The measure faces some time pressure to be finalized and clear a potential mayoral veto in time to make this fall's ballot.

Mayor Jacob Frey, who opposes abolishing the department, said he's concerned by the draft amendment.

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Frey said when something goes wrong now, the chief and the mayor are accountable. Under the new plan, which would have the council appoint a director of the new agency, accountability would be spread among 14 people. Frey, who has said he supports deep structural changes in the existing department, questioned whether policing practices would vary based on ward or other factors.

Suad Mire, 30, a receptionist at a mental health clinic, said she's "very torn" between supporting dismantling the police and whether reforming the existing department should be the path toward significant change. Mire said she wants to see an end to police brutality but doesn't know if a society can function without law enforcement. She fears a reduced presence by officers citywide may lead to an increase in violence.

"I just feel like they should be better trained, have new officers and their training should be at least a little longer ... and if a police officer that lives deep down in the suburbs, if they're going to work in the city then they should know the surroundings and the civilians that are from that city and protect them," she said. "But I'm not sure about dismantling them."

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Hearings into unrest to begin July 1

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Highlight: State Senate GOP's inquiry comes amid rising partisan tensions.

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Minnesota Senate Republicans on Thursday announced plans to hold oversight hearings on the state and local response to unrest and rioting that rocked the Twin Cities in the days following [**George Floyd**](#)'s death.

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said the hearings, set to begin July 1, will focus on the looting and fires that damaged or destroyed more than 1,000 structures across the Twin Cities, including Minneapolis' Third Police Precinct.

The events leading up to the June 10 toppling of a Christopher Columbus statue on the State Capitol grounds will also be subject to review.

"This wasn't just about bricks and mortar. People's lives were at risk and crowds were unchecked," the East Gull Lake Republican said. "Who was responsible for allowing the risk to the public?"

The plan drew backlash from legislative Democrats, who accused Republicans of prioritizing the oversight hearings over addressing racial disparities and police reform. A spokeswoman for the Senate DFL Caucus said members were not consulted about the committee's creation.

"I am deeply disturbed by Senate Republicans' complete lack of urgency to protect the black lives that are at risk of being killed at the hands of police officers," said Sen. Jeff Hayden, a Minneapolis Democrat who represents the neighborhood where Floyd was killed. "After we saw the murder of [**George Floyd**](#), the entire state and nation spoke out. They still aren't listening to the demands for change within our criminal justice system."

The announcement and response follows escalating partisan tensions over calls to address concerns about police brutality and structural racism, brought to the forefront by Floyd's killing by police.

Efforts to reach agreement on law enforcement accountability measures and economic relief for damaged Twin Cities businesses during a special session collapsed early Saturday, after the Senate moved to adjourn amid a stalemate with Gov. Tim Walz and the DFL-led House.

Hearings into unrest to begin July 1

Democrats blasted GOP legislators for not going far enough in their proposals and ending the special session prematurely. Republicans, including President Donald Trump, have increased attacks on Democratic leaders' proposals and handling of the protests and riots.

Gazelka revived those criticisms Thursday, saying constituents in his rural Minnesota district are alarmed by what they see as "mob lawlessness" by those who pulled down the statue and "very concerned Minneapolis and St. Paul will then be asked to be bailed out by the entire state."

He said the goal of the oversight committee is to "document and ask the questions" about what happened and why before memories fade.

The panel will not investigate circumstances surrounding Floyd's death or issues within the *Minneapolis Police Department*, matters Gazelka said could be left to state and law enforcement officials.

Democrats countered that overhaul of the criminal justice system should come first.

"There will be time to address the civil unrest that occurred in the days following *George Floyd*'s senseless killing, but the work to enact transformative, systemic changes within law enforcement is urgent," members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus said in a statement. "Black, Indigenous, and communities of color can't wait any longer for change."

The oversight panel will be chaired by GOP Sen. Scott Newman, a transportation committee chair from the central Minnesota city of Hutchinson.

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Hope outlasts fire at Du Nord Craft Spirits

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The sting of stun grenades and tear gas is still fresh for Chris Montana, owner of Du Nord Craft Spirits, one of the few Black-owned microdistilleries in the United States.

He spent the better part of May 27 - two days after the killing of *George Floyd* - handing out water and hand sanitizer to protestors, hoping to do his part advocating for change in a reeling city. Most of what he saw that day was a beautiful display of community building, he said, so he was sad to have it end in deafening, choking explosions.

As the protests intensified the next day, some of Montana's employees posted "Black-owned" signs on the frontside of Du Nord, located near *Minneapolis Police Department's* Third Precinct. The signs would see Du Nord spared from the destruction many other businesses faced that Wednesday night.

Sometime between 1 and 2 a.m. on May 30, however, Du Nord's warehouse was looted and set on fire, triggering the sprinkler system and collapsing the ceiling. Montana estimates he sustained \$100,000 in

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damage that morning. Only the backside of his business saw looting. The frontside remains intact, with the "Black-owned" signs keeping vigil.

While Montana grieves his losses, he still sees the protests as something bigger.

"All this stuff is just stuff," Montana said. "If, at the end of the day, this changes things and moves the needle, then all this stuff can be rebuilt."

That rebuilding will be a tall task in the wake of city-shaking protests and a pandemic. Luckily for fans of Du Nord, tall tasks haven't stopped Montana before.

When he realized he wasn't enjoying life as a lawyer and that Minneapolis had a shortage of distilleries, Montana decided he'd trade litigation for craft booze.

So Montana left his law firm - and the paycheck and stability it offered - to open Du Nord in 2013 with the help of his wife, Shanelle.

"I think my wife was kind of wondering 'Why did I suffer through law school with this guy and he finally starts making money and now he wants to do this thing that promises to make him none?' " Montana said.

Though Black-owned microdistilleries are a rarity - Du Nord was the first Black-owned microdistillery in the country - Montana didn't get into the business to be a trailblazer.

"I started Du Nord because I wanted to make good booze and share it with people," Montana said. "It was two years down the line that I found out I was an island by myself."

He remembers walking into an American Craft Spirits Convention in 2015. There were around 1,000 people there and that he was the only person of color.

It wasn't the first time he felt like an outsider.

"My experience growing up in Minnesota, I was usually the one who didn't fit in, I was usually the one person of color in the room and I know what it is like to not properly fit in.

"I think when you come from a background where most things don't look like you and if you grow up Black in this country, at least at my age, nothing looks like you. I think it makes you much more sensitive to anyone else who's on the margins of our society. I wanted Du Nord to be a friendly place for everybody."

Montana also wanted to diversify the industry. He became president of the American Craft Spirits Association and served for two and a half years.

He led the organization with skill and sincerity, said ACSA CEO Margie Lehrman. "Chris is the kindest, most thoughtful, genuine person one could meet. I can't tell you how many times he flew at his own expense to come to Washington to serve our alcoholic beverage community on Capitol Hill."

From the beginning of his tenure, Montana worked diligently to make the distilling community more inclusive, and that effort has changed the field for the better, Lehrman said.

Perhaps it's this mission, aside from the quality booze, that has helped Du Nord grow. This year, Du Nord's brand had grown enough that its spirits were selling outside of Minnesota, making their way to North Dakota, California and Louisiana. And then Covid-19 struck.

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Even before Gov. Tim Walz ordered bars shut in March to fight the pandemic, Du Nord saw a sharp decline in business, and Montana was afraid that without revenue from his cocktail room or demand for his spirits that Du Nord wouldn't survive. He knew there was a massive demand for hand sanitizer, and if he could figure out how to produce it, there was a chance Du Nord would live on.

"It was kind of make the transition or die, and when you think about it in those terms, nothing's too hard," Montana said.

Not only did Du Nord survive, it did twice as much business producing hand sanitizer than spirits, and it hired seven more employees. It was making enough hand sanitizer to donate to essential workers and child care centers.

During the riots in late May, that all went up in flames. Literally.

Yet, so much of what Du Nord is survived the fires. And while the setbacks he has faced might spur the typical business owner to at least take a moment to withdraw and sulk, Montana hasn't missed a beat. On June 7, he turned his warehouse on 32nd Street and Snelling Avenue into a foodbank, and he has raised nearly \$500,000 for the distillery's recovery efforts, according to a Star Tribune article.

"Chris gives us all hope because of the way he has responded to such adversity," Lehrman said. "His head is not only held high, it's held high to help others."

So Du Nord burned, but it seems something more important didn't: hope.

"I wish it didn't have to happen this way, but it hasn't happened any other way," Montana said. "Maybe this is what has to happen in order for things to change. I've got three kids. If that's the price I gotta pay for them to grow up in a more fair world, then bring it on."

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Q&A: Affordable housing through the lens of social justice*

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For Minneapolis attorney Erin Mathern, real estate is a family tradition.

Mathern, a shareholder at the Winthrop & Weinstinelaw firm, started out in the family real estate development business in the 1990s before getting her law degree at William Mitchell College of Law.

From 1997 to 2008, Mathern managed the development division of Mendota Homes Inc., where she oversaw everything from strategic development planning and land acquisitions to drafting of sales and leasing contracts, according to her LinkedIn page.

In her current job, Mathern works with real estate development clients with a particular focus on affordable housing. She advises clients on matters related to financing, the entitlement process, and more.

Mathern also serves as the board chair of the Minnesota Housing Partnership, a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding access to affordable housing through research, public policy and more.

In the following interview, Mathern talks about her real estate background and the state of affordable housing amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the civil unrest. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: You have a background in real estate on the business side, as well as on the legal side. Talk about your journey.

A: My dad [John Mathern] has been a real estate developer for longer than I have been alive. And so I was sort of born into this family that had a lot of entrepreneurial aspirations. And my dad was in the Army during Vietnam. He grew up as the son of a cabinet maker in South Dakota, and he was an entrepreneurial, capable guy. And he got into the real estate market in the Twin Cities, in the late '70s, and has been doing it since then. He did some of the first tax credit projects using the low housing tax credit in in Minnesota. And then his business sort of evolved from there to single family construction, for-sale construction.

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I went to work for him full-time in 1997. We started growing our business and I found out that I really liked it. And I got a lot of a lot of latitude to do things. I was going to city council meetings to talk about projects when I had no business doing that. I mean, sort of trial by fire, but it was a really great experience.

We thought the prudent thing would be for the second generation to bring something to the table and so I went to law school. I graduated from law school in 2003 and then stayed with the company until 2008. So that was the height of the financial crisis.

I reluctantly went to work for another law firm in town and found that I really, really liked it. So I learned to practice law there. And then I got recruited to come over to Winthrop eight years ago and to do this affordable housing and highly structured finance and tax credit work.

Q: You wrote in an article that affordable housing “faces harsh realities and unprecedented challenges in the COVID-19 world.” Can you expand on that?

A: I think the bottom line is that we already have an incredible lack of affordable housing. This is true in Minnesota, this is true nationally. And it seems like every year they get worse. And even though we are building affordable housing, we're just not doing it quickly enough to address the need.

One of the things is that incomes just haven't kept up with rent. We live in an economy where people don't have the same kind of job stability that they maybe had 20 years ago or 30 years ago. And COVID-19 will and is just amplifying all of those things. So a family who perhaps didn't qualify for 60% AMI [Area Median Income] housing last year, probably will or may this year.

We have to think of different ways to build more housing and a lot of that has to do with resources. There's no way to think about an affordable housing transaction without some kind of additional assistance. Bottom line, if you want to charge people less for rent, you have to figure out a way to still pay your mortgage. And it costs the same to build an affordable building as it does a market rate building. So you have fixed costs, and you have fixed rent, and you've got to figure out how to fill the gap in the middle.

The resources that we have for affordable housing are already oversubscribed. It's not like there's just one or two projects that don't get funded with bonds. It's like there are 10 projects that don't get funded with bonds -- projects that are otherwise ready to go. And Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and other governmental agencies just have really limited resources.

It's not like there is a lack of desire to build affordable housing. I am not seeing my affordable housing clients concerned about the market. They are literally ready to go. But it's a resource question.

Q: What other challenges are affordable housing developers facing?

A: There are always zoning and entitlement challenges. Many communities welcome [affordable housing] and provide resources and support, but there are communities that don't, too. And so we have developer clients that are sort of fighting those battles to be able to bring affordable housing to the suburbs and the exurbs. And COVID has really amplified that as well. Holding construction costs even for three months or six months is getting more and more challenging.

And I think *George Floyd's* murder has really elevated the acknowledgement in our community of things like *systemic racism* [and] the very homogenous nature of development. The Twin Cities development community is small and affordable development is even smaller. And a lot of that has to do with the fact that it's complex and you need you need resources, right? You need capital. And so there are some very interesting conversations happening now about, how can we not only address *systemic racism* from a landlord tenant-relations perspective, but also from a development and ownership perspective? How can we broaden the developer pool so that we have more people that are capable of doing this work? And let's try to create a system where the developers are reflective of the community.

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Q: What do you see in the in the near-term future for affordable housing? Where do we go from here?

A: March and April were scary, right? I think everyone sort of took a pause. The whole industry was sort of pausing, from we can't get an inspection because literally we don't know how to get an inspector to the site to I don't know if I can commit to \$50 million in new apartments with retail on the first floor.

But the fundamentals are still, in my opinion, really strong. Interest rates are low, lenders are lending. And investors have not significantly cut their pricing. We've seen a little variability in equity pricing for affordable housing, but not significant. All of that, to me says that the foundation is strong.

I think those who are making investments are looking to the recovery and beyond, as opposed to thinking about, where are we going to be in three months? It's more like, where are we going to be in a year? That is not as true in the purely market rate, multifamily area, but I do think in affordable housing that's true. And so I think we're going to be doing the same thing, but in in a slightly different way.

So I hope that we are continuing to develop and continuing to increase the number of units in Minnesota that we vitally need, but I hope that we're doing it with a lens toward justice. I hope that that is the takeaway. I see more of that than I probably ever have in working in this industry for as long as I have, and that that is heartening.

But one of the other challenges is just that we have a Legislature that didn't do anything for housing either in their regular session or their special session. There was also a proposal that the governor made earlier year for \$250 million in housing infrastructure bonds for affordable housing. And at one point, we thought that there was agreement on \$100 million and it died. We hope very much that will come back in another special session, but all of this is so time-sensitive that I think the community generally is pretty disappointed that nothing got done.

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Delta Dental CEO Rodney Young aims 'flash philanthropy' at Twin Cities recovery

ARTICLE CMLXIV. [**DELTA DENTAL CEO RODNEY YOUNG AIMS 'FLASH PHILANTHROPY' AT TWIN CITIES RECOVERY**](#)

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Rodney Young is in his eighth year as CEO of Delta Dental of Minnesota. One of the nation's largest oral health insurers, Delta Dental of Minnesota has 4.1 million members and annual revenue of \$1.2 billion. He's also chairman of Delta Dental Plans Association, a group that all together provides insurance for almost 80 million people.

The company is now raising tens of thousands of dollars to address immediate needs created by destruction in the wake of the killing of [**George Floyd**](#) in Minneapolis police custody as part of its "flash philanthropy" strategy. Delta Dental has agreed to match the amount of funding raised by employees. The money will go to organizations like the [Hamline Midway Coalition](#), [Lake Street Council](#) and [Greater Twin Cities United Way](#).

Young recently talked with the Business Journal about philanthropy and how his employees spent Juneteenth. The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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Explain the principle behind flash philanthropy.

It probably goes back about four or five years. Our offices are in downtown Minneapolis and there's a building, literally a baseball's throw away, that's People Serving People, which is a homeless shelter. One day, one of our account managers happened to walk by and just stick their head in and had some discussions around what they needed. It turned out they needed two things: diapers and books. If you're homeless, it's hard to become potty trained. And so they went through a gigantic amount of diapers, something like 16,000 diapers a month. And so we as an organization said we're going to help, and we developed the Delta Dental diaper drive. I challenged our organization to go out and buy as many diapers as they could. We gave ourselves five days to get it done. We wound up getting like 38,000 - some gigantic number. We coined it flash philanthropy because I had the idea from seeing flash mobs.

Your most recent project is raising money to help areas affected by arson and looting rebuild, right?

We did a kind of hybrid now as a result of the tragic death of Mr. Floyd and the outcome that's happening across the cities. We just identified several organizations that are helping in the communities that were damaged from burning. This time, obviously, we can't go and deliver anything because we're socially distanced, so we challenged our company to provide money for those organizations.

Now that we're a month out from when George Floyd was killed, what are your perspectives on the way the business world has changed?

From our company perspective, we're very active. In fact, as part of the recognition of Juneteenth, I asked our organization to take at least an hour of the day that they were going to have off to study and learn, to inform themselves not only about Juneteenth but also just look at some of the challenges and some of the inequities that are happening around our society. And then we asked them to post on our company intranet. I was very impressed and taken by the amount of reading and studying that went on. And then the conversations that happened - some of the posts were related to parents now talking to their young kids about some of the injustices that George Floyd's death revealed, some talking to their college students about the injustices that we are focused on. One person even talked about a conversation with their aging parent that related back to the 1960s, when things were happening regarding civil rights. So from a Delta Dental perspective, the interest is alive and well.

What about outside Delta Dental?

I know many of my fellow CEO peers are more than active and more than engaged and committed to making a difference. Some of the same things that are happening within our walls are happening in other places also. I'm sensing that the energy is still there. I'm sensing that the commitments are real.

What sort of responsibility do you feel as a corporate leader in this moment? I think about how history will talk about the people who were in Minneapolis in the summer of 2020. Do you feel that pressure?

I feel a significant responsibility, I guess that's the word I would use, not only as the captain of Delta Dental but also as a person of color. I want to make sure that I'm doing all I can to make sure that a light is properly focused on the challenges and that I'm making sure there are resources available throughout our company that will help bring some fairness to what we're addressing. And my hope from there is we do our part. We make sure internally our team members are educated and in-the-know, and encourage them to have conversations with their family and friends. We'll be one of what I believe will be many corporations and companies around the state that will shine a light. You mention 2020. We're going to have a smudge on the

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Twin Cities for the rest of time. Yet I believe if what's happening inside Delta Dental is any indication of what's happening elsewhere, I think in a few years we're going to show some significant improvements, and Minneapolis will get back on the map as a place you want to be in.

I can't help but think, as they say, "There are decades where nothing happens and there are weeks where decades happen."

That's exactly right, and that's why I'm excited. We had become numb to ***George Floyd***-like incidents happening because they were happening so often, and they were happening elsewhere. Yet this one feels different, and I believe it was the graphic video that have been burned in the memories and on the minds of those who saw it. It really means that ***George Floyd***'s death wasn't in vain. It means we're paying attention. As a business leader, I need to do all I can and have my senior team members do all they can to address this. For me, the past few weeks have been rewarding because our team has responded. I'm having conversations and interactions that I never would have had before.

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Republicans call for answers about Twin Cities looting, fires that followed George Floyd's death

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Body

A month after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on ***George Floyd***'s neck for nearly eight minutes, resulting in his death, Republican leaders in the Minnesota Senate announced they would hold hearings on the riots and the resulting damage in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The move follows a special session aimed in part at rewriting Minnesota's policing laws to prevent deadly force encounters and ensure accountability for officers. The Senate adjourned early Saturday before lawmakers could come to agreements on the efforts, as well as a deal on a bonding bill and how to allocate \$841 million in federal COVID-19 aid funding to local governments.

Gov. Tim Walz on Thursday approved a plan for COVID-19 aid that mirrored a bipartisan plan crafted during the session.

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said Thursday that senators need to evaluate the decisions that played out that allowed for more than a thousand businesses to be looted or burned in the metro area. They also want to know about the toppling of a Christopher Columbus statue at the Capitol.

"I think the public demands answers, and that's why we want to hold these hearings, and also if we wait too long, we begin to forget what happened," Gazelka said.

Democrats in the Senate said the move to investigate the civil unrest rather than hold additional hearings on proposals to change policing was discouraging. Members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus said the police accountability bills should be a top priority.

"I am deeply disturbed by Senate Republicans' complete lack of urgency to protect the Black lives that are at risk of being killed at the hands of police officers," Senate Assistant Minority Leader Jeff Hayden, D-Minneapolis, said. "After we saw the murder of ***George Floyd***, the entire state and nation spoke out. They still aren't listening to the demands for change within our criminal justice system."

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Details about the composition of the hearings or issues set to be covered weren't immediately clear. Gazelka said it was important that senators quickly move forward with their questions of state and local leaders who led response efforts.

"We all witnessed the destruction of businesses, some in broad daylight, with no police response, and the question was, who decided the looters would be allowed to do that?" Gazelka said. "We all heard the pleading of the public for anyone to tell them what the plan was ... as well, who was in charge? Those are some of the questions we want."

The panel is set to convene for its first hearing next week.

Meanwhile, the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board wasn't planning to address the Columbus statue toppling directly during its Thursday meeting, but the conversation inevitably went in that direction as board members discussed how to address art and images of historical figures who committed racist acts.

Board member and state Sen. Carla Nelson, R-Rochester, said taking down memorials entirely would be erasing history. She said the memorials could be made into a "teachable moment" that includes an examination of a figure's racist actions.

But board member and historian Kate Beane of the Flandreau Santee Dakota and Muskogee Creek tribes said a statue of Columbus on Capitol grounds is comparable for Indigenous peoples to a statue of Adolf Hitler being displayed.

"Do we put on a plaque to reinterpret that?" Beane asked.

The Columbus statue sustained \$154,000 of damage when it was pulled down and is being stored in a state building in the metro. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the incident, and the Ramsey County Attorney will have jurisdiction over its prosecution. The maximum felony penalties would be 10 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines. Charges have not yet been pressed.

At Thursday's meeting, Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said the board will be delegating two task forces: The first will work to establish a process and policy for memorial removals or changes, with opportunity for Minnesotans to engage. The second will create what Flanagan called a "vision of what the Capitol should be," based on how Minnesotans do or don't see themselves represented in their Capitol.

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HIS 'LIFE WAS GIVEN TO WAKE US UP'

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The thousands of colorful bouquets placed on the street where *George Floyd* died are shriveled and faded now, but no one dares to move them.

Even as they wither, they are a powerful tribute to the black man who died beneath the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer at the corner of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue on May 25.

One month after Floyd's shocking death was captured on a video that sparked protests around the globe, hundreds of people still come daily to the spot where he pleaded for his life to say a prayer, drop a flower or two and pay homage to a man and a movement.

The rise of something more lasting can be seen in the intersection where freshly planted flowers grow in a makeshift garden. A raised-fist sculpture rises from the center.

"I'm 63 years old and I'm a breast cancer survivor, so the countdown is on," said Marlana Buchette, who came from Indianapolis to visit the memorial that stretches along E. 38th Street and the newly renamed *George Floyd* Avenue outside the neighborhood grocery store.

She grew up in a Chicago suburb during the civil rights movement. Despite that movement, she and her family ran headlong into inequality and injustice.

There were neighborhoods and schools that were off-limits to a black family.

"You don't know how it feels to be African-American and be discriminated against," Buchette said.

It was the sideways glances from white people that her father got when he drove his Lincoln Continental or the look of suspicion she gets when she shops in certain stores.

"This is the 21st century. Why is this still happening?" she said.

But the video of a white officer kneeling on a man who pleaded he couldn't breathe opened people's eyes, Buchette said.

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"We've been marching for decades because all we want is to be treated equally," she said.

So on a Thursday summer afternoon, she brought her two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter to see the memorial to a man that sparked a beginning of another growing movement. "They can see our lives do matter," Buchette said.

They can see it on Floyd's face in the mural on the side of Cup Foods, the large portrait on the other side of the grocery store, the curbside vegetable garden planted in his honor and all the painted messages on the pavement that reflect rage, revolt and cries for equality.

Naomi Campbell came Thursday to visit the intersection yet again.

The 62-year-old woman, who grew up in Memphis, has been part of the struggle for equality for a long time.

And once again, she lamented, a black man has died at the hands of police. "I'm still angry. I'm still hurt," Campbell said.

But she also felt a loving spirit at an intersection where people gather. "He's still speaking to us," she said.

A serene quiet settled over the memorial on the warm summer afternoon, punctuated only by a rooster's crowing from a nearby backyard.

"I'm not a religious guy, but I feel a higher power here," said Steven Henderson of St. Paul.

Looking out across the street, he said he saw hope, because the people who come to the site "are from all walks of life and all hues."

People who would never think to speak to one another are talking, he said.

"I feel the change in here," he said, putting his hand over his heart.

"We all have something in common now - humanity."

There's a feeling of solidarity for people like Whitney Mason, a former longtime Minneapolis resident who now lives in Colorado.

She came to visit with her husband and two daughters. She wanted them to see firsthand that "there are people who aren't OK with what happened here."

Nearby, Ann Christianson of Golden Valley was making her third visit to the memorial. She placed a bunch of roses of different colors at the site.

"I did that today because I'm hearing voices finally across a wide spectrum of people who are seeing these injustices," she said. "Floyd's life was given to wake us up."

The cellphone video of a man taking his last breath was too startling for the world to ignore, said Bill Mackins of Apple Valley.

"You see the truth."

Growing up in north Minneapolis, he saw injustice firsthand.

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And yet, he can't help but be proud to be a black man from Minnesota.

"It's the place where black people came to thrive. They come for a better life," he said.

Minneapolis was tarnished by Floyd's killing, and yet it's also a place that marks the genesis of change, Mackins said.

On Thursday, he was compelled to make his first visit to the memorial.

"This is the spot that people will remember for a long time," he said.

"This is the place where the world is going to change."

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CHANGE

In this day and age of sales pitches, it's easy to ignore a knock at the door, but the person pounding on my door wasn't in the mood for being ignored.

It was a knock of authority that rattled walls and windows.

When I opened the door, I was relieved to see that it wasn't the police tactical squad, but it was a diminutive gentleman in a suit and tie who introduced himself as Shep Harris, mayor of Golden Valley. The product he was pitching was an apology for the ordeal that I endured 50 years ago at the hands of the Golden Valley police.

Way back at that time, I must have driven a valley too far. Mayor Harris wasn't born yet when I took the police to federal court for civil rights violations. The all-white jury decided that the police were wrong, and Mayor Harris took it upon himself to come over and surprise me by saying he was sorry for their misdeeds.

The hourlong amicable sit-down chat was part of the ripple effect of healing from the [George Floyd](#) killing.

I accepted the mayor's apology, and Floyd would be happy to know that his death is starting to roll the rusty, creaky and stubborn wheels of change.

Oliver Lyle, Golden Valley

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Recommending that errant police are required to "attend a mandated re-education program," as recent letter writers suggested, has merit; however, it is very unlikely to change an officer's behavior on the street. In fact, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said, "Mr. [George Floyd](#)'s tragic death was not due to a lack of training - the training was there." ("Police chief says 'This was murder,' " front page, June 24.) Classroom education provides knowledge of what is proper behavior, but research has proven that it has little impact on the attitudes that drive behavior; it shows that new experiences are needed to change attitudes.

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Because only about 8% of Minneapolis police officers live within the city limits, they have little opportunity to personally know their constituents, to see them as unique individuals. In the recent special session, some recommended that Minneapolis police be required to live within the city limits.

This is untenable on multiple grounds. One, forcing someone to sell their home and move will breed resentment against their new neighbors, much like forced busing did in Boston decades ago. Two, unless specified, the officer could live in a part of the city outside their precinct, negating the intended objective of knowing their community. Instead of pursuing a required change of residence, I recommend that police who don't live in the precinct where they are assigned perform a certain number of hours of community service in that precinct each month. These can be negotiated and perhaps be included as part of the standard shift hours officers perform each month.

The goal is to get police officers immersed in their precinct's community, not in the classroom. This should change their attitudes toward those they are assigned to serve, as they work with those people in a nonconfrontational activity. This will be much more effective than hours in a classroom, which will have little, if any, effect in how police perceive those they are hired to serve.

Phil Anderson, Burnsville

SICK LEAVE

Rule ensures better treatment for us

The notion that the upcoming sick leave rule hurts jobs is just more anti-employee propaganda by a business industry that complains bitterly any time it is forced to provide reasonable accommodations to its employees ("Sick leave rule hurts jobs," Opinion Exchange, June 22). For too long, wealthy business owners have controlled the narrative that anything that helps their employees live a better life is bad for business, things like rules against bullying or sexual harassment or in this instance, paid time off when an employee is sick.

These employee mandates are necessary for a very good reason: the unwillingness of employers to provide a humane working environment for their employees. Instead of the employer vs. employee dynamic, the commentary writer complains the focus should be on growing jobs and healthy individuals and families. However, it is not the employees who have for generations skewed the priorities away from paying a living wage and providing paid time off for rank-and-file workers; rather, it is the business owners themselves who have devalued their workers, paying them pitifully low wages while providing lavish salaries and perks to senior management. If business owners don't want mandates forced on them, then it is up to them to treat their employees better.

As a member of the working class, I am glad that government is on the side of the working man and woman, especially since it is clear that American business most decidedly is not.

Donald Voge, Robbinsdale

STATUES

History, as always, is complicated

A recent letter writer is correct that Theodore Roosevelt - whose statue in New York City outside the American Museum of Natural History is set to be removed - was the first president to invite a black person,

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in this case Booker T. Washington, to dinner at the White House ("Watch what you call 'troubling,' " June 25). But there's more to the story, as I learned from the new book "The Black Cabinet" by Jill Watts.

When white politicians later heard about the dinner and complained, the White House put out the story that it wasn't a dinner but just an "informal, impromptu working lunch," writes Watts. Black leaders called on the president to correct the record, but he refused.

Beyond the lunch vs. dinner flap, Watts points out, "Roosevelt's overall record on race was far from progressive." Among other examples, she notes that he refused to send federal troops to protect black residents of Atlanta from violent white mobs in 1906. Later, he blamed African-American "criminality" for the violence there and elsewhere and made excuses for those who committed lynchings (whether he ever used the phrase "very fine people on both sides," I can't say).

What is that old saying about those who cannot remember the past?

Anne Hamre, Roseville

BUS RAPID TRANSIT

A faster way to transit equity?

I question how current transit planning of the D and E bus rapid transit lines leads to equitable outcomes ("Transportation access creates real change," Opinion Exchange, June 19). Under the current planning paradigm, routes would run from downtown to suburban park-and-rides.

To back up a bit, Minneapolis consists of two types of neighborhoods: legacy streetcar neighborhoods and postwar neighborhoods. Streetcar neighborhoods are lined with duplexes, fourplexes, small apartments and small businesses while the latter are largely single-family homes. Line D south of E. 50th Street and Line E south of W. 36th Street are where neighborhoods transition to largely single-family homes until the lines terminate at suburban park-and-rides.

Would equitable outcomes be more quickly achieved by a broader focus on streetcar neighborhoods over the next three years? This could include lines along Nicollet Avenue, Central Avenue or Broadway Avenue. Then later, if warranted, the D and E Lines could be extended to the suburban park-and-rides.

I don't know the answer. However, this seems to be a good question to ask leaders of these neighborhoods.

Ronald Hobson, St. Louis Park

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Axtell tells council reform is underway

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[AXTELL TELLS COUNCIL REFORM IS UNDERWAY](#)

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Highlight: St. Paul police chief pushes back on idea of dismantling department.

Body

A month to the day after ***George Floyd***'s killing by a Minneapolis police officer, St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell told city leaders that many of the public safety reforms that people across the country are calling for are already in place in Minnesota's capital city.

"We support the idea of police reform, and in fact, we have been engaged in it for the past four years," Axtell told City Council members during a remote meeting Thursday.

Calling his officers the best in the country, Axtell outlined changes that have been made since he became chief in 2016 - including increasing the diversity of the department, rewriting the use-of-force policy, banning "warrior training" and establishing a mental health unit - while also pushing back on the idea of defunding or dismantling the department at a time when violent crime is on the rise.

Axtell said he would like officers to have the time to both respond to emergency calls and to get out of their squad cars and build relationships with the community; ideally, he said, new officers would spend six months in the community engagement unit after graduating from the police academy.

But that would require resources the department doesn't have, Axtell said. To follow the frequently cited police reform model of Camden, N.J., St. Paul would need 1,600 officers and a \$280 million budget, he said. The department's \$126 million 2020 budget provided for a sworn force of 630.

The chief's presentation came as the council stares down a projected multimillion-dollar deficit in 2020 and a lean budget year in 2021.

Most council members on Thursday expressed support for the department, but there were also questions about racial profiling by officers and the department's response to the recent civil unrest in the wake of Floyd's killing, particularly from City Council members Mitra Jalali and Nelsie Yang, who have publicly said they support abolishing police.

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"Most of the people in power don't have to fear for their life or the life of someone they love while we wait for all these reforms to take place," Jalali said.

Axtell defended St. Paul officers and their response to the unrest. He also said St. Paul has unfairly been dubbed one of the nation's deadliest police departments, noting that there have been four police-involved deaths since he took office in 2016, compared with five in Minneapolis, 14 in Orlando and 24 in St. Louis.

Obviously all incidents are tragic, but St. Paul certainly does not warrant this label," Axtell said.

When Council Member Chris Tolbert asked Axtell what reforms he would still like to see, the chief pointed to the arbitration process, which is governed by state law.

Shortly after becoming chief, Axtell fired an officer who kicked an innocent bystander three times while a police dog dragged the bystander in circles; an arbitrator later ruled that the officer should be allowed back on the force. Last summer, Axtell fired five officers for failing to intervene while a former officer beat a man with a baton; so far, arbitrators have upheld two of those firings, he said.

Axtell said Thursday that he would like to see a new arbitration process that would allow the department to appeal overturned firings in court.

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Highlight: Ten records from the home team to spin while you're still stuck at home.

Body

The Minnesota music scene has always been more about the live show than the recorded album. Six months into the year, and three months into a quarantine that would make even a Tay "Chocolate Rain" Zonday comeback gig a welcome event, the local music community is carrying on almost exclusively without concerts - and still doing mighty fine. Here's our midyear roundup of local albums in a year like no other.

Blood \$moke Body, 'Lovesick Animal Online'

The scrappy young hip-hop duo formerly known as Nazeem and Spencer Joles (son of Star Tribune photographers David Joles and Liz Flores) did a lot of growing up musically and emotionally between their 2017 debut and this album under a new moniker. It still sounds like they're having a ton of mischievous fun on this surprisingly radio-friendly and catchy nine-song set. They added melodic guitar to Post Malone-y tracks such as "Black Velvet" and "Brain on Drugs" but still rip through the rhymes in "As We Fall Into Place" and a couple other edgier highlights.

Capricorn One, 'Capricorn One'

If you aren't hip to the back story of this psyche-rock masterpiece, you'll probably still find it an intoxicating blend of whirring guitars, magic-carpet-ride organs and throbbing rhythms. It's all the more remarkable and powerful knowing it was the last project by Polara frontman and Minneapolis producer Ed Ackerson before his death from cancer last October. He played all the instruments himself and clearly had a blast blasting away. The joy and strength in these tracks are as audible as they are transmissible.

Chris Castino, 'Brazil'

What the Wu? The singer/guitarist from Minnesota's best-loved jam band the Big Wu steps out with his first solo album but doesn't step up with a lengthy electric guitar solo until Track 5, "Someway." It's a telling trait of a decidedly un-jammy but still richly layered, soulful, mellow-cool LP with a local all-star cast including Nicholas David, Jill Mikelson and JT Bates. Airy standouts such as "Chinese Whispers" and "Ms.

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Missme" are thickened with Band/CSNY-esque vocals, campfire-warm arrangements of piano, organ and pedal-steel parts and an overall Americana-beautiful vibe that's as in line with Jeff Tweedy as Jerry Garcia.

Longshot, 'I'm Saying'

Perennially one of the Twin Cities' most underrated rappers, the Chicago transplant can also now be billed as one of its most immediate. He recorded and posted this swiftly paced, tight, six-song EP all within two weeks of *George Floyd's* death, riffing on years' worth of racial injustice in both his hometowns. They say freedom ain't free," he bellows in the opening title track, "Well how about you lower the price and please stop killing these black kids tonight?" Producer Omen's ominous beats match the all-black cover art as Longshot provides what amounts to an opening shot in a pivotal battle.

Molly Maher, 'Follow'

Sounding like a hybrid of Los Lobos' "Kiko," a desert-coated Ry Cooder LP and, well, Molly Maher, this inspired and intricately produced collection from a fixture of the Twin Cities scene - largely billed as an Americana musician up until now - pulls heavily from south of the U.S. border. The title and songs such as "Someday Somebody" reflect her self-inventing journeys into Mexico and elsewhere. But the real story here is about Maher not being tied down by musical genres or any other boundaries.

Sarah Morris, 'All Mine'

Having a beautiful voice and picture-frame-worthy family doesn't limit this Kerrville Folk Award-winning Twin Cities singer-songwriter to only singing about lovely things. Some of the best tracks on this personally themed, variously alt-twangy and blues-rock record - featuring her well-jelled live band the Sometimes Guys to great effect - are messy and even a bit manic, from the smoldering, wildfire-metaphoric "Mendocino" to the trouble-seeking rouser "Stir Me Up."

Ondara, 'Folk N' Roll, Vol. 1: Tales of Isolation'

The Kenya-born, Minneapolis-schooled folk-rocker previously known as Jay Smart and JS Ondara was "pulled out of the market" - to use the title of this album's opening track - just as his career was flourishing via a Grammy nomination and arena tour with the Lumineers. That whiplash-inducing halt thrust him back into a home studio with a rush of songs inspired by the COVID-19 quarantine. Tracks like "Mr. Landlord" and "Ballad of Nana Doline" are raw, urgent and anxious, as suited to the times as they are to Ondara's dramatic and increasingly fascinating voice.

Dua Saleh, 'Rosetta'

The second EP by the uncategorizable St. Paul poet-turned-rapper - who's now more of a singer - expands their already boundless sound even further. Opening track "Cat Scratch" echoes the haunting, subterranean vibe of Saleh's debut EP, "Nur." From there, though, the music roams wildly between the almost Interpol-like rocker "Umbrellar," the slow-booming R&B jam "Smut" and the Massive Attack-throbbing "Hellbound," the latter being just wow-inducing. Tying it all together are Saleh's lyrics that dare you to defy expectations, just like the EP's namesake Sister Rosetta Tharpe.

The Stress of Her Regard, 'The Stress of Her Regard'

Local musicheads still confused about Irish-born brothers Ciaran and Criostoir Daly dropping the name of their prior band Idle Hands don't have to overthink their first SOHR full-length (lovingly produced by the

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aforementioned Ed Ackerson). The blissfully fuzzed-out guitar and snarling pop vocals in opening track "Callipygian" sets a familiar tone that will immediately draw in fans of '90s-'00s Britrockers like Pulp, Blur and the Libertines. Ciaran's thoughtful, afraid-of-Americans lyricism in songs like "Meds" and "Wall and Broad" also add greatly to the pull.

Turn Turn Turn, 'Can't Go Back'

Honeydogs leader Adam Levy not only found well-matched singing partners when he formed this trio in late 2018 with fellow folk-rock tunesmiths Savannah Smith and Barb Brynstad, he found a level of comfort and harmony (both kinds!) that shines through in their warm, ear-wormy, fiercely accessible debut. Songs like Levy's rollicking title track and Brynstad's "Norwegian Wood"-spun "Wide Open Place" speak to modern times. However, there's a classic, sunbaked '70s vibe throughout that gives the record a timeless, almost escapist mass appeal.

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Cub Foods will add temporary stores as it rebuilds from riots

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A pair of Cub Foods stores damaged in the unrest that struck Minneapolis earlier this month will be rebuilt by the end of the year, the grocery chain said Friday. But as a shorter-term fix, it's also opening temporary locations in those neighborhoods that will be open within weeks.

Cub, which is owned by Providence-based United Natural Foods Inc., is partnering with franchisee Jerry's Enterprises Inc. of Edina to add temporary structures in the parking lots of its Lake Street and Broadway Avenue stores. Both stores were badly damaged in the riots that followed the death of ***George Floyd*** during an arrest by Minneapolis police officers.

Other grocery stores were also shut down by the violence, and though retailers like Target Corp. and Aldi ***have also promised to return***, the aftermath has left many neighborhood residents without easy access to fresh food.

Cub Foods will add temporary stores as it rebuilds from riots

"The community needs its neighborhood grocer to be there providing access to essential food and grocery items," said Cub CEO Mike Stigers in a statement. "Cub has been an integral part of this state's landscape for over 50 years and we are fully committed to these communities, reopening our stores, and being a part of these great neighborhoods once again."

The temporary stores will be about 13,000 square feet in size - just a fraction of the size of a typical Cub, which can be 70,000 square feet or so - but will include selections from all areas of a standard store, including produce, meat and dairy items. The sites will also include pharmacies and can serve as pickup sites for online orders.

The Lake Street location is expected to be open by July 8, and the Broadway shop later in July. Cub is also offering free, dedicated bus service between its Lake and Broadway sites and full-service Cub stores elsewhere in the area.

Cub's owner, UNFI, said earlier this month that the company expects to spin off the retailer into a "freestanding entity" within nine months to a year.

Providence, Rhode Island-based UNFI has planned to sell off Cub since acquiring the brand with its 2018 purchase of Minnesota-based Supervalu Inc. UNFI is a distribution-focused business and never intended to keep a retail unit.

But Cub's strong performance during the pandemic, combined with a slowdown in mergers and acquisitions, means UNFI will hold off for up to two years. In the meantime, UNFI will hit pause on any the sale of Cub real estate and begin to separate Cub from the rest of its business, though UNFI would still own the chain.

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Cub's Mpls. stores to be rebuilt; UNFI will spin 2 chains into 1 unit

ARTICLE CMLI. [**CUB'S MPLS. STORES TO BE REBUILT; UNFI WILL SPIN 2 CHAINS INTO 1 UNIT**](#)

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Highlight: Temporary buildings will go up at damaged sites to sell fresh food, supplies and pharmacy goods.

Body

The Cub Foods stores on Lake Street and Broadway Avenue, both damaged in the violence that followed the killing of [**George Floyd**](#) in Minneapolis police custody, will be rebuilt by the end of the year.

But starting July 8 on Lake Street and later in the month on Broadway, temporary structures in the parking lots will sell fresh produce, meat, dairy and dry goods, Cub Foods and franchisee Jerry's Foods were to announce on Friday. They also will include pharmacies.

"The thought all along was to rebuild," said Mike Stigers, chief executive of Cub. "We were never going to abandon our communities."

Both stores closed on May 28, three days after Floyd's death.

Stigers also confirmed that owner United Natural Foods Inc. (UNFI) plans to spin off the Cub and Shoppers supermarket chains into a stand-alone unit.

COVID-19 pandemic complicated plans to sell the two chains.

UNFI officials said in a conference call earlier this month that the company would not sell the chains for two years.

Because of the plan to sell the chain, some had speculated that Rhode Island-based UNFI might not rebuild the Minneapolis stores.

Stigers, though, said Thursday that UNFI "wants Cub to be the best it can be" to make it an attractive asset for potential buyers.

"In fiscal 2021-2022 we'll have remodels and potential new sites," said Stigers, although he wouldn't say how many new stores. He said he expects four to six locations to be remodeled per year.

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"With the spinoff we can separate from UNFI systems and technology. With less dependency, we'll be doing more on our own as a stand-alone in the future," said Stigers.

The transition could take up to a year, he said.

UNFI executives made clear when they purchased Supervalu for \$2.9 billion in 2018 that the company prefers to focus on the wholesale side of the business over retail.

Sales at the Cub stores have stayed strong after the sale and especially since the pandemic spread in the United States.

Cub still maintains the No. 1 market share in the Twin Cities, and its market share has even started to rebound in the last year as Hy-Vee, Aldi, Target and Costco nip at its heels, according to Nielsen.

"We're pleased with the cash being generated by Cub and happy to have the flexibility to sell Cub's owned real estate at a more advantageous time," said UNFI Chief Financial Officer John Howard during a conference call this month.

Cub operates 78 stores in Minnesota and one in Illinois. Shoppers has 24 stores mostly in the Washington, D.C., area.

Renovations on the Lake Street store should be completed by the end of the year. The Broadway store will likely reopen by early October, Stigers said.

The temporary structures will be 13,000 square feet, significantly smaller than the permanent structures, will be heated or cooled depending on the weather and will include a service desk. Curbside pickup will be available as well.

To help residents facing a food desert with stores such as Cub, Target and Aldi still closed after extensive damage, Cub will launch free, dedicated bus service at each location starting on Friday. Social distancing precautions will be taken.

At the 2850 S. 26th Av. location (just off Lake Street), buses will pick up shoppers and take them to the Quarry store at 1540 New Brighton Blvd.

Buses at the Broadway location will take customers to the Crystal store at 5301 N. 36th Av. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Aldi store in the former Rainbow Foods on 26th Avenue will reopen in September, a company spokesperson said.

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Districts may regret booting school cops

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Body

St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) and the Minneapolis School District have ended contracts with their respective police departments. In response to community pressure following the Memorial Day death of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody, two of Minnesota's largest districts will no longer have officers in their schools.

The moves are shortsighted. For the most part, school resource officers (SROs) have proved to be tremendous assets to students and school staffs.

SRO opponents argue that having cops in schools is more harmful than helpful - especially for students of color who may fear being mistreated or arrested for minor disciplinary issues that should be handled by school staff. The presence of officers, they say, creates a hostile school environment.

In both Minneapolis and St. Paul, school officials received hundreds of e-mails and other contacts urging them to remove cops from schools. During a recent St. Paul anti-SRO protest, students and alumni spoke of how the \$775,000 budgeted for school cops in 2019-20 could be better spent on teachers of color and support staff.

Treatment of students by armed, in-school officers is an understandable concern, given the wider problems with police that have fueled mostly peaceful protests and some violent rioting in the Twin Cities and across the nation. Police departments must change and root out the subculture of officers who have caused so much race-based discrimination, injury and even death.

There have been a few incidents in schools in which individual cops have inappropriately used force or other unnecessarily harsh tactics with kids. In some cases, there wasn't a clear understanding of the proper role of an SRO. Some officers were not well-trained or didn't have the temperament to develop relationships with teenagers.

Well-trained SROs can be good mentors, counselors and coaches. Those positive interactions can help shape students' lifetime views of officers as true public servants, not militaristic occupying forces.

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In fact, in a 2017 survey, Minneapolis principals and the majority of students and staff urged the district to keep the SRO program. And in St. Paul, a 2019 student survey showed that more than 90% of 11th-graders wanted SROs in their buildings. That same state poll showed that more than 94% of students statewide believed having SROs in schools was a good idea.

Before the decision to drop SROs, principals from St. Paul's seven high schools wrote a letter of support that called the officers "vital tools in our collective efforts to be more just and equitable schools." St. Paul schools had been seeing positive results from efforts to improve student-SRO interactions. Cops were dressed in light-blue polo shirts and were trained to find ways to keep students out of the juvenile justice system. By using diversion programs, arrest totals dropped from 56 in 2015-16 to five in 2016-17.

School officials in Minneapolis and St. Paul have said they'll have alternative school safety plans in place before students are back in the classroom. It likely would have been more reassuring to many students and families in the two districts who supported having officers in the schools - and to the Star Tribune Editorial Board - if details of those plans had been developed before the SRO programs were scrapped.

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Reassuring skittish air travelers

ARTICLE CMLIII. [**REASSURING SKITTISH AIR TRAVELERS**](#)

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If it weren't for the COVID-19 outbreak, the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport would likely be swamped with summer travelers itching to fly out of town for the July 4th holiday.

But the global coronavirus pandemic and its economic fallout have devastated air travel in the Twin Cities and beyond. As departures from the airport likely inch up in July, airport officials launched a big push Thursday to reassure skittish passengers that they can travel and remain healthy.

The Travel Confidently program means restrooms and high-touch areas of the airport will be cleaned more often, with both terminals' public areas undergoing electrostatic disinfectant fogging every night.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), which owns and operates the airport, is also "strongly" recommending that travelers wear face coverings or masks, and adopt strict social distancing practices in the terminals, shops and restaurants.

More than 50 hand sanitizer stations have been installed in public spaces, along with 130 shield guards at ticket counters, gate desks and podiums, security checkpoints and information booths. Airport officials also encourage travelers to pre-book their parking space,

limiting touches on keypads and credit card readers.

"We're expecting an increase in traffic in July," said MAC Chief Executive Officer Brian Ryks. "Whether our passengers return to the skies next month or later in the year, they will experience a very different airport" in terms of the safety elements put in place.

During the early throes of the coronavirus in April - typically a busy month for travel because of spring break vacations - passenger levels at the airport plunged by 95%.

The airport's July travel forecast shows more routes returning to the airport and average daily departures inching up to 233 flights - an increase over 138 daily departures in June but far below the 554 flights that departed daily last July.

Reassuring skittish air travelers

"There's no question that travel is slowly recovering," said Kyle Potter, editor of Thrifty Traveler, a Minnesota-based travel and flight deal website. "The question now is whether that's sustainable when you look past August and September."

Ben Humphrey, vice president of operations at the airport for Delta Air Lines, said at a news conference Thursday almost all of the flights booked from the airport are heading to domestic destinations.

Delta, the airport's dominant carrier, has initiated its own safety program to clean aircraft and its gate areas. Planes are generally booked up to 60% capacity to keep middle seats open, Humphrey said.

Likewise, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has installed plastic shielding, promoted social distancing in checkpoint lines, and initiated frequent cleaning of commonly touched areas.

"Airports and airlines alike have realized that concerns for safety are stopping people from traveling. Before, it was ticket price," Potter said. "Safety is the name of the game right now."

Total travel spending is expected to decline by 45% this year, according to the U.S. Travel Association, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group. The total number of domestic trips by U.S. residents has decreased by 30% to 1.6 billion travelers, the lowest dip since the 1991 recession.

International travel is especially uncertain, as European Union countries contemplate a ban of U.S. travelers.

Since the virus took hold in the U.S. last March, several international carriers have suspended operations at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, including Aer Lingus, KLM, Condor, Air Canada, Air France and Icelandair. Spirit Airlines has resumed service and Jet Blue will be back July 1, according to MAC officials.

Passenger traffic at both terminals Thursday morning was sparse, and there were no lines at TSA checkpoints.

Ethan Blomquist had just arrived on a flight from Detroit to attend a bachelor party in the Twin Cities. It was the first time he'd flown since COVID-19 hit. "It was about what I expected, people were wearing masks and there was a lot of hand sanitizer," Blomquist said.

Bonnie Dighton, who flew from Sacramento to visit her grandchildren in Rogers, said she was more concerned about the unrest following the May 25 police killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis.

"We know what to do about COVID," Dighton said.

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Timuel Black: Advice to young activists from a 101-year-old historian: The 2020 census matters

ARTICLE CMLIV. **[TIMUEL BLACK: ADVICE TO YOUNG ACTIVISTS FROM A 101-YEAR-OLD HISTORIAN: THE 2020 CENSUS MATTERS](#)**

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Highlight: These last months have been a stressful and difficult time in the history of our country. I say that with some experience behind me. I'm 101 years old. I was born during the 1918 influenza pandemic. My grandparents were born slaves. My parents were sharecroppers in Alabama before moving to Chicago when I was 3 [...]

Body

These last months have been a stressful and difficult time in the history of our country. I say that with some experience behind me. I'm 101 years old.

I was born during the 1918 influenza pandemic. My grandparents were born slaves. My parents were sharecroppers in Alabama before moving to Chicago when I was 3 years old. I fought Nazis in Europe during World War II, and I organized the Chicago delegation to Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 March on Washington as the civil rights movement took wings.

The murder of ***George Floyd*** was shocking in its cruelty, but the circumstances were all too familiar. I'm so proud of the millions of young people across the country, who (many for the first time) marched in protest and dedicated themselves to advancing the project of social and racial justice. In a way, this moment is a passing of the torch to a new generation of activists, all wanting to take action, to make a difference.

So, I have some advice for the new generation of activists for equality. In addition to organizing, voting, demonstrating and rattling the gates of power, we must not neglect a quieter action that is an important part of making our voice is heard - being counted in the 2020 U.S. census.

Most understand the importance of voting, although too few actually exercise this important right. But I don't get the sense that everyone understands how important being counted is to the cause of equal rights and racial justice. It's important because the data collected from the census is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal economic resources. It's important because census data is used to define districts of elected representatives.

But beyond all that, it's important because you matter, your presence in our society matters and you should be officially recorded for all time.

Timuel Black: Advice to young activists from a 101-year-old historian: The 2020 census matters

I recently had the opportunity to see the official ledger of my family from the 1930 U.S. census when I was just 11. It was moving to see each of my family members listed next to each other.

The census was once used as a tool to uphold racial discrimination policies. Now, census data helps fight racial injustice by comparing representations in the population as a whole to representations in jobs, education and financial opportunities. This is key to finding out where civil rights laws are not being followed and enforced.

But even though the census data is an important tool, it is still undercounting African Americans in each census - including by more than 800,000 undercounts in the 2010 census. It is estimated that black children were undercounted by 7% in the previous census 10 years ago, twice the rate of white children.

As someone who has seen both the pain and the progress in the struggle for equal justice, I implore everyone to fill out the 2020 census at www.my2020census.gov. It's not some bureaucratic form. It's part of history - the history of you and the history of our nation.

You deserve to be counted. You need to be counted. Take action today to make sure you are counted.

Timuel Black is a Chicago educator, author and civil rights advocate. He wrote this column for the Chicago Tribune.

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VIRTUAL picks

Twin Cities Pride

This weekend's virtual parade has been canceled; instead Twin Cities Pride will use its platform to support groups marching Sunday in Minneapolis for [George Floyd](#) and transgender rights. But Pride will go ahead with its Virtual Marketplace from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday. Visit virtualtcpride.org and explore an online map with links to local Pride-supporting businesses, or participate in virtual meet-and-greets with vendors. Check out the site for other online events, including performances. Meanwhile, other groups are hosting their own Pride events, including Transcendence Cabaret. (8-10 p.m. Sat., Facebook.com/TranscendenceCabaret)

SHEILA REGAN

Common Sound

The St. Louis Park music fest launched to bring a neighboring synagogue and church together is hoping to reach across many other aisles with its 2020 virtual installment. Beth El Synagogue teamed with the Twin Cities Film Fest to produce two different "concert-like" video tracks - including one for kids - featuring previously recorded performances by the Doontree crew, Jeremy Messersmith, Lisa Loeb, Jonatha Brooke, Black Market Brass, Koo Koo Kanga Roo and more. Tickets (\$11 apiece) allow you to view them anytime through Sunday and benefit Second Harvest Heartland and Minnesota Central Kitchen. (commonsoundfestival.com.)

CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER

Jamecia Bennett

She has raised roofs with the Grammy-winning Sounds of Blackness and sparkled in the musicals "Crowns," "The Wiz" and "Marie and Rosetta." This weekend, the soul-stirring, blues-belting, gospel-shouting

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powerhouse will perform a rare outdoor concert, dubbed Family Pride in the Neighborhood (capacity 100 people in Brooklyn Park), that will be livestreamed via Park Square Theatre's Facebook page. (6 p.m. Sun., \$25 donation suggested, parksquaretheatre.org.)

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YWCA St. Paul hosting a 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge

ARTICLE CMLVI. [**YWCA ST. PAUL HOSTING A 21-DAY RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGE**](#)

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Highlight: YWCA St. Paul is beginning a 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge to provide resources for learning more about the issues. Participants will begin receiving emails on Monday through July 24. In the daily email, participants will receive curated articles, podcasts, activities, and more. YWCA St. Paul has served its community since the 1910s. [...]

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Participants will begin receiving emails on Monday through July 24. In the daily email, participants will receive curated articles, podcasts, activities, and more.

YWCA St. Paul has served its community since the 1910s. The organization follows the slogan "eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all."

The point of the challenge is, in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s death, to "help participants discover how racial inequity and social injustice impact a community, while connecting to others and identifying ways to dismantle racism and other forms of discrimination," according to YWCA officials.

Virtual activities will include an online candle vigil, an expert panel discussing the Black-lived Experience and anti-Blackness, and a "Community Conversation" designed to engage the St. Paul community.

"We believe that this 21-day email series will get people thinking - and hopefully acting - differently simply by taking just 10 minutes a day to learn more about racial equity and social justice," Teresa Morrow, YWCA-St. Paul spokesperson said. "There's no pressure. No test at the end."

Content for the challenge was shared by the YWCA Cleveland, which has already issued the challenge and has several thousand participants.

"With the grief, anger and despair suffusing our community, YWCA St. Paul is pleased to offer this resource to our community, and we encourage people all across the state to participate and examine how racism and bias impact their lives and their communities, and how they can contribute to meaningful change." explained Gaye Adams Massey, YWCA St. Paul CEO.

YWCA St. Paul hosting a 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge

Registration for the Challenge is now open at: ywcastpaul.org/racial-equity-challenge/. The YWCA St. Paul will also be hosting several community events in the coming weeks, including a community conversation where participants can discuss opportunities for change here in Minnesota. Participants can find more information on their website, www.ywcastpaul.org.

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ARTICLE CMLVII. **REQUEST FOR PRETRIAL VIDEO COVERAGE DENIED**

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Body

A Hennepin County judge on Friday rejected an unusual request to allow cameras in the courtroom filed by attorneys representing four former Minneapolis officers charged in the Memorial Day killing of **George Floyd**.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill noted that Minnesota court rules require both the defense and prosecution to agree in order to allow cameras at pretrial hearings. Prosecutors objected to the defense's motion, he wrote in his order denying camera access. "Given that this is a case that has already received substantial pretrial media coverage, the Court finds that audio or video coverage of the pretrial hearings in this case would not only violate [Minnesota court rules], but would risk tainting a potential Hennepin County jury pool," Cahill wrote.

Attorneys representing **Derek Chauvin**, **J. Alexander Kueng**, **Thomas Lane** and **Tou Thao** filed a motion late Thursday, which was made public Friday, granting permission to record both pretrial and trial proceedings regardless of objections from the prosecution.

"The Defendants argue that this relief is necessary to provide the Defendants with a fair trial in light of the State's and other governmental actors multiple inappropriate comments and to assure an open hearing in light of the ongoing pandemic," wrote Kueng's attorney, Thomas Plunkett, who filed the motion on behalf of the other defendants.

Cahill's order said camera access at trial will be addressed at a later date.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office deferred comment to Attorney General Keith Ellison's office, which is leading the prosecution.

Ellison said he supports a public trial but warned that cameras would cause more problems in the Floyd case.

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"Cameras could alter the way the lawyers present evidence," he said in a written statement. "Cameras in the courtroom could subject the participants in the trial to heightened media scrutiny and thereby be distracting to conducting the trial."

The chances of "creating more sensation than understanding" was "very high," Ellison said.

Several local media outlets, including the Star Tribune, and national outlets such as the New York Times and Court TV have filed requests with the court to record the pretrial proceedings.

The four officers are due in court Monday for their second appearance on charges ranging from second-degree murder to aiding and abetting murder.

Plunkett argued that it is necessary to record and broadcast the proceedings because state and local officials, including Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, have publicly criticized the former officers' actions.

He also said "unethical 'leaks' " of information about the cases have compromised objectivity about the cases.

"Specifically, this relief is necessary to blunt the effects of the increasing and repeated media attacks from the various officials who have breached their duty to the community," said Plunkett's motion. "These State comments have crescendoed to an extraordinary volume this week with the Chief pronouncing that '[w]hat happened to Mr. Floyd was murder.' The State's conduct has made a fair and unbiased trial extremely unlikely and the Defendants seek video and audio coverage to let a cleansing light shine on these proceedings. Doing otherwise allows these public officials to geld the Constitution."

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, said in an interview Friday that Ellison and Arradondo have overstepped their bounds.

"The most unethical statements were made by Ellison saying they're guilty of murder and the police chief going on national TV and saying that," Gray said. "They know better. It seems like everybody wants these guys convicted before trial."

Ellison has said in interviews that he's confident jurors will convict the former officers. Arradondo spoke about the case on the TV show "60 Minutes" and issued a written statement Monday saying, "I agree with Attorney General Ellison: what happened to Mr. Floyd was murder."

Plunkett and Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, declined to comment. Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, did not return messages seeking comment.

Plunkett cited the constitutional right to a fair and public trial in arguing for cameras in the courtroom. He noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted courtroom access, and that broadcasting the proceedings would assure the right to a public trial.

The state courts have taken several measures to prevent COVID-19 infections at its facilities, including limiting the number of media personnel and public allowed into a courtroom.

Defense attorney Robert Richman, who is not involved in the cases, said camera access could help the defense attorneys present another narrative about Floyd's death, which was recorded by a bystander and seen around the world.

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"Given the weight of negative publicity that has already sort of shaped public perception, I think that it is important for the defense to start to make their defense known so that they don't have quite as much of an uphill battle when they start out on the first day of trial," Richman said. "It's something of a high-risk strategy, because typically publicity does not work well for the defense, but in a case like this it's not clear to me there's anything to lose."

Cameras have been allowed at sentencings after a conviction per a judge's discretion.

While media outlets can request camera access at any court hearing, it's unheard of in Minnesota for a judge to approve such requests for pretrial hearings in criminal cases, or for trial.

"Anything that happens in the courtroom is accurate," Gray said. "We're not afraid of that. It's pretrial prejudicial publicity, like the chief's statement, [that concerns us]."

Ben Crump, an attorney representing Floyd's survivors, told the Star Tribune that the Floyd family was informed this week that a trial in the case will be scheduled for March 8, with a hearing on pretrial motions on Sept. 11.

The trial schedule could be made official at a Monday court hearing in Hennepin County, though trial schedules often get delayed. State prosecutors are expected to seek to try all four former officers charged in the case in one trial, a move one or more of the defense attorneys might oppose.

The tentative trial schedule was shared during a private meeting Tuesday in Texas between the family and Ellison and U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald. Ellison's office is leading the state's criminal prosecution in conjunction with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, while MacDonald's office is conducting a federal civil rights probe.

Crump said the meeting gave the family "a great sense of comfort knowing that they are going to zealously prosecute this case" and that it was a "priority for them to make sure they get justice for George Floyd's family and also for the community, so the community can have faith in the system."

The family would like to see Chauvin charged with the more serious crime of first-degree murder. Ellison outlined the burden of proving that charge to the family but said he would not rule out new charges if the evidence warrants them.

Crump said MacDonald compared the federal probe to the case of Walter Scott, a South Carolina black man killed in 2015 by a white police officer who fired on him as he ran away. A state court jury acquitted the officer, but federal prosecutors later won a conviction and he was sentenced in 2017 to 20 years in prison.

A spokeswoman acknowledged that MacDonald requested the private meeting with Floyd's family and that she had "discussed the process and procedure the federal civil rights investigation." The investigation is ongoing and remains a "top priority" for the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department, the spokeswoman said.

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Letters: 'Black Lives Matter' isn't about special treatment

ARTICLE CMLVIII. **LETTERS: 'BLACK LIVES MATTER' ISN'T ABOUT SPECIAL TREATMENT**

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Highlight: We all know "*White Lives Matter*." The question is, "Do *Black Lives Matter*?" The challenge for people who are white is to look deeper. Consider what it means each day for a person of color to drive a car, ride a bus, enter a classroom, shop in a store, apply for a loan, be a [...]

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We all know "*White Lives Matter*." The question is, "Do *Black Lives Matter*?" The challenge for people who are white is to look deeper.

Consider what it means each day for a person of color to drive a car, ride a bus, enter a classroom, shop in a store, apply for a loan, be a minority in the workplace, jog through a neighborhood, relax in a park, have a child misbehave, ask for help. How would it feel to be watched, avoided, scrutinized, pre-judged and demeaned, over and over again? The slogan, "*Black Lives Matter*" is not asking for special treatment or status. It is asking for JUSTICE FOR ALL, for white and other than white. It is thoughtful consideration about a contentious situation, possibly tragic, that may be falsely or inaccurately reported or understood. What is truth? What is right?

Do *Black lives matter*? There is fear, trauma, humiliation, hopelessness and battered confidence behind this appeal by people of color to challenge thinking. It's a call to awareness, an effort to share the reality of those whose primary identity by white people comes from the color of their skin. It is being denied benefits, home mortgages, equitable income, equal education and job training. It is being called to account for the actions of others just because of common skin color. (What if people who are white were denied a home loan or a job because of their skin color? Or be judged based on the actions of all other white people?) People of color are not "they," but rather "we." Neighbors, churches, families, reach out to those among you who are struggling today. Show you care.

Marilyn Theesfeld, St. Paul

I am somewhere between amused and disgusted by the Minnesota Twins organization's decision to [remove the statue of Calvin Griffith from Target Field](#) 42 years after he reportedly made some racist comments.

Letters: 'Black Lives Matter' isn't about special treatment

One would think that, if the Twins were really concerned about these comments, they would have taken steps to remedy the situation long before now; specifically, they could have opted not to place the statue at Target Field when it was built. This just appears to be another organization disingenuously attempting to make itself appear to be caring and altruistic.

Bob Kingdon, Roseville

If you are going to use an "economics" column for political opinions at least get the facts right. Ed Lotterman's June 21 column, "[Immigration returns to the spotlight](#)," seems to suggest that the main reason a comprehensive immigration-reform bill was not passed five years ago and which stands in the way today is the Senate's rule regarding a filibuster.

Just to review, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act (CIRA, S. 2611) was introduced in the Senate by Arlen Specter on April 7, 2006, and co-sponsored by Chuck Hagel, Mel Martinez, John McCain, Ted Kennedy, Lindsey Graham and Sam Brownback. It was passed on May 25, 2006, by a vote of 62-36. A parallel House Bill, (H.R. 4437) dealt with the immigration issue with different provisions. The fact that the two houses were not able to reach an agreement to go to a conference committee was the main reason that defeated both bills.

Both parties have their own reasons and constituencies that make this issue difficult. However, you are right, it should be back in the spotlight.

Rich McCabe, St. Paul [Letters: Why was Officer Chauvin even employed at the City of Minneapolis?](#) [Tainted: Unfriended, bullied, shunned, a neighbor family is moving](#) [Letter: One size doesn't fit all. Support local school districts as they decide how to reopen safely.](#) [Letters: How many more missed opportunities in Minneapolis?](#) [Letters: I always wear a mask. But ...](#)

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POLICE REFORM

In response to the city charter amendment regarding police reform, I have some concern that this amendment does not identify key areas that would successfully lay a foundation in the charter to create the kind of change Minneapolitans deserve ("Push to 'end' [Minneapolis Police Department](#) could keep officers," StarTribune.com, June 26).

One item that should be addressed is specific language outlining that police officers should reside within Minneapolis and, more specifically, in the precincts in which they will be serving. This is a very important part of creating a community-oriented police department and should be explicitly defined in the charter, emphasizing the commitment to a community-led police department.

In addition, citizens have a right to know exactly how many police officers Minneapolis is required to have at a minimum and what percentage of property tax revenue can be levied to fund a police department (even if it is not called a police department). This language belongs in the city charter as a check on the City Council's authority. By removing this language, the council is hampering a robust debate on what can be expected out of police reforms, how the Police Department is funded and ultimately who is accountable.

In a fair and transparent process, Minneapolitans deserve to know in more substantive detail how the City Council is planning to fundamentally alter our Police Department. These details begin with the city charter amendment, and Minneapolitans should demand a more detailed amendment proposal that expressly addresses these concerns.

Christopher Pelosi, Minneapolis

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There have been really intelligent opinion pieces and letters lately on Minneapolis issues, but please let's not lose focus. We must stop the unjustified killing of our citizens by our police. Let's do that first.

Steve Mayer, Minneapolis

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Decades ago, the great Bayard Rustin wrote: "We must everywhere be part of the cry for civilian review boards, not in the naive belief that they are a panacea but in the conviction that police conduct is not the exclusive responsibility of commissioners and politicians. Police must be answerable to the citizenry they presumably protect, and if they have been educated to any other concept of their role, now is the time to educate them."

How much longer must we wait? If not now, when?

Harold Lieberman, St. Cloud, Minn.

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In an MPR interview on June 23, Minneapolis Police Sgt. Anna Hedberg said the proposal for a ballot measure this fall to amend the city charter to allow for the dismantling of the MPD is why officers are quitting the department.

"So if we don't have the support to do the basic police work - finding the guns and getting them off the street - it's going to continue," Hedberg said.

I am sure Minneapolis residents support "finding the guns and getting them off the street." What people will not support is George Floyd being killed for passing a counterfeit \$20 bill. For Sgt. Hedberg to conflate police capacity to get guns off the street with the protests and "defund" repercussions of Floyd's killing is completely disingenuous. When former officer Derek Chauvin knelt on Floyd he was not "finding guns and getting them off the street."

I am not in favor of "defunding" the police, but if individual officers cannot differentiate the conduct required for guns vs. counterfeit bills, I welcome their departure.

Gary Maher, Minneapolis

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To say I'm disappointed in the City Council is an understatement. The members who continue to speak about defunding, dismantling, etc., the Police Department are reckless and self-centered. They refuse to heed the pleas of many of the communities who have been ravaged by the recent gunfire and killing. There might well be an increase of crime in the summer, but in the 30-plus years I've lived on the North Side, I've never experienced as much violence in such a short period of time, and I lived here during the crack years!

I don't know anyone who wants the MPD to remain as it is; however, I also know very few who wish to abolish it altogether. To make vague statements to that effect without a specific plan to deal with violent crime is to give those who perpetrate the violence an all-clear. We who live in these neighborhoods see it, hear it and try to band together to keep each other safe during this failure in leadership. The current state of this city and its council is unacceptable.

"The road to hell is paved with good intentions." Many of us are living there now.

Jeanne Torma, Minneapolis

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The best people to protect Minneapolis residents from police brutality and misconduct are Minneapolis residents themselves. The Minneapolis police have drained the morale value and public trust of Minneapolis residents by turning their cheeks when we need them and overpolicing our communities when not needed. As a coach, I experienced underpolicing when a drive-by shooting happened very close to our football field, with children still there, and no one was there to help us. I've also experienced over-policing when I was pulled over for a traffic violation with multiple officers arriving on scene. In both cases, I felt enraged and heartbroken to see young children and myself traumatized from an event in a community that we consider a safe haven.

I think we need a new vision of community safety that is not the MPD. Let's have Minneapolis residents decide what that should look like and how we should invest the \$193 million that annually funds the MPD. Community-controlled programs would empower Minneapolis residents to do what we would do best if we had the right resources: protect and take care of ourselves.

Keion Franklin, Minneapolis

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Thank you for publishing the commentary by Leah Entenmann on June 18 ("Alternatives to replace police already exist," Opinion Exchange). I would be interested to hear Entenmann walk us through a reality in which we have societal laws but nobody to enforce them (police), and no consequences for their violation (prison - depending on the gravity of the case). I would be interested in hearing her logistical framework, as well as current or historical references that would buttress her argument for a police-free society. Using preindustrial societies as a reference is less helpful than a modern democratic state that is running, and even thriving, using her model.

Perhaps Entenmann can present her case in a more convincing fashion, but I am skeptical. More worryingly, I am not certain that she feels it necessary to do so. We have ample examples of intellectual charlatanism given to us by our current president, but the radical left also happily operates within a "post-truth" universe. Minneapolis City Council Lisa Bender describes reliable policing as a "privilege," as if our relinquishing certain liberties in exchange for order and security is not one of the fundamental premises of government.

Make no mistake: We have areas in need of profound change within our policing, as well as within our approach to race and equity. But our solutions - our activism - need to be animated by ideas that are cogent and well-articulated. The fanciful logic of Entenmann is certainly not this, nor is the chaotic message coming from the thought vacuum within Minneapolis City Hall.

Sander Johnson, St. Louis Park

CITY GOVERNMENT

This is what committee rule gets us

While reading Joseph W. Anthony's commentary on Minneapolis City Hall ("Yes, Minneapolis government is dysfunctional," Opinion Exchange, June 26), I'm mindful of the adage that a camel is a horse designed by a committee.

Paul J. Coufal, Apple Valley

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Mpls. fast-tracks policing plan

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Less than three weeks after they promised to begin work on "ending" the *Minneapolis Police Department*, some City Council members pushed forward a new vision for law enforcement Friday that could still include officers on the streets.

The council voted unanimously to advance a proposal that would create a new Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention. Within that, the city could create a division that includes "licensed peace officers," though it would not be required to do so.

It's unclear how many, if any, officers would continue to be employed by the city if the proposal passes.

Council Member Cam Gordon said it's consistent with the pledge from council members to fundamentally alter local policing in the wake of *George Floyd's* killing by Minneapolis officers.

"Those things that we called the police department are gone," Gordon said. "Certainly, there is a provision in here that would allow this council or future councils to maintain a Division of Law Enforcement Services, but I think what we need to do is have that possibility there and talk to people about what the future should look like."

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said he's seen little clarity on basic questions: whether there would still be a police department and if so, whether Medaria Arradondo, the city's first black chief, would continue to lead it.

"We need precision," Frey said, "and the precision of the solutions must match the precision of the harm that was initially inflicted."

The city would need to change its charter to implement its proposal, which requires a citywide vote. Council members are using an unconventional, expedited process as they seek to get the measure on the November ballot.

Mpls. fast-tracks policing plan

The Minneapolis charter says the city must have a police department and City Council must "fund a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident, and provide for those employees' compensation."

Based on the latest census data, that amounts to roughly 730 police employees. The department had 892 sworn officers and 175 non-sworn employees at the start of June.

The proposed new agency would be led by someone with "non-law enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches."

In normal times, charter amendments have been aired over many months. The council would consider whether to send the matter to the Charter Commission, which would give a recommendation, after which the council would vote on whether to send the proposal to the ballot.

Frey would also need to approve or veto sending it to voters; he said Friday he's not yet sure which he'd do.

But, with an Aug. 21 deadline for submitting items to the ballot this year, the city is moving forward on a rare, expedited schedule that will include just one public hearing.

Neither the city clerk nor the city attorney's office could cite a previous instance where a charter amendment moved through this type of expedited process.

Despite the unanimous vote, a small number of council members said they were not endorsing the proposal but thought voters should have a say on the matter.

Frey said the council is going too fast, noting a resolution that he and the council approved earlier this month that promised a "yearlong process of community engagement."

"Despite that promise, despite that promise to listen to black and brown communities, centering them at the very middle of the conversation, we're presupposing an outcome right now and plowing ahead with a dramatic shift of the structure of the new department," Frey said.

Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, who helped write the charter amendment, defended the process. He noted that Floyd was not killed "on our ideal, maybe, bureaucratic schedule" and that the city needs to quickly address community concerns.

"It would be disingenuous for us to engage with the public about what a new public safety system should look like knowing full well that we can't implement those things because of the charter," he said.

The charter amendment was written by Ellison, Gordon and Council Members Alondra Cano and Steve Fletcher and Council President Lisa Bender.

"Decades of police reform efforts have proved that the *Minneapolis Police Department* cannot be reformed and will never be accountable for its actions," the group said in a joint statement earlier this month.

On Friday, multiple groups in Minneapolis criticized the proposal. Black Visions Collective, which helped organize a recent event in Powderhorn Park that called for the end of MPD and drew multiple council members, described the amendment as a "historic win" and crucial first step.

But Kandace Montgomery, the group's executive director, also raised concerns that it still allows for law enforcement to play a key role.

Mpls. fast-tracks policing plan

"We are very concerned that the Council didn't ensure that the new department won't be led by current or former law enforcement officers," Montgomery said in a statement. "We know that police will be fighting hard to influence this process, and we need our city leaders to do everything they can to make sure they don't hijack our new safety infrastructure from the beginning."

The board of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, the union that represents city officers, said in a statement that the amendment is too vague and "fails to clarify questions about what replaces the police department, how it will work, and what actual steps will be done to address and prevent crime."

Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins said she believes voters should have a chance to weigh in on the proposal, but she also cautioned that work needs to be done.

"The issues of the police department, the issues of all of the institutions in our society is, really, foundationally, underlying racism," Jenkins said. "And, until we really address racism, nothing is going to change. We're going to have a new name of the new public safety measure, with the same underlying, racist foundations that has been involved in the formulation of this country forever."

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HOW THE COUNCIL MOVED FORWARD

What's proposed: Creation of a Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention that could include a Division of Law Enforcement Services with an unspecified number of police officers.

What's next: First the city would need to change its charter, which requires a citywide vote. Council members want to get the measure on the November ballot, which would require Mayor Jacob Frey's approval.

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L'Oreal to remove words like 'whitening' from skin products

ARTICLE CMLXI. [**L'OREAL TO REMOVE WORDS LIKE 'WHITENING' FROM SKIN PRODUCTS**](#)

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Highlight: PARIS (AP) - French cosmetics giant L'Oreal said Saturday that it will remove words like "whitening" from its skin care products, a move that comes amid global protests against racism sparked by the death of **George Floyd** in the United States.

Body

PARIS - French cosmetics giant L'Oreal said Saturday that it will remove words like "whitening" from its skin care products, a move that comes amid global protests against racism sparked by the death of **George Floyd** in the United States.

The company said in a statement Saturday that it "has decided to remove the words white/whitening, fair/fairness, light/lightening from all its skin evening products."

L'Oreal's decision follows a similar move by Anglo-Dutch firm Unilever on Thursday. It is among a number of companies that have been the target of criticism in the wake of Floyd's death following his arrest in Minneapolis.

Earlier this month, L'Oreal tweeted that that it "stands in solidarity with the Black community and against injustice of any kind. ... Speaking out is worth it." The post drew a negative reaction from people who see the company's business model and advertising as focused on white consumers.

English model Munroe Bergdorf notably accused the beauty brand of hypocrisy for having fired her three years ago. Bergdorf was sacked as L'Oreal UK's first openly transgender model in 2017 for decrying "the racial violence of white people." [Prosecutors in George Floyd's death want no audio-visual coverage of ex-cops' trials](#) [Minneapolis council shifts police media duties to city staff](#) [Roseville man accused of threatening to burn neighbors homes 'while you sleep in it' over Black Lives Matter signs](#) [Minnesota governor signs police accountability bill. A deeper look at what law does.](#) [Charred piles of rubble remain 2 months after riots. Midway businesses find clearing debris no easy task.](#)

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Soucheray: What is going on? Does anybody know?

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ARTICLE CMLXII. [SOUCHERAY: WHAT IS GOING ON? DOES ANYBODY KNOW?](#)

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Highlight: The St. Paul school board voted 5-1 the other day to end the contract they had with the St. Paul Police Department to have a school resource officer in each of the district's seven high schools. The principals of the schools want the SROs. And in a state survey last year, 369 St. Paul high [...]

Body

The St. Paul school board voted 5-1 the other day to end the contract they had with the St. Paul Police Department to have a school resource officer in each of the district's seven high schools. The principals of the schools want the SROs. And in a state survey last year, 369 St. Paul high school juniors were asked if police in the schools was a good idea and 96 percent said yes.

One of the board members, Chauntyll Allen, who had a big load of virtue to signal, said, "Our focus needs to be on student achievement, and in order for all our students to achieve, they need to be free from trauma."

A school board member apparently believes that the presence of a police officer can be traumatizing to a child. Isn't that tantamount to telling a child to be afraid of the police? Is that how you want your child to be taught?

In Minneapolis, despite increasing reports of shots fired - 1,600 shots fired in 30 days - efforts continue to defund the police department and replace it with something, they just don't know what yet. It might be that the city council wants to add personnel to what will be called something, they just don't know yet.

A good two weeks after the Columbus statue came down at the state Capitol, we learn that no consequences have been experienced by any of the protesters. The case is still under investigation. I don't know what they are investigating. The whole act was caught on film. You could even say that it was staged to be filmed.

Gov. Tim Walz promised there would be consequences. Maybe.

The mob that tore down statues at the Capitol in Madison, Wis., the other night did not know what they were destroying. One of the statues that came down was of Civil War Col. Hans Christian Heg. He was an anti-slavery activist and leader of an anti-slave-catcher militia in Wisconsin. He fought for the Union and died of injuries suffered during the Battle of Chickamauga.

The other statue that ended up face down in the street was "Forward," representing the state's motto. "Forward" was the 1893 work of sculptress Jean Pond Miner, from Menasha, Wis. "Forward" is an allegory

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of devotion and progress, qualities Miner felt Wisconsin embodied. "Forward" had her right hand lifted while her left hand clutched the American flag to her chest.

Back to Walz. Does the governor have a plan in place to protect the statues and monuments at the Minnesota state Capitol, Leif Erickson and Floyd B. Olson and Knute Nelson and the rest? It becomes clearer by the day that the statues coming down across the country have nothing to do with police behavior or ***Black Lives Matter***. In other words, Gov., you aren't safe because you have Johnsons and Nelsons. The people destroying this country don't care.

With relief it can be noted that state Attorney General Keith Ellison, hitting the nail on the head for what concerns us most, has filed a lawsuit against Big Oil. Ellison and rest of us couldn't live for one day without the products that result from petroleum, but Ellison said Big Oil has lied to us or something and he wants to get them for climate change. Attorney General, have you given up your car?

And in St. Paul, Mayor Melvin Carter has announced a new director of Public Works. Wilder Foundation executive Sean Kershaw gets the job.

"Sean Kershaw's career demonstrates a longstanding commitment to supporting prosperity for everyone in our community," Carter said. "His background in economic development, engagement, and equity, will ensure we continue making vital infrastructure investments for our residents and businesses."

OK then.

Given all of the above, my answer is no, I have no idea what's going on, either. *Soucheray: Those cheering and jeering have something in common. Soucheray: Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That's not the fault of the police. Soucheray: This progressive transfer of wealth from renters to developers and big corporations*

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Four bars are linked to youth virus surge

ARTICLE CMLXIII. **[FOUR BARS ARE LINKED TO YOUTH VIRUS SURGE](#)**

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Byline: JEREMY OLSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

Outbreaks centered on four bars in Minneapolis and Mankato have contributed to a surge in COVID-19 cases in young adults, which state health officials warned could undermine months of planning and recent progress in managing the pandemic.

Roughly 100 people suffered COVID-19 infections related to crowding over the June 12-14 weekend at Rounders Sports Bar & Grill and the 507 in Mankato, while more than 30 cases have been identified among people who went to Cowboy Jack's near Target Field and the Kollege Klub in Dinkytown between June 14 and June 21.

While growth of COVID-19 is inevitable until a vaccine is found for the novel coronavirus that causes it, preventable clusters could cause an escalation that could exhaust the state's medical resources and leave vulnerable people at risk, said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director.

"When you have 56 cases associated with one location from one weekend, that is not managing the rate of growth," said Ehresmann, imploring businesses and individuals to take precautions "so that even as we open up, we are not putting ourselves in a position to overwhelm the system we worked so hard to strengthen."

Social media images from some of the four bars showed tight crowds and disregard for the social distancing requirements that the state imposed when it permitted a limited reopening of indoor bar and dining facilities on June 10. Ehresmann said she is consulting with health inspectors on how to compel them to comply. Anyone at the bars during those time frames should be watching for respiratory symptoms, she added.

Minnesota hasn't fared as poorly in June as mostly Southern states that are seeing upticks both in diagnosed cases of COVID-19 and also in hospitalizations for people with severe diseases.

'Trending poorly'

Minnesota on Friday reported 335 hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients, including 157 who needed intensive care, which is well below the peak of 606 on May 28 that had some metro hospitals opening up emergency surge bed capacity.

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However, the COVID Exit Strategy website downgraded both Minnesota and Wisconsin to "trending poorly" this week amid the pandemic - largely due to growth in cases among young adults.

The number of lab-confirmed cases in Minnesota has increased 37% - from 25,208 on June 1 to 34,616 as of Friday - but has increased 51% among people aged 20 to 29 and 61% among children and teenagers. And 20-somethings overtook people in their 30s for the first time this week as the age group in Minnesota with the most cases.

The uptick associated with crowded locations prompted the Minnesota Medical Association, representing doctors, to call for the mandatory use of masks in public rather than just voluntary encouragement.

Following a peak of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in late May, case growth ebbed in Minnesota, and health officials hoped that would continue following the reopening of businesses and social activities in June, said Dr. Keith Stelter, association president.

"That has not happened," he said. "So I think at this time we have to come back to say, 'If we're going to have the economy open, then we're going to need to take other personal protective measures to prevent the spread.' Masking is the best way to do that."

The 7,045 cases among people in their 20s now represent 20% of all cases confirmed through diagnostic testing in Minnesota. (The total case number includes 30,008 people who have recovered to the point they are no longer considered infection risks.)

More infections in the young adult population might not result in more severe outcomes - only two of 1,411 total deaths in the pandemic have involved people younger than 30 in Minnesota. But state health officials worry that mobile young adults can spread the novel coronavirus to others who are vulnerable.

Risk particularly increases with age. Minnesotans 70 and older make up 12% of known cases in the state but 81% of COVID-19-related deaths.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated risk guidance on Thursday, adding obesity as a major cause of severe COVID-19 cases along with heart conditions, kidney disease, diabetes and other conditions.

Adherence to social distancing in the spring bought hospitals time to prepare with more beds and protective equipment, and now it can buy time for life-saving vaccine development, said Dr. Mark Sannes, a HealthPartners infectious disease specialist.

"We still have a vulnerable population and at some point that group is either going to have to be exposed or be vaccinated," he said. "I think we would prefer the latter."

Preventable spread of the infectious disease has other consequences. Ehresmann said some of the COVID-19 cases associated with bars in Mankato involved workers at child-care facilities, which are now having to take actions that will disrupt the lives of children and families.

"It's a sad example of how COVID works," she said.

Low rate after protests

Four bars are linked to youth virus surge

Protests following the May 25 police killing of **George Floyd** do not appear to have contributed as much as feared to the rise in cases among young adults.

Health officials worried about heightened risks of the virus spreading among people singing and shouting - and even gasping and coughing when tear gas was used to disperse crowds. On the other hand, outdoor air has proved an effective deterrent to virus transmission.

Free testing clinics in Minneapolis and St. Paul found a relatively low rate of infections - roughly 1.5% of the more than 7,700 demonstrators and others tested at these sites over the prior two weeks.

Testing was recommended for anyone involved in the protests, whether they had respiratory symptoms or not. In the case of the bar patrons, Ehresmann said they most likely had symptoms as they weren't part of any mass screening recommendation and had sought out testing on their own.

Detected cases of COVID-19 via testing are the tip of the iceberg. CDC officials on Thursday estimated that every one lab-confirmed case represented 10 cases. Most infections result in mild or no symptoms, but people with mild infections are risks for spreading the virus to others.

If the CDC estimate is accurate, that means as many as 500,000 Minnesotans have already been infected - with many suffering mild or no symptoms but nonetheless carrying the virus and potentially spreading it to others. At the same time, that would mean that 90% of the population remains vulnerable and that the state has a long way to go, said Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner.

Some of the uptick in young adult cases might be due to increased COVID-19 testing, but the bar outbreaks show this is a new and growing problem as well, she added.

"A small percentage of our population has been exposed so far," Malcolm said. "That means the great majority of Minnesotans remain vulnerable to infection."

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BARS LINKED TO RECENT OUTBREAKS

- The Kollege Klub, Minneapolis (Dinkytown)
- Cowboy Jack's, Minneapolis (downtown)
- Rounders Sport Bar & Grill, Mankato
- The 507, Mankato

TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

34,616 -- Total cases

498 -- June 26 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

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Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,411 --Total deaths

5 -- June 26

U.S. cases, new daily

2,435,297 -- Total cases

41,113 --June 25

U.S. deaths, new daily

124,393 -- Total deaths

2,466 -- June 25

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts .)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Laura Tahja Johnson of Brooklyn Park was driving her second-grader Niko home from She Rock She Rock music camp years ago when suddenly a little voice piped up from the back seat.

" 'Mom, do you wanna know what we did today? We ripped up stereotypes,' " Johnson recalled Niko saying. "They literally ripped up magazines of female stereotypes and talked about that sort of empowerment. That's when I knew that this camp was definitely a good thing."

Niko and twin sister Ellie Johnson, who both just completed eighth grade, will return to She Rock camp this summer - the seventh consecutive year for Niko, sixth for Ellie - with a major twist. The sessions will be virtual due to COVID-19, and the focus will be on studio technology instead of rocking out on guitars, drums and other analog instruments.

"Technology has come a long way in recent years; I'm excited that this is an option," camp co-founder Jenny Case said. "The cool thing is [campers] can collaborate live [via computer] and they can be put in a band together."

Case started She Rock She Rock in 2007 because she was trying to put together an all-female band and just wasn't having much luck with her ads in the alternative weekly newspaper City Pages.

Now in its 14th year, the camp serves girls, trans and nonbinary youth, ages 9 to 18.

This summer, there will be four sessions of "Girls Rock 'n' Roll Retreat: Studio Edition," starting July 13. Experience isn't necessary but a computer is. (The camp has a few loaner laptops as well as scholarships. For information: sherocksherock.com).

Case, bassist for the long-lived Twin Cities rock band the Flamin' Oh's, had been stressing out this year over how to approach camp. But after giving guitar lessons via Zoom from her St. Louis Park home during the early part of the pandemic,

she is convinced that a similar approach will work.

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"We'll try our best," Case said. "It's not going to be perfect, but it's going to be rock 'n' roll."

That's one of the points that she and her staff emphasize to campers. "One of our rules at camp is you're not allowed to apologize for making a mistake," she said. "You have to say 'I rock.' "

Besides going virtual, Case and company have made other changes this year, including trimming each day to five hours, but the activities will be similar to past incarnations: studying rock history, doing punk-rock aerobics, creating band logos, learning studio technology (instead of playing actual instruments), writing songs, forming a band, listening to guest speakers, discussing gender identity and examining social justice.

Case thinks learning the studio aspect is important because fewer than 5% of professional recording engineers and producers are "non-men."

"The kids need to see themselves reflected in the people they are looking up to," she said. "When they hear a song, do they think about all the stuff that goes on behind the scenes and who is in charge of doing that?"

Niko Johnson, 14, a guitarist-singer-songwriter, is amped about this year's approach.

"I'm trying to produce my own album this year," Niko said. "This will be helpful for me to learn music production and mixing and stuff."

In the aftermath of the *George Floyd* killing in Minneapolis, social justice will be a prominent component of the camp.

"We do a lot of workshops on activism, media literacy, racism, self-defense, stuff along those lines," Case said. "When we started, we were very music focused, and we've evolved over the years. The social justice piece has always been important, but it got really, really important in the last few weeks. It's in the forefront of everybody's mind. I think the kids are going to have a lot to say this summer."

For Ellie Johnson, 14, the activism aspect of She Rock is very appealing.

"That's one of the big parts of camp, learning what's going on in the world," she said, "and how you can try to help your community."

For Niko, attending She Rock has been life defining.

"If it weren't for doing this camp, I probably wouldn't have figured out my own gender identity," Niko said.

The twins' mother said the camp has been a pivotal experience for her children.

"They've become more confident as musicians, more confident in their songwriting abilities. They've been doing open mic nights [at various venues], and we've done livestreamed concerts from our house," said Johnson, a musician and artistic director of Anoka's Lyric Arts theater whose musician husband discovered She Rock online.

"She Rock She Rock takes them seriously as musicians and as young people, which is really important," Johnson said. "The other piece is how they've grown as people. To have that confidence in themselves as people in their middle-school years has been a truly amazing thing to watch."

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Some got lucky, then riots hit

ARTICLE CMLXV. [**SOME GOT LUCKY, THEN RIOTS HIT**](#)

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Highlight: Some St. Paul businesses that won lottery for COVID-19 grants fell victim to looters

Body

Angie and Ted Vig's St. Paul guitar shop had been closed for two months when the grant check came from the city - a \$7,500 sigh of relief that meant they could pay rent while they made plans to reopen amid COVID-19.

Then, weeks later, as the unrest following *George Floyd's* May 25 killing by Minneapolis police spread to St. Paul, looters broke into their Snelling Avenue store, trashing the tiny shop and stealing instruments and equipment valued at \$40,000.

Vig Guitars is among several businesses that were randomly chosen to get emergency cash assistance through the St. Paul Bridge Fund, only to see their stores damaged or destroyed weeks later, according to data analyzed by the Star Tribune. The data, obtained through a public records request, provides a first look at how the \$4.1 million Bridge Fund was spent, as some recipients scramble to file insurance claims and launch crowdsourcing efforts to rebuild.

Nearly 250 buildings in St. Paul were damaged during the civil unrest at the end of May, according to data analyzed by the Star Tribune. Four were destroyed by fire, including two, Bolé Ethiopian Cuisine and Sports Dome, that received Bridge Fund checks just weeks before.

"Almost a lifetime in there, just gone overnight," said Won Kim, who owned Sports Dome and ran an apparel business there with his family for more than 20 years.

Kim said he hasn't spent the \$7,500 Bridge Fund grant yet, and he is working on getting insurance money. He's not sure whether he'll rebuild or sell the land and move on.

In an interview, Deputy Mayor Jaime Tincher said that, as rebuilding begins, the city wants to work with community members to ensure that vacant parcels aren't snapped up by real estate developers who have no stake in the city and its neighborhoods.

Some got lucky, then riots hit

City leaders made an unsuccessful appeal to the state for recovery help during the special legislative session and continue to meet weekly with their legislative delegation and U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum's office, Tincher said. City officials are considering an array of tools, including tax increment financing, to help keep businesses afloat, she said. They're also encouraging St. Paul residents to shop local.

"The thing that would be most helpful is just the access to capital," Tincher said. "That would really allow us to take the time to work with the community to say, what is our plan for what the future of this space looks like, and what opportunities could we take advantage of?"

St. Paul has its own financial concerns - city officials are projecting a multimillion-dollar 2020 deficit due to COVID-19. The city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority spent \$3.25 million on the Bridge Fund, which was combined with \$865,000 in philanthropic dollars. Grants were available to low-income families and small businesses that lost income as a result of COVID-19.

Of more than 1,700 St. Paul businesses that applied for Bridge Fund grants, 380 received them, according to the city. Recipients, chosen at random, ranged from restaurants and nail salons to auto shops and gyms, data show.

Some business that are part of larger chains, including Dunn Brothers, Jamba Juice and Dunkin' Donuts, also were awarded grants. Tincher said grants were available to small, local businesses that pay franchise fees but don't have access to corporate capital.

After receiving grants, businesses that were damaged during the unrest are now searching for other ways to rebuild what they've lost. Little Saigon Supermarket on University Avenue was able to reopen despite some property damage, but it has lost some business because customers from outside St. Paul are afraid to come into the city and shop there, said Kim Nguyen, whose family owns the business.

Many business owners have turned to the crowdsourcing platform GoFundMe, with varying results. Vig Guitars raised more than \$20,000, then encouraged donors to redirect their support elsewhere. As of Thursday, Sports Dome had raised about \$3,500 between two GoFundMe pages. Bolé surpassed its \$100,000 goal within days.

There's still a long way to go, said Solomon Hailie, who owns Bolé with his wife and used the Bridge Fund grant to pay their employees.

As renters of their space - where they had just expanded and were on the cusp of opening a fast food spot - insurance will offer little help, Hailie said. The restaurant's future at the corner of University Avenue and Syndicate Street is uncertain.

"Building the restaurant back, or the business back, needs more help than just a GoFundMe," he said. "We want to get back to the city, and hopefully the city will be there to support us."

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Time is right to salute the resolute in sports

ARTICLE CMLXVI. [TIME IS RIGHT TO SALUTE THE RESOLUTE IN SPORTS](#)

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Body

The unprecedented double quaking of America's suspect foundations - a worldwide pandemic and worldwide anger over the death of [George Floyd](#) at the knee of a Minneapolis cop - has increased the volume of what we've been hearing for decades as sports reporters.

Sports are not that important. We work in the "toy department" of any newsgathering operation.

Long ago, this was heard as a simple observation made by Ray Fitzgerald, an exceptional Boston Globe sports columnist who died in 1982:

"Sports are important because people are there."

This now requires an update, as we crawl forward in this age of pandemic and many sports events are returning with empty venues - without people, meaning:

"Sports are important because athletes are there."

And with minuscule crowds and few TV ratings, you are permitted to become more intrigued by the resolute than the truly gifted. I had a one-man think session on such athletes recently and arrived at this question:

How resolute was a football player required to be to show up every week and do battle for the Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles?

The Division II Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference changed its bylaws late last fall to make way for St. Cloud State to get rid of football. The official announcement was made Dec. 11 that the Huskies and Crookston were dropping football immediately.

The reality was St. Cloud went because it had an anti-football top administration, and Crookston went in as an act of administrative mercy. The 2019 season ended at 0-11 once again, including back-to-back losses vs. powers Minnesota State Mankato and Minnesota Duluth by a combined 144-0.

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Yet, there were Golden Eagles seniors who showed up weekly to put up their best fight, to dream of repeating the glory of Sept. 22, 2018: a 29-22 victory at Minot [N.D.] State.

One senior was Joe Warner from St. Louis Park. He was a defensive tackle on all-NSIC North's second team, the only Golden Eagle on the top 44. Another was Will Cross, a linebacker from Turtle Lake, Wis., and all-North honorable mention.

Warner played offensive line in junior college at Rochester Community and Technical College. He was a starter as a freshman when Rochester went to a national title game in 2015, sat out in 2016 and returned in 2017.

"I reached out to all the NSIC teams," Warner said. "I still was completing my associate's degree and that scared off schools. Crookston and Wayne State in Nebraska were the only two that were interested. Crookston gave me the financial help I needed to attend school.

"They also said, 'We think you have the mobility and size for nose tackle.' I was skeptical, but the coaches were right. I enjoyed playing defense."

Even the double-teams while trying to stop outstanding running backs such as MSU Mankato's Nate Gunn?

"We would get together as a D-line before the game and agree, 'We can only control what we can control; we're going to give our best effort today,' " Warner said.

Warner was working a summer job in Crookston last Aug. 1 when he received the worst call of his life. His mother, Yolanda Warner-Orina, had died unexpectedly at 46.

"She was the most important person I had in my life," Warner said.

Warner returned to Crookston for football practice a few days after his mom's funeral. "I couldn't keep my thoughts together, even on the field," he said. "Luckily, I had Will Cross behind me saying, 'No, Joe, you're here.' He saved me."

Warner looks like a football player. Cross looks like an undersized player from Division 7 in Wisconsin, which is what he was at tiny Turtle Lake. He went to Crookston's spring camp, then sprained an ankle playing pickup basketball, missed the other NSIC camps and accepted Crookston as his one chance to play Division II.

"I saw some outstanding athletes come in there, and when things didn't go smooth, they didn't want to play anymore," Cross said. "I wasn't going to leave. I wanted to see it get turned around.

"I believed that was possible. You have to believe in football. It's a tough game that gets tougher without full effort."

Cross was granted a sixth year of eligibility, through a medical redshirt, and is now at Lindenwood, a Division II school outside St. Louis. He was a redshirt when Crookston defeated Minot in 2015; then the Golden Eagles went 1-43 in his four seasons as a player.

"You'll always have that win at Minot in 2018 as a Crookston player," a reporter said.

Cross paused and said: "Actually, no. That's the year I was hurt in the season opener. I wasn't on the field that afternoon. I'm anxious to play in my first college victory this fall."

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That, folks, is resolute.

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Black officer who detained George Floyd had pledged to fix police

ARTICLE CMLXVII. **[BLACK OFFICER WHO DETAINED GEORGE FLOYD HAD PLEDGED TO FIX POLICE](#)**

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Floyd, whose name has been painted on murals and scrawled on protest signs, has been laid to rest. Kueng, who faces charges of aiding and abetting in Floyd's death, is out on bail, hounded at the supermarket by strangers and denounced by some family members.

Long before Kueng was arrested, he had wrestled with the issue of police abuse of Black people, joining the force in part to help protect people close to him from police aggression. He argued that diversity could force change in a Police Department long accused of racism.

He had seen one sibling arrested and treated poorly, in his view, by sheriff's deputies. He had found himself defending his decision to join the police force, saying he thought it was the best way to fix a broken system. He had clashed with friends over whether public demonstrations could actually make things better.

"He said, 'Don't you think that that needs to be done from the inside?'" his mother, Joni Kueng, recalled him saying after he watched protesters block a highway years ago. "That's part of the reason why he wanted to become a police officer - and a Black police officer on top of it - is to bridge that gap in the community, change the narrative between the officers and the Black community."

As hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated against the police after Floyd's killing on May 25, Kueng became part of a national debate over police violence toward Black people, a symbol of the very sort of policing he had long said he wanted to stop.

Black officer who detained George Floyd had pledged to fix police

Derek Chauvin, the officer who placed his knee on Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes, has been most widely associated with the case. He faces charges of second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter; Kueng and two other former officers were charged with aiding and abetting the killing. At 26, Kueng was the youngest and least experienced officer at the scene, on only his third shift as a full officer.

The arrest of Kueng, whose mother is white and whose father was from Nigeria, has brought anguish to his friends and family. "It's a gut punch," Joni Kueng said. "Here you are, you've raised this child, you know who he is inside and out. We're such a racially diverse family. To be wrapped up in a racially motivated incident like this is just unfathomable."

Two of Alex Kueng's siblings, Taylor and Radiance, both of whom are African American, called for the arrests of all four officers, including their brother. They joined protests in Minneapolis. In a Facebook Live video, Taylor Kueng, 21, appeared with the head of the local NAACP to speak of the injustice that befell Floyd, acknowledging being related to Alex Kueng but never mentioning his name.

Alex Kueng's sister Radiance posted a video of Floyd's final minutes on Facebook. "Just broke my heart," she wrote. In an interview, she said that as a Black man, her brother should have intervened. She said she planned to change her last name in part because she did not want to be associated with her brother's actions.

"I don't care if it was his third day at work or not," she said. "He knows right from wrong."

Through his life, Alex Kueng straddled two worlds, Black and white.

Kueng, whose full name is ***J. Alexander Kueng*** (pronounced "king"), was raised by his mother, whom he lived with until last year. His father was absent.

As a child, Kueng sometimes asked for siblings. Joni Kueng, who lived in the Shingle Creek neighborhood in north Minneapolis, signed up with an African American adoption agency.

When Alex was 5, Joni Kueng brought home a baby boy who had been abandoned at a hospital. Alex soon asked for a sister; Radiance arrived when he was 11. Taylor and a younger brother came in 2009, when Alex was about 16.

Radiance Kueng, 21, said their adoptive mother did not talk about race. "Race was not really a topic in our household, unfortunately," she said. "For her adopting as many Black kids as she did - I didn't get that conversation from her. I feel like that should have been a conversation that was had." Growing up, Alex Kueng and his family made repeated trips to Haiti, helping at an orphanage. Alex Kueng and his siblings took a break from school to volunteer there after the earthquake in 2010.

Joni Kueng, 56, likes to say that the Kuengs are a family of doers, not talkers.

"I had to stay out of the race conversations because I was the minority in the household," Joni Kueng said in her first interview since her son's arrest. She said that race was not an issue with her, but that she was conflicted. "It didn't really matter, but it does matter to them because they are African American. And so they had to be able to have an outlet to tell their stories and their experience as well, especially having a white mom."

Joni Kueng taught math at the schools her children went to, where the student body was often mostly Hmong, African American and Latino. Classmates described Alex Kueng as friends with everyone, a master of juggling a soccer ball and a defender against bullies. Photos portray him with a sly smile.

Black officer who detained George Floyd had pledged to fix police

Darrow Jones said he first met Alex Kueng on the playground when he was 6. Jones was trying to finish his multiplication homework. Alex Kueng helped Jones and then invited him into a game of tag.

When Jones' mother died in 2008, Joni Kueng took him in for as long as a month at a time.

By high school, Alex Kueng had found soccer, and soon that was all he wanted to do. He became captain of the soccer team; he wanted to turn pro. The quote next to his senior yearbook picture proclaimed, "We ignore failures and strive for success."

Alex Kueng went to Monroe College in New Rochelle, New York, to play soccer and study business. But after surgery on both knees, soccer proved impossible. Alex Kueng quit. Back in Minneapolis, he enrolled in technical college and supported himself catching shoplifters at Macy's.

About that time, he started talking about joining the police, Joni Kueng recalled. She said she was nervous, for his safety and also because of the troubled relationship between the Minneapolis police and residents.

Given his background, Alex Kueng thought he had the ability to bridge the gap between white and Black worlds, Jones said. He often did not see the same level of racism that friends felt. Jones, who is Black, recalled a road trip a few years ago to Utah with Alex Kueng, a white friend and Alex Kueng's girlfriend, who is Hmong. Jones said he had to explain to Alex Kueng why people were staring at the group.

"Once we got to Utah, we walked into a store, and literally everybody's eyes were on us," recalled Jones, whose skin is darker than Alex Kueng's. "I said, 'Alex, that's because you're walking in here with a Black person. The reason they're staring at us is because you're here with me.'"

By February 2019, Alex Kueng had made up his mind: He signed up as a police cadet. Only a few months later, his sibling Taylor, a longtime supporter of ***Black Lives Matter*** who had volunteered as a counselor at a Black heritage camp and as a mentor to at-risk Black youths, had a confrontation with law enforcement.

Taylor Kueng and a friend saw local sheriff's deputies questioning two men in a downtown Minneapolis shopping district about drinking in public. They intervened. Taylor Kueng used a cellphone to record video of the deputies putting the friend, in a striped summer dress, on the ground. "You're hurting me!" the friend shouted.

As the confrontation continued, a deputy turned to Taylor Kueng and said, "Put your hands behind your back." "For what?" Taylor Kueng asked several times. "Because," said the deputy, threatening to use his Taser.

Taylor Kueng called home. Alex Kueng and their mother rushed to get bail and then to the jail. "Don't worry, I got you," Alex Kueng told his sibling, hugging Taylor, their mother recalled.

Alex Kueng reminded his sibling that those were sheriff's deputies, not the city force he was joining, and criticized their behavior, his mother recalled.

After Taylor Kueng's video went public, the city dropped the misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing the legal process. The sheriff's office announced an official review of the arrests, which resulted in no discipline.

Alex Kueng's choice to become a police officer caused a rift in his friendship with Jones.

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"It was very clear where we stood on that," said Jones, a ***Black Lives Matter*** supporter who protested on the streets after the deaths of Jamar Clark and Philando Castile at the hands of police. "Our fundamental disagreement around law enforcement is not that I believe cops are bad people. I just believe that the system needs to be completely wiped out and replaced. It's the difference between reform and rebuilding."

After Alex Kueng became a cadet, Jones went from seeing Alex Kueng twice a month to maybe three times a year. He said he did not even tell Alex Kueng when the police pursued him for nothing and then let him go.

In December, Alex Kueng graduated from the police academy. For most of his field training, Chauvin, with 19 years on the job, was his training officer.

At one point, Alex Kueng, upset, called his mother. He said he had done something during training that bothered a supervising officer, who reamed him out. Joni Kueng did not know if that supervisor was Chauvin.

Chauvin also extended Alex Kueng's training period. He felt Alex Kueng was meeting too often with a fellow police trainee, ***Thomas Lane***, when responding to calls, rather than handling the calls on his own, Joni Kueng said.

But on May 22, Alex Kueng officially became one of about 80 Black officers on a police force of almost 900. In recent years, the department, not as racially diverse as the city's population, has tried to increase the number of officers of color, with limited success.

That evening, other officers held a small party at the Third Precinct station to celebrate Alex Kueng's promotion. The next evening, he worked his first full shift as an officer, inside the station. On that Sunday, he worked the 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. patrol shift, his first on the streets.

On May 25, Alex Kueng's third day on the job, Alex Kueng and Lane, now partnered up despite both being freshly minted rookies, were the first officers to answer a call of a counterfeit \$20 bill being passed at a corner store. They found Floyd in a car outside.

After they failed to get Floyd into the back of a squad car, Chauvin and ***Tou Thao***, another officer, showed up.

As Chauvin jammed his knee into the back of Floyd's neck, Alex Kueng held down Floyd's back, according to a probable cause statement filed by prosecutors.

Chauvin kept his knee there as Floyd repeated "***I can't breathe***" and "mama" and "please." Through the passing minutes, Alex Kueng did nothing to intervene, prosecutors say. After Floyd stopped moving, Alex Kueng checked Floyd's pulse. "I couldn't find one," Alex Kueng told the other officers. Critics of the police said the fact that none of the junior officers stopped Chauvin showed that the system itself needed to be overhauled.

"How do you as an individual think that you're going to be able to change that system, especially when you're going in at a low level?" said Michelle Gross, president of Communities United Against Police Brutality in Minneapolis. "You're not going to feel OK to say, 'Stop, senior officer.' The culture is such, that that kind of intervening would be greatly discouraged."

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All four officers have been fired. All four face 40 years in prison. Alex Kueng, who was released on bail on June 19, declined through his lawyer to be interviewed. He is set to appear in court Monday.

A day after Floyd's death, Jones learned that Alex Kueng was one of the officers who had been present. Around midnight, Jones called Alex Kueng. They talked for 40 minutes - about what, Jones would not say - and they cried.

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"I'm feeling a lot of sadness and a lot of disappointment," Jones said. "A lot of us believe he should have stepped in and should have done something."

He added: "It's really hard. Because I do have those feelings and I won't say I don't. But though I feel sad about what's occurred, he still has my unwavering support. Because we grew up together, and I love him."

Jones said he had gone to the protests but could not bring himself to join in.

Graphic

J. Alexander Kueng (Courtesy of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

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False info opens door to foreign meddlers

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[FALSE INFO OPENS DOOR TO FOREIGN MEDDLERS](#)

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According to one fake social media account, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison was plotting with *antifa*, and busloads of paid protesters were coming to destroy Minneapolis. Another bogus tweet claimed *George Floyd*'s death was staged to promote the breakdown of society.

Meanwhile, readers of state-run media in Russia, China and Iran were fed a steady stream of news stories that carried histrionic headlines such as, "AMERICA IN CHAOS."

The May 25 killing of *George Floyd* by Minneapolis police sparked a torrent of disinformation at home and intense coverage by state-sponsored media abroad seeking to undermine U.S. credibility. Federal law enforcement officials and researchers across the country found no evidence of foreign meddling in the immediate aftermath of Floyd's death. But last week, several U.S. senators warned that foreign actors were using the ensuing unrest to sow discord.

Russian operatives have deployed such tactics in recent years, but much of the early disinformation surrounding Floyd's killing seems to have originated in America. Foreign actors have seemed content to simply highlight existing unrest in Minnesota and elsewhere.

Taken together, the fake domestic reports and increased scrutiny by foreign sources add to a tinderbox of instability during an election year that intelligence officials had already warned would be rife with attempts both inside and out to sow division.

"The more unrest there is and the more potential for violence there is - that's in the interest for actors who want the U.S. to be as unstable as possible," said David Malet, an American University professor.

According to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security bulletin obtained last month by publicintelligence.net, federal law enforcement and intelligence authorities were aware of "covert proxies and social media accounts" working in lockstep with foreign adversaries' state-controlled media to paint the U.S. in a negative light. Law enforcement monitoring the unrest feared that the campaign could spill over into violence.

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"Russian influence actors, in particular, have a history of using online tools to covertly amplify content concerning protest activity in the United States, including rhetoric that may seek to incite violence at such events," the bulletin read.

Former Special Counsel Robert Mueller concluded last year that Russian actors waged a "sweeping and systematic" campaign to amplify sociopolitical discord in the United States in the run-up to the 2016 election. Race issues were a weapon of choice for Russians seeking to disrupt American society: A U.S. Senate intelligence committee found that black Americans were targeted by Russian troll campaigns more than any other group. The troll groups reportedly created scores of Facebook events between 2015 and 2017, at times drawing followers of opposing movements to the same locations in hopes of stoking violent clashes.

During the first protests over Floyd's death last month, what the U.S. government calls "malign actors" focused on amplifying criticism of the U.S. and calling out its hypocritical approach to cracking down on protesters here while promoting protest movements like the Arab Spring abroad.

According to reports from the Alliance for Securing Democracy, a bipartisan national security advocacy group, Russian emphasis on incidents related to racism and police brutality in the U.S. date back to the Soviet era.

Emerson Brooking, a resident fellow at the Digital Forensic Research Lab of the Atlantic Council and co-author of "LikeWar: The Weaponization of Social Media," said it is still too early to tell whether foreign agents interfered during the Floyd protests, though, he added, "it is pretty clear that they didn't play a pivotal role" at the beginning.

"The fact is, it's not the Russians or the Chinese that killed George Floyd," Brooking said. "This was a spontaneous mass movement."

But Brooking said the protests that started in Minneapolis were still "rife with disinformation and misinformation," with many reports assigning blame for violence and property damage to "antifa" protesters. "Antifa" is short for anti-fascist, a largely unstructured movement of far-left groups that confront white supremacists and neo-Nazis. The reports caused President Donald Trump to announce that he would declare antifa a designated terrorist organization - a legal designation that does not apply to the movement.

U.S. Attorney General William Barr on June 4 said federal authorities had "evidence that antifa and other similar extremist groups, as well as actors of a variety of different political persuasions, have been involved in instigating and participating in the violent activities."

Barr also acknowledged that foreign actors were "playing all sides to exacerbate the violence."

FBI agents in Minneapolis, however, have not linked any of the destruction from the protests to antifa or organized extremist groups. None of the dozen federal arson and rioting cases charged so far in Minnesota describe links to antifa or other groups. Neither have any of the dozens of other federal cases documented nationwide at this point.

Bret Schafer, a media and disinformation fellow at the Alliance for Securing Democracy, which closely tracks state-backed foreign media online, mused that foreign actors may not necessarily need to do much to undermine faith in American democracy this year. Trump has already cast doubts on the validity of the 2020 election results, and American society remains fraught with division.

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"We could get to a point where they see us right on the brink and just needing a two-finger push to go over the cliff," Schafer said.

On Friday, Minnesota U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith joined 13 other Democratic senators in a letter urging federal intelligence and law enforcement leaders to do more to safeguard the 2020 election from an expected rise in foreign interference.

The senators disclosed that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security had warned June 9 that it was seeing disinformation campaigns beginning to take advantage of unrest over racism and inequality. Foreign adversaries, the senators wrote, were "using it to further sow discord among the American people." Though they provided no examples, the letter included a footnote to an ABC News report on a recent federal bulletin to law enforcement.

A tweet last month falsely alleging that Ellison was "coordinating" with antifa protesters revealed how disinformation, regardless of source, can seep into real-world discourse.

The tweet included a two-year-old image of Ellison holding a book about anti-fascists. It was posted by a since-deleted account that used the name of a CBS News reporter who died nearly 20 years ago. A Facebook page belonging to a woman who often amplifies QAnon conspiracy theories to thousands of followers also shared a screenshot of the tweet moments after it went live. That post now carries a disclaimer from the social media giant that the post contained false information assessed by "independent fact-checkers."

Two days after the original tweet, Ellison stood before reporters to announce that he would now be leading the prosecution of the fired officers involved in Floyd's death. As Ellison and other state officials prepared to leave the news conference, one reporter flagged Ellison for a question.

"Attorney General, is it possible for you to please address a picture that has gone somewhat viral on social media with you holding a book that some consider somewhat controversial as you're taking a lead role in this case...?"

"It means nothing," Ellison said. "It's just a complete diversion."

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Cases in Floyd's death have little precedent

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Highlight: With four former officers charged and the killing recorded on video, some attorneys say "the blue wall of silence" could be broken.

Body

Four former Minneapolis police officers charged in the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** face unprecedented issues as their cases proceed toward trial: Their actions were captured on a lengthy video; they each have a stake in the outcomes, and several bystanders witnessed the death.

Derek Chauvin, who knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes, and his three former colleagues - ***J Alexander Kueng***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***Tou Thao***, who assisted in his arrest - are scheduled to make their second court appearance Monday afternoon on charges ranging from second-degree murder to aiding and abetting murder.

Veteran defense attorneys say the prosecution's case against Chauvin is strong, while a series of unique circumstances pose challenges to both prosecutors and defense attorneys at the center of a case that has captured worldwide attention.

"There are cases you can never win; this very well may be one of them," said defense attorney Joe Friedberg, who has handled about 100 murder cases.

Chauvin is charged with one count each of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. His attorney, Eric Nelson, declined to comment on the case. The other three are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

The Floyd case differs in key ways from the last three times an officer was tried in Minnesota for killing a civilian. Floyd's killing lasted nearly eight minutes instead of the "split-second" decisions that previous officers faced, providing their attorneys an argument that they were justified in using deadly force.

By contrast, Floyd warned the officers of his own impending death after repeatedly telling them he couldn't breathe. Bystanders also repeatedly warned the officers and begged them to relent.

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The fact that all three officers who assisted Chauvin in arresting Floyd were also charged could cause a crack in the "blue wall of silence" that has seemingly protected some officers previously accused of crimes.

"Ultimately the duty of every witness is to tell the truth, but the reality is human beings remember things differently, and the reality is all human beings have biases," said Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, whose office tried two of the last three officers charged with killing civilians. "I think there's enormous pressure on the police witness to be helpful to the partner accused of a crime, and that's a product of the police culture that we have."

When Washington County Deputy Brian Krook was tried three months ago in the fatal shooting of a suicidal man, prosecutors told jurors his colleague, Deputy Joshua Ramirez, was the epitome of good police work.

Ramirez peacefully negotiated for about 35 minutes with Benjamin Evans, who had a gun but did not threaten first responders before Krook shot at Evans without warning.

But when Ramirez testified, he said that perhaps he had negotiated with Evans for too long, implying that he should have taken deadly action himself.

"How long were you willing to wait for [Evans] to put the gun down?" asked prosecutor Thomas Hatch, an assistant Ramsey County attorney who tried the case so Washington County could avoid a conflict of interest.

"I don't know," Ramirez said. "Maybe I waited too long."

Hatch pressed Ramirez, asking whether Evans' actions caused him to consider shooting him.

"Yes," Ramirez replied. He acknowledged that he had previously said no to the same question before the grand jury that indicted Krook on second-degree manslaughter charges.

Krook was acquitted in mid-March.

During former Minneapolis officer Mohamed Noor's trial last year in the 2017 fatal shooting of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, Hennepin County prosecutors openly challenged the credibility of several Minneapolis police officers, as well as investigators from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, implying that they colluded to obscure or create evidence.

Noor was convicted and is appealing the case.

With all three of his former colleagues facing potential prison time, Chauvin likely won't have the same support network, said some prominent lawyers.

"One of the factors of any witness is that they will testify in a manner that is consistent with their self-interest," said lawyer Don Lewis, who helped Choi's office charge former officer Jeronimo Yanez in the 2016 killing of Philando Castile. "Officer Chauvin isn't going to have much support from his colleagues available."

At their first appearances earlier this month, attorneys for Lane and Kueng - Earl Gray and Thomas Plunkett, respectively - blamed Chauvin for Floyd's death. The attorneys argued that their clients were rookies who relied on Chauvin, a 19-year veteran and training officer, for guidance at the scene.

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Gray said he'll soon file a motion to dismiss the charges against Lane, noting that Lane twice asked Chauvin if they should roll Floyd onto his side to help him breathe; he was rebuffed.

"I don't anticipate trying Mr. Lane's case with Mr. Chauvin," Gray said.

Friedberg was skeptical a judge would dismiss the charges against Lane but said Gray had a strong defense should the case go to trial.

"The things the young man [Lane] said out loud, the relationship between Chauvin and the young man, and it's clear that young man had no intent for Floyd to die because he did CPR" on Floyd, Friedberg said. "That's going to be a huge issue."

However, some said, a savvy Chauvin defense could turn the tables.

He could direct the blame at Lane, who was holding down Floyd's leg as Floyd lay stomach-down in the street, and Kueng, who was holding onto Floyd's back, said lawyer Robert Richman.

"It seems that keeping someone ... in a prone position on your stomach and having pressure placed on your back causes respiratory difficulties," Richman said, postulating that perhaps "it was the other two officers holding him down that caused the breathing difficulties," rather than Chauvin kneeling on the side of Floyd's neck.

Prosecutors also could face challenges trying to prove the four former officers shared the same intent, along with trying to navigate complications raised by two slightly competing autopsy reports.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office found that Floyd died when his heart stopped while he was being restrained, noting that the presence of fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use were "other significant conditions."

Attorneys for Floyd's family criticized that report and commissioned an independent autopsy that concluded Floyd died of asphyxia.

Friedberg found an argument for the defense in those autopsies.

"I would take the position that [Floyd] had started to die before Chauvin put his knee on his neck," he said.

"He had taken some deadly drugs," Friedberg noted, citing the fentanyl that killed Prince and many others in recent years. "Make your argument a scientific argument instead of an emotional argument or state-of-mind argument."

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Trump tweets video with 'white power' chant, then deletes it

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump on Sunday tweeted approvingly of a video showing one of his supporters chanting "white power," a racist slogan associated with white supremacists. He later deleted the tweet and the White House said the president had not heard "the one statement?" on the video.

Body

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump on Sunday tweeted approvingly of a video showing one of his supporters chanting "white power," a racist slogan associated with white supremacists. He later deleted the tweet and the White House said the president had not heard "the one statement" on the video.

The video appeared to have been taken at The Villages, a Florida retirement community, and showed dueling demonstrations between Trump supporters and opponents.

"Thank you to the great people of The Villages," Trump tweeted. Moments into the video clip he shared, a man driving a golf cart displaying pro-Trump signs and flags shouts "white power." The video also shows anti-Trump protesters shouting "Nazi," "racist," and profanities at the Trump backers.

Trump's tweet remained online for about 90 minutes.

"There's no question" that Trump should not have retweeted the video and "he should just take it down," Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., told CNN's "State of the Union." Scott is the only Black Republican in the Senate.

"I think it's indefensible," he added.

Shortly afterward, Trump deleted the tweet that shared the video. White House spokesman Judd Deere said in a statement that "President Trump is a big fan of The Villages. He did not hear the one statement made on the video. What he did see was tremendous enthusiasm from his many supporters."

The White House did not respond when asked whether Trump condemned the supporter's comment.

Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, condemned Trump. "We're in a battle for the soul of the nation - and the President has picked a side. But make no mistake: it's a battle we will win," the former vice president tweeted.

Trump tweets video with 'white power' chant, then deletes it

Trump's decision to highlight a video featuring a racist slogan comes amid a national reckoning over race following the deaths of ***George Floyd*** and other Black Americans. Floyd, a Black Minneapolis man, died after a white police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes.

Protests against police brutality and bias in law enforcement have occurred across the country following Floyd's death. There also has also been a push to remove Confederate monuments and to rename military bases that honor figures who fought in the Civil War against the Union. Trump has opposed these efforts.

Trump has been directing his reelection message at the same group of disaffected, largely white voters who backed him four years ago. In doing so, he has stoked racial divisions in the country at a time when tensions are already high. He also has played into anti-immigrant anxieties by falsely claiming that people who have settled in this country commit crimes at greater rates than those who were born in the U.S.

Trump's tenure in office has appeared to have emboldened white supremacist and nationalist groups, some of whom have embraced his presidency. In 2017, Trump responded to clashes in Charlottesville, Virginia, between white nationalists and counter-protesters by saying there were "very fine people on both sides."

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Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund told CBS' "Face the Nation" that "This really is not about the president taking it down. This is about the judgment of the president in putting it up."

She added, "It's about what the president believes and it's time for this country to really face that."

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Q: I'm a teacher and live in a large apartment complex in Minneapolis. Recently I have been told I cannot post a [Black Lives Matter](#) sign in my window since our community handbook prohibits political signs. My lease refers to the handbook but doesn't address this matter directly. I do not believe [Black Lives Matter](#) is political. I do not have a copy of the handbook and haven't received one in many years - I've lived here for 13 years. I have posted political signs without punishment in the past. What should I do?

A: I, and many others, think it's fine to hang a [Black Lives Matter](#) sign in your window, but your landlord or others in your community may not agree. Most landlords prohibit any and all signs because they are afraid that they will cause problems among tenants. Unfortunately, you can only assert your First Amendment rights when a governmental entity is restricting them. Your First Amendment right to freedom of speech does not cover private property owned by your landlord or a corporation. So, you have a right that is guaranteed by the Constitution to attend a protest and hold up signs such as [Black Lives Matter](#) on public property. However, once you sign a lease and are renting from a private owner or corporation, you are bound by the language in your lease. You do have rights as a tenant within your apartment and the common spaces used throughout your building. But your landlord can restrict signage, political or not, by a clause in your lease and also through a handbook. Even though you've lived there 13 years, if your current lease mentions a handbook, and the handbook states that no signs are allowed on the lawn or in windows, then you are most likely bound by those terms.

You mentioned that you have put a political sign in your window before, and that your landlord allowed it. What's different now, or did you just put it up and the landlord never told you to remove it? Typically the lease language says no signage, but when tenants put signs up, it's generally allowed. When they are told to remove a sign, they do so usually because their lease refers to a handbook that doesn't allow signage. It may be that the landlord failed to enforce this rule against you and other tenants in the past. Most leases have a nonwaiver clause, stating that the landlord does not waive the right to enforce the lease if they have failed to do so in the past. If your lease doesn't have such a clause, then you may have a defense against any adverse action by your landlord in relation to the sign.

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You didn't say who told you that you couldn't have the sign in your window. If it was the caretaker, and not the landlord or owner, you should talk to your landlord and request that you be allowed to put your ***Black Lives Matter*** sign in your window, since you've been allowed to put up signs in the past. Social media can be a powerful tool that you could use to raise awareness about your landlord's refusal to allow a ***Black Lives Matter*** sign. You should be cautious, though, because the landlord may not renew your lease. You could also negotiate with your landlord to allow you to put up your sign, saying that you will take it down if other tenants complain.

Rent increase?

Q: I live in an apartment in White Bear Lake. I just renewed my lease for one year, through June 30, 2021. The manager told me that the owner of the building is maintaining the same rent rate as last year because of the coronavirus but that the rent may get raised later this year if the economy improves. I was under the impression that if I had a signed lease, then my rent was set for the duration of the lease and cannot be raised. Who is correct - me or the manager?

A: While it was thoughtful of your landlord to keep the rent at the same rate, the owner or manager cannot raise the rent while your lease is still running, even if the economic outlook improves. Your rent cannot be raised until your lease expires unless the language in your lease allows for an increase and it's clearly pointed out. It sounds to me like you just renewed your lease for another year under the same terms. However, you should check your lease regarding your rent amount and make sure that you didn't agree to it being raised while your lease is still running.

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In rural Minnesota, racism can be taboo conversation

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Body

MONTEVIDEO, MINN. - When the Rev. Jeff Fitzkappes is preaching about social justice in this western Minnesota city, he knows when he's pushing the limits.

There's one church member who will start "sliding down in her pew" when things get uncomfortable, Fitzkappes said: "I've kind of used her as a barometer."

Fitzkappes may see more sliding parishioners in the days to come. As the state - indeed, the world - grapples with the issues raised by the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police, this small-town Lutheran minister is challenging his largely white community to take responsibility for the ingrained societal racism that has left so many people of color in Minnesota worse off than white citizens.

It's a message that can be a tough sell in the state's rural areas, Fitzkappes and others said. While individual racism may be frowned upon, many people in the state's

overwhelmingly white areas haven't really considered how they've benefited from generations of membership in the state's dominant culture.

In this prairie town of 5,100 where the Chippewa River joins the Minnesota, some 130 miles west of the Twin Cities, 90% of the residents are white, and many families have lived here for generations. That can make racism a hard topic to tackle, Fitzkappes said, drinking coffee in an outdoor courtyard at the Java River Coffee Shop downtown, where the reviving main street is dotted with Mexican restaurants and ethnic grocery stores.

"If you jump out and shame people, it just shuts down conversation," he said. "It's a balance."

'I made my own way'

Rural Minnesotans pride themselves on hard work as the solution to all problems and sometimes can't understand why others struggle, said Reed Olson, a Beltrami County commissioner who was on the losing side of a vote earlier this year that banned refugee resettlement in the county.

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"I think people are so set on the 'I made my own way' narrative," Olson said. "And never mind that I'm a third-generation business owner, and that my grandfather was able to get a loan at a time when a black man or a Native American wouldn't have been able to."

Racist views have cropped up repeatedly in rural areas since Floyd's death sparked widespread protests, riots and public soul-searching. The mayor of Blackduck, Minn., resigned after posting an inflammatory meme on Facebook; he said it was misunderstood. A teacher in Brainerd resigned after a similar social media incident.

And in Stockholm, Wis., a tourist town just across the Mississippi River from Lake City, Minn., a popular pie shop was the scene of an ugly racial incident earlier this month.

A 16-year-old biracial girl working at Stockholm Pie and General Store was told by a group of customers that they "wouldn't eat at a table she touched," according to store manager Abigail Halvorson, or patronize a place that hired "your kind."

The store took to Facebook to speak out about the incident.

"No young person should have to deal with this," the post read. "Sadly, it's not an isolated experience for her and others.

"If you believe the way those folks do. Do. Not. Set. Foot. Here. You are not welcome."

'I just felt the hostility'

Many rural Minnesotans would be quick to disavow those views, said Julie Tesch, who lives in rural Waseca County and is president and CEO of the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

"At least in this area, when people think of racism, they think of the KKK," she said. "And they think, 'No, I have black friends, I work with Latinos.' When we're talking about systemic racism, it's very different. I don't think we understand the words."

An example of systemic racism, Tesch said, is when white residents assume that people of color living in the area must be there because they have a family member in the federal women's correctional facility in Waseca.

"Why wouldn't they be here because they have a job, why wouldn't they be here because they want to live in a nice community?" she said. "The stereotype is, you can't be an African-American and want to be here because you want a low cost of living and good schools."

Statewide, Minnesota's population of 5.3 million is about 80% white, according to census figures. But in many rural areas, the white population is 90% or more.

Samuel Myers Jr., a professor at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, remembers watching his daughter compete in high school swim meets in rural Minnesota.

"We would go into a restaurant and it was scary for me," said Myers, who is black. "I made a point to wear a coat and tie, to make sure I looked OK. I just felt the hostility."

Another obstacle, Myers and others said, is the state's cultural inclination to avoid confrontation and shy away from discussing difficult topics.

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"We don't talk about race. And if you don't talk about race, there can't be racism," Myers said, adding that it's not just rural white Minnesotans who avoid the issue.

The violent protests in some cities, accompanied by looting and property destruction, have given rural Minnesotans another reason to shrug off talk of institutional racism. Olson recounted a recent conversation he had with some Beltrami County residents.

"One said, 'I was listening to them, and then they took down a statue of George Washington, and that's a bridge too far,'" Olson said. He replied, "You're not talking about your neighbors. You're talking about a small group of people on the other end of the continent and using them to characterize the whole."

'No room for such evil'

Fitzkappes became pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Montevideo three years ago and immediately started preaching about social justice to his congregation of about 130 members. He consciously uses the language of Lutheran confession, stressing the importance of acknowledging wrongdoing, both as individuals and as a society.

"People don't like confrontation. They're ashamed," he said. "But I don't think I could do otherwise." The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its leadership are wholly behind his approach, he said, "but individual congregations and members are much more conservative."

Earlier this month, Fitzkappes made an impassioned plea in his regular pastoral newsletter.

"We need to talk about something that's real hard and that most of us try to avoid," he wrote. "You and I swim in a sea of *white privilege* in the United States that has been constructed and maintained through violence against persons of color. It has existed since our nation began and it continues today.

"There is no room in our Christian faith for participation in such evil."

Some of his parishioners have been angered by his emphasis on social justice, Fitzkappes said. He's had people shout at him, and some have left the church. Others are supportive.

"His message highlights it is just as important that these conversations happen in rural communities as in larger urban communities," said Deb Hinde, a member of the congregation. "Before this past month, we may have ignored these questions, believing they didn't apply to us.

"We are beginning to educate ourselves more, and we are learning there is a distinction between not being racist and the concept of being anti-racist.

John Skoglund, owner of the Talking Waters Brewing Co. downtown, hopes those conversations continue in the community.

"I think it's opened up some eyes," he said. "I hope it has."

But, he added, "A lot of it is, 'That's those people in the big city. That's why I live here.' "

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ARTICLE CMLXXIII. **[GREG EGAN: MINNESOTA NEEDS TO CHANGE ITS 'FELONY-MURDER' DOCTRINE. RACIAL INEQUITIES ARE ONE REASON](#)**

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Body

While the charging of former Minneapolis Police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** for the death of ***George Floyd*** under the felony-murder doctrine has been applauded by many, it has also drawn criticism. Unfortunately, when it comes to disenfranchised men of color, prosecutors have used this charging mechanism for decades without scrutiny or hesitation. Among the many systemic problems ***George Floyd's*** killing should expose are the inequities of the Minnesota felony-murder doctrine as it is most frequently applied: against men of color.

The top count brought against Mr. Chauvin is felony-murder. That is not a designation that the murder is a felony-level offense - all murders are felonies under Minnesota statute. Instead, this refers to an old English common law rule providing that if a defendant commits an underlying felony and that felony causes a death, his intent to commit the underlying felony can substitute for his intent to commit the murder.

Common law has developed several limitations to the felony-murder doctrine, but the rules are different in every state. Most states recognize a "merger" limitation that bars felony-murder prosecutions when the underlying felony is assault. In these states, felony-murder applies only to crimes like arson and burglary that do not involve physical assault but still lead to a victim's death. In Minnesota, however, assault may serve as the underlying felony.

Absent the merger limitation, Minnesota law empowers prosecutors to use felony-murder in ways that exacerbate well-known racial disparities.

Sometimes it is used to obtain a murder conviction against a person of color when the facts would not otherwise support one. Frequently, it is charged as a lesser-included count to intentional murder, giving the jury a way to compromise and still convict for murder. Most troubling, it is often used merely as a tool in plea negotiations to dissuade a defendant from going to trial given the risk of 40 years in prison if he declines to plead guilty to a lesser count.

Greg Egan: Minnesota needs to change its 'felony-murder' doctrine. Racial inequities are one reason

Regardless of prosecutors' motivations in bringing a felony-murder charge, there has been little outcry against the charging scheme when it is weaponized against defendants of color, who I have represented for nearly 15 years as a Ramsey County public defender.

Troublingly, often in felony-murder prosecutions, the facts and intellectual charging schemes prosecutors rely on are more of a stretch than here, where Mr. Chauvin is filmed slowly kneading the life out of Mr. Floyd. My clients of color have faced felony-murder charges merely for flashing a pistol in their waistband that someone else grabbed and killed a bystander with, or for laying a rifle across their lap that accidentally went off and killed a friend walking up the front steps.

I am also an adjunct law professor. In 2018, I wrote what was at that time an obscure academic article for the Mitchell Hamline Law Review on the felony-murder doctrine. No one heeded my call to rethink the law - no one until now, when a white police officer, whose conduct is far more egregious, is at the center of the controversy.

Suddenly, now Harvard professors are citing my article and joining the chorus of others in the academic community calling for change.

Tragic as the events surrounding *George Floyd's* death are, the momentous calls for reform are heartening. Reform in policing is not enough, however, to protect Mr. Floyd's community and honor his memory. Poising the system to finally punish police officers who kill is not enough either. We need to talk about how to equitably prosecute the white peace officer and the young black man who does not enjoy his privilege.

I have called upon policy makers, in particular the Minnesota Supreme Court, to adopt a merger limitation to the felony-murder doctrine. This would prevent all felony-murder charges that rely on assault as the underlying felony. That is because I disagree with how prosecutors have applied the doctrine against my disenfranchised clients of color.

It is easy to praise Attorney General Keith Ellison for bringing tough charges against Mr. Chauvin. I believe Mr. Chauvin should face harsh consequences, and I agree in spirit with what Mr. Ellison is trying to do. I certainly did not write my law review article to protect him or other officers who abuse their authority. I do, however, believe that the law, imperfect as it is, must be equitably applied. That is the cornerstone of our democracy and what sets our country and our state apart from other places in this world where the law is less certain, less reliable, less just.

But the law now is deeply flawed, and applying it against Mr. Chauvin will not undo the decades of hurt the felony-murder charging practices have inflicted on communities of color, particularly young black men. More likely, it will only make things worse.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota or the state Legislature should seize this moment to see the larger picture, re-evaluate the inequities of Minnesota's felony-murder doctrine, and adopt a merger limitation - not to protect men who look like Mr. Chauvin, but to protect men who look like Mr. Floyd.

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Businesses confront ingrained hiring biases

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Lisa Bryant has a master's degree in communications and a résumé full of experience. But after getting laid off during the 2008 recession, she struggled to land a full-time job with the pay and benefits that matched her skills.

"I sent out résumés, I'd go through multiple interviews and think: Yes! I have this job," she said. "But it just didn't happen."

Something more subtle and insidious may have been at play for Bryant - racial bias.

"I'm a woman of color in a predominantly white field," Bryant said, who is black. "There were times when I walked in the room and things changed. Maybe, because my name is Lisa Bryant, I wasn't who they expected. Once I sense that, I start fumbling my words and everything goes downhill."

Despite decades of training programs and talk of diversifying the workforce, study after study shows that efforts to reduce racial bias have failed to meaningfully change the status quo.

With national and international protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police a month ago, businesses of all sizes are re-examining the persistent presence of systemic racism.

In a survey of 150 companies released last week by the global hiring firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., 85% of human resource managers said they had discussed Floyd's death with their teams. Nearly 60% had scheduled ongoing discussions of race.

"Leadership seems to understand the importance of recruiting diverse candidates, but do not view executing on this as a problem in their talent pipelines," Andrew Challenger, senior vice president of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, said of his firm's findings. "They seem to ignore the hiring biases in place that are impacting recruiting diverse candidates."

It's a scenario Shawn Lewis has seen play out as a former workforce manager at the Urban League Twin Cities and in decades of working with organizations on economic and social equity.

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"Our system is closed and people don't want to talk about it," Lewis said. "People hire people who reflect their values, reflect their culture, who they understand and are comfortable with. Usually it's people who look like them."

Lewis, who also is black, has known Bryant since college. He saw her determination as she juggled several consulting jobs with small nonprofits, picked up freelance writing jobs and resorted to getting part-time work as a Walmart cashier and a call center worker to pay the bills.

When he heard about a well-paying job at a company whose leader had been talking for years about hiring more people of color, he urged that executive to talk to Bryant.

"I look at my own career path and I always had an advocate," Lewis said. "If you don't have that advocate you're lost. You're out there looking for a job and it's a shot in dark."

Facing hard truth

The executive Lewis introduced to Bryant, Mike Harley, for 24 years has led Environmental Initiative, a Minneapolis-based firm that works with businesses and government on environmental issues. A few years ago, Harley said the 22-person company had what he called "a moment of reckoning."

"We had to confront this reality that communities of color - Native Americans, African-Americans, Hispanics - suffer a disproportionate share of pollution and the health impacts," he said. "How is it that the people most impacted by the focus of our work are not represented inside organizations that are advocating for the change?"

Harley described the disconnection as an existential problem for what has been a "white-led movement" of environmentalists.

"What it is that results in a mostly white staff, with rooms full of mostly white people - mostly men, mostly older, mostly college educated, mostly urban?" he asked.

Harley made a deliberate effort to expand his network, get to know people of color. That's when he met Lewis, who is an environmental justice consultant.

"I'll be honest," Harley said. "He and other leaders were quite critical of an organization that professed to be concerned with equity, yet still was lagging in a staff that reflects the kind of racial and cultural diversity we need to be impactful."

In response to such criticism, Harley took a hard look at the words his organization used in job postings and saw shortcomings.

"The language we use makes a lot of sense to us. It comes from a particular profile in society, mostly white, generally with a particular education and work path," he said. "It's not so much that we don't hire people of color - they don't apply. They look at it and say 'It's not for me.'"

Harley's sense is that for lasting change to occur, white business executives and policymakers must lead the way.

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When Lewis heard that Environmental Initiative was looking for a new communications manager this spring, he told Harley about Bryant. "She may not have all the things you want, but get to know her so that when it's time to make a hire, you're not coming in cold," Lewis recalls telling Harley.

Bryant and Harley met. And two weeks ago, Bryant started the job, becoming for now the firm's only black employee.

"It's a position outside my area of focus," she said. "But through the link with Shawn, we realized it's a good fit."

Harley said it's not lost on him that it took someone like Lewis to explain that just because Bryant didn't check all the boxes of a traditional hire - she had no experience in environmental work - that she was worth interviewing.

"She didn't see our job posting randomly and respond," Harley said. "It was put in front of her by someone whom she trusted. And her résumé was put in front of us by someone we trusted."

Change takes time

As business leaders take time to assess unconscious biases in their hiring practices and workplace culture, he cautions that it may take time to make lasting change.

"For us, it took patience to try to understand what about our organization creates barriers and to deeply examine what might be producing these hiring patterns," he said. "Especially now, in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, there's an urgency to make change now. But sincerely getting at deep culture - that's long work."

Lewis said business leaders and recruiters have to think about racial bias whenever hiring decisions are made.

"It has to be conscious, because good people are otherwise going to be denied and locked out," he said. "There may be gaps in experience that shouldn't be held against people."

Bryant said the long job search taught her about the value of networking.

"I always thought, I can sell myself, I've shown I know how to get the job done for these organizations, and this is going to get me a job" she said. "What I wasn't doing, was connecting with the right people. I wasn't in [professional organizations] and networking. I think you do need to have a connection, someone who can make the link for you."

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To those in power positions: Be bold

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Body

The list of names published with this column shows readers the power structures at the top of Minnesota's largest sports organizations. It took Minneapolis becoming the epicenter of a national awakening on race for me to examine that list in a different context, to pay attention to whom I was looking at, which is embarrassing to admit.

In April, our sports section published organizational flowcharts for the professional sports franchises in the Twin Cities and the Gophers athletic department. I already knew most of it. As I scanned it then, I saw names and job titles of key decision-makers. I didn't see race. It wasn't at the forefront of my thought process.

A lot has changed since then.

The world has changed.

The Twin Cities has changed.

That list must change.

What I see now is a dearth of diversity in leadership for those seven sports organizations. No head coaches of color. Only one person of color among executives in the highest positions. Only a handful in other executive roles. A largely homogeneous portrait of top executives and sports-focused leadership positions in sports that have a high percentage of athletes who are minorities.

This is the time to change that. Especially here, of all places here, the starting point to what feels like a global revolution.

Those organizations need to prioritize diversity in their hiring not just because a spotlight now is shining brightly but because it's the right thing to do.

This isn't a case of casting stones. My sports department employs five white columnists and a team of reporters and editors that is mostly white to chronicle athletes with different perspectives and backgrounds.

To those in power positions: Be bold

Conversations about workplace diversity have taken place inside organizations for years, but the timing now brings more urgency to act.

Our local sports entities already are leading the way with an exemplary response to the killing of ***George Floyd***. They have donated millions of dollars to confront ***systemic racism*** and social injustices. They have reconsidered their histories, created scholarships in Floyd's name, started new programs to support kids, and committed financial and human resources to make sure the message and intensity of this moment in history do not wane.

I have no doubt those organizations are unified in their resolve to effect change. More steps, ones that change and add to the faces of leadership in Minnesota sports, are necessary.

The Vikings have been pioneers among sports franchises in investing in minority leadership. In 1992, the organization made Dennis Green the second black head coach in modern NFL history. Former Chief Operating Officer Kevin Warren was the highest-ranking black executive on the business side of an NFL team before being named Big Ten commissioner last June.

Teams like the Vikings that have lost diversity in leadership need to reinvest. Other organizations need to take a deep look at who they want to be. Leadership needs to reflect different viewpoints and experiences. Teams bring athletes and employees of so many different backgrounds and beliefs together, and these people need to see the same in their bosses.

The University of Iowa football program was exposed recently when former black players came forward to say they felt mistreated and marginalized during their careers. In response, longtime coach Kirk Ferentz admitted to having a "blind spot." An honest but alarming answer.

The annual Racial and Gender Report Card authored by Richard Lapchick monitors hiring trends in sports. In the recently released report for 2019, every major pro league and NCAA college program received at least a B letter grade in racial hiring practices. A few of those grades dropped - most notably the NFL's - when only factoring head coaches and general managers.

Lapchick's executive summary mentioned Floyd's death and noted that "the importance of measuring where we are in terms of race in sport became even more critical."

"It is paramount that professional leagues and college sport increase diverse and inclusive hiring practices when hiring league employees, front office and team professionals, and university administrators alike," the report states.

If billionaire sports owners truly want diversity in their leadership teams, they can make it happen. They set the agenda for how their organizations look and operate. It comes down to being intentional and committed to hiring diverse leaders.

One idea: Create new jobs. Organizations do that all the time when they identify talented people they want to hire. Every team has expanded its leadership group in recent years, for positions it valued.

A good example: The Timberwolves created a new position of vice president of community engagement in 2017 in order to hire former Gophers standout John Thomas, who has been a valuable and visible presence in conversations about social justice since Floyd's killing.

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The Wolves have been progressive in hiring different ethnicities in executive roles, including President of Basketball Operations Gersson Rosas, a Colombia native and the only Latino to hold his title in the NBA.

Gophers athletic director Mark Coyle inherited an almost exclusively white team of top administrators and head coaches when hired, with only two people of color currently in those positions.

Coyle announced a four-year diversity and inclusion plan that expires in 2023, and now is the right time to put that plan into practice. He has a vacant senior administrator position. This is a big opportunity. Hire a person of color to help oversee community outreach and the department's day-to-day operation.

One recent conversation opened my eyes. Protests were raging after Floyd's death when I called legendary Minneapolis high school basketball coach Larry McKenzie. He was emotional and worried about his players. He had scheduled a Zoom call with the entire team. I asked what he planned to tell them.

Education, he said. Focus on that so that someday they can have "an entry into the rooms where decisions are made."

He doesn't just want his players to get a job someday. His aim: change-makers, representation, leaders with strong voices. This is too important, right now, for this not to be a priority in Minnesota.

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81 POSITIONS, EIGHT PEOPLE OF COLOR

The powerful group of owners, executives and head coaches who call the shots across Minnesota sports is nearly all white. The Star Tribune compiled a list of the top positions at the highest levels of the state's sports: pro and NCAA Division I. Of the 81 positions on this list, eight are held by people of color.

A majority of the athletes in five of these seven organizations - the Lynx, Vikings, Timberwolves, Twins and United - are people of color. Three of those organizations - the Lynx, Vikings and Twins - have no racial diversity at the highest levels of leadership.

The Star Tribune focused on the organizations' top executives and sports-focused leaders, such as general managers and head coaches, for this analysis.

TWINS

- Jim Pohlada, chairman of the board
- Dave St. Peter, president and chief executive
- Derek Falvey, president of baseball operations
- Laura Day, executive VP
- Kip Elliott, executive VP
- Joe Pohlada, executive VP
- Matt Hoy, senior VP for operations
- Thad Levine, senior VP and general manager

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- Rob Antony, VP and assistant GM
- Mike Radcliff, VP for player personnel
- Daniel Adler, assistant GM
- Jeremy Zoll, assistant GM
- Rocco Baldelli, manager

Diversity (13 leaders): No racial diversity

VIKINGS

- Zygi Wilf, chairman
- Mark Wilf, president
- Leonard Wilf, vice chairman
- Jonathan Wilf, vice president of strategic planning
- Rick Spielman, general manager
- George Paton, assistant GM
- Rob Brzezinski, executive VP of football operations
- Lester Bagley, executive VP of public affairs
- Mike Zimmer, head coach

Diversity (nine leaders): No racial diversity

WILD

- Craig Leipold, owner and governor
- Matt Majka, president and alternate governor
- Bill Guerin, general manager
- Tom Kurvers, assistant GM
- Jack Ferreira, senior adviser to the GM
- Chris O'Hearn, director of hockey operations
- Brad Bombardir, director of player development
- Dean Evason, interim head coach

Diversity (eight leaders): Guerin is of Latin-American heritage (Nicaraguan)

MINNESOTA UNITED

To those in power positions: Be bold

- Bill McGuire, owner
- Chris Wright, chief executive officer
- Manny Lagos, chief soccer officer
- Adrian Heath, head coach

Diversity (four leaders): Lagos is of Spanish and African heritage

LYNX

- Glen Taylor, owner
- Cheryl Reeve, general manager/head coach
- Ethan Casson, chief executive officer
- Claire Duwelius, assistant general manager
- Michelle Blexrud, basketball operations coordinator

Diversity (five leaders): No racial diversity

TIMBERWOLVES

- Glen Taylor, owner
- Gersson Rosas, president of basketball operations
- Ethan Casson, chief executive officer
- Sachin Gupta, executive VP of basketball operations
- Scott Layden, general manager
- Gianluca Pascucci, assistant GM
- Joe Branch, assistant GM
- Emmanuel Rohan, assistant GM
- Robby Sikka, VP of basketball performance and technology
- Ryan Saunders, head coach

Diversity (10 leaders): Branch is black; Gupta and Sikka are Indian-American; Rosas is from Colombia

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

- Joan Gabel, university president
- Mark Coyle, athletic director
- Rhonda McFarland, deputy athletics director

To those in power positions: Be bold

- Julie Manning, executive associate athletics director
- Tom McGinnis, senior associate AD
- Marc Ryan, senior associate AD
- Dusty Clements, senior associate AD
- Peyton N. Owens III, senior associate AD
- Scott Ellison, senior associate AD
- Joi Thomas, senior associate AD

COACHES

- John Anderson, baseball
- Richard Pitino, men's basketball
- Lindsay Whalen, women's basketball
- Matt Bingle, director of track and field and cross-country
- Steve Plasencia, men's cross-country
- Sarah Hopkins, women's cross-country
- P.J. Fleck, football
- Justin Smith, men's golf
- Michele Redman, women's golf
- Mike Burns, men's gymnastics
- Jenny Hansen, women's gymnastics
- Bob Motzko, men's hockey
- Brad Frost, women's hockey
- Alicea Strodel, rowing
- Stefanie Golan, women's soccer
- Piper Ritter, softball
- Kelly Kremer, men's and women's swimming and diving
- Wenbo Chen, diving
- Geoff Young, men's tennis
- Catrina Thompson, women's tennis

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· Hugh McCutcheon, volleyball

· Brandon Eggum, wrestling

Diversity (32 leaders): Owens is black, Chen is from China

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One10 developed a Work Your Way program five years ago that allows employees to set their own schedules and workspace - whether it's the office, home or a coffee shop.

"Our commitment to trust, respect and fairness allowed us to develop this program that was not only equitable for all employees but leads to highly effective business outcomes," said Bob Miller, CEO of the brand marketing firm with a workforce of 179.

So when COVID-19 took hold in the U.S. in March and states including Minnesota enacted stay-at-home orders, One10 had already conquered one obstacle that many other companies faced. That allowed its leaders to focus on the economic disruptions that the pandemic caused.

The pandemic put company officials across the state and nation into crisis-management mode as the theme of the year turned from growth to uncertainty, testing leadership across the board. The death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody on Memorial Day added another layer of uncertainty as a national conversation on equity has emerged.

The upper hand that Top Workplaces winners might have in a crisis-management situation is that they have a culture that values communication

and employee innovation, according to this year's employee surveys.

That culture is fundamental to building a business that can be innovative and growth-driven, said Mary Grove, a Minnesota venture capitalist and keynote speaker for the Star Tribune Top Workplaces event on June 24. Grove spent 15 years at Google, six of them as a leader of its entrepreneurship program.

The disruption caused by the pandemic - and the more recent push for racial justice after the death of **George Floyd** - is a chance to enhance a company's workplace culture, basing it on innovation from the ground up and data-driven tracking.

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Teamwork and communication have been harder than ever as companies have switched to telecommuting, but "muscle memory is strong and the lessons can be used to build a new structure as offices reopen, Grove said.

Many leaders among Top Workplaces' special-award winners also see this as a window of opportunity to improve both themselves as managers and their workplaces.

"If you don't already, show your human side with employees. Crisis situations are stressful and may result in difficult business decisions," said Miller, whose company ranked 41st among midsize businesses on the Top Workplaces list. "Continue to make employees feel valued and appreciated as you remind them you are doing the best you can with their well-being at the center."

Listening to others

Jerry Baack, CEO of Bridgewater Bank and winner of one of this year's leadership awards, said that during a crisis, it is essential to have a vision for your organization and be transparent about what the goals are, prioritize action steps, clearly assign responsibilities and always reward success.

A positive attitude also is important, even though tough business decisions or conversations might be ahead, he said.

Now more than ever, he said, it is important for an organization to let everyone have a voice, said Baack, whose bank ranked 29th on the list of midsize businesses.

"I am just one voice in this organization, and I am also human. I am a white male in a leadership role, so I will be honest when I say I have a lot to learn," he said. "I am one person, and not an expert when it comes to pandemics or race relations. I like to think my leadership style of people-first means I am

taking this time to listen to others."

Through these talks, and with the communication skills learned during the pandemic and economic downturn, companies can inform a culture of both inclusion and innovation.

"Fundamentally that boils down to two things: trust and transparency," Grove said. Companies must trust employees and give them the power to try new things that may fail.

"If it doesn't work, make a course correction," she said.

The key is doing what must be done in the crisis, communicating in a straightforward way, and then finding opportunities for the future in what may seem a morass.

"COVID-19 and the equity discussions around *George Floyd* are opportunities to do better and be better. Instead of focusing on the negativity, let's look for opportunities to be better leaders, better partners, better parents, better co-workers and just better people overall," said Evan Francen, CEO of FRSecure and winner of the leadership award for small businesses. "Let's hope we don't waste these opportunities to effect real and positive change."

An organization needs to be responsive to employees' needs, for example in crisis times making sure they have the support structure both at work and at home to be the best worker they can be, Francen said.

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That care comes first, but not at the expense of taking a hard financial look at the business as well, he said. A company needs to check how much cash is on hand and then come up with a plan for stability in the short term. It also needs to assess if it can deliver what was promised to clients. For the long term, brand equity is important as is an assessment of whether the market for products will change.

Francen believes his servant-leadership style of managing, based on his religious beliefs, has helped him do the hard work while keeping his staff and customers front of mind.

Values front and center

Paul Blom, CEO of Right at Home, which is this year's "Doers" award winner, said a servant-leadership philosophy also has helped him navigate COVID-19, especially since the home-care agency's employees were deemed essential workers.

His employees counted on him and his team to provide the most accurate information about the virus and how to protect themselves from it. Blom said procuring personal protective equipment from the beginning was key to his employees' trust, as well as "overcommunicating" the most recent updates.

The unrest following *George Floyd*'s death added more immediate issues for Right at Home, because some of its caregivers and clients lived in the area around Lake Street, the epicenter of looting and violence in the week after Floyd's death.

Making sure that access was safe, transportation was solid and employees and clients had what they needed are key in a situation like that, he and other leaders said.

In a crisis, an organization's values move to the front and center, said Sean Chuah, regional director of operations for Panda Restaurant Group, winner of the special award for "Clued-In Senior Management."

Panda's philosophy nationally is "people first," and that translates to putting both employees and customers at the forefront of decisions. Relying on that was a clear direction for Panda during both the Great Recession and the pandemic, Chuah said.

"I learned that regardless of the situation, always focus on the fundamentals of our business," he said.

Some of Panda's locations shut down because of stay-at-home orders meant to stem the spread of the coronavirus. Panda did not furlough anyone, and in regions where restaurants stayed open, the company invested \$25 million for enhanced pay and benefits and safety measures at the restaurants.

"During times of crisis, leading with care is essential to ensure people's well-being," Chuah said.

People first

Retail consultant J.L. Buchanan, which won the "New Ideas" special award, has been a "results-only environment" for more than 10 years, said interim CEO Lana Jones. That means the company evaluates employees on what they do, not where they are, which helped when its employees had to start working from home and changing the way they interacted with clients.

"Put your people first and trust them," she said. At the same time, an organization in a crisis needs to reduce as much fear and anxiety as possible through good communication and a strong mission.

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In that vein, as a business adjusts to the reality of any downturn, it needs to avoid "ready-fire-aim," meaning it needs to make sure that short-term adjustments aren't detrimental to long-term goals, Jones said.

"Be transparent, collaborative and caring. People are smart, intuitive, and know what is happening in times of crisis," she said. "Bring them into the discussions and decisions as much as possible. Even if they are personally impacted, and may certainly not like the outcome, they will understand how you got there."

J.D. Harris, CEO of information technology firm Ascent Solutions, winner of the "Values" special award, also stressed that a company cannot undercommunicate during times of crisis.

"The biggest lesson I learned from the Great Recession that I've leveraged now is that we need to be very planful for all scenarios, good and bad, growth or otherwise," he said. "However, we also need to make decisions based on what we know today - not on

speculation for the future. So far, that has served me and Ascent well and helped us to not over-rotate one way or another."

If you plan for both positive and negative scenarios, a firm has room to make sound decisions in a crisis, to "breathe and make a plan" instead of panic, Harris said. Those decisions must be based in stark facts, and leadership must continue to push people toward their specific goals.

"We underestimate too often how intelligent and motivated our teams are," said Harris, who adheres to data-driven evaluation.

A crisis, if managed in people-centered ways, can bring out the best in employees to lead a company forward, said Bridgewater Bank's Baack.

And as companies evaluate future workplace policies, employees and leaders alike will know they can speak honestly about what works best for them.

"I have learned that I was not meant to work from home," Baack said. "While I love my kids and my wife, I really like my office and the energy of our team. I'm counting down the days to the opening of our new corporate center on Excelsior Boulevard in St. Louis Park and getting our team back together under one roof."

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Minneapolis gun violence adds to crises

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[MINNEAPOLIS GUN VIOLENCE ADDS TO CRISES](#)

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The wail of sirens starts long before nightfall.

Gunfire erupted in broad daylight next to a north Minneapolis park as dozens of kids played last Monday, injuring four people. Barely 90 minutes later, bullets tore through four more victims at a notorious intersection along West Broadway, apparently in retaliation for the earlier shooting. All told, 10 were wounded in four separate shootings that day - all before the sun went down.

The bloodshed came one day after gunmen unleashed more than 70 rounds on a crowded Uptown street, continuing a spate of violence that has killed eight and injured at least 118 people since Memorial Day.

Officials blame the grim trend on the coronavirus pandemic, shattered public trust following the killing of ***George Floyd*** and the reluctance of some Minneapolis officers to take initiative amid intense scrutiny. But the violent surge is also becoming a political litmus test for the Minneapolis City Council, a majority of which continues to call for defunding the police.

Some council members and activists see the focus on crime stats as a way to stoke public fears and distract from the issue of police reform, while law enforcement supporters contend the recent scourge only reinforces the need for effective policing.

"We're not going to move in any way that makes people less safe," Council Member Jeremiah Ellison told frustrated Jordan neighborhood residents at a meeting to address the violence.

Ellison, among the most vocal proponents of dismantling the city's police force, assured constituents that "resources and tools they have at their disposal" would not be stripped from officers until an alternative, robust public safety strategy can take their place. Another North Side council member, Phillipe Cunningham, says he helped orchestrate an emergency meeting of gang leaders to address the ongoing violence.

Minneapolis gun violence adds to crises

So far this year, ShotSpotter activations and 911 calls about gunshots in Minneapolis have more than doubled from a year ago, according to a Star Tribune analysis of police data. Out of 3,218 such shots-fired calls this year, nearly half have been filed since George Floyd was killed on May 25.

Through Tuesday, 190 people had been shot across Minneapolis. That's up 47% from this time last year and significantly higher than the five-year average for the same time span, according to MPD data.

In one case that underscores how entrenched the problem is, authorities say a 17-year-old boy who was shot in the leg last week has been wounded in three shootings over the past month and a half.

The surge in gun violence is not confined to Minneapolis. In St. Paul, reported firearm discharges have more than doubled when compared to this time last year. The first two weeks of June were particularly violent, as shots-fired calls quintupled from 2019.

Thirty-one people in the capital city have been shot in the last month alone - a third of the year's overall victim count. Homicides are already on track to surpass 2019's all-time high in shooting deaths.

"My fear is that this is just the beginning," said Steven Belton, president of the Twin Cities Urban League, while visiting the scene of a quadruple shooting near Merwin's Liquors in north Minneapolis. "Parents are overwhelmed," he said, likening the financial and emotional toll of COVID-19 to a "pressure cooker." "People are unemployed, stressed out because of that ... looking for a way to release it."

Thurman Barnes, assistant director of the New Jersey Center on Gun Violence Research, a think tank based out of Rutgers University, said the ripple effects from Floyd's death may have contributed to increasing violence in Minneapolis, much as it did in Baltimore after the in-custody death of Freddie Gray in 2015. Floyd's case, he pointed out, followed the deaths of Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery in Kentucky and Georgia, respectively, two other widely publicized killings of African-Americans.

"There is sometimes a sense of lawlessness" that comes after high-profile killings that is steeped in distrust of police, said Barnes, who's an associate professor in the university's department of public health. "Now we're supposed to trust the police to protect and serve, we're supposed to abide by the law?"

Minneapolis police chief of staff Art Knight said he understood the public outrage over police brutality and Floyd's death but slammed city leaders for turning a blind eye to "the violence in this community."

"It's pretty sad," Knight said. "When cops do something wrong, we're going to hold them accountable, but you can't have 111 people shot, man, that's crazy."

Law enforcement officials say feuding street gangs are largely to blame for the chaos. Those individuals aren't beholden to shuttered businesses and schools, or affected by Gov. Tim Walz's peacetime emergency order.

"What they do is personal and it's driven by social media," said Ramsey County undersheriff Mike Martin, who serves as president of the Minnesota chapter of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association. "They're still driving around selling dope on the street, but now they can wear face masks and not look out of place."

Some youths appear emboldened by the ability to conceal their identities in public, Martin said, posting videos online flaunting cash and drugs, "laughing like it's a game of cops and robbers."

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Investigators are still sorting out what led to recent shootings, but the working theory is that most were the result of ongoing gang feuds - between north Minneapolis gangs, but also street crews from St. Paul. For instance, officials suspect that members of the High End-affiliated gang were involved in Sunday's mass shooting in Uptown, in which officials say that at least half of the 11 victims were from St. Paul.

The following day, someone opened fire on a group of Low End gang members gathered at a makeshift memorial next to North Commons Park, while dozens of children were playing nearby. About an hour and a half later, a shootout left four people injured at the Winner gas station, a known High End hangout whose reputation for violence has earned it the grim nickname, "the Murder Station." Detectives are exploring the possibility that that shooting was in retaliation for the earlier attack.

Historically, violent crime tends to escalate around this time of the year, not only because schools are out and the warmer weather is drawing more people outside, but because so many gang death anniversaries fall during these months. The dates are emblazoned in the minds of every patrol officer working the streets, since vigils meant to honor those dead and gone sometimes attract further violence.

As a result, police have stepped up enforcement in neighborhoods that have traditionally had the highest rates of violent crime, with help from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Hennepin County Sheriff's office. Mayor Jacob Frey also called on the FBI and Secret Service to step in.

But not all diversion methods require police intervention, advocates say.

Sasha Cotton, who runs Minneapolis' Office of Violence Prevention, said that non-law enforcement strategies have proved successful in stopping gang retaliations, singling out hospital-based intervention programs and so-called "violence interrupters" - former gang members who have retained the respect of youths and still have an ear to the street, allowing them to step in and help defuse disagreements before they escalate into gunfire. She also pointed to the civilian patrols that sprang up during the civil unrest that followed Floyd's death.

"Even with a small investment, we're able to do really significant work," Cotton said in a Zoom panel discussion with Cities United, a national organization dedicated to ending violence among African-American men. "We saw them redirect things, like potential carjackings and drug distribution and gang violence, in the way that police never would be able to."

One of the strategies already in place in Minneapolis is Group Violence Intervention (GVI), an offshoot of the well-regarded Ceasefire program used in other cities to fight gang violence.

In Ramsey County, officials are pursuing a similar approach after years of debate, recently applying for a \$180,000 federal grant to implement their own version of GVI. A coalition of black community organizations in St. Paul submitted a separate grant application to fund similar initiatives. It's unclear how many projects will be bankrolled and when a decision will be made.

If the city's application is approved, the grant would fund a dedicated violence prevention coordinator, like Cotton in Minneapolis.

"It's great, but I worry we're putting all of our eggs in that basket," said Ramsey County Attorney John Choi. "We can't have a summer like we had last year."

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FOLLOWING UNREST AFTER FLOYD'S DEATH, REPORTS OF SHOTS FIRED SPIKED

Reports of gunfire-like noises from both 911 calls and ShotSpotter activations increased exponentially around chaos following *George Floyd*'s death and remain elevated compared with prior weeks.

Minneapolis shots fired reports

JAN. 1, 2020: 83

Floyd's death MAY 25, 2020

MAY 29, 2020: 164

JUNE 21, 2020: 85

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Artists, activists, authors contribute to anthology 'A Moment of Silence'

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Excerpts from the anthology will be released online on Wednesday, July 1, at blackmnvoices.com. Access is free and open to the public, but donations to contributing artists are requested.

Curated and edited by actor, director and playwright Sha Cage, it is presented by the Playwrights' Center and Tru Ruts, an organization that produces and elevates BIPOC art and narratives in the Twin Cities. (BIPOC means Black, indigenous, people of color.) The project's partners are Harry Waters Jr., Marlon James, Danez Smith and the Red Eye Collaboration.

"The anthology shines a light on a rich Minnesota literary community of leaders, activists, politicians, mothers, scholars, youth, and elders who speak truth and resilience at a time when it is needed most," says Cage. "Daily our existence as Black bodies in White space is threatened. Daily we lift up our joy, our truths and our voices as an act of resistance."

Contributors to "A Moment of Silence" are artistic directors, playwrights, performance artists, storytellers, musicians, rappers, actors and authors writing across genres, styles, cultural identities and generations. Among them are Toki Wright, Northando Zulu, Alexis Pate, Stacey Rose, Sagirah Shahid, Marlon James, Chaka Mkali, Douglas Kearney, Valerie Ddeus, Harrison Rivers, Sarah White, Carlyle Brown and others.

Included in Cage's production team are Otis Ramsey-Zoe, Sonitha Tep, Adja Gildersleeve, Regina Williams, and E.G. Bailey.

Artists, activists, authors contribute to anthology 'A Moment of Silence'

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Flooded with \$6.2M in donations, Lake Street Council tweaks policies to manage disbursement

ARTICLE CMLXXIX. ***FLOODED WITH \$6.2M IN DONATIONS, LAKE STREET
COUNCIL TWEAKS POLICIES TO MANAGE DISBURSEMENT***

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When the Lake Street Council raised about 10 times more in a few weeks than it normally receives in a year to help rebuild riot-torn businesses, the nonprofit had a problem.

After unrest following the police killing of ***George Floyd*** ripped apart broad swaths of Lake Street, the Lake Street Council, which assists businesses in the corridor, raised more than \$6.2 million to assist the rebuilding efforts.

But the small 501c3 didn't have the staff or infrastructure to handle doling out that much money. And since the council had pledged that 100% of the donations would go directly towards damaged or destroyed businesses, it wasn't entirely clear that the organization could use some of it on additional staffing and related expenses to handle the workload.

Accounting standards for nonprofits state that funds raised from campaigns need to be applied for the described purpose. So, council executives reached out to some of its largest donors for permission to use a

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portion of their donations for in-house expenses, which they agreed to, and the nonprofit changed its campaign language to note that it may use some funds for personnel.

"At the beginning of the campaign, our website stated that 100% of funds would go to rebuilding Lake Street, including business grants, which we believed included the costs of implementing the grant program," said Allison Sharkey, the council's executive director. "We were then advised that in order to be very clear and correct, we needed to clarify our language as it pertained to further donations. We also checked with some of our major donors to ensure they were in agreement with the proposed uses of funds."

The \$6.2 million it raised was roughly ten times more than the \$613,000 in revenue LSC reported in the most recent reporting period. LSC also had a payroll of roughly \$250,000 for five people, according to its most recent 990 tax filing.

Since clarifying how funds can be used, LSC has hired four contractors to help with processing grant applications and related functions and is looking for a few more.

The first round of applications opened June 18, and LSC has received dozens of applications so far, Sharkey said.

While initial phases of rebuilding Lake Street are underway, Sharkey predicted it'll be a long process.

"It's going to take at least five years to rebuild Lake Street," she said. "We're sure there's probably hundreds of millions of dollars of need."

At least one other local nonprofit has experienced similar issues with an influx of cash. The [*Minnesota Freedom Fund, a bail fund that earlier this month only had one full-time employee*](#), has raised more than \$30 million alone since [*George Floyd*](#)'s death on May 25.

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'we believe strongly in ... that community'

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Highlight: Wellington Management committed to rebuilding apartment development destroyed in riots

Body

Flames that engulfed a six-story apartment building under construction in south Minneapolis in the days following the death of *George Floyd* in police custody on May 25 were so hot they cracked and warped the precast concrete panels at the base of the building. Even the concrete footings beneath that parking level were damaged.

"We have to start over," said developer David Wellington, as he surveyed the wreckage of the building in the days following the riots.

He and his father, Steve, spent more than five years planning Midtown Corner, a 189-unit apartment building with rents below market rate that is part of a multiphase redevelopment project in the area, and he will spend nearly the next two years rebuilding it.

The building was among more than 1,500 structures in the Twin Cities that were destroyed or damaged during the riots in late May. While Midtown Corner sustained some of the worst - and most expensive - damage, it is one of the first to get rebuilt. Wellington and other property owners in the city are still assessing the damage and negotiating with insurance companies, if they had coverage, and it is still too soon to tell how many buildings will get eventually be rebuilt.

"At this point many property owners are just trying to figure out things and trying to get a sense of what they're working with,"

said Elena Gaarder, president of the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers and a longtime resident of that part of south Minneapolis. "Reanimating that space and reimagining that corridor is going to take a long time."

Wellington's St. Paul-based company has been one of the most prolific locally based developers in the Twin Cities. The company owns and manages more than 100 commercial buildings in the metro, including a half-dozen properties in the Lake and Hiawatha corridor, which was the epicenter of the unrest.

'we believe strongly in ... that community'

He said bids and estimates are still rolling in, but at this point the company estimates that several buildings owned by the company sustained well over \$30 million in combined damages during several nights of rioting and unrest, and he is committed to rebuilding all of them. Midtown Corner accounted for about half of that total.

In the days following the protests, as the fires still smoldered, Wellington said there was no doubt in his mind that they would try to rebuild. The decision wasn't theirs alone. There were investors, insurance companies and others who were all part of the decisionmaking process. And the company had already made significant investments in the area over the past several years, so pulling out was never a priority.

"Many of our buildings didn't burn down," said Wellington. "We believe strongly in that area and that community, so we're just trying to find a way to recommit ourselves to building it [the community] back."

Wellington said that only hours after Floyd's murder, it was clear that tensions were rising and the Midtown Corner building, which was just a few months from completion, was vulnerable.

"I knew the energy was building from the rightful anger and frustration and sadness and pain [of the community]," he said.

Crews had recently finished assembling the upper five floors of the building, a mostly wood-framed structure that atop a street-level concrete base with one level of underground parking. Though the structure was complete, the building lacked windows and was unoccupied at night. And the building, which was just a few blocks from the Minneapolis Police Third Precinct station at 3000 S. Minnehaha Av., was just a week or two from having a fire suppression system installed.

Wellington feared that if the building caught fire, little could be done to prevent its spread to neighboring structures, including a fully occupied apartment building.

On the second day of protests, as the fires and looting worsened, Wellington and a construction crew spent the day trying to secure the site. He deployed a team of security guards with hand-held fire extinguishers to patrol the building, and warned city officials and the fire department that the building was a "tinderbox that could burn up quickly," he said.

When it was clear the situation was out of control, Wellington ordered the security guards to abandon the building. Wellington, who lives not far from the area and could hear the sirens and see the smoke, sat in his car with his father watching the building burn.

"It's hard to comprehend the impact that specific moment has on the next several years of our life," he said. "But the fundamental feeling we all have is deep sadness for what happened to George Floyd."

Wellington spent the next two nights in the area trying to monitor the condition of the buildings. At the Hi-Lake Shopping Center, fire broke out several times and burned for days. Other holdings in the area including Blue Line Flats, a 135-unit apartment building for low-income renters, were slightly vandalized, but survived intact. With power out and thick smoke filling the air, Wellington and his staff loaded residents of Lake Street Station, a 64-unit apartment building for low-income seniors the company developed in 2015, into their cars and evacuated them to a hotel in Roseville for several days.

"The lack of a police presence was making everyone very concerned, especially for those vulnerable seniors," he said.

'we believe strongly in ... that community'

By the morning after the fire started, photos of the fully engulfed Midtown Corner building had become a visual symbol of unrest in the city and Wellington was at the site surveying the damage.

The building was insured, but Wellington laments the delay in delivering much-needed rental housing for low-income renters. More than three dozen of the units were for very low-income residents, the rest of the 189 units would be made available at below market-rate rents.

"There is a deep housing shortage and this was a big loss to our community," said Allison Sharkey, executive director of the Lake Street Council. In addition to the damage at Midtown Corner, 35 families lost housing in other buildings damaged by fire in south Minneapolis, she said.

"It is very important to replace the homes and units that have been lost," she said.

Gaarder, who is part of the We Love Lake Street Fund Oversight Committee, which is organized by the Lake Street Council, has already raised more than \$7 million to help businesses in the area rebuild. She said that immediately after the protests property owners were being contacted by out-of-the area investors who want to buy parcels for future redevelopment, so it's relief that Midtown Corner will get rebuilt and remain in the hands of local ownership.

Wellington, who has done several income-restricted rental projects throughout the Twin Cities on difficult-to-redevelop sites, says Midtown Corner will get rebuilt as originally planned, but he worries about the rest of the community. He's concerned that so many of the businesses that once occupied Lake Street won't get rebuilt, and that higher rents in new buildings will displace many of the businesses that have helped stabilize the neighborhood over the past several years.

"Our commitment to that neighborhood has been forged over several decades, but this isn't about us," he said. "The pain that's reverberating throughout the community is very real and very deep."

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Early voting for Minnesota's Aug. 11 primary kicked off Friday. The state could see a jump in people voting by mail or at early polling locations over the next month and a half, as residents attempt to avoid Election Day crowds during the coronavirus pandemic.

The national spotlight has been on primary battles elsewhere, including Kentucky, where Democrats picked their challenger to compete with Senate Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. And in New York, Democrats aimed to send Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez back to Congress along with newcomer and fellow progressive Jamaal Bowman.

Minnesota also has contested primary races, from Congress to the state Legislature. Here are some of the heated battles.

Contested primary races

U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar will face off with Antone Melton-Meaux. A Federal Election Commission report of ActBlue donations showed Melton-Meaux raised \$1.5 million in May. Omar, a prolific fundraiser whose campaign finance reports show a big cash advantage over Melton-Meaux, responded with a tweet saying, "When you push power, power pushes back."

In the divided Minnesota Legislature, there are interparty battles across the state. Democrats have a significant majority in the House, and Republicans hold the majority in the Senate by a smaller margin.

Democrats are dueling to occupy spots left open by retiring House members, including Laurie Halverson, of Eagan, and Ben Lien, of Moorhead. Incumbent DFL representatives also face challengers in the heart of the Twin Cities.

Rep. Ray Dehn, who represents parts of downtown and north Minneapolis, lost the DFL endorsement to attorney Esther Agbaje. Another lawyer, Athena Hollins, is opposing Rep. John Lesch, whose district includes St. Paul's North End and Payne-Phalen neighborhoods.

HOT DISH POLITICS

House Republicans have a rematch between former Rep. Bob Loonan and Erik Mortenson for a Shakopee-area seat. Mortenson beat the incumbent Loonan in the last primary but lost to DFL Rep. Brad Tabke.

Two Republicans - Marianne Stebbins, of Mound, and Andrew Myers, of Minnetonka Beach - are vying to take on Democratic Rep. Kelly Morrison, who represents many communities around Lake Minnetonka.

In the Senate, GOP Sen. Scott Jensen is retiring, leaving open the seat in the western suburbs that includes part of Chaska, Waconia, Watertown and Norwood Young America. Two Republicans and two Democrats are competing for the job.

Two incumbent Senate Democrats lost the party's endorsement to insurgents. Sen. Erik Simonson, who represents most of Duluth, will face off with endorsed attorney Jen McEwen.

And DFL-backed challenger Omar Fateh is attempting to unseat Sen. Jeff Hayden, who represents the south Minneapolis district where ***George Floyd*** was killed. Hayden has been at the forefront of the recent push for police accountability at the Capitol.

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Lack of collective mourning compounds COVID grief

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[METRO TRANSIT MULLS POST-PANDEMIC ROUTE](#)

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Highlight: Safety and the changing demands of ridership are among topics to be addressed.

Body

For John McManus, a cutback in transit service because of the coronavirus is a minor inconvenience.

The St. Paul tech worker relies on the Green Line for his daily commute, but light-rail and bus service hours have been pared amid the COVID-19 outbreak. With limited hours, "if you miss a train, you're kind of screwed, you have to wait longer for the next one," McManus recently said with a shrug.

But Metro Transit officials are wondering how public transportation in the Twin Cities will recover once the coronavirus threat eases. And, as commuters grow accustomed to working from home and heightened cleanliness, will demand for transit service forever change?

"We're expecting a gradual return of ridership as the governor's directives soften and as the workforce gradually returns," said Metro Transit General Manager Wes Kooistra.

Longer term, "we'll have to show [people] transit is safe," Kooistra added. "We can do all the talking we want, but this has definitely heightened people's concerns."

When the outbreak took hold in the spring, the number of people taking public transportation plunged in the Twin Cities and beyond.

As of June 19, overall ridership was down 69% - with demand for bus service declining 62%, light rail 80% and Northstar commuter rail 98%. The bright spot appears to be a slight uptick recently in demand for local bus service, Kooistra said at a recent Metropolitan Council meeting.

As the contagion spread, Metro Transit cut service hours, stepped up cleaning on buses, trains and stations, limited the number of passengers on

buses, and restricted trips to those deemed essential, such as job commutes and forays to the grocery store or medical appointments.

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More recently, Metro Transit began testing employees' temperatures. So far, 41 employees have tested positive for COVID-19, but no deaths have been reported.

Sneeze guards are being installed to protect drivers on buses that don't have permanent barriers protecting them. This will allow onboard fare collection again, a practice that was suspended with mandatory rear-door boarding. It's unclear how much fare revenue has plunged since March, but Metro Transit has described the decline as precipitous.

To help weather the challenges, Metro Transit received \$214 million from the federal CARES Act to keep operating, part of a \$25 billion bailout nationally. It's unclear whether more federal money is forthcoming.

In addition, the unrest following the death of ***George Floyd*** prompted Metro Transit to suspend service for up to a week to "protect riders and operators."

The Floyd-related protests, concentrated in the transit corridors of Lake Street and University Avenue, resulted in damage to nearly 100 bus shelters. It will cost about \$1.9 million to repair them, an effort that began in earnest last week.

The pandemic and civil unrest come at a time when Metro Transit's operations had already attracted increased scrutiny among state lawmakers alarmed at increasing levels of serious crime on the Green and Blue light-rail lines. But as the contagion took hold, measures at the Capitol to improve passenger safety fizzled.

Now, an enduring challenge for transit systems will be attracting skittish riders back to the fold.

"People are fearful, for good reason," said Paul Skoutelas, president and CEO of the American Public Transportation Association. "Transit has been an industry hit hard by people's reluctance to use the systems, much like restaurants, movie theaters and professional sports" stadiums.

"Until there's a vaccine, people will be very wary," Skoutelas said. "We're taking every precaution for cleanliness, but [passengers] have to do their part by wearing masks and social distancing."

"We are still looking for a scientific study that indicates transit is unsafe," said Mary Morse Marti, executive director of Move Minneapolis. In cities with greater density, "you're not hearing reports that transit is unsafe. So the future of transit really depends on getting answers from sources of legitimate science."

Another unknown for transit systems is whether telecommuting is here to stay. A recent survey among 825 Metro Transit users found 58% are now working from home. Regarding safety, about half said they were neutral or unlikely to ride transit without access to a COVID-19 vaccine.

"We know the transit marketplace will change," Kooistra said. "We do expect employers to introduce workplace changes, like staggering work schedules and continuing teleworking."

But, as Amity Foster of the Twin Cities Transit Riders Union, which represents passengers, points out: "Our transit system isn't just for getting to work and back."

The wholesale disruption to transit is an opportune time to rethink how broader transportation systems work in a way that better serves customers, said Alice Grossman, senior policy analyst at the Eno Center for Transportation in Washington, D.C. That includes integrating bikes, walking, and more bus lanes to improve mobility.

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Grossman notes that transit ridership has been declining for years - and that's been the case at Metro Transit, too.

"This is something we needed to solve anyway," she said.

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Pohlads weather storms to sit solidly in charge

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[POHLADS WEATHER STORMS TO SIT SOLIDLY IN CHARGE](#)

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Body

Among many vocal Twins fans, the name Pohlads long ago became synonymous with cheapness. As the team prepares for a long-delayed Opening Day, this is a good time to ask whether the Pohlads deserve their reputation.

Let's remove feelings and rely on facts.

Carl Pohlads bought the team in 1984 for \$36 million. The team is now worth more than \$1 billion, and his son Jim is the acting owner.

Jim's brothers, Bill and Bob, are members of the four-person executive board, along with CEO Dave St. Peter.

Carl earned a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in World War II. He built his early fortune in part by foreclosing on farms.

He installed Andy MacPhail as general manager of the Twins in 1985. MacPhail hired Tom Kelly to be his manager. In 1987 and 1991, the Twins won the only two major professional championships for men's teams in modern Minnesota history. Carl deserves full credit for the hires that made that happen.

In the early '90s, baseball began to change, and large-market teams like the Yankees began outspending small-market teams like the Twins by a vast margin. MacPhail, identifying the beginning of this trend, left the Twins for the Cubs after the 1994 season.

Pohlads did not increase spending to match the Yankees, and once the Twins' farm system began to struggle, the team fielded losing teams from 1993 through 2000. In a few of those years, Pohlads stripped the payroll to save money while Terry Ryan, MacPhail's replacement, relied on prospects.

The plan eventually worked when a group of young players headed by Torii Hunter and Cristian Guzman took the Twins to a division title and the ALCS in 2002 and the Twins dominated the AL Central for a decade.

Pohlads weather storms to sit solidly in charge

Pohlad sabotaged the family name by volunteering the Twins for contraction before the 2001 season, meaning baseball would eliminate the franchise and, it was believed, pay Pohlad an exit bonus.

Pohlad also tried sleight of hand while positioning the Twins for a new ballpark, inventing a potential purchaser in North Carolina and offering a donation to a new ballpark that turned out to be a loan.

Pohlad died on Jan. 5, 2009, and Jim Pohlad became the primary decisionmaking owner.

After another playoff appearance in 2010, the Twins began disappointing a new wave of fans who would grow angry that the Pohlads received taxpayer assistance to build Target Field but refused to compete with big-money teams for free agents.

Fact check: The Twins never promised to outspend the Yankees.

The Twins went into decline after Justin Morneau's career-altering concussion and Joe Mauer's ailments left the team without superstar production.

In fall 2016, the Twins replaced Ryan, who had returned for a second stint at GM, with Derek Falvey and Thad Levine. The team made the playoffs in 2017 and won the division while winning 101 games in 2019.

A year after signing Nelson Cruz as a free agent, the Twins signed star third baseman Josh Donaldson, giving them one of the best rosters in franchise history entering the 2020 season.

This summer, as other teams laid off workers, the Twins did not. In the wake of *George Floyd's* killing, the Twins donated \$25 million to aid social justice and removed the statue of racist former owner Calvin Griffith.

The Pohlads have also spent their own money on Target Field updates and upgrades without asking for additional public funding.

Could the Pohlads spend more on payroll? Perhaps. Instead, they follow a formula typical throughout the industry and spend a certain percentage of revenue on player salaries.

Having watched owners across all sports operate for decades, my view is this:

Minnesota could have it a lot worse. The current Pohlads have helped keep Target Field among the best venues in sports, built a powerhouse front office and analytics department, supported charities integral to Minnesota and built a talented roster.

Unless baseball adopts a salary cap, the Twins will always be outspent by teams that generate more revenue. If that is your only measure of ownership, you will always be disappointed. If you judge the Pohlads on effective decisionmaking, they're on a pretty good run right now.

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READERS WRITE FORGIVE AND FORGET, ESPECIALLY FORGET

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RENAMING THINGS

I have to disagree with D.J. Tice about Fort Bragg and other military installations that are named for Confederate generals ("With malice toward all, with charity for none," column, June 21). I do not approve of destroying statues, but as a matter of recognizing history, they should be removed from public places and moved to the Smithsonian or perhaps a local museum.

Gen. Braxton Bragg, in particular, is regarded as one of the worst of the Confederate generals. Perhaps we can keep Tice happy by forgiving and forgetting. Very well, I can forgive Gen. Bragg, and in the interest of forgetting him, let's rename Fort Bragg. Suppose, as Tice suggests, we choose a superbly accomplished military leader and field tactician who opposed the U.S. in war, such as Erwin Rommel, the German "Desert Fox." Fort Rommel. Bad idea? Yup, I think so too.

David M. Perlman, New Hope

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Tice rightfully worries about a world that inverts Lincoln's heartfelt wish of malice toward none and charity for all. Yet, his commentary on the Dakota War of 1862 airbrushes the malice in the U.S. policy of starving innocent natives by withholding compensation for their treaty lands.

And, Tice's American exceptionalism is showing. At 655,000 dead, "one of humanity's bloodiest civil wars" (our own) pales before the body count of dozens of wars we've engineered abroad, a CIA specialty for 70 years. Consider Indonesia in 1965, from Vincent Bevins' book, "The Jakarta Method:"

"CIA analysts ... prepared lists with the names of thousands of communists and suspected communists, and handed them over to the Army, so that these people could be murdered and 'checked off' the list [I]t is estimated that between five hundred thousand and one million people were slaughtered [T]his was at least the third time in history that US officials had supplied lists of communists and alleged communists to allies, so that they could round them up and kill them. The first was in Guatemala in 1954, the second was in Iraq in 1963."

READERS WRITE Forgive and forget, especially forget

Toppling statues and renaming forts are distractions. Unilaterally nixing the JPCOA with Iran and reimposing economic sanctions that will kill Iranian children is malice personified.

No surprise that America got a loser like Trump, who has prospered by abrogating contracts with an impunity born of economic power.

And, no surprise that unrelenting U.S. malice has failed to beget much charity.

William Beyer, St. Louis Park

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It is reasonable to point out that the naming of federal military installations for Confederate generals was a gesture at sectional reconciliation. There is something to be said for that, in the aftermath of a catastrophic Civil War.

However, historians have nearly universally concluded that this strategy also required throwing the victims of racism under the bus. The cost of white reconciliation was to downplay slavery as a cause of the war, and to overlook the overthrow of Reconstruction's brief attempt to grant the freedpeople equal rights. Northern veterans understood this, and many of the generation that defeated the rebellion bristled at this national backsliding. Reconciliation after a war is a good thing, but perhaps not at the expense of forgetting why that war was fought.

Tice also bristles at the talk about naming military installations after losers. That is another reasonable point, the Confederates certainly fought hard and with skill for their cause, demeaning their sacrifice seems ungracious. But several of the Confederate generals honored by major military installations were, like Bragg, inept. John Bell Hood lost Atlanta through costly counterattacks against a much larger army, then ruined half his army during the catastrophic Nashville offensive. He, too, retired in disgrace.

The Civil War was lost in the then-west, and it is truly strange to name bases for incompetent Confederate generals, however brave or committed.

Unless the nation is honoring them for their role in Confederate defeat. If that is the intent, it makes sense.

Michael W. Fitzgerald, Northfield

The writer is a professor of history at St. Olaf College.

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I agree with the tweet (to which Tice referred) by retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page regarding military bases named after loser confederate generals. My suggestion for Fort Bragg would be Fort McCain. A real American hero.

Bruno Gad, Mankato

RACIAL EQUITY

Some things have changed and others haven't, but there's hope

READERS WRITE Forgive and forget, especially forget

Bravo, Lori Sturdevant! Her column regarding the fight for racial equity ("Why did the spark catch here, now?" Opinion Exchange, June 21) was a gift.

She explores the history of changes in racial diversity in Minnesota. In 1960, people of color comprised 1.2% of the population, grew in size to 6% by 1990, and are estimated at 20.4% today. Sadly, the racial gaps in household income, educational attainment, homeownership and life expectancy for nonwhites has not changed.

Now, after the inhumane death of George Floyd, the presence of the large group of the millennial generation, together with the boomer generation, is making urgent demands for remedies to injustice.

I am grateful for Sturdevant's article, her wise use of information provided by state demographers, and her clarity in writing.

May the young adults prevail! Hopefully, they stand with and on the shoulders of other generations of Americans/Minnesotans who care.

Judith Dahill, Minnetonka

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I live in Minneapolis. In the early evenings, I can often be found on my front stoop, watching the world go by. On a recent evening, I saw four young teen boys riding their bikes. Laughing and talking as they pedaled. Two were black and two were white. All four clearly friends. Then a father rode past with two children speaking a language I didn't recognize. Moments later a mother with a stroller and a child on a scooter speaking Spanish. I found it as a sprout of optimism, all from my front door.

Justin Felicetta, Minneapolis

COVID-19

Young people, perhaps it should go like this: no mask, no inheritance

Thank you, Steve Sack, for another timely COVID-19 cartoon ("Don't tread on me" vs. "Don't spread on me," June 21). Also, thank you, Lee Schafer, for your intelligent column "The Spartan argument for wearing a face mask" (June 18).

I can relate to both.

On June 18, my sister, age 78, and I, age 72, drove to Albany, Minn., for a five-mile hike on the Lake Wobegon Trail. We donned masks because so many people were using the trail and because we are older adults at greater risk for COVID-19.

After walking about a mile, we encountered a bicyclist, age 30 or so, who mocked us for wearing masks. "You'd better not go to the Albany bank or they'll think it's a hold-up," he yelled. He and his bicycling buddy thought this was so humorous.

According to the June 18 weekly COVID-19 report from the Minnesota Department of Health, 263 of 1,542 Minnesotans (17%) in the 70-79 age group who contracted the virus died from it. For older age groups, the statistics are even more grim: 459 deaths from 1,465 COVID-19 cases (31%) in the 80-89 age group, 349 of 803 (43%) in the 90-99 age group, and 26 of 45 (58%) in the 100-plus age group.

READERS WRITE Forgive and forget, especially forget

When we wear masks, we at least give ourselves and others near us a fighting chance against the virus. In fact, hypothetical models used in an Arizona State study in April concluded that with nearly universal (80%) adoption of "moderately effective" masks, 17 to 45% of COVID-19 deaths over two months could have been prevented in New York and 24 to 65% of deaths over the same period in Washington state.

So why wouldn't all of us be amenable to wearing masks? I can only conclude that a great percentage of people do not care if older people die from this disease. Could it be that the anti-mask crowd wants us to die in order to inherit money sooner rather than later?

If so, I suggest that we older people specify in our wills that family members who do not wear masks in risky settings (stores, large public gatherings) be removed from inheritance. If no heirs wear masks, let's bury our money in our caskets or have it cremated with us.

Sylvia Lang, Golden Valley

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This year will be remembered as one of disruption, uncertainty and possibly ingenuity.

Companies that were able figured out how to make a telecommuting model work after states asked businesses to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Manufacturers have had to prioritize worker safety and pivot to new lines of business to stay open.

Now, as they start to think about opening offices again, or their longtime customers start placing more orders, they have a chance to redefine their workplaces and what they value in their staffs.

The national conversation on equity that started after **George Floyd** died in Minneapolis police custody is another opening for meaningful change.

"So much Minnesota innovation has changed the world," said venture capitalist Mary Grove, the keynote speaker for this year's Star Tribune Top Workplaces virtual event. "There's no reason why we can't continue to lead around the future of the workplace."

The companies that make up the Star Tribune's Top Workplaces have had a head start building a culture that cultivates communication and employee engagement, according to Philadelphia-based Energage, which partnered with the Star Tribune on the project for the 11th year.

"In times of great change, it is more important than ever to maintain a connection among employees," said Energage CEO Eric Rubino. "When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward based on real-time insights into what works best for your organization."

The Top Workplaces process is based on a scientific survey of employees who rate their workplace culture and is done in more than 40 markets each year.

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Any company in Minnesota with more than 50 employees can be nominated. The company then agrees to participate in the Energage survey and is ranked based on national benchmarks.

This year, 2,926 employers were invited and 333 agreed to have their employees take the survey. Those surveyed employ 148,516 people in Minnesota.

The top 150 companies were ranked based on the surveys and their size. An additional 103 companies were recognized for exceeding national benchmarks.

The 24-question survey gathered information on several broad issues relating to workplace culture: company alignment, coaching, connection, engagement, leadership, performance and basics like pay and benefits.

The survey showed that feeling a connection to employers is the most important theme explored.

Minnesota employers again scored higher than the national average on every measure except benefits. Compared to other markets, Minnesota employees felt their company had "clued-in employees" 6% more and "clued-in management" 7.3% more often.

One of the cultural elements measured is appreciation, and there is not a definition for it on the survey, said Energage founder Doug Claffey.

"We don't tell an employee how they should gauge their feelings about it, he said. "They use their own definition, and even more, employees know it when they feel it. And they can also readily distinguish between what's authentic and what's simply lip service."

As people transition back to workplaces, Claffey said, companies must consider employees' emotions and individual roadblocks to coming back to the office.

If someone fears coming back because of COVID-19, or has child-care issues because school is not fully in session or extra responsibilities taking care of parents, these situations must be considered if productivity and engagement is to continue, he said.

"This is the new reality," Claffey said. "Be deliberate. Be thoughtful. Make your employees feel like they're part of the planning process and that their input matters."

In other words, clear and more open communication is more important now than ever, he said.

That includes making sure the senior leadership team is on the same page about the company's business plan through the crisis.

They also must be deliberate about gauging employees' concerns and making sure they know exactly what is expected of them and what is coming.

Clued-in" leadership is about upward feedback and employees feeling heard, Claffey said.

If employers struggle in this area, workers find it harder to connect with the organization, he said.

"And when leaders really aren't clued in to what's happening, they're missing valuable insight from those closest to the customer: their employees," he said.

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To be successful, all managers must keep communicating throughout the company hierarchy. Company town halls on Zoom or similar platforms can be effective to communicate key messages and hear direct feedback.

Demonstrating this connection really makes the difference between an average workplace and a great one, Claffey said.

If that spirit of open communication can be applied to all areas, that's where the culture can improve, Grove said.

"I'm of the opinion that as we're coming out of deep pain, [a spirit] of innovation can take place as we move forward," she said.

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Specific survey statements

Employees were asked to respond to these 21 statements to determine which companies are Top Workplaces. The "importance" factor indicates how strongly employees in Minnesota rate their employers. The higher the score, the more important the statement is.

Statement Importance

Connection

This company enables me to work at my full potential 73%

I feel genuinely appreciated at this company 73%

My job makes me feel like I am part of something meaningful 71%

I feel well-informed about important decisions at this company 60%

Alignment

I believe this company is going in the right direction 75%

This company operates by strong values 69%

Meetings at this company make good use of my time 62%

There is good interdepartmental cooperation at this company 60%

Effectiveness

Senior managers understand what is really happening at this company 69%

This company encourages different points of view 68%

At this company, we do things efficiently and well 64%

New ideas are encouraged at this company 64%

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The basics

I get the formal training I want for my career 60%

This job has met or exceeded the expectations I had when I started 59%

I have the flexibility I need to balance my work and personal life 48%

My pay is fair for the work I do 47%

My benefits package is good compared to others in this industry 35%

Leader

I have confidence in the leader of this company 69%

My manager

My manager cares about my concerns 64%

My manager helps me learn and grow 62%

My manager makes it easier to do my job well 60%

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Solution Design Group (SDG) has worked hard to keep its recipe for employee engagement varied even as it moved online when COVID-19 moved into Minnesota.

Since most business moved to telecommuting in March, the Golden Valley software company has hosted virtual book clubs, learning presentations, poker night and whiskey tasting to maintain the fun.

The 189-employee firm uses computer tools like Slack to hold employee trivia contests, share family coloring pages and games to "uplift each other," said SDG marketing manager Alex Haider.

"It is hard being away from each other - but doughnut drops [on porches] and virtual lunches have certainly helped," she said. "Team SDG is excited to get back to seeing each other in person, but we feel comforted by each other when we cannot. We are proud of how the SDG community has pivoted."

Like many other companies, SDG, which ranked No. 3 on the Star Tribune's list of midsize Top Workplaces, feels that reaching out to employees remains a top value made harder by the lack of in-person interaction. The stay-at-home orders ended the water fountain chats, conversations over coffee and social events that normally inject the fun into how we earn a living.

Despite the shift, some midsize Minnesota companies - such as Glacial Ridge Health System (1), homebuilder and mortgage firm Tradition Companies (2), Kraus-Anderson (18) and Panda Restaurant Group (4) were notable for their creativity and for designing workplaces that breathed levity into otherwise solemn times.

Creating fun and employee experiences matters to SDG, Haider said. For example, the employee-owned business has three "employee cabins" in Brainerd where workers chosen by lottery can stay and unwind.

"We are very focused on what is best for our employees and that means adding an element of fun and adding things to their life outside of work," Haider said.

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The firm with \$34 million in sales epitomizes the lengths some employers will go to to keep the work family charged and happy.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) said they see more employers hosting Zoom meetings in costume, designating a "Wear your favorite concert T-shirt" day and giving staff prizes for the best Zoom virtual backdrop.

"Right now, with so much illness, violence and pain, it's even more difficult to focus on 'fun,'" said SHRM Knowledge Center manager Liz Petersen. "During the pandemic, employers will need to be a little more creative in their engagement and team building activities to accommodate remote workers and social distancing. Keep your team sharing and connecting on a personal level."

Kraus-Anderson Construction boasts a "Buzz Squad" of workers who raise honeybees and a pollinator garden on its downtown Minneapolis rooftop.

In 2018, it also opened a garden patio on the fifth floor so workers could do yoga and pollinate fun. The 20-member Buzz Squad won a blue ribbon at the State Fair last year for its honey. The company sells the honey for charity and teaches other businesses downtown how to raise honeybees on roofs.

"Our people get super excited about the bees," said human resource director Diane Toll.

Project coordinator and head beekeeper Brendan Ward still chuckles when he talks about the time two years ago when Kraus moved its cranes from the hotel it was building next door just so Ward could lift giant flower planters up to the new rooftop bee garden.

"I love Kraus-Anderson," Ward said. The company helps workers know there's more to the job "than just having a hammer in your hand or sitting at a desk."

Deemed "essential," Kraus-Anderson is still building and renovating during the pandemic - projects such as the Edina Community Center and Valley View Middle School. But with job site social distancing and at-home workers, it also relies on Zoom happy hours and company executives who phone every home worker.

The pandemic "does really present some challenges to keep that [fun] kind of culture going," said Kraus-Anderson Construction President Al Gerhardt. "We are a group that believes in handshakes and hugs and having fun. Now that you can't have the close contact any longer [you have to] get innovative" and adopt technology to keep those workers virtually connected.

It's also important to continue work in the community, Toll said.

Kraus-Anderson is holding toiletry drives for those affected by the riots that followed the Memorial Day killing of ***George Floyd*** by police. Workers will don masks and resume feeding people who are homeless at the nearby House of Charity and jam to music while packing food for overseas relief missions.

"We give back to the communities. It's an important feature of what we do. It's one of the reasons why I have stayed here as long as I have," said Toll, who has worked for the company for 22 years.

Tradition Companies also held a supply drive for those in need after the riots and looting in late May and early June. The company set up teams, bought \$3,000 worth of toiletries and asked 330 employees from its various Minnesota offices to donate even more.

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This month, workers donated a semi-truck worth of supplies.

"It was a pretty special moment when I saw everyone pulling up with supplies," said Tradition Mortgage President Erik Hendrikson, who drove the truck to the donation site in Minneapolis.

Since the stay-at-home orders, the homebuilding firm has energized telecommuting team members with lighthearted virtual "state of the union" addresses and video montages featuring employees' home offices, pets and best COVID-19 song playlists featuring 1980s favorites.

"We are trying to do our best," Hendrickson said. "A big concern is trying to keep people's sense of a common bond while a big chunk of our staff is working from home. It's been a little bit challenging, but man, we have been able to get a lot of fun things done."

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TOP MIDSIZE COMPANIES (150-499 EMPLOYEES)

Rank Company Sector Employees

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The University of Minnesota has started the big process of having players return to campus for voluntary workouts, and athletic director Mark Coyle said in an interview over e-mail last week that the school is taking every precaution to make sure student-athletes are safe and cared for while also getting back to athletics and academics.

"The health and wellness of our student-athletes, coaches and staff will always be our top priority," Coyle said. "Our staff has spent the past several weeks preparing for our student-athletes to return to campus and has worked diligently to provide them with the safest environment possible. Our decision to bring students back to campus is supported by medical experts and leadership at the NCAA, Big Ten and on campus.

"Right now, we have our football student-athletes back and will soon have members of our soccer, volleyball and basketball teams on campus as well."

Optimistic for fall

The list of athletic and medical experts the Gophers have to draw on is large because the University of Minnesota has such a well-respected academic roster and such a great relationship with the Big Ten.

Coyle said the ability to use that advice makes him believe that fall sports will be happening on campus.

"I am optimistic that we will be playing fall sports," he said. "Our return-to-campus plan was led by Executive Associate Athletics Director Julie Manning, Senior Associate Athletics Director Joi Thomas and Medical Director Dr. Bradley Nelson," Coyle said. "It contained input from Dr. Brian Hainline, who is the NCAA's chief medical officer, as well as from the Big Ten Infectious Disease Committee, which is composed of 14 outstanding medical professionals - including Dr. Nelson - who have advised the Big Ten Conference and its athletic directors.

"Our plan also closely mirrors those being worked on by professional leagues, as we are fortunate to have the expertise of medical staff who are also advising professional teams. We also received consultation from

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Jill DeBoer, who is the deputy director of the University's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, and have worked with Dr. Alison Galdys, who is an assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and International Medicine here on campus."

Revenue streams key

Coyle said that his stance hasn't changed when it comes to the very real possibility that sports may have to be cut from the athletic department if revenue keeps falling.

He said that's a big reason why getting revenue sports back is huge for not just the Gophers but every other college athletic department. On top of that Coyle said the university has planned for every kind of financial scenario going forward.

"Our revenue-generating sports are extremely important to us, but our focus remains competing in every sport we sponsor this year," he said. "There are still a lot of unknowns with regards to capacity at home games this year and how that will affect us, but we will be able to get through it. Our staff has mapped out multiple scenarios and has been preparing for each one.

"Several members of our executive staff and head coaches have taken voluntary pay reductions and our teams have been responsible in reducing their budgets as well."

Coyle did say that the athletic department continues to get a great deal of support from University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel and Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren. And there's no doubt the Big Ten Network will continue to be a huge part of the financial strength of the athletic department.

When it comes to getting back on campus and working with athletes, Coyle said, "I wish everyone was back yesterday."

Honor to work on coalition

In a time when teams aren't able to be together there's no doubt that the Gophers found a way to grow closer as they dealt with the shutdown from the coronavirus and the civic protests around the death of **George Floyd**.

Coyle wrote about having several Gophers players and staff members being named to the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition.

"It's an honor for myself and some of our head coaches, staff members and student-athletes to serve on this newly formed coalition," he said. "Commissioner Warren visited our campus a few weeks before everything was halted and detailed his three core student-athletes tenets, which were mental health, financial literacy and voter registration. When he formed the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition, he spoke passionately about racism in our country and the different ways to change it. He mentioned that the most fundamental way was to make sure that people exercise their right to vote.

"This is an important initiative on our campus as well, not just for our student-athletes, but for all our students under the leadership of President Gabel."

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- WCHA Men's Commissioner Bill Robertson reports that the conference is looking to add three teams for the 2021-22 season, including St. Thomas. The conference is dealing with the planned departure of Bemidji State, Bowling Green, Ferris State, Lake Superior State, Michigan State, Minnesota State Mankato and Northern Michigan. The conference is also looking at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Lindenwood University in St. Louis, Arizona State and Long Island University.
- Vikings offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak on his impressions of second-year tight end Irv Smith Jr.: "Very impressed. That was a great pick by [General Manager] Rick Spielman. Irv was a young player coming out, very young, and the biggest thing for me is I just see so much upside watching Irv come into camp. We asked him to do a lot. I made him learn the F-position, hammers position, as well as high tight-end position. You watched throughout the course of the season, we called on Irv more and more. I think there's a big, big upside here."
- One player to keep an eye on as MLB prepares to start up again is former Twins second baseman Brian Dozier, who signed a minor league deal with the Padres. With a shortened season, it may give a veteran like Dozier a much better chance of making the big-league club.
- The Twins' free-agent list in 2021: catcher Alex Avila, utility players Marwin Gonzalez and Ehire Adrianza, designated hitter Nelson Cruz and pitchers Jake Odorizzi, Homer Bailey, Rich Hill, Jhoulys Chacin, Tyler Clippard and Trevor May.
- Coach Richard Pitino and the Gophers have offered a scholarship to guard Skyy Clark, one of the top college basketball prospects in the country for the Class of 2022. Clark's father is Kenny Clark, a wide receiver with the Vikings from 2002 to '04, appearing in one game.

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Pride shares its moment with Black Lives Matter

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[PRIDE SHARES ITS MOMENT WITH BLACK LIVES MATTER](#)

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Body

Pride intersected with ***Black Lives Matter*** on Sunday as hundreds marched to Minneapolis' Loring Park on a weekend typically reserved for the annual gay pride festival.

Twin Cities Pride said because of the coronavirus it would be shifting to virtual events and supporting social justice groups marching for ***Black Lives Matter***.

The Taking Back Pride march made its way through downtown Sunday demanding ***justice for George Floyd*** while calling for community control of the police and raising awareness of the violence against black transgender women. At least 16 transgender or gender nonconforming people were killed this year, according to the Human Rights Campaign, which said it's an underreported crime.

Signage and speakers at Taking Back Pride all echoed "Black Trans Lives Matter" and noted that the 1969 Stonewall riots were led by black and brown transgender women in response to police brutality, and that remains at the core of protests 51 years later.

"Change is not made quietly. ... You can't dismantle one 'ism' without taking them all down. And that's what today recognizes," said Kiara Stapleton, a black, nonbinary 30-year-old. "Until this is for everybody, it stands for no one."

Stapleton said ***Black Lives Matter*** has been protesting police presence at Twin Cities Pride for years. As the movement has grown, that awareness and call for action have spread. Twin Cities Pride shared at the start of pride month that "we have joined the chorus of community voices to strongly call on the City of Minneapolis to suspend the current requirement for event planners and organizers to contract with off-duty ***Minneapolis Police Department*** officers for security at large events."

Police were not present at Sunday's gathering in Loring Park, where DejaJoelle led the crowd through a series of stretches, dances and breathing exercises. The artistic director of BLAQ, a local dance company, said it's all about "healing the body through informed movement." She said while Floyd is no longer able to take a breath, "We can breathe and we're going to practice it. Everything starts with the breath."

Pride shares its moment with Black Lives Matter

The crowd listened to a slate of speakers and live musical performances, including Mikko Blaze, an Afro-Latinx transgender singer who is the 2018 World Karaoke Champion. Though this year's Pride didn't have a parade, Blaze said he welcomed the change because it meant less corporate involvement. He said this year took on a greater meaning and importance standing up for black lives.

"This is what Pride originally was: a protest," Blaze said.

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Minneapolis police get stricter rules for body cameras

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Body

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo on Sunday announced tighter rules for reviewing officers' body cameras that they say will provide more transparency and accountability.

They're the latest moves the city is taking toward police reform amid calls for sweeping changes to law enforcement after [George Floyd](#) died in police custody on May 25.

On Sunday, Frey and Arradondo called the changes the "first of what will be a series of new public safety policy reforms."

The previous policy allowed officers to review body camera footage before writing an initial report about an incident involving use of force. The new rules require that report to be written first.

Police said it's designed to better capture officers' perceptions at the time the officer acted.

The policy now aligns with rules for civilians, who are not allowed to review body camera footage before talking with police.

"In instances when an officer faces charges and a potential conviction, a clear understanding of what the officer perceived is an essential factor," Frey said, adding that the change will help ensure that investigators, attorneys and jurors receive a transparent account of how an officer remembers the incident.

The policies also clarify time requirements for reports and provide more clarity to supervisors about immediate on-scene communications. Officers involved in the incident and those who saw it will be asked to file their reports "as soon as practical."

Officers will also be restricted from talking to anyone at the scene about the incident, except for the incident commander and the lead investigator. They will no longer be allowed to talk to a union representative at the scene.

Minneapolis police get stricter rules for body cameras

The new policies, which take effect on Tuesday, come amid renewed scrutiny of the *Minneapolis Police Department* and efforts to dismantle it following the death of Floyd, a handcuffed black man who died after a white police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes.

Former Minneapolis officer *Derek Chauvin* has been charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death. Three other officers were charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter.

Police spokesman John Elder said he was told that all four officers had their body cameras on, which is department policy, but it's not clear if any of them have seen the footage.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, said last week that he had not seen video from the incident. Earl Gray, attorney for former officer *Thomas Lane*, said he has seen his client's body camera video.

The city would need to change its charter to implement the proposal, which requires a citywide vote. Council members are using an unconventional, expedited process as they seek to get the measure on the November ballot.

Frey said last week that the council is moving too fast and noted that a resolution that he and the council approved earlier promised a "yearlong process of community engagement."

Earlier this month, the state of Minnesota launched a civil rights investigation of the Police Department's policies and practices. Since then, the city announced it was withdrawing from labor negotiations with the police union.

Through a deal negotiated between the city and the state, the city also banned chokeholds and neck restraints and bolstered intervention requirements for officers who see a colleague using improper force.

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4 ex-officers back in court in George Floyd's death

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Floyd died after Chauvin, a white police officer, pressed his knee against the handcuffed 46-year-old Black man's neck for nearly eight minutes. The officers were responding to a call about a man trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at a nearby store.

The defendants have not entered pleas. Chauvin's attorney has not commented publicly on the charges, while Lane's and Kueng's attorneys have sought to minimize their clients' roles and deflect blame to the more senior Chauvin in Floyd's death, which sparked protests around the world against police brutality.

Among the issues that could be addressed during Monday's hearings in Minneapolis are motions to reduce bail. Chauvin remains in custody, with his bail set at \$1 million with a list of common conditions. Thao's conditional bail was set at \$750,000. Lane and Kueng are free on bond. Also unresolved is whether the four will be tried together or separately.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill is presiding over the case. He ruled Friday that there will be no video or audio coverage of any pretrial proceedings. Defense attorneys asked to allow such coverage, but prosecutors objected. The judge did not rule on whether to allow cameras for the trial itself, which in Minnesota usually requires the consent of all parties.

Kueng's attorney, Tom Plunkett, filed a motion Sunday on behalf of all four defendants asking the judge to reconsider. He asserted that prosecutors and other officials forfeited their right to object to cameras in the courtroom by making public comments that went as far as "saying the defendants are guilty of murder." He

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said allowing electronic coverage of pretrial proceedings would actually make it easier to impanel a fair jury by helping to "educate the public that there may be more to the cases than what has been told to them by the state."

The charges against Chauvin are unintentional second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Second-degree murder carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, third-degree murder carries up to 25 years and manslaughter up to 10.

The other three former officers are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Those charges are legally tantamount to the counts against Chauvin and carry the same penalties. [After pro-police billboards defaced with graffiti in Twin Cities, sponsors offer \\$10K reward](#) [Barr defends aggressive federal response to protests](#) ['Umbrella man,' seen on viral video breaking windows in Minneapolis, is suspected by police to be white supremacist](#) [Barr, Park Police distance Trump from clearing of protesters](#) [Prosecutors in **George Floyd**'s death now say they may revisit audio-visual coverage of ex-cops' trials](#)

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Judge warns he may move George Floyd trials if statements about case don't stop

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Highlight: A judge on Monday warned that he's likely to move the trials of four former police officers charged in George Floyd's death out of Minneapolis if public officials, attorneys and family members don't stop speaking out about the case. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill stopped short of issuing a gag order against attorneys on both [...]

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Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill stopped short of issuing a gag order against attorneys on both sides, but he said he likely will if public statements continue that make it hard to find an impartial jury. Cahill said that would also make him likely to grant a change-of-venue motion if one is filed, as he anticipates.

"The court is not going to be happy about hearing comments on these three areas: merits, evidence and guilt or innocence," Cahill said.

It was the second pretrial hearing for the officers, who were fired after Floyd's May 25 death. Derek Chauvin, 44, is charged with second-degree murder and other counts, while Thomas Lane, 37, J. Kueng, 26, and Tou Thao, 34, are charged with aiding and abetting Chauvin.

Floyd died after Chauvin, a white police officer, pressed his knee against the handcuffed 46-year-old Black man's neck for nearly eight minutes. The officers were responding to a call about a man trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at a nearby store. Floyd's death sparked protests around the world.

Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, cited remarks from a variety of public officials saying they thought the officers were guilty, including President Donald Trump, Attorney General Keith Ellison and Mayor Jacob Frey.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo has called Floyd's death "murder" and said Chauvin knew what he was doing because of his training. Gov. Tim Walz and Frey have also called it murder.

Judge warns he may move George Floyd trials if statements about case don't stop

Cahill asked Assistant Attorney General Matthew Frank to use his influence to keep public officials silent, warning that if they continue to discuss it publicly, he likely would "have to pull (the trials) out of Hennepin County and they need to be aware of that." But he also made it clear that he wants defense attorneys and Floyd family members to stay out of the press, too.

Cahill set a March 8 trial date for the former officers if they are tried together, though he said he expects motions to be filed to separate their trials. If they're tried separately, those still in custody - currently Chauvin and Thao - would most likely go first. The next court date is Sept. 11.

The defendants have not entered pleas. Chauvin's attorney has not commented publicly on the charges, while Lane's and Kueng's attorneys have sought to minimize their clients' roles and deflect blame to the more senior Chauvin in Floyd's death. Kueng's attorney said in a court filing Monday that he intends to plead not guilty and that he will argue it was self-defense, a reasonable use of force and an authorized use of force.

Chauvin remains in custody on \$1 million bail and Thao is being held on \$750,000 bail. Lane and Kueng are free on bond.

Cahill rejected a defense request to reconsider his earlier decision to prohibit cameras in the courtroom during pretrial proceedings. Defense attorneys asked for the cameras, saying it would help balance what the public has heard about the case, but prosecutors objected. The judge has not ruled on whether to allow cameras for the trial itself, but has said he is open to it.

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After the hearings, Selwyn Jones, Floyd's uncle, said he found it "totally hideous" that Lane and Kueng made bail, while "my nephew will never have a chance to be free ever again. ... I'm not mad at anybody, I just think we need to fix the system. Racism needs to go, police brutality definitely needs to go, and we need to find some kind of equality and care for each other."

Associated Press writer Mohamed Ibrahim contributed to this story.

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A surge in 'buy black'

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Highlight: Black-owned businesses' consumer influx brings revenue - and challenges - for business owners.

Body

Gigi Berry is not one to mince her words. For three years, she has designed and sold colorful and snarky enamel pins emblazoned with messages of the Minneapolis sound, Simpsons references, gay pride declarations and the occasional pop-music lyric.

But her most recent creation, though simple in design, might be her most outspoken yet - a black glitter background in the shape of Minnesota with "***Black Lives Matter***" in raised gold lettering.

Berry, who is black, has seen a surge in demand for her pins in the month since the killing of ***George Floyd***, a black man whose death while in police custody has led to the firing and charging of four Minneapolis police officers and global demonstrations on racial equality.

Other Twin Cities black retailers also say their sales have soared as race-conscious consumers have rushed to show support for black-owned businesses through the "Buy Black" movement.

But while black retailers have voiced their gratitude, some are having trouble keeping up with demand, especially as their businesses recover from disruptions because of coronavirus shutdowns. Some also wonder how they should respond to possibly fleeting consumer interest spurred by tragedy.

"It's the most traffic I've had since the beginning of [the pandemic]," said Berry, whose physical store has been closed since mid-March because of the threat of the coronavirus pushing her to an online business. "It sucks that it had

to be because of this."

Gigi's Flair Emporium is in the same south Minneapolis area of Powderhorn where Floyd was pinned down for nearly eight minutes before he died. Currently, she has close to 900 orders to fulfill as she awaits shipments from her overseas manufacturer, which has been delayed because of the spread of the coronavirus.

A surge in 'buy black'

Normally, Berry ships about 100 pins herself a week. Now, her pins are available for pre-order as she works to keep up with demand.

Earlier this month, Berry decided to create two types of ***Black Lives Matter*** pins as customers were asking for them and she wanted to give local acknowledgment to the movement.

Berry is donating 20% of sales of another pin that says "Home of the Revolution" to the Black Visions Collective, a Minnesota-based organization whose vision through collaboration is "to expand the power of black people across the Twin Cities metro area and Minnesota."

Still, despite her efforts to help, Berry said she had mixed feelings of disgust and guilt about how interest spiked due to Floyd's death.

"It's not lost on me that I only got these sales because of the murder," she said.

It has been challenging for her to keep up with all the orders, but she said she's grateful because it's her only source of income.

Alfonso "Fonzie" Mayfield, owner of Twin Cities-based Allure Cigars, has seen on social media that there has been more support of black-owned businesses with homegrown lists of minority retailers being shared.

"There's this call for justice and also there's this call for we have to keep our dollars in our black community," he said.

This June has been the best month he has seen in sales since he started the company in 2018, Mayfield said. The cigar business is a hard industry to break into because customers have fierce brand loyalty to the cigars they smoke, Mayfield said.

It's also not very diverse, he said.

"You go into cigar lounges and you don't feel welcomed," Mayfield said. "Oftentimes, I wasn't taken seriously. It's not filled with us [black people]."

Mayfield, who originally just rolled cigars himself, added other cigar rollers earlier this year to help with production. The move has helped the company keep up with new sales.

Houston White, owner of barbershop and apparel store H. White Men's Room, said his online store has really taken off in recent weeks, particularly the sale of his "Black Excellence" merchandise.

"I believe it can be sustained," White said. "It's up to our black-owned businesses to be ready for this spike in demand. I believe that it can. Will it? I guess we will see."

A recent survey of minority-owned and other disadvantaged businesses by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found that those businesses had been negatively hurt by COVID-19 like others but a bit more severely. More than 55% of minority-owned businesses said that if the current economic conditions continued, they would go out of business in the next six months.

National research has also shown that minority business owners are less likely to have a banking relationship, limiting their access to capital.

A surge in 'buy black'

Anna Schmiel, community engagement coordinator for Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON), said that many of the small, minority-owned businesses that her organization serves have been concentrating more on getting COVID relief business loans and grants than self-promotion. Many small businesses also are not set up to handle sudden influxes of sales, with many not having robust online platforms.

"A lot of these businesses haven't been able to structure the proper way for that money to be funneled into their businesses," she said.

NEON, in coordination with the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition, still plans to host later this year Black Friday on Broadway, a multiday shopping event encouraging people to buy from black-owned businesses.

Last year, the city for the first time hosted the Minneapolis Black Business Week and plans hold the event again this year with dates to be announced soon.

Berry, who said she was recently rejected for a Small Business Administration loan, said she hopes consumer interest in black-owned businesses remains strong for the long-term.

"I just really hope that they keep this same energy," she said. "We add a lot of culture to Minnesota as a whole."

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AT EPICENTER OF RIOTS, A PAINFUL RECKONING

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A liquor store was one of the first buildings touched by the rage of a crowd that had watched a white police officer press his knee into ***George Floyd***'s neck until he died.

Looters hit Minnehaha Lake Wine & Spirits twice the first night of protests as Steve Krause, the owner, watched by surveillance camera from his home across town.

Two nights later the store burned down. Flames flung the red marquee onto a pile of mangled metal in what used to be the basement.

Krause plans to rebuild what is now a third-generation business, but "there are bigger issues in society," he said from the sidewalk on E. Lake Street, a place still ringing with the echoes of Floyd's death and the public's furious response. He gestured at the hole in the ground that was his store.

"If this is a sacrifice to accomplish a greater good, so be it," Krause said.

At the epicenter of the riots that happened a month ago, a reckoning is underway. Dozens of buildings burned within a quarter-mile of the corner of Lake and Minnehaha, and people there are wrestling with whether the eruption of lawlessness served a purpose.

Starting the long journey to rebuild, they're veering from grief to hope and reconciling how the destruction of their businesses brought the world's attention to ***George Floyd***'s death and the cause of racial injustice.

The wreckage that started at the Third Police Precinct spread as far as north Minneapolis and South St. Paul, causing an estimated \$500 million in damage.

Hundreds of business and property owners, many of them immigrants, remain angry the city and state did not protect them. A manufacturer whose plant burned near the Third Precinct station said he will not rebuild in Minneapolis.

'Where are the police?'

AT EPICENTER OF RIOTS, A PAINFUL RECKONING

Bao Huang, owner of Hop Wong near the corner of Lake and Chicago, slept in the Chinese takeout restaurant with a gun through the four nights of riots, but he couldn't prevent a fire next door from damaging it. "Where's the police? Where's the city? Every year I pay taxes. Where are the police?" Huang said.

From south Minneapolis, protests spread across the world. Support for ***Black Lives Matter*** among white Americans grew to a majority overnight, polls show. Sweeping reform is on the agenda across the nation. Even the NFL apologized, indirectly, to Colin Kaepernick.

'The whole world is looking'

On May 28 - the night the Third Precinct police station and the liquor store and many other buildings burned - Ruhel Islam cooked food for protesters and offered bottled water in front of his restaurant, Gandhi Mahal, down the block and around a corner from the police station.

Medics set up a spot to treat injured protesters in a community space adjacent to the restaurant.

Later that night, someone set a fire that consumed Gandhi Mahal. The next morning, Islam's response went viral: "Let my building burn," he said. "Justice needs to be served."

Islam was a student demonstrator in Bangladesh in 1990 when a mass uprising toppled a military ruler. Those protests were not always peaceful. Dozens died, and students and other demonstrators clashed with police repeatedly before the president resigned.

It took Islam time after moving to Minneapolis to learn "what has happened with our black brothers and sisters," he said. Careful to emphasize that he does not condone violence, Islam said, "Our buildings have burned. Why should we blame the protesters for this? We should blame our decisionmakers for this. It's been hundreds of years. All these years, nobody has listened."

He drives from his home on the southeast side of town in his minivan to the site of the restaurant most days, checking on the community center and the cherry tree just down the street. He is trying to find a kitchen so he can resume cooking food for takeout, maybe a spot on Franklin Avenue.

Someone, Islam doesn't know who, put a sign up on the fence around the rubble of his restaurant that says "Special thanks to Gandhi Mahal." He plans to rebuild on the same block, though he estimates it will take three or four years.

"Minnesota is ground zero for change, for revolution, for the movement," Islam said. "The whole world is looking at Minneapolis. We have to lead by example."

'An opportunity to destroy'

Across the street from Gandhi Mahal, the bathroom in the Wilson Law Group building became the "port-a-potty" of the riot, said David Wilson, who owns the building.

Somebody smashed the glass door off of Minnehaha Avenue and spray-painted the word "RestRoom" on the wall in blue with an arrow down the hall. Eventually someone tore out the toilet, flooding the bathroom.

Wilson walked through after the riots to check circuit breakers and meet insurance adjusters, with whom he anticipated a fight. The carpet was scattered with broken glass. Someone had tried to remove computer servers from the basement.

AT EPICENTER OF RIOTS, A PAINFUL RECKONING

As an immigration lawyer, Wilson battles the U.S. government in courtrooms and said he knows how "rights can slide off the table quickly."

But he watched the protests spin out of control and saw flames crawl along a power line between his building and the liquor store before it melted and fell. For him, the distinction between protesting and rioting is clear.

"Demonstrating your commitment to change and demanding it from leadership is important, and the First Amendment is sacred," Wilson said. "The moment though that people are just using it as an opportunity to destroy, no conscience, no regard for what they're doing? No. No, the First Amendment doesn't protect that."

'We will rebuild'

When people broke into the post office and drove postal vans around next door, Kelly Drummer and her daughter watched from a window.

"Then we saw gas cans, and after they smashed all the vans they drove some back in there and started them on fire," said Drummer, president of the American Indian nonprofit Migizi. "It just got scarier and scarier."

She left around 2 a.m. and returned at dawn to find the roof of Migizi on fire. She learned last week the building is a total loss, and the insurance coverage isn't enough to rebuild the structure and replace destroyed equipment. The next move is uncertain.

"We will rebuild, but we just don't know where or what that looks like yet," said Drummer, who said she was "paralyzed" for the first couple of weeks after the riots.

She doesn't think her building was targeted but was a random victim of the chaos that ensued when law enforcement vacated the area that Thursday night. And she said she understands the rage on the streets.

"When you have thousands of people feeling that same anger, I don't blame anyone for what happened," Drummer said. "I do think that sometimes it takes destruction in order to rebuild. I really do believe that."

Dozens of GoFundMe sites have been set up for businesses damaged in the riots, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have poured in for shops and restaurants near the Third Precinct station.

'I'm here for change'

Lamberto Vergara, a native of Mexico who grew up in Brooklyn and moved to the Twin Cities 18 years ago, owns LV's Barbershop, across the street from Gandhi Mahal.

His business didn't burn down, but rioters smashed one of his windows, and Islam said one of his employees pulled a flaming projectile from the barbershop before anything caught on fire.

Weeks after the riot, the place was stripped and Vergara showed two men with clipboards a room in the back.

"All of this was definitely necessary to make change," he said, and "seeing the whole community come together afterwards, seeing all the love from people," has been heartening. He plans to reopen and wants to eventually open a second shop, probably in northeast Minneapolis.

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"I stand with the community," Vergara said. "If you don't shake the hornet's nest, everything will stay the same. I'm here for change."

Krause watched the looting in his store from his home in southwest Minneapolis through surveillance cameras until someone stole the cameras and DVR that first night.

"Even then I couldn't have anticipated what would occur two nights later," Krause said.

A former lawyer who took over the liquor store from his father when he got sick in the late 1980s, Krause now runs the business with his son. He plans to rebuild bigger than before, with a few units of affordable housing above it.

He said his insurance coverage will be adequate. Now he's waiting for a demolition permit from the city. He needs a survey of the property, which burned in the fire, and learned he has to pay property taxes for the year before he can get a permit to clear the rubble.

Once he gets the site cleared and filled, he'll plant grass, try to navigate the affordable housing regulatory landscape and come up with a building plan.

"I'm looking for energy to rebuild and turn a bad experience for our community, and for me personally, into something positive," Krause said. "I have to put my head down and get to work."

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Our city, and our nation, are at a crossroads.

For years, we have marched, protested and advocated to end police brutality. In 2015, a 24-year-old black man, Jamar Clark, was shot in the head and died after a confrontation with two white Minneapolis police officers responding to a reported assault. In 2016, Philando Castile, a 29-year-old black man, was fatally shot by a police officer in a Twin Cities suburb while Castile's partner and her 4-year-old daughter looked on.

But this moment feels different. In the wake of **George Floyd's** murder, people across the country and around the globe are standing in solidarity with the protesters in Minneapolis. The message and movement of "**Black Lives Matter**" has at long last gained the acceptance they long deserved.

Will we have the moral courage to pursue justice and secure meaningful change or will we maintain the status quo?

For too long, people who live and work in Minneapolis - particularly black and other marginalized communities - have faced violence at the hands of police. Despite attempts at accountability and reform, the department continues to fail the city - as was laid bare with **George Floyd's** murder and the department's actions since his killing.

What's more, the Police Department in Minneapolis doesn't succeed at its core functions - solving the most serious crimes and caring for victims. In Minneapolis, half of all homicides are left unsolved. The department is notorious for their lack of concern for victims of rape, as rapes go unsolved and rape kits are quite literally destroyed.

We have a rare opportunity to reimagine a public safety system that prioritizes everyone in the community. A new system will allow officers to do the work that is needed - and employ the skills needed - to solve our most serious crimes and address the most dangerous situations that our communities can face, while allowing the city to prioritize community investment. Most problems arising from substance use disorders,

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mental health diagnoses and poverty require medical professionals and social workers - not criminal enforcement or armed officers. Investing more in health care, education and housing is public safety.

We know this can work. Cities like Camden, N.J., have disbanded their police departments and as a collective they built a system that made all of them safe. It worked. Six years after the department was disbanded, homicides were down 63% in Camden and crime is at its lowest level in decades. This is one of many examples that can be used as inspiration for our city. Ultimately, what we decide to do in Minneapolis is for our community to decide.

But true systems change cannot be done locally alone. It will require the full effort of the federal government. We must start by acknowledging the problem. I, along with U.S. Reps. Ayanna Pressley, Barbara Lee and Congressional Black Caucus Leader Karen Bass have introduced a House resolution recognizing that the systemic targeting of and use of deadly and brutal force against people of color has deep historical roots. Thanks to the advocacy of people across the country, we already have the majority of our caucus's support and hope to see it go to the floor in the coming weeks.

Not only was I proud to cosponsor and co-lead a bill in last week's package led by the Congressional Black Caucus, but I announced a package of four forthcoming bills to address the grave inequities plaguing our country.

First, we are working to establish an independent federal agency with the authority to investigate all nationwide incidents of deaths occurring in police custody, officer-involved shootings and uses of force that result in severe bodily injury. This agency will be responsible for conducting unbiased, independent investigations and issuing determinations of responsibility and recommendations on adjudication in each case.

Second, we have watched as police have used excessive force against nonviolent protesters, indiscriminately deploying pepper spray, tear gas, batons and rubber bullets. The bill I put forward will allow any officer who kills or causes bodily harm to a civilian during the response to a protest to be charged with a federal crime. We must ensure that the constitutional right to protest is duly protected, not threatened or stifled.

Next, instead of leading our country with integrity and decency in this tumultuous time, the president has threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act to deploy active military members to intervene in protests. Along with Reps. Mark Pocan, Pramila Jayapal and Veronica Escobar, I introduced legislation that amends the Insurrection Act, curtailing the president's ability to deploy the military domestically without congressional consent and prevents domestic agencies from conducting surveillance on protesters.

Last, Minneapolis's economy has been ravaged. We have a moral responsibility to help our communities heal economically. I am working with the Minnesota delegation to create an Emergency Relief Fund specifically for communities trying to rebuild after social and civil rights crises - and ensure that those funds go to Minneapolis. It is imperative we lift up our community rather than continue the cycle of neglect or gentrification of these vibrant neighborhoods.

These are just the first steps. The people of Minneapolis and the whole country are loudly demanding justice. Let us not allow our calls for justice continue to echo unanswered. This is our chance to dismantle the systems of oppression that exist in our society and build a just world.

Ilhan Omar represents Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House.

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One Fermentary co-founders to depart, say taproom didn't do enough to promote inclusivity

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Two of the three founders of Minneapolis' One Fermentary & Taproom left the brewery since Friday, though the watering hole says it will continue on.

Head brewer and co-owner Ramsey Louder announced on Friday that he would leave the business, [*The Growler reports*](#). Louder is the first Black man to co-own a brewery in Minneapolis, and had hoped that the brewery would serve as a bulwark of diversity and inclusion in the Twin Cities. From his statement, it's clear Louder felt One fell short of its stated goals.

"I've realized that my vision and values differ from those of ownership of One. I want to be in a space that can proclaim that ***Black Lives Matter***." he said in a statement.

[*Read Louder's full statement here.*](#)

One Fermentary co-founders to depart, say taproom didn't do enough to promote inclusivity

Update: In an email, majority owner Sally Schmidt said Louder's resignation as head brewer is effective Aug. 10.

Later that day, fellow co-founder Joseph Alton stepped down in solidarity. In a letter published the next day, Alton said that Louder had drafted a company statement in response to the killing of ***George Floyd*** that was edited by the majority owner, who is white, and that while One Fermentary was often portrayed as a Black-owned business, Louder's ownership stake was only 5%, [*according to a city document*](#).

[*Read Alton's full statement here.*](#)

The remaining founder is Sally Schmidt, who owns 95% of the taproom, according to that document. She's committed to keeping One open.

"Our goal was - and remains - to create a venue where people of all ethnicities, gender identities, abilities and ages could be comfortable, whether they are guests or members of our team," the company said on its Twitter feed.

Schmidt told the Growler that One would donate proceeds from a future beer to the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition.

Correction:

The original story incorrectly stated when Ramsey Louder would leave the business and was unclear about how many owners there are. Those points have been clarified.

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Cargill Foundation gives \$4 million to Minneapolis schools

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The Cargill Foundation has announced it will give \$4 million to Minneapolis Public Schools and AchieveMPLS over the next three years.

The grants will support initiatives meant to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, in the schools through programs like STEM for All and Girls in Engineering, Math and Science. The grants also support career and college centers at 11 high schools in Minneapolis.

"Through partnerships with organizations like Minneapolis Public Schools and AchieveMpls, The Cargill Foundation is dedicated to creating a strong educational bedrock for low income youth of color in our Twin Cities headquarters community," Michelle Grogg, executive director of the Cargill Foundation, said in a statement. "Increasing access to STEM education and college and career readiness is one key step to closing the opportunity gap for our low income children of color."

Cargill Foundation gives \$4 million to Minneapolis schools

Cargill is also contributing \$50,000 to the MPS Student Support Fund, a new fund designed to support the overall health of students. It provides support for things like counseling, school safety and community projects. The fund was created by AchieveMPLS in response to the killing of **George Floyd** by the **Minneapolis Police Department** and in response to the unrest that followed.

"AchieveMpls is honored to facilitate this collaboration and will use this generous support to ensure that each and every student has the guidance and resources they need to access high-demand, living-wage careers," AchieveMPLS president and CEO Danielle Grant said in a statement.

The Cargill Foundation is Minneapolis Public Schools largest funder, and has provided the school system with over \$20 million in philanthropy over the last decade.

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Moore's campaign worthy of the ESPY

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MOORE'S CAMPAIGN WORTHY OF THE ESPY

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Body

A dearth of games has left the sports world with a dearth of topical debates. Arguing about who will be the next pro to test positive is not quite as fun as arguing about the competition for Twins' rotation.

Minnesota is, though, at the center of one debate worth having, even if it is a debate with no real loser sparked by a television network construct.

The 2020 ESPY Awards ceremony, created by ESPN, was held last weekend and felt like a product of our times.

The show was hosted remotely, and by a black man and two gay female athletes who are proven social justice warriors and who wore shirts reading "***Black Lives Matter.***"

ESPN wisely and graciously decided to dedicate its 2020 awards to extraordinary acts of activism and humanitarianism.

The show became a testament not only to the willingness and ability of athletes and influential companies such as ESPN to be about more than sports, but also to the sizable hearts of so many Twin Cities athletes.

Former Timberwolves star Kevin Love received the Arthur Ashe Courage Award for his attempts to destigmatize depression and other mental health issues.

Mesabi Range college running back Taquarius Wair, who lost the fingers on his left hand during a fire when he was 4, received the Jimmy V Award for perseverance.

Love, Twins slugger Nelson Cruz and Lynx star Maya Moore were finalists for the Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian Award.

As is the case with most highly coveted awards, the runners-up are all deserving.

Cruz was given the award, and he is deserving, having done so much good in the Dominican Republic and his summer home of the United States.

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Here's where we could have a debate more meaningful than "How much money should Dalvin Cook be paid?"

I would argue that Moore was even more deserving of the award than Cruz.

They are both admirable athletes. Cruz was the key figure, and perhaps the key player, on a Twins team that jumped from 78 to 101 victories in one season. He anchored a lineup that set a big-league record for home runs.

He mentored Miguel Sano, who performed like a most valuable player in the second half of the season and perhaps saved his career.

He taught a still-young team about professionalism and grace. And while the award highlighted Cruz's good works in the Dominican Republic, he also routinely spent his free time in the Twin Cities doing good.

How does Cruz compare to Moore in terms of charitable work and social activism?

This is where the debate truly begins.

I don't know that anybody compares with Moore.

Moore ranks as one of the best high school and college basketball players ever. As the WNBA's No. 1 pick in 2011, she helped a Lynx franchise that had never won a playoff series win the WNBA title as a rookie.

In her first seven seasons as a pro, she helped the Lynx win four titles, reach two other WNBA Finals and reach one other conference finals.

She was on her way to becoming one of the winningest athletes in American sports history, and may have positioned herself as one of the greatest players in WNBA history.

Then she quit. In her prime. Not to try out another sport or to avoid scrutiny, but to dedicate herself full-time to criminal justice reform.

She and her team helped Jonathan Irons get what she believes is a wrongful conviction overturned. The Missouri attorney general is appealing the decision. Irons spent 23 years of a 50-year sentence behind bars, in maximum security, despite what Moore, a native of Jefferson City, Mo., believes was a lack of tangible evidence.

Moore faced off with a judicial and for-profit penal system weighted against people of color. She fought the law and, against all odds, she won.

Cruz is a wonderful human being deserving of many awards and accolades.

When it came to the foremost award at the 2020 ESPYs, nobody should have finished ahead of the great and good Maya Moore.

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John Kass: Today's cultural revolution needs a new statue. She's French, but ...

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***JOHN KASS: TODAY'S CULTURAL REVOLUTION NEEDS A
NEW STATUE. SHE'S FRENCH, BUT ...***

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Highlight: At least one thing is clear. We are running out of statues. We need a few new ones.

Body

Satire is a dangerous business, especially during our cultural revolution, with angry Jacobins beating up politicians, tearing down statues and terrifying corporate and political establishments in a great, leftist show of force.

It will never end, will it? Or maybe it just ends with heads.

At the rate they're going, the Jacobins won't be satisfied with heads of stone. They'll demand the real thing, with hair and teeth.

But I won't provoke them when they're all lathered up. And my friends know I'm afraid of satire.

I believe in the Importance of Being Earnest.

As most Americans know, the recent round of statue smashing started with the protests of the police murder of **George Floyd**. But this isn't about **George Floyd** anymore, is it? We're way past **George Floyd** now.

Corporate, political and other institutional leaders are desperate to be thought of as woke too. A few of them might be thinking about throwing the mob a few sacrificial underlings, and then climb the chaos like a ladder.

At least one thing is clear.

We are running out of statues. We need a few new ones.

So today, I ask (nay, demand) that the National Endowment for the Arts build a great new statue:

Marie Therese Louise of Savoy, Princesse de Lamballe.

Marie de Lamballe was a French noble. But she was also quite liberal. She believed in the French Revolution and its slogans. She was wealthy, but unlike other nobles, she was quite sympathetic to the revolutionary ethos.

John Kass: Today's cultural revolution needs a new statue. She's French, but ...

Today she'd most likely be honored at the Kennedy Center and donate to several museums. CNN might give her a show where she'd take poor people to fine restaurants, and nod with concern as they confessed their hopes and dreams.

If there's one in Washington who'd admire a statue of Marie de Lamballe, it would be House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the Democrat from near statue-less San Francisco. Pelosi, wealthy, powerful and liberal herself, is busy trying to climb that ladder of chaos.

Her Democrats squabble with Republicans over how best to honor George Floyd with dueling bills on police procedure. Perhaps frustrated, Pelosi accused the Republicans of murdering Floyd.

"So far they're trying to get away with murder, actually," Pelosi said. "The murder of George Floyd."

In another age perhaps, she'd be denounced as dangerously insane. But Pelosi clearly understands our times. Climb the ladder, Nancy.

Lamballe was fashionable, educated, publicly virtuous and compassionate. She was something of a subversive intellectual, or at least she hung around with intellectuals, providing them tasty wine and sweetmeats.

She was a daughter of the French Enlightenment. And so, Lamballe was highly enlightened. Today you might say she was woke.

But she just wasn't woke enough.

A fine statue of Marie de Lamballe near the Washington Monument (or whatever we'll call that next year when Washington's name is finally erased from history) would be more than just another boring stone human for tourist families to ignore.

A statue of Marie de Lamballe might provide clarity, something needed now.

And I hope they build it soon.

Early on, as the Floyd protests intensified, the Jacobins were content with smashing statues of Confederate leaders and calling them racists. But soon they began to destroy statues of abolitionists and others who fought for the Union to free the slaves.

Some think they're a crazy mob. But I think they know what they're doing. They're erasing history and telling the rest of us to shut up and like it. Most Republicans shut up. The Democrats have little to say. And Joe Biden stays in his basement eating pudding. He doesn't say much.

A statue of President Ulysses S. Grant was torn down. He won the Civil War and sent Sherman to burn Atlanta and break the South. President Teddy Roosevelt, a progressive, is also being removed from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. And too many others to count.

This is where the Ministry of Truth expects me to tell you about "peaceful" protests. So, please ignore the next paragraph about the beating of a Wisconsin state senator the other night. And he's a Democrat.

"I don't know what happened," Democratic state Sen. Tim Carpenter told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel after he was assaulted for taking photos of protesters. "... All I did was stop and take a picture. And the next thing I'm getting five-six punches, getting kicked in the head."

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As he rolled on the ground, getting kicked, I bet he was glad he wasn't a Republican.

But what of the Princesse de Lamballe?

Let's just say that she supported the ideals of the French Revolution until she saw what actually happens in a revolution. Her trial lasted about five minutes. She expressed her support for the revolution but would not denounce the queen.

They took her outside. They didn't even use a guillotine. Later her head was paraded on a pike before the queen's window to the joy of the revolutionaries.

All I ask is that her head be left on. And that on the base of the statue, this from a writer who we won't be allowed to mention. George Orwell was his name, but please, put down that face cage with the rat:

"Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered. And the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right."

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African-American leader: St. Paul board members who voted to remove SROs will have 'blood' on hands if there's school violence

ARTICLE CMXCIX. **[AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADER: ST. PAUL BOARD MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO REMOVE SROS WILL HAVE 'BLOOD' ON HANDS IF THERE'S SCHOOL VIOLENCE](#)**

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Body

The president of the African American Leadership Council told St. Paul school board members who voted to remove school resource officers from the schools they will have "blood" on their hands if a child or teacher is hurt or killed.

Tyrone Terrill, who wrote a Sunday night email to board members in partnership with the St. Paul Black Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, said the board was acting "on emotions and not facts."

The [school board voted 5-1 last Tuesday](#) to no longer pay the city of St. Paul to post police officers in seven high schools and to instead develop a new safety plan.

St. Paul school board members previously debated whether officers belong in the schools and the May 25 death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody sparked the discussion again.

"Once again SPPS has made it clear that you do not care about Black families as it is our Black children who are failing in all of your schools," Terrill wrote in the email. "If you were as dedicated to get rid of poor performing superintendents, principals and teachers, who year after year fail to educate our Black children as you were to getting rid of SROs in our schools our Black children might have a chance to at least get a marginal education."

Terrill said he had not received a response as of early Monday evening. He also sent the email to Superintendent Joe Gothard. District spokesman Kevin Burns said Gothard did not have a comment on Monday.

African-American leader: St. Paul board members who voted to remove SROs will have 'blood' on hands if there's school violence

Since the board's vote last week, the district has "already started work on a safety plan for our district" and it's due to be presented at the board's August meeting, Burns said.

At the time of the vote, St. Paul school officials had received over 1,000 emails on the subject, most of them urging an end to the program.

Between the vote and early Monday night, 15 messages were sent to the school board's general email address - eight expressed disappointment and anger at the decision, four agreed with the board and thanked them for the decision and three wondered about the plans moving forward, according to Burns. The number doesn't include messages that were sent to individual board members' email addresses.

Terrill directed his email to the board members who voted to not continue the contract, which had the St. Paul district paying up to \$775,000 this school year. Board members Chauntyll Allen, Zuki Ellis, Jeanelle Foster, Jessica Kopp and Steve Marchese could not be reached for comment Monday.

About 80 percent of the people shot in St. Paul this year have been Black, according to police, which Terrill said prompted him to write in his email "there is a 75% chance that the student that will be hurt or killed in a SPPS school or event will be Black student, so as I said earlier in this email the 'BLOOD' will be on your hands."

Terrill said Monday he prays it doesn't happen, but he added, "there's [guns in the parking lots](#), there's and there's guns that are one call away. A deterrent was always one or two squads parked out there and now you remove that."

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Determined to make a better life for himself, this Twin Cities man found a sweet path out of poverty

ARTICLE M. **[DETERMINED TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR HIMSELF, THIS TWIN CITIES MAN FOUND A SWEET PATH OUT OF POVERTY](#)**

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Body

Ricky Thompson, 55, doesn't have many fond memories of growing up on Chicago's South Side. But one sweet memory that stuck with him was the taste of the butter cookies served in his school cafeteria.

Those "lunchroom" cookies have become legend in Chicago. Made with just four ingredients - flour, butter, sugar and vanilla extract - they were a staple of school menus in the 1960s and 1970s. Since that time, many have tried and failed to reproduce that light buttery crunch that made kids like Thompson look forward to lunch.

After a lot of trial and error, Thompson was able to recreate the cookie he remembered. For the past seven years he's been hauling a cart around Minneapolis, peddling his "Butter Cookies For Days" to barber shops, gas stations and mom and pop stores for \$3 a box.

Recently, he hit the big time. Mike Graham, the Hy-Vee grocery store manager in Robbinsdale, tasted the cookies and decided to take a chance on Thompson.

"It's a really well-known product in the neighborhood," Graham said. "We gave it a shot and it was a hit."

Now other Hy-Vee stores are calling and Thompson, who currently makes about 5,000 cookies a week by hand in a church commercial kitchen, is working to move his company to the next level.

"I've got big ideas once I get in the door," he said. "I have big dreams for this cookie."

CHICAGO'S POVERTY TRAP

Thompson was the second oldest of 11 children. Raised by a single mother, he had to drop out of school to care for his nine brothers and one sister while his mom worked.

Determined to make a better life for himself, this Twin Cities man found a sweet path out of poverty

"I missed most of my school life," he said. "I learned from others by watching and listening."

He was always on the lookout for a get-rich-quick scheme that would help him get out of poverty and into a life that could feel more stable and secure. He pumped gas, looked into selling real estate and even sold bottled water.

From those experiences, he learned three things: There's no such thing as a get-rich-quick scheme; selling drugs is a strong lure to someone struggling to put food on the table; and he was a really good salesman.

After a few failures, he took the lure and got caught selling marijuana. He spent a year and a half in prison. When he got out, he promised himself no matter how tough times were, he would not fall for that lure again.

MINNESOTA, LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

But he felt stuck, trapped and tired of not being able to see his dreams come true. He finally realized the only way up was out. He would need to leave his neighborhood and start fresh somewhere else, so he moved to Minneapolis.

"When I came here, it was unbelievable to me," he said. "Man, there's no abandoned buildings. There's no poverty like Chicago. This is opportunity!"

He worked several temp jobs but eventually came back to his first dream of wanting to work for himself. But what could he do?

Every time he visited Chicago, he brought back packages of the lunchroom butter cookies with him. This gave him an idea. He would figure out how to make them himself and introduce his favorite cookie to Minnesota.

TRIAL, ERROR AND SUCCESS

For seven months he toiled in the kitchen making butter cookies, experimenting with different recipes. For seven months, his friends told him the cookies still weren't right. He was about to give up when he realized he'd been making them with eggs, which were not part of the original recipe. That fixed the flavor, but it would take a bit more experimenting to get the texture right.

His ingredient label reads: "Flour, sugar, butter, vanilla flavor and a pinch of goodness." Whatever the pinch of goodness is, it did the trick.

"My fiancée said, 'This is it!' She said, 'What did you do?' I said, 'I started measuring.' She said, 'Keep doing it.' "

So he did, and everywhere he went, people who remembered the taste from their childhood praised him for figuring out the secret to "the best cookies in the world."

He put together a cart and went from business to business in Minneapolis along Broadway and Lyndale avenues. People called him "The Cookie Man" and liked his friendly style.

"He's got a customer base like you would not believe," said his friend, Douglas Britt. "He connects with people like I have never seen. They feel like they're part of the family."

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His cookies are in several stores around Minneapolis and can be found at Sunrise Grocery on University Avenue in St. Paul.

As his business grew, he moved it out of his home in Brooklyn Park and rented Gethsemane Lutheran Church's commercial kitchen in Minneapolis. He works six days a week - three 12-hour days baking and three days selling.

He's suffered a few setbacks. As he was beginning to accumulate some savings, he says he attracted the eye of a "silent partner" who stole his money and disappeared.

GOD, BIG DREAMS AND HARD WORK

Thompson is hoping the deal with Hy-Vee will allow him to expand and experiment with other products. He'd also love to have his own bakery shop one day.

One of his first commercial customers was Cup Foods, the Minneapolis grocery store that ***George Floyd*** died in front of while in police custody. He said some pressured him to pull his cookies from the mom and pop store after the incident, but he refused.

"They gave me my first break," he said. "I'm so disappointed with everything that happened down there. But those people have never done anything to me. That has nothing to do with my cookies."

[*Southern Soul Food entrepreneur hopes to sell Northerners on batter-fried corn on the cob*](#) [*Get a taste \(make that a sip\) of the MN State Fair with sales of its cups*](#) [*Photos: India's lockdown spurs new gardeners in Nagaland*](#) [*Photos: NYC's restaurants get creative for street eating*](#) [*A honey of an art installation on side of St. Paul chocolate shop*](#) After the riots, he stayed up all night making cookies for the Gethsemane church staff who were distributing food to North siders.

His advice to young people? "Put God in your life and know that things are going to get better. Pray about it and know that you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it. I wanted to give up so many times. Just keep moving on ... and know that it can happen."

Find his cookies at <https://www.facebook.com/buttercookiesfordays>.

Graphic

Thompson with his cookie cart. (Courtesy of Ricky Thompson)

Aubri Peck keeps her eyes on Thompson's butter cookies as her mother, Desheara Peck, of Minneapolis, looks on at the Robbinsdale Hy-Vee. (Deanna Weniger / Pioneer Press)

Ricky Thompson, 55, of Brooklyn Park shows off his "Butter Cookies for Days" on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at a Robbinsdale Hy-Vee grocery store. (Deanna Weniger / Pioneer Press)

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STATUES

A June 26 letter writer, at the conclusion of her letter about history and statues, asks, "What is that old saying about those who cannot remember the past?" ("History, as always, is complicated.")

An updated response is, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to retweet it."

Mary McLeod, St. Paul

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In regard to a letter writer's comments about the Roosevelt statue at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, I don't believe he sees the whole picture as it relates to the scene in the statue ("Watch what you call 'troubling,' " June 25). The statue depicts Theodore Roosevelt leading subjugated people out of the bleak future afforded them in American society - when it was our society that put them there in the first place.

My personal preference would be to show the subjugated people in front, leading Roosevelt and his horse out of ignorance from the past.

James Kujawa, Brooklyn Park

PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS

The law applies to presidents, too. Biden would be able to show it.

The commentary by Robert Moilanen on whether Joe Biden should or should not pardon President Donald Trump if Biden gets elected was the most irresponsible article I have read in a while, even more so coming from an attorney ("Biden should reconsider promise not to pardon Trump," June 24). After laying out a compelling reason why Trump should be prosecuted, Moilanen then falls on the tired reasoning behind Gerald Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon. If a president has flagrantly abused his office and broken laws that compromise the security of this country, not pardoning is not a move for revenge but a move toward justice.

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Pardoning presidents instantly puts them not just above the law but completely outside of it. It tells an outgoing president that he got away with it, and it leaves a very clear message to future presidents that they, too, can side step the law, especially if they have a compliant Congress willing to overlook even willful lawlessness.

If justice is to be applied evenly and meaningfully, it is most important that it starts with the president. If the law fails to do its job, it eventually ripples through the whole system of justice and by its nature the very government charged with upholding those laws - which brings us to Attorney General William Barr, who has literally become the president's single largest enabler. If the president is a crook, how does giving him a pardon heal the nation, much less assure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity?

Thomas Jesberg, East Bethel

HOUSING

Density does help solve this problem

Before we listen to Fritz Knaak, a lawyer in North Oaks, lecture us about affordable housing, let's get the facts ("Yes, the Twin Cities are harmfully segregated," Opinion Exchange, June 26). His belief that we can have "more affordable single-family construction in the suburbs and exurbs" leaves out the additional cost to tax- and ratepayers of infrastructure and municipal services, never fully covered by development fees and often subsidized by those living in denser areas, where costs are lower.

A 2013 study showed that compact development, on average, costs 38% less in infrastructure installation, 10% less in service delivery and generates 10 times more tax revenue per acre than single-family suburban development. Knaak is also disingenuous in claiming that rising real estate values in Minneapolis limit less-expensive housing choices. Zoning does that, with height restrictions, minimum lot and unit sizes, and parking requirements that Minneapolis has led in changing or eliminating.

The "cult of densification" that Knaak attributes to the Metropolitan Council is really a concern for equitable development and a diversity of housing options, something Knaak claims to want.

Thomas Fisher, St. Paul

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The commentary by Cathy ten Broeke, et al., certainly let us know that many important people with the title of "commissioner" are on the job, asking for more taxpayer dollars to deal with what they call the "unprecedented situation with homeless encampments" ("All policy levers must be used to meet needs," Opinion Exchange, June 25). Oh, wait, there was the Wall of Forgotten Natives encampment before this. And many others for years.

What is unprecedented is that housed people, serving as the true and honest advocates for homeless persons (unpaid, by the way), are holding ten Broeke and her enablers in public office to account.

That destroys the classic narrative used by this bunch: "The public does not care." She and the rest have gotten away with their high-paid jobs and clueless approach because they could count on the isolation of the powerless people they claim to care about.

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Did these commissioners think that unsheltered people just ceased to exist? How did these experts fail to know that encampments have existed and been growing for years?

Over time, and after analyzing the failure of the 10-year plan to end homelessness, one pattern I pinpointed was the excuses they use for their incompetence: the tornadoes that hit north Minneapolis, the Great Recession, COVID-19.

And their continued request for more money, which they waste, is their main solution. But, they have not been held accountable for how the money is spent.

The recent commentary states more money is needed for outreach workers. Truly a bridge to nowhere - outreach workers faced with no resources to connect people with. And an ad for the Walz administration is also tucked into the commentary.

Until these incompetent and overpaid commissioners and their army of sycophants are removed from the debacle they have largely created, all the money we have will not address homelessness.

Margaret Hastings, Minneapolis

THE TWINS

Time for baseball to step up on race

It's been a tough year for baseball fans, but another great year for Minnesota Twins fans. Since **George Floyd**'s death, the Twins have listened to baseball fans who didn't see themselves among the "good, hard working white people" Calvin Griffith's Twins came to play for in 1961. These fans include the black Minnesotans that Griffith certainly didn't come to play for, by Nick Coleman's account from 1978.

But when, exactly, did the Twins start to reach out and actively cultivate a black fan base? Recent actions and commitments are admirable, but what do black baseball fans think? Were the '87 and '91 teams their World Champions, too?

A smiling white Minnie and a smiling white Paul still shake hands over center field, raising the question: Are these finally Minnesota's Twins?

Rod Carew urged us to learn from history, and the Pohlada statue at the ballpark appears to promise continued leadership, transparency and commitment to honor the public resources invested in the franchise.

So let's go big and expect big things from the Minnesota Twins and our sportswriters. How have players past and present experienced discrimination within Twins baseball and the MLB? Where else has structural racism influenced the business and the game of baseball? Let's ask the players and the fans, but especially those who've been left out of the game.

Eric John Gustafson, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Rosario: Talk about burying the past ...

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Body

Ninety one years ago this month, E.R. Kullberg, a Twin Cities area commercial artist, paid \$180 for six plots at [Sunset Memorial Park](#) in northeast Minneapolis.

He had no problems signing the contract deed, which contained the following clause, one found in far too many public cemeteries across the nation at that time:

"The Purchaser further convenants and agrees that said property above described shall be used only for the internment or burial of deceased persons of the Caucasian race..."

Kullberg, who had purchased the plots for himself, his wife, two young daughters and their future husbands, was cremated in 1968.

"He was a racist," recalled Mitch Carmody, a local artist and grief-and-loss motivational speaker who now lives in Prescott, Wis.

Carmody's mother, one of Kullberg's daughters, inherited both the unused plots as well as her father's views on Black people and other minorities.

Although he described his late mother as very loving, Carmody and his handful of older siblings grew up on Grey Cloud Island Township hearing the N-word and other slurs whenever the conversation turned to race relations. Racially offensive language was used at the dinner table and casually attached to food items like black licorice and Brazil nuts.

A defining moment for him came when he was 16 - a year after his father died and he had befriended co-workers of color at the old St. Paul Hilton where he worked as a dishwasher - when he asked his mother why she continued to espouse racist vernacular.

Her response?

"She said the best thing for America is to have every n..... swim back to Africa with a Jew under each arm," he recalled. "My life changed after she said that. How awful. Hers did not. She died a racist."

Rosario: Talk about burying the past ...

Carmody, and his oldest sister, who is now the legal heir to the unused plots, made it a point to break the generational cycle of racist views and language with their own children.

But what to do with the plots, which they inherited after their mother died in 1999, followed by their stepfather a year ago?

Brother and sister have no plans to use the plots. They could sell them, which, based on one online site, can fetch \$1,500 or more each at the 98-year-old, 130-acre cemetery. They could also leave them for their kids.

But Carmody and his sister, who did not want to be identified, came up with an idea Carmody describes as poetic justice - donate the burial sites to a family of color in need.

"I am just so sad being privy to such casual social injustice and bigotry in my life ..." Carmody explained in an email. "I have to make a stand. ... I can no longer be complicit by my silence. This has to change."

His sister, who said she was not close to her mother but still took care of the woman during her last year of life after she contracted lung cancer, feels the same way.

"Reading those documents - holy cow - I knew that the world was like that in the 1920s but you don't like to see them thrown in your face in 2020," she said.

The siblings plan to donate the plots to the [Brooks Funeral Home](#) in St. Paul - the oldest Black-owned funeral home in the state.

Margaret Brooks, co-owner of the 79-year-old funeral home along with her husband, George, broke into tears when I informed her of the donation gesture and the reasons why.

"Oh my Lord, this is unbelievable," Brooks said between sobs. "This is such a blessing."

Carmody's sister hopes word about the donation "will encourage others to celebrate the momentum of the current response to George Floyd's death."

Current staff at Sunset Memorial did not know when the whites-only clause was removed.

But it was still in effect in 1958 - four years after the noted Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court decision and a decade after President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order to integrate the military.

The Sunset Park Memorial Association moved to enforce the clause on a contract deed signed by a married couple three years earlier. The husband, David Erickson was Caucasian but his wife, Ramona, was Native American. When she informed the cemetery in 1958 of her heritage, the association informed her that she could not be buried at the cemetery and that they could only refund her \$198 of the \$360 the couple had paid for the two plots.

The couple sued in court. A Hennepin County judge ruled in favor of the couple, declaring that a 1953 state law prohibiting racial or religious discrimination in real estate transfers voided the clause. In 1961 the state Supreme Court affirmed the decision in a written opinion that included an excerpt from a California judge involved in a similar case years earlier.

"I cannot believe that a man's mortal remains will disintegrate any less peaceably because of the close proximity of the body of a member of another race, and in that inevitable disintegration I am sure that the pigmentation of the skin cannot long endure," wrote judge Timothy Dooling.

Rosario: Talk about burying the past ...

"If life does not do so, the universal fellowship of death should teach humility," he added. "The good people who insist on the racial segregation of what is mortal in man may be shocked to learn when their own lives end that God has reserved no racially exclusive position for them in the hereafter."

David Erickson died in 1972. Ramona died in 1984 at age 83. Both are buried at Sunset Memorial.

"My sister and our whole family agree this is what we need to do, and are overwhelmingly delighted for this opportunity to help our community heal and grow," Carmody wrote, adding: "to do our part and stand up for the egregious wrongs perpetrated on people of color in our community and in our country."

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Cops stopping cops: Rules, but no training

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Body

The police killing of ***George Floyd*** a month ago is prompting new scrutiny of the three officers who failed to intervene before the handcuffed suspect lost consciousness and died as he was pinned to the pavement by a veteran officer.

"You watch this scene and ask yourself, why do they stand by?" said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum in Washington, D.C., and national authority on police practices. "When is it going to change so that intervening is considered doing the right thing?"

Several experts in police psychology and behavior, including some top police officials, say Floyd's death is indicative of a larger problem: a tendency of officers to not question and intervene when another officer - particularly a senior officer - uses excessive force.

"When you intervene, you have the ability to potentially save a life or a career," Shaun Ferguson, superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, wrote in a staff memo.

Training officers how and when to intervene, while mandatory in New Orleans and being developed by other law enforcement agencies nationwide, is not done in Minneapolis.

Erik Misselt, interim executive director of the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) board, which does initial training of officers and issues licenses, said he's unaware of any law enforcement peer intervention training in the state.

"We don't have anything in the state of Minnesota that is that specific," Misselt said, although there is training on how officers can keep themselves in check. The board will review programs to consider possible changes, he said.

During last week's special session, the Legislature stalemated on proposals for police reform, including a requirement for officers to intercede. None of the bills would have required training officers when and how to intervene to stop misconduct.

Cops stopping cops: Rules, but no training

For nearly eight minutes, Officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on Floyd's neck. Floyd's death led to murder charges against Chauvin, plus aiding and abetting murder charges against the three officers who assisted in the arrest.

Experts in police psychology and behavior, including some top police officials, say Floyd's death was preventable.

"All of this could have been avoided if one or two of his fellow officers intervened," Ferguson wrote in his staff memo.

Chauvin was a training officer for two of the rookie officers who were charged with aiding and abetting murder: ***J Alexander Kueng*** and ***Thomas Lane***.

Al Berryman, former president of the Minneapolis Police Federation and a retired sergeant, said officers were not trained on how to intervene in such situations. A new officer assigned to a trainer would be reluctant to intervene because the trainer could write him up, he said. "It could affect your probation."

Before Floyd's death, the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** had a rule stating that officers had a duty "to either stop or attempt to stop another sworn employee when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required."

On June 16, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo revised the rule in an e-mail sent to police supervisors.

"Regardless of tenure or rank," the e-mail says, "any sworn employee who observes another employee use any prohibited force, or inappropriate or unreasonable force (including applying force when it is no longer required), must attempt to safely intervene by verbal and physical means. Employees who attempt to safely intervene shall not be subject to discipline to the same severity as if they themselves engaged in the prohibited, inappropriate or unreasonable use of force."

The penalty for failing to intervene ranges from coaching and a disciplinary letter to termination. The POST Board will vote July 23 on a stronger policy establishing a duty to intervene.

Former Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, now a consultant, says an intervention policy is insufficient. "A policy must be followed up with training that is scenario-based," he said.

Few departments in the United States train officers on how to intervene in such situations, though the number is growing in the wake of Floyd's death. There's been a surge of interest in the New Orleans Police training program known as EPIC, which stands for Ethical Policing is Courageous.

"The 'duty to intervene' law has been there for a long time," said Jonathan Aronie, federally appointed monitor of the New Orleans police. "It is one thing to say there is a duty to intervene. EPIC teaches you how."

Since the introduction of EPIC, incidents of deadly force and the firing of police weapons were down significantly, according to a 2019 report on the agency. Complaints from the public also fell.

Aronie's firm helped underwrite creation this month of the Active Bystandardship for Law Enforcement Project at Georgetown University to train officers in how to intervene. About 100 law enforcement agencies, some of them large, have asked to be part of the training, Aronie said.

Cops stopping cops: Rules, but no training

Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston are among the cities whose police departments have announced plans to adopt an EPIC-like program.

The state of Washington plans to begin such intervention training for all officers, says Sue Rahr, executive director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

"Just making a rule is not enough to compel people to follow it," Rahr said. "What we are seeing across the nation is not a failure of rules and laws, it's a failure of culture," she said. "If you have a new recruit who observes a training officer is doing something wrong, that recruit needs to know that he'll be supported by intervening." In New Orleans, officers get an annual eight-hour class that includes role playing, and other classes as well. Deputy Chief Paul Noel said that if someone with a lower rank sees him do something wrong, he expects that officer to tell him to stop.

"It's a contract we have with each other," Noel said. "Part of the training is for officers to learn is that good teamwork doesn't mean going along with whatever your fellow officer does, but to intervene when the officer does something unethical, unnecessary," he said.

John Locke, a retired Minneapolis police sergeant, trained officers in Minneapolis for 25 years. He said when a young officer is on probation, his task is to observe and ask questions.

Locke noted that ***Thomas Lane***, one of the officers who assisted with Floyd's arrest, had twice suggested that they roll Floyd onto his side so that he could breathe.

Chauvin refused.

So what was Lane supposed to do, throw Chauvin off and roll him over anyway? Locke asked.

"It doesn't happen," he said.

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Police trial could be moved, judge warns

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Body

Comments made by public officials and others about the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** and the former Minneapolis police officers charged in his death threaten to move court proceedings outside of Hennepin County, a judge warned Monday.

At an omnibus hearing Monday afternoon, several of the defense attorneys representing the former officers - ***Derek Chauvin***, ***J. Alexander Kueng***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***Tou Thao*** - criticized city, county and state officials for expressing opinions they believe have tainted their clients' constitutional right to a fair trial.

"I'm fighting the battle with one hand" because of the public statements, said Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, adding that he planned to file a motion for a change of venue.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill agreed that public commentary on the case has reached inappropriate levels, specifically noting that people aligned with the prosecution are pushing it toward a change of venue.

"It's in everyone's best interest" that no public statements about the case be made, Cahill said, noting that they've come from family, friends and law enforcement officials. "What they're doing is endangering the right to a fair trial. They need to understand that."

Persuading the court to move a trial outside of the county in which the alleged crime occurred is typically difficult, and it's unusual for a judge to so strongly rebuke public officials and others, including Floyd's supporters, for influencing court proceedings.

The issue dominated the hearings, which took place separately for each defendant and also touched on future court dates, the amount of evidence in the case and whether cameras should be allowed at the trial scheduled for March 8, 2021.

Police trial could be moved, judge warns

Dozens of media personnel from across the world gathered outside the Hennepin County Public Safety Facility as two of the former officers - Kueng and Lane - arrived through a skyway entrance that connected directly to the building. The two have posted bond or bail and are out of custody.

Floyd's aunt Angela Harrelson and uncle Selwyn Jones also attended the hearings.

"My nephew was a good dude," Jones said. "He had problems, everyone has problems, everybody's got a story, but his story shouldn't have ended on the streets of Minneapolis, Minnesota, by four people."

Harrelson said the trial should be held in Hennepin County.

"What's the purpose of moving it?" she asked. "Honestly, I mean the whole world knows about it, and I'm like, well, where are you going to go? ... You can move to Africa; they knew about it. ... All that's going to do is make it inconvenient for the family to get there."

Chauvin, who is charged with second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter, appeared via remote TV from the state prison at Oak Park Heights where he is being held on \$1.25 million bail.

The other three are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

Chauvin had no supporters in the downtown Minneapolis courtroom where his attorney, Eric Nelson, and co-defendants appeared in person.

Chauvin planted his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd, who was handcuffed and lying stomach-down in the street, repeatedly said he couldn't breathe and warned that he was going to die while the four officers arrested him for allegedly using a fake \$20 bill.

Nelson told the judge he would seek a gag order if public commentary about the case continues to escalate.

While Nelson did not name anyone, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington and Gov. Tim Walz have all called Floyd's death a "murder," among other remarks about the case. Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office is leading the prosecution with assistance from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, has said he is confident a jury will convict the former officers.

Paule later called out those public officials by title, along with Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, President Donald Trump and attorneys for Floyd's family for speaking about the case.

"There are others involved in this case who do not respect the court and do not respect my client's right to a fair trial," Paule said, adding that some people are using the media to further their self-interest.

Cahill asked both defense attorneys and Assistant Attorney General Matthew Frank, who is leading the prosecution, to tamp down on public commentary from people they have "control" or "influence" over.

Frank said prosecutors are just as interested in a fair trial and are "acutely" aware of the publicity issues. He told the court his office has done its best to relay the concerns to public officials.

"Legally, we don't have control over them," Frank said. "I can tell the court we are doing what we can to avoid these problems as well. Your comments will be shared with those individuals as much as we can."

Police trial could be moved, judge warns

Kueng's attorney, Thomas Plunkett, briefly addressed a motion filed last week by all four defendants, and a new response he filed Monday, to allow cameras at all pretrial and trial proceedings to ensure a fair and public trial in light of the public commentary. The prosecution had objected to the motion, and Cahill ruled last week that no cameras would be allowed at pretrial hearings. Cahill said Monday his stance had not changed in reaction to Plunkett's newest arguments.

Moving the trial outside Hennepin County would be a more appropriate remedy to address publicity than recording and broadcasting the proceedings, Cahill told Plunkett.

However, the judge said he would address camera access at trial later and urged both sides to file their opinions on the matter.

Jones and Harrelson, Floyd's uncle and aunt, said they approve of recording and broadcasting the court proceedings and trial.

"I think the more media we have on this case the more resolve we'll get, because I don't know literally what we're missing here, since 2 to 3 billion people have seen the video of him literally murdered," Jones said.

Cahill hasn't decided whether the four cases will be tried together, and asked both sides to file their opinions on the issue.

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, told Cahill he planned to file a motion for a hearing to argue that evidence was insufficient to charge his client and that the case should be dismissed.

Gray and Plunkett have previously blamed Chauvin, a 19-year veteran on the police force, for killing Floyd.

Lane was working his fourth day and Kueng his third shift as full-time officers, and the rookies were following Chauvin's lead, they argued. Lane also asked Chauvin twice about rolling Floyd on his side but was rebuffed, according to Gray and court documents.

The matter and other motions are expected to be addressed at the next hearing for all four defendants on Sept. 11.

Attorneys said that while "voluminous" evidence continues to be produced in the case, more than 8,000 items have already been presented, including about 750 audio and video files and thousands of pages of cellphone data analysis.

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Mpls. has paid \$63,000 to private security firms for 3 council members

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Body

The city of Minneapolis has paid two private security firms \$63,000 over the last three weeks to protect three City Council members amid tensions over [George Floyd's](#) death and efforts to end the Police Department.

While the city has not named the council members - saying their identities weren't public information - the Star Tribune has confirmed they are Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins and Council Members Alondra Cano and Phillippe Cunningham.

"This security service is intended to be temporary and bridge to other security measures implemented by council members themselves," city spokeswoman Sarah McKenzie said Monday.

McKenzie said the city has spent \$63,000 over the past three weeks for security service for three council members. She said contracts for less than \$175,000 typically do not need public approval from council, and they do not expect these expenses to surpass that threshold.

The security is coming from two companies: Aegis and Belcom. McKenzie said the companies provide licensed, armed security officers.

The council members have been under increasing scrutiny since they and some of their colleagues gathered in Powderhorn Park earlier this month and promised to begin the process of ending the [Minneapolis Police Department](#). The plans were vague at that point, heightening tensions between people who wanted to dismantle the department and those who feared the repercussions of a city without a traditional police force.

On Friday, the City Council voted unanimously to advance a proposal that would eliminate from the city charter - essentially its constitution - the requirement to maintain and fund the department. In its place, the city would be required to have a department of community safety and violence prevention, which could employ "licensed peace officers" but wouldn't be required to do so. That would ultimately need approval from voters.

Mpls. has paid \$63,000 to private security firms for 3 council members

Asked whether the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** had any reports of threats against council members, department spokesman John Elder said he didn't have any information he could share. In Minnesota, public officials who make reports to police can ask that their name be redacted, which would prohibit the department from confirming whether those reports exist.

"The ***Minneapolis Police Department*** takes threats seriously and [they] will/would be vigorously investigated," Elder said in an e-mail.

Cunningham, in a Twitter thread, compared the security that council members are receiving to coverage provided regularly to the mayor.

The city has provided security to the mayor dating back decades.

That security is provided through the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. An officer, who also serves as a driver, accompanies the mayor at most public events. At least two officers rotate on that schedule. During large public events, they might work simultaneously.

It was not immediately clear how the cost of the mayor's security compares to the cost of the private security being offered to council members. Elder said MPD did not receive requests for security for council members.

Jenkins declined to comment about the private security, saying she feared the story would jeopardize the safety of her, Cano and Cunningham.

"A story about that really makes it even more necessary to have security," she said.

Cano said she was tied up Monday in meetings about the homeless encampment in Powderhorn Park, and Cunningham did not respond to a message.

Cunningham previously tweeted that he had "received numerous death threats since I was campaigning for either being transgender or outspoken about police accountability and systems change."

He wrote that he did not feel comfortable providing more detail. "Security was offered to me by the City, and I accepted it because I need to keep my family safe from the very real threats against me. ... I believe any reasonable person would have accepted help like I did. It's unfortunate my family's safety has been exploited for a news talking point."

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Students of color lead police push

ARTICLE MVI. **STUDENTS OF COLOR LEAD POLICE PUSH**

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Highlight: At the U and across Minnesota, the leaders seek reform in how colleges handle safety on campus.

Body

University of Minnesota student body President Jael Kerandi could not initially bring herself to watch the graphic video depicting the police killing of ***George Floyd***. Instead, she sprang into action in the hours after his death late last month, writing a letter to university President Joan Gabel demanding the school immediately cut ties with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

"It was very important that students understood that black lives mattered to the University of Minnesota," said Kerandi, the school's first African-American student body president. "Students just don't feel comfortable with the police on campus."

Gabel responded within 24 hours, announcing the university would no longer contract with Minneapolis police for large events such as football games and would limit collaboration to "joint patrols and investigations."

The uprising against police brutality had taken root at Minnesota's flagship university - and has since spread to colleges across the state and country. Students at the University of Iowa, Ohio State and Northwestern are calling on their schools to cut ties with city police departments. At Harvard and Yale University,

student protesters also have demanded their campus police departments be abolished.

Similar pushes are unfolding in Minnesota as student leaders urge their schools to re-evaluate their approaches to public safety.

"I think that young people know there is a very important role for them to play to push us forward," said Charles H.F. Davis III, an assistant professor at the University of Southern California who studies racism and campus climate. "They have some of the most radical imaginations about what is possible for a world that we would like to live in."

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Josh Bronson, director of training for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, said he believes a change in police culture is needed after the death of Floyd.

But while campuses could benefit from a public-safety response team that includes mental health and social workers, Bronson said, police should still be involved in keeping the peace.

"To cut ties [with police] ... I understand it but I don't know that that's necessarily the solution either," Bronson said. "I think it's about being strategic."

Rethinking campus safety

Student leaders in the Minnesota State system of public universities and community colleges were quick to demand change after Floyd's death.

The student association LeadMN, which represents 165,000 community and technical college students, called on system Chancellor Devinder Malhotra to review and re-envision Minnesota State's law enforcement programs and teaching methods. Malhotra followed through, announcing the formation of a work group to do just that.

Students were surprised to learn the four officers charged in Floyd's death attended a Minnesota State college; the state college system educates approximately 80% of Minnesota police officers through its 22 professional peace officer education programs.

Oballa Oballa, president of LeadMN, said he told Malhotra the system "can't be silent anymore" on the issue of police violence. "If we see something and we don't come up with a solution, that thing will repeat," said Oballa, an Ethiopia native and student at Riverland Community College in Austin, Minn.

Students United, which represents students at Minnesota State's seven universities, released its own list of demands for Malhotra and university presidents. Campus public safety offices should be redesigned with a focus on compassion, equity and harm reduction, the group wrote in its letter to system leaders. And all system institutions should consider severing ties with city and county police that "enable harm and violence," they wrote.

As a black man, Students United state chairman Ola Abimbola said he has always felt the need to look over his shoulder. He's been pulled over by police for "all kinds of reasons," he said, and often worried he would be stopped on his trips to and from the campus library.

College students, many of whom are already struggling with issues such as food insecurity, should not have to worry about racial profiling or excessive force at the hands of law enforcement, Abimbola said.

"Our students deserve a healthy, safe and inclusive environment that is devoid of excessive policing, discrimination, racism," said Abimbola, who recently graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University.

Back at the University of Minnesota, Kerandi and other students have shifted their scrutiny to the campus police department.

They want the school to establish an advisory board of students and community members to review the University of Minnesota Police Department's budget and complaints.

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'We have to reimagine'

Kerandi said she would like to see some of the department's funding diverted to mental health resources and other student support services.

"We have to reimagine if we need police officers that are armed on our campus," she said.

The university's police department has 53 sworn officers who carry firearms while on duty, according to a school spokeswoman. The department's budget in fiscal year 2020 was just north of \$11 million.

Not everyone believes campus police deserve such scrutiny. University of Minnesota senior Alyssa Rinelli said she's had "nothing but great experiences" with campus police.

At times, Rinelli said she has felt unsafe walking home from campus at night. Earlier this month, there were four robberies near campus, one of which was at gunpoint. It is comforting to know that campus police are just a quick call away, she said.

"I've definitely felt safer with their presence being there on campus," Rinelli said.

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MOUNT RUSHMORE

There is a big difference between memorializing four of America's most famous presidents who are carved into the Black Hills of South Dakota and the hatred represented by clichéd sculptures to traitors erected after the Civil War across the South, with the explicit purpose of enshrining Jim Crow and perpetuating terrorism against black people ("Trump's Rushmore visit sparks outcry," front page, June 26).

Rather than fulminating about tearing down the Mount Rushmore memorial, we should all instead fully fund the completion of the Crazy Horse monument nearby. It is a powerful statement that all Native Americans should support.

Both can and should exist side by side.

Bruce Downing, St. Cloud, Minn.

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Having lived in Rapid City, S.D., for a few years, I've visited Mount Rushmore many times. The visitor center contains a complete history of its construction from start to finish. The important thing to note about Mount Rushmore is how the federal government funded most of it. Not far from Mount Rushmore is the Crazy Horse Memorial, another sculpture in granite - a sculpture of a great Native American leader who died to help protect his people against an invasion the federal government promised they would never allow ... but did. It's not finished and no federal funds have ever been spent to finish it.

In this time where we are questioning statues and monuments, we should also question why those monuments like the Crazy Horse Memorial sit unfinished. When the president visits Mount Rushmore to see white leaders, he should also visit the Crazy Horse Memorial to see a Native American leader, a leader who gave his last full measure to protect his people from injustice. Hopefully he'll learn about how the federal government broke a treaty (still upheld by the Supreme Court to this day), stole their land and enabled the mass murder of men, women and children that followed.

Norm Hickel, Prior Lake

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I find the article about the Lakota interesting, describing how their land was stolen from them.

Some of them state that Mount Rushmore is nothing more a depiction of the white men who stole their land, and therefore the monument should be taken down.

How far do you go back in trying to change history? The Lakota gained that land from other tribes. Do those tribes have the right to erase any symbolic features of the Lakota Nation? Who did those tribes defeat for their land? Do we go back hundreds of years, a thousand years? The history of man relates to acquiring land from someone else.

Bill Bunce, White Bear Lake

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

What happened to social workers?

Isn't it rich (\$63,000 over the past three weeks, and counting) that three Minneapolis City Council members are using private security after receiving death threats? Are they showing their privilege by employing security at taxpayer expense? I sure hope this private security is composed of counselors and psychologists and not gun-toting former cops now working as private security.

If the security being hired is armed, it would be the height of hubris and hypocrisy.

Thomas M. Sullivan, Edina

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The Minneapolis City Council is generating a lot more heat than light with its proposal to eliminate the Police Department. Rather than initiating the needed conversations about how to enhance safety for all our citizens, the council's idea delays real action until after the November elections. Then, if the city charter proposal is adopted, we will have succeeded in rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic but won't be any closer to implementing solutions.

Certainly, we could consider doing away with the department if the police union is unwilling to explore changes to the policing process. But we've hardly given them a chance to respond to criticisms, much less to display intransigence.

Enough posturing! Let's put the community's anger to work by initiating conversations between all the stakeholders: activists, police, local government, social workers, mental health specialists, etc. We need improvements that can be implemented quickly, not distant organizational reshuffling.

W. Perry Benson, Minneapolis

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It would be hard to be more wrong than Joseph W. Anthony in his counterpoint ("Yes, Minneapolis government is dysfunctional," June 26): "I have lived in Minneapolis for 46 years. During that time what has the City Council done to clean up Block E and Hennepin Avenue? Nothing. ... Witness the absence of any meaningful restaurant or entertainment venues on Hennepin Avenue."

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The last 46 years is exactly when the City Council moved heaven and earth in numerous efforts to "clean up" Hennepin Avenue, particularly buying and renovating historic theaters, and steering the redevelopment of both City Center and Block E (the latter involved moving the Shubert Theater, the heaviest such move ever on rubber wheels). Over that time, the city even changed Hennepin from two-way to one-way and back again.

I don't like everything the city has done on Hennepin - City Center and Block E are ho-hum at best, and I wish they'd lined the street with metal trees as proposed in a city-sponsored redesign plan - but you can't say the Minneapolis City Council has done nothing.

Chris Steller, Minneapolis

GOVERNMENT

Set aside partisan bickering, please

Making America better - "great" is down the road; "great again" is absurd - requires a government that works. Ours does not.

At local, state and national levels, American government is stuck. Partisan gridlock has party members opposing one another in a knee-jerk fashion, often before partisans know the issue at hand. If we cannot elect representatives who focus on the common good rather than party loyalty or crass self-interest, we will continue down the road to becoming a failed city/state/nation.

The police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis sparked not only local but national and international demonstrations calling for dismantling institutional racism, yet our own state government functions (or should we say dysfunctions?) on rigid party-line voting that yields nothing.

Minnesota government failing to pass meaningful legislation to address systemic racism is an embarrassment. This is the major moral issue of our time, and we are at its center. Our advice to legislators: Put party loyalty aside and do the right thing. Now.

Sandra and Duane Cady, Shoreview

COVID-19

A shallow care for virus responders

It was only weeks ago that nearly every news source showed people openly praising our health care workers and first responders for their courageous fight to treat victims of the coronavirus, often at the risk of their own physical and mental health. So now, when many states begin to open up and allow people to gather in restaurants, bars and other public places, many seem to forget to follow a few simple guidelines to prevent a second wave of the pandemic. This selfish act says very loudly and clearly that their support for health care workers was shallow and that they really don't care too much about health care workers and first responders being inundated with more cases than previously seen.

This virus will not go away until everyone does their part and/or we have a vaccine. Until then, we need to take care of health care workers and first responders by preventing the spread of COVID-19. Some people are inconvenienced by masks and social distancing, but that inconvenience is nothing compared to that experienced by those who treat the victims.

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RICHARD JANSEN, Cumberland, Wis.

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Springboard for the Arts coronavirus fund pauses after topping \$1 million in aid

ARTICLE MVIII. ***SPRINGBOARD FOR THE ARTS CORONAVIRUS FUND PAUSES
AFTER TOPPING \$1 MILLION IN AID***

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Highlight: A St. Paul nonprofit that helps artists in need has been overwhelmed by requests for help during the pandemic and will temporarily halt giving out money until it can recalibrate. Most years, the Springboard for the Arts' personal emergency relief fund has a \$10,000 budget. The organization has distributed more than \$1 million to fund [...]

Body

A St. Paul nonprofit that helps artists in need has been overwhelmed by requests for help during the pandemic and will temporarily halt giving out money until it can recalibrate.

Most years, the Springboard for the Arts' personal emergency relief fund has a \$10,000 budget. The organization has distributed more than \$1 million to fund applicants the past three months alone.

The number of artists that have applied for \$500 in aid has topped 2,000. With most art events and performances canceled due to the coronavirus, many artists are unemployed and are struggling to pay their rent or buy groceries.

To keep up with the high demand for financial relief, Springboard for the Arts relied heavily on foundation and individual donations. On June 24, the organization's personal emergency relief fund ran out of money.

While incoming applications are currently paused, Springboard for the Arts' organizers hope to relaunch the fund in August.

"We closed applications this week, but we already have about 300 applications that we don't have the funds for," said Laura Zabel, executive director of Springboard for the Arts.

FUNDING CHANGE THROUGH ART

Springboard for the Arts will also pause its community emergency relief fund for the month of July.

Like the personal relief fund, the program granted artists up to \$500, but the money must be spent on an art project that addressed a community issue. In the past, the fund has supported local artists as they create projects addressing gun violence, changing immigration policies and homelessness.

Springboard for the Arts coronavirus fund pauses after topping \$1 million in aid

The relief fund is overwhelmed by applicants hoping to create art in response to the coronavirus pandemic or the death of *George Floyd*.

Briauna Williams, an independent artist from Robbinsdale, was able to get the \$500 payment before the fund closed. She used the Community Emergency Relief Fund last year to create a piece that illustrated her experience as a Black woman in Minnesota for a showcase at Phoenix Theater.

This time, she plans to use the money to fund a sidewalk chalk art project that involves kids.

"I think it's crucial to get kids out and involved in art right now, because the anxiety of the news they hear from TV or adults or out their window is affecting them." she said.

ARTIST ON THE FRONTLINES

Giving artists the funds to respond to local emergencies is a no-brainer for Amelia Brown, board chair of Springboard for the Arts.

After Hurricane Katrina, Brown spent two years in New Orleans as a volunteer director. While she was there, she saw first hand how artists were able to use art to help make rebuilding and recovery efforts more accessible to everyone, Brown said.

Brown now owns the Minnesota-based consultation service Emergency Arts. She advises artists on how to best impact their community with their work, and advocates for the inclusion of artists in emergency response practices in Minnesota.

"For me, there's no disconnect between art and emergency response," Brown said. "The disconnection I see is between art and standard emergency response practices."

Policy-makers often don't take enough risks when it comes to implementing creative solutions, says Brown. That's where artists come in.

"The creative process artists have is not only for making murals on buildings," Brown said. "The same skills, talents, and community connections they have can be applied in a boardroom."

Right now, the nation is facing two large crises: the coronavirus pandemic, and *systemic racism*. Artists are already working on the frontlines, says Brown.

"So many artists are transforming our city right now," she said. "We need the infrastructure to support them."

As Springboard for the Arts plans for the future, executive director Zabel knows the emergency relief fund is not a long-term solution.

"\$500 doesn't fix the whole problem," Zabel said. "Our organization also wants to be involved in long-term changes that would make our emergency fund less necessary."

Those changes include a more accessible health care system, and better support for small-business owners, Zabel says.

TO HELP

Springboard for the Arts coronavirus fund pauses after topping \$1 million in aid

To give to the Springboard for the Arts' emergency relieve fund, go to www.givemn.org and search for Springboard for the Arts.

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City's unrest tests U recruits

ARTICLE MIX. [**CITY'S UNREST TESTS U RECRUITS**](#)

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Steven Ortiz Jr. sent a big paragraph to the Gophers' 2021 recruiting class group chat after ***George Floyd's*** killing in police custody.

"Love you guys all so much. I can't wait to ride with you guys," it read. "Don't let this ***George Floyd*** incident reflect on you guys staying committed. Because it happens pretty much everywhere."

Ortiz then shared an incident that happened in his native Arizona within days of Floyd's May 25 death, a situation where a black DoorDash driver had a gun pulled on him while making a delivery. The other 15 members of the Gophers' 2021 class - from Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia, Indiana, Texas, Florida and Minnesota - could probably all share similar tragic, scary stories.

This class, though, seems to have already bonded together - with the Gophers and each other. And Floyd's killing, along with the vast protesting and rioting that followed, hasn't seemed to shake their commitment.

Gophers coach P.J. Fleck has excelled at recruiting during the coronavirus pandemic despite a moratorium on in-person visits through Aug. 31. Eleven recruits have committed to the program since those restrictions started, the majority without ever visiting campus or the state, including Ortiz.

One, Indiana defensive end Austin Booker, even committed five days after Floyd's death, during the unrest's peak.

Booker chose the Gophers after several virtual visits and conversations with current players, other recruits, Fleck and new defensive line coach Chad Wilt, who originally recruited him at Cincinnati.

Booker said even though Floyd's death happened just a few days before he officially committed, it didn't make him second-guess his decision.

"They just felt like the school I was most comfortable with," Booker said. "Day in, day out just talking with them on the phone."

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Fleck, who could not be reached to comment about his approach, shared how his team's culture kept everyone together through the upheaval in the Twin Cities, Booker said.

Meanwhile, other programs showed signs of fracture. For example, a Florida State player called out coach Mike Norvell for lying about reaching out to each player to discuss Floyd's death, something for which Norvell later apologized.

Fleck held off on a public statement for a week after Floyd died, instead taking that time to speak with all of his players, including the recruits. He also organized a group video chat with all the prospects and their parents.

"He was pretty much just telling us that ... we're safe and that our voices should be heard," Ortiz said. "... He was just telling all of us, 'Hey, guys, I don't want this to affect you guys coming here.' "

After Fleck talked to the 2021 class, Ortiz asked a friend who'd committed to another Division I program if that coaching staff had done similarly. His friend told him he hadn't heard anything yet. Ortiz said Fleck making talking to the recruits a priority spoke volumes to him.

That quality is what makes Fleck such a strong recruiter, according to college football recruiting analyst Tom Lemming. The Gophers' 2021 class ranks 15th nationally and fifth in the Big Ten, per 247Sports.com, with four four-star prospects. Lemming said that while it's still early, this could be the Gophers' best class in 40 years.

At a recent event Lemming held in Chicago with 50 top underclass players in the area, almost all of them listed Minnesota on their questionnaires as a potential team, he said, a change from previous years. That's likely a product of the momentum the Gophers built in Fleck's third season in 2019, where the Gophers went 11-2 and finished No. 10 in the country.

A global pandemic hasn't seemed to derail that. And Lemming doesn't foresee the recent events in the Twin Cities disrupting it either.

"Nothing affects anything," Lemming said. "... See even now, they're still recruiting great, Minnesota. So they've got nothing to do with the police force. The ballplayers know once they visit the campus, the university's got its own police force, and it's a little bit different.

"If you've got good salesmen, which is what Minnesota has, it's not going to affect them much at all."

Two players have decommitted from the Gophers since Floyd's death. Sam Jackson, a high school quarterback from Illinois whom the Gophers planned to use at a different position, switched to Purdue. Texas defensive end D'Marion Alexander reopened his recruiting, citing in his social media statement "recent situations" forcing him to re-evaluate what's best for him. Alexander could not be reached for comment.

There's still five-plus months left to fill out the rest of the 2021 class, which is also time for players to potentially change their minds and diminish what could be a defining class for the Gophers. But Booker said what happened to Floyd shouldn't change recruits' view of the program or Minneapolis.

"I feel like if they really liked Minnesota that much, then there won't be a problem," Booker said. "But if they asked me about it, then I would just reassure how Fleck knows how to keep his culture together at Minnesota. So there's no problems, and all the players are safe and on the front lines helping out."

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FIVE NOTABLE PLAYERS IN THE GOPHERS' 2021 CLASS

Avante Dickerson, CB, Omaha

The highest-rated four-star recruit in the class and the No. 1 prospect in his state, per 247Sports.com.

Athan Kaliakmanis, QB, Antioch, Ill.

Four-star committed to the Gophers more than a year ago. His brother Dino is a wide receiver in this class, too.

Steven Ortiz Jr., CB, Goodyear, Ariz.

Another four-star, he committed to the Gophers sight unseen despite offers from programs such as Penn State and Oregon.

Mar'Keise Irving, RB, Country Club Hills, Ill.

The No. 15 running back in the nation, per 247Sports.com, and another four-star recruit.

? Austin Booker, DE, Greenwood, Ind.

Committed to the Gophers during the height of unrest in the Twin Cities after ***George Floyd's*** death.

MEGAN RYAN

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'A BREATH FOR GEORGE'

ARTICLE MX. ['A BREATH FOR GEORGE'](#)

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A well-spaced crowd, left, gathered outside the Guthrie Theatre near Gold Medal Park for a screening of a new film, "A Breath for George," a remembrance in song, poetry and interviews about the life of **George Floyd**. The film, by New Dawn Theater, will be showing through July 5 at free outdoor screenings around the Twin Cities, including on Sunday at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. A mural on the side of the Guthrie, above, keeps Floyd's life and death visible in downtown Minneapolis.

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Agency taking care of its own, and more - Correction Appended

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Highlight: Group that signed Thielen relishes its forward focus.

Body

After his first NFL season, when he'd carved out a spot on the Vikings' practice squad, Adam Thielen heard from Luke Inveiss, a defensive back he met a few years earlier when both were on a recruiting visit to Minnesota State Mankato.

Inveiss had finished his playing career at St. John's and recently landed a job with the Institute for Athletes, a modestly sized agency in Minneapolis. He let Thielen know the company could be a good fit for him; Thielen, unsure what his future would hold while playing for a new coaching staff, agreed.

"I needed somebody that could really help me if I get cut, or if I'm looking for a job, or looking for things off the field," Thielen said. "It was great timing, and just kind of a small-world thing."

In the six years since, Thielen and IFA grew together, the receiver turning a starting spot into two Pro Bowls and the agency landing Alabama first-round pick Jonathan Allen before the 2017 draft.

When Thielen grew out of his first multiyear deal with the Vikings, IFA founder Blake Baratz negotiated a four-year, \$64.8 million extension that makes him the 10th-highest-paid receiver in the league.

IFA, one of the Twin Cities' only sports agencies, has built a football beachhead in Minnesota. Such clients as C.J. Ham, Ifeadi Odenigbo and Stephen Weatherly pushed into bigger roles with the Vikings, and Gophers products such as Blake Cashman and Tyler Johnson signed with the agency before getting drafted this spring.

Johnson, Baratz said, "reached out to us," and added, "That wouldn't have happened five years ago."

Like its roster of gumptious clients, the firm has evolved in its own right, launching a creative marketing division that has worked with such local companies as Caribou Coffee and Sleep Number. Baratz turned

Agency taking care of its own, and more - Correction Appended

part of IFA's building on First Avenue into a social club with roughly 150 members. After his brother-in-law Mike Zweigbaum came on as CEO, the company launched Wisdom Gaming Group, an e-sports marketing company that streams roughly 55 hours of content a week.

To some extent, IFA has taken on the persona of Baratz, a Hopkins native who looked at many NFL agent stereotypes with a raised eyebrow and sought to diversify his business with revenue streams less fickle than ones tied to a player's success.

"It's not like I'm sitting there saying, 'If I'm not a sports agent, then my life has no purpose,' " said Baratz, 40. "Quite the opposite. I think a lot of people get into this business and there's a high level of stress - they feel the pressure to sign players and bring in revenue. That leads to agents selling a dream and doing the wrong thing, and you have players signing with agents for the wrong reasons. Ultimately, that's a house of cards that's going to come crashing down."

Moving beyond football

Baratz graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a desire to work in sports, but at the time, he said, "I didn't really know what an agent did."

He quickly found it would take years of recruiting and developing clients before enough of them would earn lucrative deals as veterans to make a startup agency profitable.

Once players like Thielen, Allen and veteran defensive end Adrian Clayborn started to put IFA on sturdier financial footing in the past three years, the company began to think about what it could do next.

As Baratz and Inveiss found themselves doing plenty of work on sports marketing plans for other companies, they realized they'd be better off doing it themselves. They put together a roster of contractors, wooed Vikings safety Harrison Smith as a client for marketing services and leveraged their status in the Twin Cities into promotion work for local companies. They now have about 20 full-time employees.

Baratz opened Brick x Mortar, the social club in IFA's brownstone building on First Avenue, for people who'd aged out of the downtown bar scene but found traditional country clubs too stuffy.

Zweigbaum, 47, arrived eager for a new challenge after selling a scrap metal recycling company in Wisconsin he'd run for 24 years. He'd been jolted by how much more interested his three sons were in watching an online gaming competition than they were in a Vikings game. He wondered if he could turn his own lifelong hobby - "I had Pong when it came out," he said - into a successful business.

With longtime digital marketing strategist T.J. McLeod, Zweigbaum leads Wisdom Gaming Group, which now has 16 full-time employees and a team of roughly 70 contractors to produce marketing content for gamers.

Wisdom committed \$18,000 to north Minneapolis communities this month after acquiring a professional Rocket League team; held a watch party for the League of Legends World Championship in November; and had planned to stage a Minnesota high school championship tournament at the Mall of America in March until COVID-19 forced its cancellation.

The company is also building a series of e-sports shows for streaming services like Twitch, YouTube, Facebook or Mixer, while working to raise millions in capital.

Agency taking care of its own, and more - Correction Appended

"We don't just do one guy livestreaming," Zweigbaum said. "All of our streams are based either on friendly competition, guides on how to succeed in the game or getting high-level influencers and aggregating their audiences to watch them interact with each other."

Local players find a home

Of the 16 IFA clients currently on NFL rosters, five - Ham, Thielen, Cashman, Johnson and Steelers center J.C. Hassenauer - are from Minnesota.

"It's Minnesota," he said. "At the end of the day, if you're in the sports world, it's a pretty small community. At the very least, you hope you can take care of your own. If you can't build a reputation here, it's hard to convince the kid in Alabama or Washington you're the best choice."

Thielen is now the Vikings' third longest-tenured player and one of their most visible. IFA helped him and his wife, Caitlin, start their own foundation and become partners at ETS Performance training centers with Ryan Englebert, Thielen's longtime trainer.

"IFA is doing stuff they don't have to do, that's not necessarily contracted or I'm technically paying for," Thielen said. "They're doing stuff outside of what is obligated of them."

The local connection has helped Vikings players like Ham and Thielen make contacts in their own communities. When Thielen launched his foundation at the U of M Masonic Children's Hospital two years ago, Inveiss and Baratz made the short drive from their offices to help put on the event. Inveiss donned a mask on June 5 to help Thielen distribute groceries to Lake Street residents affected by the fires and looting that shuttered business after the killing of *George Floyd*.

"We're more well-connected here, and I think it's a little bit of a snowball," Inveiss said. "People that are from here and are really good people are who we're looking to work with."

For Thielen, it turned out to be a chance he's glad he took.

"It's a relationship you look back on and you're like, 'Man, I'm glad God kind of put us together,'" Thielen said. "I don't know where I'd be, or what would be different, but I know my wife and I wouldn't be where we are without their help."

Correction

This article misstated the location of the scrap metal recycling company that Mike Zweigbaum ran. It was in north Minneapolis.

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Authorities ID victim of fatal Mpls. shooting

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Authorities have identified the man who was shot to death in north Minneapolis.

Antonio D. Taylor, 25, of Fridley, was shot multiple times in the 4100 block of N. Aldrich Avenue on June 23, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office said Sunday.

Officers responded to the scene after a ShotSpotter activation and other reports of shots fired, police said.

Police spokesman John Elder said when officers arrived on scene, they learned that Taylor had been transported in a private vehicle to North Memorial Health Hospital in Robbinsdale, where he died that evening.

No arrests have been announced in connection with Taylor's death.

The shooting is part of a surge of violence since Memorial Day that has killed eight people and injured at least 118 others through Saturday.

Officials are attributing the sharp rise to the COVID-19 pandemic, eroded public trust after the police killing of ***George Floyd*** and the reluctance of some Minneapolis officers to take initiative amid intense scrutiny.

PAUL WALSH

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Isolation tough for young Pride participants - Correction Appended

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While the jubilant crowds and large gatherings were missing from this year's Pride celebrations, the rainbows and glitter have moved to digital spaces, private parties or socially distant celebrations.

The popular Twin Cities Pride weekend was canceled amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and other events like drag brunches or parties were called off or held at reduced capacity. For some younger lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender folks, the lost Pride Month events meant fewer opportunities to gather and make connections.

During a typical year, Samuel Doten, chair of the Stonewall DFL community caucus, would have participated in the big Pride parade. Instead, Doten hosted a few friends in his back parking lot.

"Most years, I would have a gathering of maybe a dozen people," Doten said.

The cancellation of so many events has left some in the LGBT community feeling particularly isolated, said Doten, 26, who works at Reclaim in St. Paul, an organization that provides mental health care to LGBT youth.

"Social distancing in general, and social isolation, falls so much harder on those who rely on community support, especially queer and trans youth," Doten said. "Pride is a huge opportunity to come together in community, to meet other people and just to be comfortable."

With the lost celebrations, an early end to the school year and a very strange summer ahead, young people are bound to be feeling the impact, Doten said,

This year would have marked Northeastern University student Ro Van Sloun's second Pride celebration since coming out. Last year, the 19-year-old from Minneapolis was able to march in the parade as a part of the Twin Cities Planned Parenthood teen council.

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"There's just so much validation," Van Sloun said. "It's one thing to be spending time with your friends who are all queer and supportive but it's another thing to have absolute strangers applauding and cheering for you."

Leaving college, where many LGBT people can freely exist, and abruptly returning home due to the pandemic has been particularly difficult, Van Sloun said.

"To have parents that might not understand your identity or might not support it even, and having no one else to interact with besides people who don't use your name or don't use your pronouns ... it can be damaging," Van Sloun said.

Former Minnesota state Rep. Erin Maye Quade, the first LGBT candidate to be endorsed by a major state party in Minnesota, has heard similar concerns from youth in her work with advocacy groups OutFront Minnesota and Gender Justice. Maye Quade said she recently spoke with a middle schooler in rural Minnesota who is too young to get involved in many events.

"He's 12, he can't drive to Pride, he can't show up for *George Floyd*," she said. "There is that isolation that happens, especially for younger folks who live outside the cities or are immunocompromised."

Maye Quade noted that after the police killing of Floyd last month in Minneapolis there has been a particular focus on uplifting LGBT black and brown people during this Pride Month.

"Especially this year, people are thinking about our history," she said. "The first Pride was not a parade, it was a riot. It was a riot specifically to fight against police violence."

In recent years, many in the LGBT community have criticized Pride for being too corporate. With the cancellation of Twin Cities Pride, some saw this year's Taking Back Pride march, held on Sunday, as a return to its roots.

"For many people this Pride has been radicalizing, because they've been reminded that it's not just rainbows and butterflies and having fun at a festival," Doten said.

St. Paul rock band timisarocker celebrated Pride with all their typical costumes and flair - virtually. Fronted by lead singer Tim Dooley, a 26-year-old black gay artist, the band put together a "Live from Quarantine" show on Facebook to commemorate Pride 2020.

Though he and the band have been unable to gather, they wanted to create an experience that was as close to live as possible.

"We wanted to release it and have people celebrate Pride with us as much as they can, while they're stuck at home," Dooley said.

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Correction

This article misstated former state Rep. Erin Maye Quade's status as the first LGBT candidate to be endorsed for lieutenant governor by a major party in the state.

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Lake Street housing gets OK

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Lupe Development Partners plans to begin construction in August on the second phase of its mixed-income campus near the Uptown intersection of Lyndale Avenue and Lake Street, company officials announced Monday after receiving approvals from the Minneapolis City Council.

The campus will include three mixed- and affordable-housing projects along Lake Street, near where rioters in late May damaged many buildings in the Whittier neighborhood.

The City Council's approval jump-starts the second and third phases of the campus project, company officials said.

The first part of the project - Lake Street Dwelling at 410 W. Lake St. - is already under construction and will have 111 affordably priced units at a cost of \$26 million when it opens in October, said Steve Minn, vice president and chief financial manager of Minneapolis-based Lupe Development Partners. That structure was damaged by an incendiary device during the rioting last month.

Luckily, the device hit a concrete slab and didn't burn down the building, Minn said. "These were very nervous nights for me and my team. Nobody slept that weekend."

The Lake Street Dwelling building remained secured with staff and sustained broken glass, but lumber and flammables had been removed from the building, so damage was minimal, Minn said.

On Friday, the City Council approved the \$32 million second phase of the project. Now a loan for the new "Lago" building at 500 W. Lake St. will be finalized Tuesday and an existing

auto-repair business on the site is scheduled to be torn down in August. Construction on the seven-story site starts a month later and is expected to take 16 months to build 132 apartments and 1,700 square feet of commercial space.

The Lago will rent studios, one- and two-bedroom units, as well as townhouses priced at market rates - between \$1,250 to \$2,600 a month. The price points were chosen with the hopes of attracting entry-level

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renters who work nearby, officials said. Common amenities will include a green roof, a bicycle maintenance and repair room, a fitness facility, a business center and community rooms.

The Metropolitan Council and the state issued about \$464,000 in combined grants to assist with site development and environmental and utility work for the phase two site, Minn said.

The third phase of the project will offer 95 affordable housing units at 550 W. Lake Street. Construction there won't begin until next year, officials said. Its project cost is estimated at \$28 million.

Taken together, about 61% of the campus will offer affordable-housing options and shared amenities at affordable price points, Minn said.

The need for affordable-housing options is urgent given the exploding homeless crisis in Minneapolis and the destruction of the nearly complete Wellington Management project farther east on Lake Street, which was destroyed by fire after the June 25 police killing of *George Floyd*. The Wellington project's nearly 190 affordable units were to open later this year. Now, project managers are starting anew.

"With the recent devastation along Lake Street, continued investment in this neighborhood is critical. These projects fill a critical need for high-quality housing and amenities without the luxury price tag," Minn said. With the City Council approvals, "We are excited to continue the momentum for our mixed-income campus at Lyn-Lake. ... Transit options on Lake Street are only getting better, and we will be in proximity to the many jobs and employers in the area."

In separate real estate industry news, CBRE announced that it has sold Reuter Walton Development's 118-unit Grove apartment building on Snelling and St. Clair avenues in St. Paul to Continental Properties Co. The \$30 million building was completed in October and is about 70% occupied.

About 4,500 square feet of retail space remains unoccupied, a CBRE official said.

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'Moonshot' hit; Walz still wary

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Body

Gov. Tim Walz lauded Minnesota on Monday for reaching its "moonshot" testing goal to closely track the spread of COVID-19, but he warned that everything from mask-wearing in public to social distancing in bars will be needed to see the state through this pandemic.

While Minnesota isn't seeing the rapid growth in COVID-19 occurring right now in other states, Walz said he is concerned because of the recent outbreaks related to crowded bars and the gatherings over the upcoming holiday weekend that could spread the coronavirus that causes the infectious disease.

"We're going to have to learn to live with and manage COVID-19 for quite some time," he said.

The personal and economic sacrifices Minnesotans made over the past four months to prepare the state for COVID-19 cannot be undermined by a lack of compliance now, Walz said, and he is considering requiring face masks given the increasing evidence that they work - as well as sanctions if bars fail to protect customers by keeping them spread out so they don't infect one another.

"At some point in time, the carrot turns to the stick to stop this thing," said Walz, who encouraged bar owners to follow social distancing rules and customers to help by spreading out and wearing masks.

Cases traced back to virus transmission in bars - since they were allowed to reopen at limited capacities June 10 - have now reached 200 in Mankato and 100 in Minneapolis, said Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner.

Crowding in indoor bars is a "proven recipe for spread" of the virus, she said. "It's up to all of us, our collective individual decisions, whether we are able to achieve these goals of managing the epidemic, the pandemic, which is here and will be here for a long time."

Reaching a testing capacity of 20,000 per day was a key step in the strategy. Minnesota had barely conducted 2,000 tests per day - due largely to global shortages in collection supplies and chemicals - when Walz announced his "moonshot" goal on April 22.

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A \$36 million partnership with the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic helped the state reach that goal, which has allowed for the state's universal testing of staff and residents at long-term care facilities with outbreaks and the free testing of people involved in the protests after the killing of George Floyd.

The capacity also allowed the Minnesota Department of Health to expand its guidelines last week to allow people to seek testing even if they don't have respiratory symptoms if they believe they have been exposed to the virus. Initially, shortages required that testing be used only on symptomatic patients, health care workers and long-term care residents at greater risk of severe COVID-19 due to their ages or underlying health conditions.

The state also will be directing testing resources to areas with flare-ups of COVID-19 cases, including free testing announced Monday in response to a rising case count in Madelia and Watonwan County.

The state on Monday reported a total of 35,861 known cases and 1,435 deaths related to COVID-19 - including 1,129 deaths of residents of long-term care or assisted-living facilities.

Daily case counts had been falling since late May but recently started to rise, particularly among young adults. People younger than 29 now make up 31% of all known COVID-19 cases, but only two in that age range have died. People 70 and older account for 11% of known cases but 81% of the state's COVID-19 deaths.

More than half the states in the country had been rated as "trending better" or "making progress" by the COVID Exit Strategy website until late May, when the relaxation of state restrictions on businesses and social interactions was followed by an increase in cases. Now, 36 states, including Minnesota and Wisconsin, are rated as "trending poorly."

The hopeful news in Minnesota is that hospitalizations have reached their lowest levels in two months. The state on Monday reported that 278 patients with COVID-19 were hospitalized - including 140 who needed intensive care.

Comparative websites place Minnesota in the top 10 or 15 on per capita measures of diagnostic testing, though the state was partly helped on that front when it switched its official count from the total number of people tested to the total number of tests performed. Many people have had more than one COVID-19 test, and Minnesota health officials said many other states were reporting their numbers by tests rather than individuals.

Malcolm said the rising number of tests is good news, but so is the low rate of about 4.4% of tests turning up positive for COVID-19. A high test count and a low positive rate is the goal, she said.

The U and Mayo Clinic have been heavily involved in the development of serological antibody tests, which examine blood serum to detect when people have recovered.

One sampling of antibody test results in health care workers and some Twin Cities residents showed that 4 to 5% had previously been infected, said Dr. Timothy Schacker, the U medical school's vice dean for research. Serological testing could help determine the actual spread of the virus given that the majority of infections produce little or no symptoms.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week estimated that every one positive diagnostic test actually represented another 10 people who had been infected but did not know it.

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Malcolm said it is possible that 10% of the state's population has already been infected.

Malcolm encouraged holiday revelers to gather outside, given the growing research that the coronavirus transmission is less likely outdoors.

Young adults might not be as worried about COVID-19, but they can quickly spread the virus to others, she said. More than 9 in 10 COVID-19 deaths in Minnesota have involved the elderly or people with underlying health problems such as obesity, diabetes, asthma and diseases of the heart, lungs, kidneys and immune system.

Malcolm said she hoped bars would comply with social distancing guidelines to help reduce the spread of the virus, but that her department does have punitive authority if bar-related cases continue to rise.

"We have preferred to take an educational approach first," she said, "but we are taking it very seriously, seeing numbers like this."

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

35,861 -- Total cases

315 -- June 29 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,435 -- Total deaths

10 -- June 29

U.S. cases, new daily

2,564,681 -- Total cases

38,753 -- June 28

U.S. deaths, new daily

125,814 -- Total deaths

269 -- June 28

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

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Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Floyd civil suit has champion in Crump

ARTICLE MXVI. [**FLOYD CIVIL SUIT HAS CHAMPION IN CRUMP**](#)

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Body

Ben Crump, the Florida attorney representing *George Floyd*'s survivors, calls himself the "African-American family emergency plan."

"Because when you think about it, who are you going to call when the police kill your family?" Crump said by phone last week from a hotel room in Milwaukee, where he had just arrived to demand body camera footage from another deadly police encounter. "You're not going to call the police."

Crump has won more than 200 police brutality suits and represents the families of Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery in addition to Floyd's. A fixture on television news interviews, Crump rose to international fame for filing successful lawsuits on behalf of Trayvon Martin's and Michael Brown's families.

He is also at once a spokesman for the families and a shoulder to lean on in their most traumatic hour. Since taking the Floyd family's case, Crump joined them at the south Minneapolis memorial site where Floyd died in police custody, at several vigils, and at a U.S. House hearing on policing reform and inequality.

Now, as the family awaits the criminal prosecution of the four fired Minneapolis police officers charged in Floyd's death - *Derek Chauvin*, *J. Alexander Kueng*, *Thomas Lane* and *Tou Thao* - Crump is also preparing a federal civil rights lawsuit that legal experts say could dwarf the record \$20 million payout for the 2017 death of Justine Ruszczyk Damond.

Often - such as in the cases of Martin and Brown, whose shooters were either not charged or were acquitted - civil judgments won by Crump can represent their survivors' only courtroom victory.

"The criminal prosecution of police in cases of them killing and brutalizing minorities in America is abysmal," Crump said. "So often it happens that unfortunately people have kind of accepted that police have gotten away with killing black people as the norm. We can't accept that. We have to use every strategy possible to try to say, 'This is not America. All Americans deserve equal justice.' "

On Monday, Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill set a March 8 date for a trial expected to garner intense international interest. Though he did not name Crump, Cahill warned that further pretrial public

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commentary by elected officials and others could lead him to move the trial outside of Hennepin County over concerns that the officers would not get a fair trial there.

Defense attorneys for the four former officers declined to comment for this article. Robert Paule, Thao's attorney, argued in court Monday that the steady stream of opinions on the case had imperiled his client's constitutional right to a fair trial.

"I'm fighting the battle with one hand," Paule said, referring to the public statements.

Yet for Crump, the fight for justice is one that must be waged both in the court of law and public opinion. In both arenas, the May 25 video depicting Floyd's final moments has been at the center. It also sparked ongoing international unrest over racism and police brutality.

"To see a documentary of a man being murdered is still shocking and even more shocking when that documentary of his murder is being narrated by the person being murdered," Crump said.

Crump and Floyd's family were key to the appointment of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison to lead the state's prosecution of the officers. Crump said that earlier news conferences by Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman fueled their demands, notably one in which Freeman alluded to mitigating factors in the case, such as Floyd's health and drug use. He said the family believes in Ellison, however, "because Keith has a record of being a champion of civil rights and equal justice in America."

"I don't think we could have gotten a better prosecutor to prosecute this case anywhere else in America than Keith Ellison," Crump said.

The family would like to see Chauvin charged with the more serious crime of first-degree murder. Ellison outlined the burden of proving that charge in a private meeting with family last week, but said he would not rule out new charges if the evidence warrants them.

Crump has assembled a 10-person legal team in the Floyd case, including lawyers from Chicago and Minneapolis, such as Jeffrey Storms, whose résumé includes a \$3 million settlement in a deadly 2010 Minneapolis police encounter. Crump says he has always earned at least some payment for his clients, and he pockets about a third of all settlement money or monetary judgments.

"It was readily apparent to me that Mr. Crump deeply believes in the work he does and recognizes the significance of this moment," Storms said. "In my opinion, you could not expend the constant time and energy that Mr. Crump expends on these important cases unless you're driven by a higher sense of purpose and a genuine love and empathy for other human beings."

A lawsuit against the former officers involved or Minneapolis could match or eclipse the award to the family of Damond, who was killed by former Minneapolis officer Mohamed Noor. Noor is serving 12½ years in prison after becoming the only Minnesota officer convicted in the death of a civilian last year.

"It's always a calculus of public opinion and the skill of the lawyers involved," said Bob Bennett, who represented Damond's family. "They certainly have the case qualities you would want to have for bringing a successful civil rights action and for negotiating that type and quality of a settlement."

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Health officials close indoor service at bars in Madison, Wis.

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Highlight: MADISON, Wis. - Public health officials are closing indoor service at bars in Madison as the Fourth of July weekend approaches and as the number of reported coronavirus cases accelerate, many involving young people in Wisconsin's largest college community. The order from Public Health Madison & Dane County effective Thursday allows bars that have patios [...]

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MADISON, Wis. - Public health officials are closing indoor service at bars in Madison as the Fourth of July weekend approaches and as the number of reported coronavirus cases accelerate, many involving young people in Wisconsin's largest college community.

The order from Public Health Madison & Dane County effective Thursday allows bars that have patios to keep them open and it limits the number of people who may eat inside restaurants to 25% capacity, the Journal Sentinel reported.

Since June 13, 614 people have tested positive for coronavirus and half of them were between the ages of 18 and 29.

"For the past week, Dane County has seen a sustained, high number of cases. After consultation with our contact tracing team, gatherings and visits to bars and restaurants continue to be implicated in interviews with cases," Janel Heinrich, the agency's director said in a statement.

Bar owners are weighing a legal challenge.

Tavern League of Wisconsin lobbyist Scott Stenger said public health officials are unfairly punishing bar owners and not taking into account what role recent protests over police brutality may have in the surge.

"To make out bars to be a scapegoat of an increase when you've had historic protests for three weeks straight - it seems a bit irresponsible to not factor that in," Stenger said.

The National Bureau of Economic Research released a paper last week that found little evidence that [police brutality protests](#) across the country caused a significant increase in infections.

Health officials close indoor service at bars in Madison, Wis.

The paper said if the protests had driven a surge in cases the increase would have become apparent within two weeks, but that didn't happen in many cities with the largest protests, including New York, Chicago, Minneapolis and Washington, D.C. The protests began the night after ***George Floyd*** died in Minneapolis police custody on May 25. The paper has not been published by a peer-reviewed journal.

Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson has said that it makes sense to limit bars.

"I do think that we need to continue to concentrate on those businesses that represent uncontrolled spread (of coronavirus)," Johnson said Friday. "And here I'm thinking, tightly packed bars - I know that hurts people to hear me say that, here in Wisconsin; that might be something we need to control" given that the virus can spread through the air and because cases have been increasing in the past few days.

Wisconsin has seen 29,199 reported cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, and 786 deaths as of Wednesday, according to state health officials. The state had 6,110 active cases as of Monday, with 835 in Dane County. The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick.

[*Wisconsin governor orders masks statewide amid virus surge*](#) [*2 women charged with beating Wisconsin state senator during Madison protests*](#) [*With no state mandate, Wisconsin localities face difficult decisions on face masks*](#) [*St. Croix County administrator resigns to take Illinois post*](#) [*Bloomington man arrested after high speed chase into Wisconsin charged in girlfriend's shooting*](#)

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Senate Republicans open hearings focusing on unrest that followed George Floyd's death

ARTICLE MXVIII. [SENATE REPUBLICANS OPEN HEARINGS FOCUSING ON UNREST THAT FOLLOWED GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH](#)

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Highlight: The Republican-controlled Minnesota Senate opened hearings Wednesday on the unrest that rocked the state after the death of [George Floyd](#), focusing on the destruction rather than the underlying issues of racism and policing on which Democrats have concentrated. The hearings will help Republicans frame up issues for the fall election campaign, tapping into outrage felt [...]

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The Republican-controlled Minnesota Senate opened hearings Wednesday on the unrest that rocked the state after the death of [George Floyd](#), focusing on the destruction rather than the underlying issues of racism and policing on which Democrats have concentrated.

The hearings will help Republicans frame up issues for the fall election campaign, tapping into outrage felt by many Minnesota residents over the unrest, and with an eye toward their base. The GOP is trying to defend its three-seat Senate majority, while Democrats hope to take over the chamber by capturing Republican-held suburban districts that Democratic Gov. Tim Walz won in 2018.

The topic for the first of five or six joint hearings planned by the Senate transportation and judiciary committees was the destruction of small businesses during the unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Around 1,500 businesses were damaged, including many that were burned or looted before police, backed by the Minnesota National Guard, restored order.

"They're not about police reform and they are not about defunding or reorganizing a police department," said GOP Sen. Scott Newman, of Hutchinson, who chairs the transportation committee. Policing issues are the subject of other proceedings and legislation, he said, so his committee is focusing instead on the thefts, vandalism and arson. "I view those as being very, very serious criminal activity. Arson, for instance, is one of the most serious crimes that is on our books."

But Democratic Sen. Scott Dibble, of Minneapolis, expressed skepticism.

"I hope we're not here on a curated, nonobjective one-sided effort to create a political narrative that assigns blame and has as its focus the elections in November," he said.

Senate Republicans open hearings focusing on unrest that followed George Floyd's death

The most emotional testimony came from Jim Stage, owner of Lloyd's Pharmacy in St. Paul, which was gutted by fire and was a target of widespread theft. He told how firefighters had to flatten the shell of the Snelling Avenue drugstore because it was unsafe.

"It was devastating to me," said Stage, who has owned the store since 2014 and plans to reopen at another site next week. "We have 37 employees. We service probably 7,500 to 8,000 patients out of that little store," he said as he choked up, and showed a photo of his family standing at the now-empty lot. "It's hard for me to look at."

A special legislative session last month ended in acrimony with no deal on a package of police accountability measures despite the worldwide uproar over Floyd, who died May 25 after ***Derek Chauvin***, a white Minneapolis police officer, pressed his knee against the handcuffed Black man's neck for nearly eight minutes.

While Senate Republicans said their plan would have made meaningful improvements to policing in Minnesota, leaders of the House Democratic majority and the bicameral People of Color and Indigenous Caucus said it didn't go nearly far enough. Those issues are expected to come up again if Walz calls another special session this month, as he's required to do if he extends the emergency powers that he has used to deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

Democratic Sen. Jeff Hayden, of Minneapolis, a member of the POCI Caucus, said Republicans are miscalculating if they think their constituents don't care about police accountability. He said he's been hearing from moderate to conservative Democrats from GOP-held suburban districts who want to a more equitable state.

"They certainly don't like the idea of being in a state that is now known for ***Derek Chauvin*** murdering ***George Floyd*** instead of the Land of 10,000 Lakes," Hayden said.

House Democrats called their own hearing for Wednesday evening focused on police accountability.

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Gophers QB Tanner Morgan is all in for P.J. Fleck, Kirk Cousins and Skyline Chili

ARTICLE MXIX. ***GOPHERS QB TANNER MORGAN IS ALL IN FOR P.J. FLECK, KIRK COUSINS AND SKYLINE CHILI***

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Body

Tanner Morgan had an impressive 2019 season as the quarterback at the University of Minnesota, leading the Gophers to an 11-2 record and a win over Auburn in the Outback Bowl. Against Purdue, he completed 21 of 22 passes, setting a Big Ten record. Morgan, a junior, chatted with the Pioneer Press about his experiences in Minnesota and playing for Coach P.J. Fleck.

Coach is what he is. He is very real and very energetic. People think it's fake but it's not. It's real. It's 100 percent real.

He wants to be there for you. It's very appealing. You immediately recognize his energy that he applies to every part of his life and the program's life. As a recruit and a player, it's awesome to see that. It's very real. You're going to become a better person in every area of your life because of him. I love him to death.

There have been a lot of very elite quarterbacks at the University of Minnesota. When you think about it, if being the best quarterback in school history is the main goal, you're going to get lost in what's important - and that's winning games every Saturday. At the end of the day, you can't be the best if you don't win.

That's part of being a great quarterback, being the guy that when things get tough people can look to you.

I don't think you can just keep your nose to the football grindstone with the things going on in our country right now, with the protests and killings of ***George Floyd*** and Breonna Taylor. You take a stand that things need to happen and stand up for ***Black Lives Matter***. I've heard stories from teammates and friends. Being with them is important at this time. You can't sit back and say everything is OK, because it's not. We need change in this country. You can't just sit on the sidelines anymore.

I'm excited about the upcoming season. We're not going to sit here and worry about things we can't control. We have some restrictions (due to Covid-19). The university is putting our safety first.

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It's not really about me. It's about the people around us, our team and how good we can be as a unit. In the Purdue game, there was one incomplection. There could have been plenty of incomplections, but teammates made plays. It's just not just about me. It's about the people around me.

Of course, the NFL is a goal and a dream. As a kid, you always have a dream of playing at the highest level. But I can't get there thinking about myself first. I have to think about the team and what's best for the team. You have to win games to get there.

My major was Human Resource Development. I finished it up this May. I'm starting grad school in the fall in sports management. We'll see about a doctorate.

It's my full intention to be here at the University of Minnesota through my senior season. I'm not worried about the season after this one.

If I could travel in time, I'd probably time travel to the Crucifixion. Seeing first hand what Jesus did to save my life and everybody's life would really put things in perspective. Obviously, it'd be very hard to watch. It's probably the most important day in the Christian faith. That or the Resurrection.

My parents raised me well. My parents, Coach Fleck and my grandparents as well have had the biggest impact on my life.

If I never got deep into football, I'd probably be playing baseball. I'm a big sports guy.

My favorite team as a kid was the Bengals. I was 20 minutes from Cincinnati. There were good years with Carson Palmer, Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, but we just never got over the playoff hump.

Now I love watching the Vikings. I'm a big fan of Kirk Cousins. I think some people give him hate he doesn't deserve. More importantly, I love what he does off the field.

I always loved watching Drew Brees play. He's not the tallest guy but the command he's had on the field has been awesome.

Growing up, I ate Toaster Strudel for breakfast. That was my favorite.

I don't know if I have a favorite movie. It changes. A classic is "Friday Night Lights." I'm more of a TV show guy. I like "The Office," "Parks and Recreation" and "Friends."

"Friends" is probably my favorite.

Best comedy movie: "The Other Guys." I think that's hilarious. Anything with Will Ferrell.

Whenever I go home (to Kentucky), the first thing I eat is Skyline Chili. Big fan. Can't get enough of it when I'm back.

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People say I care too much or work too hard. If I could change one thing about myself, it would be that I live in the moment more. Athletically, I think I do that.

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A dumb thing I did as a kid: We lived in a neighborhood and I had a bunch of friends. We had a pond a few blocks over and we'd go fishing. One time, we kept all the fish, blue gills, and put them in buckets under the trampoline in my yard. A few days later, my mom smelled it. She said, "Tanner, what did you do?" I forgot about the fish. Obviously, I thought they'd live. I thought I'd have a bunch of pet blue gills. I was probably six or seven.

I want to be remembered as, first and foremost, a servant of Christ. And secondly, a person who was a leader who did things for others and helped the community out and wasn't doing things just for himself. I don't care what people say about me as a football player when I'm dead. It's what I did in my life away from football that matters.

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Analysis: What Trump leaves unspoken carries consequences

ARTICLE MX. [**ANALYSIS: WHAT TRUMP LEAVES UNSPOKEN CARRIES CONSEQUENCES**](#)

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Body

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump seems to rarely leave a thought unspoken.

Of late, though, it is increasingly clear there are things Trump won't say - and they are tied to the most important issues of his presidency.

Among them:

Knock it off, Russia. Wear a mask, Americans. ***Systemic racism*** must end.

None of the above are particularly bold or controversial messages.

Modern American presidents of both parties have often sounded off against Russian aggression. They have amplified the advice of medical experts in public health emergencies like the coronavirus. They have used the bully pulpit of the presidency to ask Americans to summon their better angels in confronting racism.

But such words do not come easily to Trump - and his silence emboldens those who reject these messages and contributes to the cascading crises that now engulf the White House and have put his reelection in peril.

"People now require a serious man with a serious message and don't feel like they have it," says Calvin Jillson, a presidential historian at Southern Methodist University.

For his part, Trump has responded to the chaos surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, the unrest over racial injustice and more recent questions about his stance toward Russia by insisting that the "silent majority" of Americans are with him. There are surely those who endorse his sentiments and trust his instincts as Trump plays to his most loyal base supporters.

But revelations this week that the president has long known about allegations that Russia secretly offered bounties to Taliban-linked militants for killing American troops in Afghanistan represent a fresh source of tumult for Trump when he can least afford it.

On Wednesday, Trump again declined to fault Russia, dismissing the bounty story as "Fake News."

Analysis: What Trump leaves unspoken carries consequences

The president's tendency to go easy on Russia in his public pronouncements has long been a source of dismay and puzzlement to many in Washington and beyond, perhaps most notably that jaw-dropping moment at a 2018 summit in Helsinki when he sided with Vladimir Putin over U.S. intelligence agencies on the question of whether Russia had interfered in the 2016 U.S. elections.

Now, legislators, diplomats and others are openly questioning why Trump is refusing to speak out clearly against Russian aggression given the latest explosive allegations.

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, found it "inexplicable, in light of these very public allegations, that the president hasn't come before the country and assured the American people that he will get to the bottom of whether Russians are putting a bounty on the heads of American troops."

The White House stresses that the bounty allegations are unverified. And the president can fairly point to a series of administration actions over the last three years to punish Russia for malign behavior. But Trump's own words - and lack thereof at key moments - have sent a far more conciliatory message to Moscow.

Trump in recent months has been angling to welcome Russia back into the Group of Seven industrialized nations, which gave Putin the boot after Moscow seized control of Crimea in 2014. And this week, rather than address the substance of the bounty allegations, Trump chose to harangue the media for what he calls fabrications designed to "make Republicans look bad."

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, thinks Trump's aversion to talking about Russia stems in part from his sensitivity about whether Moscow's interference in the 2016 election helped get him elected.

"He seems to think when Russia is raised, automatically it means someone is going to use it to say that they elected him," she said.

As for face masks, Trump has bluntly said they're not for him and that other people can make their own choices. He refuses to wear one in public and has speculated that some people wear masks to show they don't like him. He's urged people to follow local guidelines, but his own campaign has flouted them.

It all undercuts health officials' efforts to promote use of a critical weapon in stopping the spread of the coronavirus.

Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee on Tuesday urged Trump to wear a mask even occasionally, predicting the president's millions of admirers "would follow his lead."

With virus cases now surging in Sun Belt states and reported U.S. deaths from the virus nearing 130,000, GOP officials are increasingly speaking out about the importance of masks.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says there should "no stigma" to wearing one. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert urged Trump and Vice President Mike Pence to issue a national call to wear them.

Those are words that, to many, should have been easy ones for the president to utter long ago.

But Trump shows no signs of budging - no matter that his allies see them as the only way to avoid another economic shutdown, an even worse wave of cases and a GOP election rout. "LONE WARRIOR," he tweeted on Tuesday.

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Lawrence Gostin, a public health expert at Georgetown University, said Trump's failure to promote mask usage is having devastating consequences in the U.S.

"I have become increasingly convinced if there is one thing that has separated countries that have done well and those that have done really poorly, it's inconsistent messaging where you've lost the confidence of the population," Gostin said.

The coronavirus surge has played out alongside the national reckoning over racial injustice triggered by the death of ***George Floyd*** and other Black Americans killed by police. Trump has offered little balm to those confronting the pain of racism.

Jamieson suspects Trump avoids talking about racism because he thinks it "signals that you are sympathetic to the left."

And so Trump has come down squarely on the side of "law and order," been quick to defend law enforcement and painted protesters with a broad brush that blurs the distinction between peaceful demonstrators and those doing violence.

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Trump has failed to acknowledge ***systemic racism*** and suggests instead that there are a few "bad apples" among the police who need to be culled. As for his plan to combat racism, he calls an economic rebound "the greatest thing that can happen for race relations."

Talk of a big presidential speech to the nation on how the country can come to terms with its racial problems have fallen by the wayside, the White House well aware that such an address would not likely come off well.

Trump has "an inability to perform that critical role as president, as spokesman for the nation in good times or bad but most critically in difficult times," says Jillson.

The combination of the virus, the racial unrest and economic upheaval, Jillson says, has got Trump supporters reevaluating their past inclination to be mildly amused by the chaos he sows and left them asking: "Am I still entertained? Am I still comfortable? Am I still willing to take the uncertainty?"

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2 men charged in separate St. Paul arson cases stemming from George Floyd unrest

ARTICLE MXXI. [**2 MEN CHARGED IN SEPARATE ST. PAUL ARSON CASES
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Highlight: Two Twin Cities men were arrested Monday in separate St. Paul arson cases stemming from the unrest that followed the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police a month ago. Matthew Scott White, 31, of Minneapolis is accused of setting a fire on May 28 that destroyed the Enterprise Rent-A-Car on University [...]

Body

Two Twin Cities men were arrested Monday in separate St. Paul arson cases stemming from the unrest that followed the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police a month ago.

Matthew Scott White, 31, of Minneapolis is accused of setting a fire on May 28 that destroyed the Enterprise Rent-A-Car on University Avenue with the help of his sister and her juvenile son, according to a criminal complaint filed last week in U.S. District Court. He faces one count each of arson and conspiracy to commit arson.

White's sister [*was charged earlier this month*](#) with conspiracy to commit arson.

Mohamed Hussein Abdi, 19, of Maplewood is accused of setting a fire on May 28 that damaged the cafeteria of Gordon Parks High School on University Avenue, according to a news release issued by the U.S. Attorney's office in Minnesota. He faces one count of arson.

Both men made their first appearances in court Tuesday in St. Paul.

Enterprise and Gordon Parks High were among dozens of St. Paul buildings - mostly along University Avenue - damaged in the rioting that began in South Minneapolis after Floyd died.

Footage captured by Enterprise's security cameras on the night of the fires shows White first entering the building with his nephew at 8:44 p.m. while his sister waited outside, according to the criminal complaint against White.

The pair briefly exited the building before returning to the back office area - where investigators with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives determined the fire started - for about five minutes, the complaint says.

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When they exited the building for the last time at 8:49 p.m., flames were visible in the reflection of the front window.

A witness told ATF investigators that, as White walked out of the building, he said something to the effect of "back up because it's going up," according to the complaint. Another witness told investigators that White threw objects onto the fire after it was started.

Just across the street that same night, security cameras inside Gordon Parks High at University and Griggs Street captured Abdi and another person setting fire to the school's cafeteria, according to the news release from the U.S. Attorney's office.

The footage showed Abdi reaching through a broken glass to pour a clear liquid onto the cafeteria floor, before entering the cafeteria and pouring more of the liquid into a trash can and igniting the trash can, the news release said.

The footage then showed Abdi and the other person running from the building as flames and black smoke "erupt from the trash can," according to the news release.

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Experts see little evidence that George Floyd protests spread coronavirus in U.S.

ARTICLE MXXII. [EXPERTS SEE LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS SPREAD CORONAVIRUS IN U.S.](#)

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Highlight: There is little evidence that the protests that erupted after *George Floyd*'s death caused a significant increase in U.S. coronavirus infections, according to public health experts. If the protests had driven an explosion in cases, experts say, the jumps would have started to become apparent within two weeks - and perhaps as early as five [...]

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If the protests had driven an explosion in cases, experts say, the jumps would have started to become apparent within two weeks - and perhaps as early as five days. But that didn't happen in many cities with the largest protests, including New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Washington, D.C.

In what's considered the first systematic look at the question, a team of economists determined that only one of 13 cities involved in the earliest wave of protests after Memorial Day had an increase that would fit the pattern.

It was Phoenix, where experts say cases and hospitalizations surged after a decision by Gov. Doug Ducey to end Arizona's stay-at-home order on May 15 and eased restrictions on businesses. Arizona residents who were cooped up for six weeks flooded Phoenix-area bar districts, ignoring social distancing guidelines.

In many cities, the protests actually seemed to lead to a net increase in social distancing, as more people who did not protest decided to stay off the streets, said that study's lead author, Dhaval Dave of Bentley University.

"The large-scale protests can impact both the behavior of the protesters and the behavior of the non-protesters," said Dave. The paper was released last week by the National Bureau of Economic Research, but has not been published by a peer-reviewed journal.

Drawing from data compiled by Johns Hopkins University, the Associated Press reviewed trends in daily reported cases in 22 U.S. cities with protests. It found post-protest increases in several cities - including Houston and Madison, Wis. - where experts say other factors were more likely the main drivers.

Experts see little evidence that George Floyd protests spread coronavirus in U.S.

Health officials are still investigating case surges in different states, and more data may come in. But experts believe that if the protests did have a big impact on cases, stronger signs would be apparent now.

Floyd was killed on May 25 by a Minneapolis police officer who used his knee to pin Floyd's neck to the ground. The killing of a Black man at the hands of a white officer touched off protests around the United States. Coincidentally, some states had begun to lift social distancing restrictions in late May.

Dave and his colleagues counted protests over three weeks in 281 cities with populations of at least 100,000. Most had protests lasting more than three days, and many had protests that had at least 1,000 participants.

It's not clear how many protesters participated, let alone how many of them wore masks or got tested after. That may have varied from place to place.

Houston is among a number of Texas cities that have recently seen steep increases in cases and hospitalizations. Dr. Umair Shah, executive director of the county health department, believes it was likely some cases could be traced to the protests.

"We just don't know how much," he said.

But it's hard to measure the protests' precise impact for a number of reasons, Shah and others said. Earlier business reopenings and more willingness to shrug off social distancing guidelines started the trend in the Houston area, Shah said.

Another factor: Many people don't get tested unless they feel symptoms. Many protesters were young adults, who generally are less likely to get severe illness, and therefore may not have gotten tested, experts said.

And some who do get tested may still not answer all the questions they are asked by outbreak investigators.

"I know of three people who told us 'Yes, I was at a protest.' That doesn't mean there was not another 25 or more who did attend a protest and just did not share that with us," said Dr. Mysheika Roberts, the public health commissioner for the city of Columbus, Ohio.

That city has seen increased cases in the last month, but health officials say they can't attribute it to any particular reason other than people socializing and returning to normal activities without wearing masks or taking other precautions. So far, protests don't seem to be a real factor.

"Most of the protests, at least in my jurisdiction, were outside," and the virus does not spread as well outside, Roberts said. "And I would say 50 percent of those at the protests were wearing a face mask."

[2nd US virus surge hits plateau, but few experts celebrate. Gov. Walz's school plan: In-person classes only if infection rates are low. Watch: Walz briefing about the school year amid the pandemic. The new college dropoff. There's a lot we still don't know about kids and COVID-19](#)

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Confederate flag in S.D. must go, Floyd uncle says

ARTICLE MXXIII. [**CONFEDERATE FLAG IN S.D. MUST GO, FLOYD UNCLE SAYS**](#)

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Body

A relative of ***George Floyd*** said now is the time for police in his little South Dakota town of Gettysburg to remove an image from their logo that he feels belongs on the trash heap of history - the Confederate flag.

Selwyn Jones, as one of a handful of black residents in the prairie town named for the tide-turning battle of the Civil War, promises to make his voice heard when the City Council on Monday takes up the fate of the logo bearing the signature symbol that Southern troops flew in their mission to preserve slavery.

Jones, 54, whose late sister is Floyd's mother, made his vow Monday as he drove back to South Dakota from Minneapolis, where he sat in the hearing for the four fired Minneapolis police officers charged in Floyd's May 25 death.

" 'Bill, we really have the Confederate flag on our police uniforms?' " Jones recalled saying three weeks ago in a phone call to Mayor William Wuttke on the same day he attended his nephew's funeral in Houston. "Man, that's got to go."

Jones said the mayor responded with, " 'We'll see about it.' ... That's what a white guy in control and power says. We'll see about it. ... Whatever."

On Tuesday, Wuttke told the Star Tribune that the Police Department is "working on something different," but it's happening against his wishes, the will of most everyone in town of roughly 1,200 and is being pushed by outsiders.

"We're not wanting the liberals and the press telling us we have to change it," he said. "People here do not feel it's racism.

"It's so ridiculous; 99% of the people don't have any idea [that the Confederate flag is on the insignia]. It's just something that's there. I've had more local people in favor of it than against it."

Two days after speaking with the mayor, Jones wrote a message on Facebook to his community, where he and his wife are raising two children and where he runs a motel, expressing confidence that the two-person police force's insignia will be changed.

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"I know my neighbors will listen in order to understand the history of hurt that African-Americans and other people of color have experienced," wrote Jones, who moved to Gettysburg three years ago. "I am also sure that the flag issue in Gettysburg will be resolved because the killing of my nephew George Floyd is offensive to all lovers of freedom."

The insignia as currently designed has been on the police vehicle, uniforms and elsewhere on department property since 2009. It is composed of equally sized American and Confederate flags, with a cannon below where the flags' poles cross.

Wuttke, who's been involved in local politics for more than 20 years, said the council was presented two redesign options by the police chief at the time, Gayle Kludt.

Quite simply, Wuttke said, "She was asked which one you like, and she chose that one."

The 21st-century battle of Gettysburg in the town about 350 miles straight west of Minneapolis comes as disputes across the country flare up over the display of the Confederate flag and monuments named for prominent figures in American history who supported slavery, pushed Native Americans off their land or espoused racist viewpoints.

Police Chief Dave Mogard could not be reached for comment, but at a special council session called on June 12, he said a redesign is needed to the patch he has worn on his uniform since joining the department in 2018.

"I am not against the current patch, but I am not for the current patch," Mogard said. "My opinion is this: Would you put the Confederate flag on your business or your home? If you are not willing to put the Confederate flag on your business or your home, then why is it being forced upon our agency?"

In 2015, city leaders firmly defended the insignia amid debate over the Confederate flag after the deadly shooting in South Carolina at a historically black church by a racist infatuated with the Civil War South.

"This patch has no racist intentions," a Facebook posting by the city read at the time. "It is meant to be another way that we, as a city, represent our heritage. ... The Chief of Police, Bill Wainman, the Mayor, Bill Wuttke, and the City Council have no intentions of changing the police patch."

The insignia's designer, Scott Barksdale, backed up the city's argument and explained the crossed Confederate and American flags are meant to show how Civil War survivors came together in South Dakota and "put the past behind them."

The Gettysburg on the prairie was settled in 1883 by veterans on both sides of the Civil War among others and named for the battle "to honor their fallen comrades and to acknowledge those men who had survived," according to the city's website.

The historical rationale behind the insignia's design isn't flying with a newfound friend of Jones, 19-year-old South Dakotan Caitlin Kroemer. She has collected more than 4,000 signatures on change.org in the campaign to rid the Confederate flag from the police emblem.

"South Dakota did not exist until 24 years AFTER the Civil War," her petition reads. "The confederacy was a blatantly racist organization that is not a fundamental part of our state's history. ... This heritage is not ours, it has no place here."

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Kroemer, a political science major at the University of South Dakota, said she and Jones have been in touch about how to approach the council next week, and "he's encouraged me to keep going."

With the cause of justice for his nephew as inspiration, Jones reflected for a moment about his nephew, who he and other relatives knew by his middle name, Perry.

"What are the chances of me being Perry Floyd's uncle, then what's the chance of Perry Floyd's uncle living in a town with that flag on the uniform?"

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Federal authorities continue to ask for help IDing suspects connected to Twin Cities arsons

ARTICLE MXXIV. **[FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO ASK FOR HELP IDING SUSPECTS CONNECTED TO TWIN CITIES ARSONS](#)**

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Body

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives asked again for the public's assistance Wednesday in identifying people who set fire to properties in the Twin Cities during the civil unrest that followed the death of ***George Floyd***.

More than 150 fire scenes have been investigated by the ATF, along with other local, state and federal agencies, since early June. So far, 13 people have been arrested on arson-related charges.

The public aided in identifying six of the 13 individuals who were arrested, and the ATF has offered about \$100,000 in rewards to incentivize people with information to come forward.

The largest reward, doubled to \$20,000 last week, was offered for information leading to the arrest of a [couple suspected of setting several St. Paul businesses on fire](#). They fled Minnesota a few weeks ago and are now sought by the U.S. Marshals as fugitives.

The ATF has offered \$5,000 rewards for information relating to 15 different suspects, and has begun paying out some of the rewards based on the information's value to the investigation.

The [most recent arrests happened Monday night](#). Mohamed Hussein Abdi, of Maplewood, was charged with arson at Gordon Parks High School in St. Paul and Matthew Scott White, of Minneapolis, is accused of setting a fire that destroyed the Enterprise Rent-A-Car on University Avenue.

Among surveillance photos released by the ATF have been four suspects in an arson at Springboard for the Arts in St. Paul. Photos from other cases can be viewed on the [ATF's website](#).

The ATF is asking anyone who can identify or provide the whereabouts about suspects in any of the cases to email ATFTips@atf.gov or go to . People can also call 888-283-8477.

Federal authorities continue to ask for help IDing suspects connected to Twin Cities arsons

Information can be submitted anonymously, but those seeking reward compensation should include their contact information with the tip. Rewards are given for information that leads to the successful identification, arrest and conviction of a suspect.

Authorities are also asking the public for any photos or video taken of rioting in the Twin Cities in late May after the Memorial Day death of Floyd in Minneapolis police custody, specifically of individuals starting fires or adding accelerants to fires.

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Among photos released by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are four people suspected of arson at the Springboard for the Arts in St. Paul. (Courtesy of the ATF)

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Mark Whitehouse: Racism is America's pre-existing condition

ARTICLE MXXV. [MARK WHITEHOUSE: RACISM IS AMERICA'S PRE-EXISTING
CONDITION](#)

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Highlight: The protesters who have been occupying America's streets are rightly outraged over the killings of [George Floyd](#), Breonna Taylor and so many others, and the chronic brutality those deaths exemplify. Their anger also reflects another malaise: the disparate impact of the coronavirus crisis on the country's Black population. As the pandemic spreads, it is killing [...]

Body

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As the pandemic spreads, it is killing and impoverishing Black people at outsized rates. This is partly because generations of discrimination have left them disproportionately vulnerable and facing a terrible choice: Put their lives on the line by going to work, or lose their livelihoods.

Even before the pandemic arrived, almost one in two Black people were in such precarious financial straits that they either couldn't pay their monthly bills or would fall short if faced with a sudden \$400 expense, according to the latest data from the Federal Reserve. The net worth of the typical Black family stood at just one tenth that of the typical White family, a gap that has hardly budged over the past three decades.

Imagine having no medical insurance, living in a house with many more people than rooms, in a community with inadequate public services, toxic pollution and little nutritious food within shopping distance. And then confronting COVID-19.

These underlying injustices have long demanded action. Now, they are rendering American society dangerously fragile at a time when unity is badly needed.

How did race become a risk factor, so closely associated with people's standard of living and susceptibility to a deadly pandemic? The process has by no means been natural or inevitable.

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For Black Americans, 250 years of slavery were only the beginning. From emancipation through the mid-1900s, untold numbers in southern states were lynched, robbed of their land and property, or arrested, convicted and sold into forced labor - a precursor of the mass incarceration that still destroys so many Black lives. Those who fled north in the two Great Migrations of the 20th Century found themselves excluded from the government housing subsidies that created the White middle class and many of today's suburban communities - to the point where one Detroit developer actually built a half-mile-long concrete wall to keep out a neighboring Black community. Instead, they were crowded into segregated neighborhoods, deprived of public investment and subjected to myriad forms of financial predation, including the land contracts of the 1950s and 1960s, the subprime mortgages of the early 2000s and the payday lenders, tax preparers and auto dealers of today.

Once a certain group of people has been set up to fail - once concentrated disadvantage associates them with zip codes, education, health, wealth and other characteristics - discrimination becomes pervasive and automatic. "Colorblind" policies exclude them, police profile them, employers shun them, credit algorithms reject them, all but ensuring a perpetual state of insecurity.

The coronavirus has made that insecurity even more deadly. National data are incomplete, so nationwide generalizations are difficult. That said, analyses by county and age group, and in specific cities, suggest that the disease is hitting Black people much harder. Black Medicare beneficiaries, for example, have been hospitalized at a rate almost four times that of White beneficiaries, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. New York City, which as of mid-June accounted for almost a fifth of recorded U.S. COVID-19 deaths, reports that Black and Latino residents are perishing at age-adjusted rates at least twice that of their White counterparts. Similar trends have emerged in Chicago and Los Angeles.

Black workers' roles in the job market have rendered them particularly exposed - part of what Dr. Anthony Fauci, the country's top infectious disease expert, has called a "double whammy" of underlying health conditions and work-related hazards. They occupy an outsized share (more than 15%) of high-risk "front-line" jobs such as bus drivers, grocery-store cashiers and home health aides. They're also less likely to be able to work from home, more likely to rely on public transportation and more likely to be employed in hard-hit service industries such as hotels, restaurants and retail stores.

At the same time, many Black Americans have been among the last to benefit from federal aid - if they benefited at all. The Internal Revenue Service distributed relief checks of \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per child, but struggled to track down millions of people who earn too little to file a tax return, or who lack bank accounts - groups that are both disproportionately Black.

More broadly, the pandemic is deepening the disparities that have made disadvantaged communities vulnerable. Local businesses may never recover, particularly given how hard it has been for them to access Paycheck Protection Program funds. The shift to online school is setting back kids who lack the equipment and space they need to study. And people who had no formal work to begin with are falling even further into poverty.

What to do? Let's begin with the simple things, aimed at alleviating the immediate distress of the people most in need.

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A temporary expansion of federal food stamp benefits, for example, would be an excellent way to reach those whom the Cares Act has missed, including the unbanked and the deeply poor. Emergency rental assistance could help people stay in their homes after eviction moratoriums end. More federal funds could help state and local governments reduce backlogs of people applying for emergency benefits.

It's essential that people be able to access medical care, stay away from work when they're sick, quarantine safely and care for their loved ones. To that end, Congress should design relief funds in a way that encourages states to expand coverage for COVID-19 related medical expenses under Medicaid. It should extend paid sick and family leave to the tens of millions of U.S. workers still not fully covered, in part by applying that requirement to companies employing more than 500 people. And state and local governments, with federal support, should provide space in dormitories or hotels for people who need a temporary place to self-quarantine or escape an infected household.

Immediate aid alone, though, won't address the original malaise: the deep inequities that divide the nation by race. That will require a much more fundamental reckoning, and a much more ambitious effort to rectify historical injustices.

First come basic rights and freedoms.

The government should commit itself to gathering and publishing the data needed to recognize discrimination wherever it arises, including in credit, employment, procurement, suffrage, arrests and convictions. It should also reorient and redouble its efforts to defend civil rights: for example, by reforming the criminal justice system, eliminating disenfranchisement through voter-ID laws and roll purging, enforcing rules designed to end exclusionary neighborhood zoning rules, and requiring implicit bias training wherever its authority extends.

Second, we need to reverse the damage done.

America undermines its own prosperity by shunting people of color into dead ends of concentrated disadvantage. A well-coordinated remedy for this could start with a large federal investment aimed at turning around the country's most disadvantaged communities, using programs that have proven effective in improving health, education, public safety and employment - and gathering more evidence that will allow government spending across the country to be directed toward what works. Examples include increasing access to free Pre-K, expanding training and apprenticeships, providing incentives for lead abatement, and upgrading infrastructure to improve resilience and quality of life. Such initiatives should coincide with broader reforms, such as making affordable health care available to all and a quality public college education effectively free for the lowest-income students.

Third, we should knock down the obstacles that lock in wealth disparities.

From generation to generation, it's hard to get ahead if you lack the resources to weather a small shock, let alone to provide a boost or a backstop for your children. Yet a combination of federal policy and more subtle discrimination have excluded many people of color from the two main vehicles of wealth creation: homeownership and entrepreneurship.

Here, too, there's no single fix. Building more low-income housing for purchase will increase supply and reduce prices. Connecting the unbanked with free or fairly priced accounts, and updating credit-scoring

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models, will make more people eligible for loans. Enforcing fair-lending laws and supporting Community Development Financial Institutions, which focus on underserved communities, can ensure that people get the credit they qualify for. Providing down-payment assistance, and allowing federal housing vouchers to be used for mortgage payments, can help people build equity. And providing entrepreneurs with targeted microloans, mentorship networks and effective one-stop shops to help access credit, navigate bureaucracy and bid for government contracts can help them to start and grow businesses.

The crucial elements of this effort must be persistence and care, an overarching determination to identify and expand the measures that demonstrably help. The benefits should flow broadly - to Black Americans, to all people who find themselves on the wrong end of discrimination and, ultimately, to the entire country, by allowing more Americans to realize their full potential.

No doubt, the pursuit of such an agenda will be a monumental national undertaking. Yet if this crisis has demonstrated anything positive, it is that Congress is capable of agreeing on unprecedented measures, and mustering trillions of dollars, when facing the abyss. The profound divisions in American society are even more threatening than the pandemic that has exacerbated them. They deserve to be taken no less seriously.

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Minneapolis' entrepreneurs of color face unique challenges in raising venture capital

ARTICLE MXXVI. [MINNEAPOLIS' ENTREPRENEURS OF COLOR FACE UNIQUE CHALLENGES IN RAISING VENTURE CAPITAL](#)

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After creating a prototype of a warranty app, [Upsie](#) Founder and CEO Clarence Bethea began setting up meetings with large insurance companies to share his idea.

At the first meeting, the insurance executives addressed all of their questions and comments to Bethea's White investor.

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"I was the founder and CEO but to them I was invisible," said Bethea, who is Black. "When I began seeking funding, I encountered the same brick walls. I was a guy from the hood, with a non-traditional Silicon Valley story, and people judged me from the narrow lens of their experiences."

Raising capital is one of the most difficult challenges for any early-stage company. But for people of color, it is even more challenging. Vast inequities have existed in the space for years.

The death of *George Floyd* at the hands of Minneapolis police has prompted protests and calls for reform around the country. And amid these discussions of prejudice and inequality, venture capital is in the spotlight.

Only 1% of venture capital dollars went to Black startup founders in 2018, according to a study from the Silicon Valley Bank and others. The same year, the number of Black decision-makers in venture capital dropped to 1% - representing seven Black people at the 102 largest venture capital firms in the U.S.

Over the past month, venture capital firms of all sizes have made public promises to find better ways to support Black founders. For some, this means openly sharing their investment statistics. Others decided to meet exclusively with Black founders for the month of June.

Bethea said he's encouraged by those in the venture capital community that are willing to step up and take steps toward diversity and inclusion in real, quantifiable ways.

He recently worked with local tech organization BETA to help leaders recruit founders for their summer cohort. Until recently, this decision had been made almost entirely by White men. Bethea is also helping BETA find candidates to fill an open position on its board.

"Until the time comes when minority entrepreneurs are given the opportunity to obtain funding for startup growth, we will not have full economic freedom in this country," Bethea said.

Despite a challenging road, Bethea has continued to grow Upsie. In 2017, the company was one of 10 companies accepted to participate in the Target+Techstars Retail Accelerator. After that, the company raised \$1.7 million.

Then last year, Upsie secured \$5 million from a group of investors that included Minneapolis-based Matchstick Ventures and St. Paul-based The Syndicate Fund.

The growing tech company now employs about a dozen people and recently moved into a new office in St. Paul.

"I learned not to allow anyone to marginalize me or my dreams," Bethea said. "I didn't check the traditional boxes and never would, but I believed in what I was doing, and kept pushing and telling my story until I broke through."

We Sparkle CEO Michelle Maryns has spent the past several months trying to help more than 100 businesses stay afloat while trying to raise capital for her own company.

We Sparkle builds tools to help small businesses increase sales and invest in their communities. Its first product is a smart bot that helps business owners with administration and marketing tasks. We Sparkle

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offers its services to anyone that wants them, but places special focus on helping minority-owned businesses.

"When the pandemic hit, so many of our customers had to shut down," Maryns said. "And they're just starting to open back up."

One of the groups hit hardest was the Minnesota Healing Justice Network, a group of more than 100 doulas, midwives, nurses, therapists and other health professionals. Maryns said We Sparkle "went into crisis mode" helping the Healing Justice Network, one of its largest customers.

"There's been a lot of learning," she said. "I think it's helped everyone become more resilient in the future."

Currently, WeSparkle's 118 customers all identify as women or persons of color. While many of these businesses have taken a hit as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, some are starting to experience fresh support as part of the "Buy Black" movement. The Star Tribune [reports](#) that many Black-owned businesses have seen a surge in demand in the month following [George Floyd's](#) death.

With the economy beginning to open back up, Maryns is redirecting her attention to raise capital for We Sparkle.

"There have been a lot of studies done about minority and women-owned businesses having better returns for VCs," Maryns said. "People are starting to recognize that. Unprompted, I had a potential investor mention that in a meeting."

We Sparkle recently received just under \$25,000 in the form of a Launch Minnesota Innovation grant. The company is actively seeking an individual or organization to match the grant and begin discussions with VCs and angel investors to lead a seed round.

"I've talked a lot with more traditional VCs so far and I feel really hopeful that the tide is turning," Maryns said.

Dionne Gumbs is familiar with the struggle of raising venture capital. After spending more than a decade in finance, she partnered with a friend from college (a White woman) to create a startup that helped women manage financial resources.

"We were well connected and well networked and we still faced polite smiles and meetings that led to nowhere," she said. "Whereas many founders of color have traditionally focused on businesses in areas that VCs claim to not understand, we were right in the middle of the growing financial-technology hub of New York."

Gumbs and her co-founder were armed with MBAs from Ivy League colleges, impressive resumes and a thorough business plan, but at the time it wasn't enough.

"Thankfully, things are changing," Gumbs said.

Gumbs founded [GenEQTY](#) in 2018. The fintech company offers a digital banking platform that manages all aspects of business for women-owned and minority-owned companies.

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"My most successful clients would often share how unnecessarily difficult their journey was in accessing capital and resources," Gumbs said. "They didn't feel our current institutions were for them. It makes sense because they were not the original architects."

GenEQTY hopes make the system work for those typically overlooked by traditional financial institutions. Despite her passion and strong financial background, she found it difficult to gain interest or traction in the Twin Cities when she moved here several years ago.

"I was told there was a very tight community of investors and hopefully our paths would cross one day," Gumbs said.

Not wanting to wait for an invitation, she looked to the coasts to raise money. Fundraising for anyone is nerve-racking, but as a Black woman, Gumbs said, it's even more daunting.

"The list of direct insults is long, and the list of snide, indirect comments is even longer," she said. "You don't look like the people you're pitching to and the smiles, coffee chats, dinners and drinks that result in nothing can be enough to make you want to quit."

Just before the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic, Gumbs had received the necessary capital commitments to launch her business. But investors decided to pull back due to the economic uncertainty caused by the virus. Still, she is pushing forward with GenEQTY.

"You have to keep going - keep learning from each meeting, get coaching, be organized, be diligent, be relentless," Gumbs said. "Many founders of color like me have had a life of doing more with less. So we press on."

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2 more charged in fires amid riot

ARTICLE MXXVII. [2 MORE CHARGED IN FIRES AMID RIOT](#)

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Body

Federal authorities charged two more people - both from within the Twin Cities metropolitan area - in connection with separate arsons during last month's unrest over [George Floyd](#)'s killing.

Mohamed Hussein Abdi, 19, of Maplewood, and Matthew Scott White, 31, of Minneapolis, each made first appearances Tuesday in federal court, bringing the total of federal arson and rioting charges since Floyd's death to at least 14.

According to a federal criminal complaint, Abdi and one other person were captured on surveillance video setting fire to Gordon Parks High School in St. Paul on May 28 - three days after the police killing of Floyd in south Minneapolis. The complaint says that Abdi was seen pouring clear liquid on the school's cafeteria floor and into a trash can before starting a fire using a "liquid-soaked garment."

White appeared in a separate case two weeks after his sister - Jessica Lynn White - was arrested in connection with a May 28 blaze that destroyed a St. Paul Enterprise Rent-A-Car location. Each faces charges of conspiracy to commit arson.

Paul Applebaum, an attorney representing White, said Tuesday that White maintained his innocence. Applebaum said he has not received all of the evidence in the case, but acknowledged that the growing number of federal arson charges related to last month's civil unrest posed a unique legal argument.

"Political upheaval and mass demonstrations and things like that versus your garden variety arson case where someone wants to get rid of a money-losing restaurant," Applebaum said. "That obviously lends a dynamic to it that is something that we're going to hope to exploit in a courtroom setting because people have very strong feelings about what happened."

An attorney for Abdi could not be determined Tuesday.

According to a federal criminal complaint, the two White siblings and Jessica White's juvenile son were captured on surveillance cameras inside and outside the Enterprise building in the moments before and after it began burning. The three also lingered to watch the building burn after a crowd gathered outside.

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The complaint described witnesses coming forward after the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) offered a \$5,000 reward for information on the three people behind the Enterprise fire and issued a news release earlier in June showing surveillance photos of three suspects. The ATF got tips identifying Jessica White and her son that same day; Jessica White was arrested June 16.

Last week, according the complaint, a witness to the fire identified Matthew White and said that he was on supervised release from federal prison and living in the Longfellow neighborhood in Minneapolis. Court records show that White was sentenced to time served and supervised release for bank fraud earlier this year.

White is next scheduled to appear in court Thursday for a detention hearing.

In another case Tuesday, Dylan Shakespeare Robinson, a 22-year-old Brainerd man charged with arson in the Third Precinct fire, made his first appearance in a Minnesota federal courtroom after being arrested in and extradited from Colorado in June.

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Racism cited in Rochester cop case

ARTICLE MXXVIII. [**RACISM CITED IN ROCHESTER COP CASE**](#)

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U.S. District Judge Donovan Frank has rejected a motion to dismiss a lawsuit against a Rochester police officer who allegedly walked onto a black homeowner's property looking for a barking dog, referred to the homeowner's race, and joked about shooting him.

Frank referred in his order to the May 25 killing of *George Floyd* at the hands of Minneapolis police, writing that the Rochester officer's comments were at worst "outright racist" or at best racial stereotypes.

Jason Hively, an attorney for police officer Samuel Higgins, said in an e-mail that Higgins had been disciplined for his comments. But Hively said he was confident the suit ultimately will be dismissed.

Rochester residents Michael Vernio and Kelli Gendron sued Higgins alleging that he violated their Fourth Amendment rights by entering their backyard to investigate a neighbor's complaint about barking dogs.

According to Frank, Higgins went to the backyard where Gendron was sitting. Vernio, who is black, joined them and questioned Higgins' right to walk onto their property. He said the neighbors should have talked to him rather than call police.

Higgins, who was wearing a body camera, suggested they did so because Vernio "is a very loud, boisterous black man."

Frank wrote that Vernio responded that Higgins was a "white man with a gun and I'm afraid," to which Higgins replied, "and you haven't been shot yet."

Vernio gestured to Gendron and said, "I've got a witness, that's why," Frank wrote. He noted that Vernio then laughed.

"I'm just playing," said Higgins. He then returned to his police car and left.

Vernio and Gendron allege that Higgins violated their Fourth Amendment right by conducting an "unreasonable search." They seek unspecified damages for mental and emotional pain they say they suffered as a result of the incident.

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Frank ruled that more information must be gathered to determine if Higgins had the right to walk onto the property.

As to Higgins' racial remarks, the judge wrote he could not "remain silent." He noted the fatal police shootings of two black men: Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014, and Philando Castile in Falcon Heights in 2016.

"A comment - even joking - that infers that an African-American man is fortunate to not have been shot 'yet' by a police officer would be problematic," Frank wrote. "Such a comment ignores the historic context of law enforcement actions against African-Americans."

Attorney Joshua Newville, who represents the Rochester couple, declined to comment or to make the couple available for an interview.

Hively said that while Higgins' comments are not related to the issue of whether he entered a private area, they were inappropriate.

"The Department conducted an investigation into this incident and concluded the officer violated its professional code of conduct policy which states officers are required to treat all members of the public with courtesy and respect. Based on his 18 years of service and no disciplinary record, he was disciplined and given a written reprimand," Hively said.

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Small firms take biggest hit, Fed finds

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Highlight: Regional economist finds "catastrophic" financial declines in Minnesota, nearby states.

Body

The pandemic has dealt a particularly big blow to smaller businesses, to women and minority-owned businesses, and to sectors such as entertainment, lodging and retail.

Those are some of the findings of a May survey of nearly 1,100 businesses across Minnesota and in neighboring states conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

"The main takeaway is that COVID effects have been very wide and very deep and negative, but there's also variation across those groups," Ron Wirtz, regional outreach director, said during a webinar Tuesday on the effect of the pandemic on the Minnesota economy.

He noted that many of the traditional measures of the economy, such as gross domestic product

and monthly unemployment numbers, have a lag to them of anywhere from a month to six months and have not been able to keep up with the fast-changing nature of the COVID economy.

"During this time of really volatile labor markets, we're in a spot where we are trying to feel in the dark a little bit for what's happening," he said.

To help fill in the gaps, the Minneapolis Fed has been ramping up its surveying and outreach to businesses across the Upper Midwest to get a better pulse of the situation. While the surveys are not a scientific sample, they provide a good snapshot of the economy.

The May survey showed, for example, that larger firms have fared better than smaller ones. About 70% of sole proprietor businesses had their revenue cut in half, or worse, compared to 25% of larger firms.

"Now 25% is still a dramatic number," Wirtz said. "If you don't know anything else, that's a catastrophic number for the economy. But unfortunately, the smaller firms have seen even more negative impacts."

Women- and minority-owned businesses, which tend to be smaller and in harder-hit sectors such as food and retail, also saw steeper revenue declines compared to their counterparts.

Small firms take biggest hit, Fed finds

Data from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development show that job losses during the pandemic have disproportionately hurt women and people of color. These kinds of disparities, unfortunately, are not unusual, Wirtz said.

"We've seen these patterns in the past," he said. "I feel like maybe we're finally ready now to look at the data honestly since the murder of *George Floyd* and the social unrest in Minneapolis. Maybe now we're ready to stop accepting the fact that there are lopsided and racist distributional effects when the economy falters."

In addition to its stepped-up survey work, the Minneapolis Fed has also created a dashboard on its website that shows how the pandemic is affecting the economy. It includes changes in restaurant dining volume from Open Table, auto-traffic volume from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and travel numbers from the Transportation Security Administration.

"What we're trying to do is get better data that helps us to track not what happened last month or two months ago, but what happened last week or even yesterday," he said.

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Speed bumps added to slow traffic near Floyd memorial

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Over the past month, thousands of people have flocked to a memorial in the south Minneapolis intersection where **George Floyd** died.

The constant flow of visitors is wearing on residents who live near 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue. They are contacting city officials with complaints about parking, increased traffic and speeding drivers cutting through the neighborhood to get around the intersection that has been closed since May 25, when Floyd died while being detained by Minneapolis police.

"Neighborhood residents have called, sent text messages, DMs [direct messages] and e-mails, it's been a burden," said Minneapolis City Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins, who represents the ward where the colorful memorial is located. "There are such tremendous problems near the site."

To address residents' concerns, the Minneapolis Public Works Department is installing temporary speed humps on side streets and alleys adjacent to the memorial.

"This is unique," said Steve Mosing, traffic operations engineer for the city. "There's the memorial and it's drawing traffic, and with the closure you have traffic trying to make connections around it. We hope this deters drivers to stay on the arterial system and use detours that are in place."

Arterial streets are main thoroughfares with a higher traffic capacity than neighborhood streets. With 38th and Chicago closed, the city is directing north-south traffic from Chicago to use Park, Portland and Bloomington avenues. Drivers making east-west movements on 38th Street have been detoured to 42nd Street.

Crews are putting in speed humps made from compacted gravel on the 3700 block of Columbus Avenue and the 3800 blocks of 10th and Elliot avenues. The humps, a foot or two high, are similar to those the city uses to cover plastic pipes placed along streets to provide temporary water service while water mains are repaired. Two humps will be placed on each block, Mosing said.

Speed bumps added to slow traffic near Floyd memorial

"The best results to slow traffic is to put them in pairs," Mosing said.

Flat plastic speed bumps, similar to those seen in parking lots, will be bolted to the pavement in alleys behind 10th and Elliot avenues. Signs warning drivers of the speed bumps will be posted, Mosing said.

The city will monitor the traffic and determine if more humps might be needed in the area. The humps will be removed around November.

"We hope this resolves the issue of speed and traffic volume," he said.

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With a pen stroke, Mississippi drops Confederate-themed flag

ARTICLE MXXXI. [**WITH A PEN STROKE, MISSISSIPPI DROPS CONFEDERATE-
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Body

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - With a stroke of the governor's pen, Mississippi is retiring the last state flag in the U.S. with the Confederate battle emblem - a symbol that's widely condemned as racist.

Republican Gov. Tate Reeves signed the historic bill Tuesday at the Governor's Mansion, immediately removing official status for the 126-year-old banner that has been a source of division for generations.

"This is not a political moment to me but a solemn occasion to lead our Mississippi family to come together, to be reconciled and to move on," Reeves said on live TV just before the signing. "We are a resilient people defined by our hospitality. We are a people of great faith. Now, more than ever, we must lean on that faith, put our divisions behind us, and unite for a greater good."

Mississippi has faced increasing pressure to change its flag since protests against racial injustice have focused attention on Confederate symbols in recent weeks.

A broad coalition of legislators on Sunday passed the landmark legislation to change the flag, capping a weekend of emotional debate and decades of effort by Black lawmakers and others who see the rebel emblem as a symbol of hatred.

Among the small group of dignitaries witnessing the bill signing were Reuben Anderson, who was the first African American justice on the Mississippi Supreme Court, serving from 1985 to 1991; Willie Simmons, a current state Transportation Commissioner who is the first African American elected to that job; and Reena Evers-Everette, daughter of civil rights icons Medgar and Myrlie Evers.

Medgar Evers, a Mississippi NAACP leader, was assassinated in the family's driveway in 1963. Myrlie Evers was national chairwoman of the NAACP in the mid-1990s and is still living.

With a pen stroke, Mississippi drops Confederate-themed flag

"That Confederate symbol is not who Mississippi is now. It's not what it was in 1894, either, inclusive of all Mississippians," Evers-Everette said after the ceremony. "But now we're going to a place of total inclusion and unity with our hearts along with our thoughts and in our actions."

Reeves used several pens to sign the bill. As he completed the process, a cheer could be heard from people outside the Governor's Mansion who were watching the livestream broadcast on their phones. Reeves handed the pens to lawmakers and others who had worked on the issue.

The Confederate battle emblem has a red field topped by a blue X with 13 white stars. White supremacist legislators put it on the upper-left corner of the Mississippi flag in 1894, as white people were squelching political power that African Americans had gained after the Civil War.

Critics have said for generations that it's wrong for a state where 38% of the people are Black to have a flag marked by the Confederacy, particularly since the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups have used the symbol to promote racist agendas.

Mississippi voters chose to keep the flag in a 2001 statewide election, with supporters saying they saw it as a symbol of Southern heritage. But since then, a growing number of cities and all the state's public universities have abandoned it.

Several Black legislators, and a few white ones, kept pushing for years to change it. After a white gunman who had posed with the Confederate flag killed Black worshipers at a South Carolina church in 2015, Mississippi's Republican speaker of the House, Philip Gunn, said his religious faith compelled him to say that Mississippi must purge the symbol from its flag.

The issue was still broadly considered too volatile for legislators to touch, until the police custody death of an African American man in Minneapolis, *George Floyd*, set off weeks of sustained protests against racial injustice, followed by calls to take down Confederate symbols.

A groundswell of young activists, college athletes and leaders from business, religion, education and sports called on Mississippi to make this change, finally providing the momentum for legislators to vote.

Before the bill signing Tuesday, state employees raised and lowered several of the flags on a pole outside the Capitol. The secretary of state's office sells flags for \$20 each, and a spokeswoman said there has been a recent increase in requests.

During recent news conferences, Reeves refused to say whether he thought the Confederate-themed flag properly represents present-day Mississippi, sticking to a position he ran on last year, when he promised that if the flag design was going to be reconsidered, it would be done in another statewide election.

Now, a commission will design a new flag that cannot include the Confederate symbol and must have the words "In God We Trust." Voters will be asked to approve it in the Nov. 3 election. If they reject it, the commission will draft a different design using the same guidelines, to be sent to voters later.

Reeves said before signing over the flag's demise, "We are all Mississippians and we must all come together. What better way to do that than include 'In God We Trust' on our new state banner."

He added: "The people of Mississippi, black and white, and young and old, can be proud of a banner that puts our faith front and center. We can unite under it. We can move forward - together."

With a pen stroke, Mississippi drops Confederate-themed flag

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`You broke my wrist!' Georgia police sued for taking down wrong man

ARTICLE MXXXII. [**YOU BROKE MY WRIST!' GEORGIA POLICE SUED FOR TAKING DOWN WRONG MAN**](#)

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Body

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Body camera video shows Antonio Arnelo Smith handing his driver's license to a Black police officer and answering questions cooperatively before a white officer walks up behind him, wraps him in a bear hug and slams him face-first to the ground.

"Oh my God, you broke my wrist!" the 46-year-old Black man screams as two more white Valdosta officers arrive, holding him down and handcuffing him following the takedown. One eventually tells Smith he's being arrested on an outstanding warrant, and is immediately corrected by the first officer: They've got the wrong man.

Clutching his wrist and whimpering, Smith was let go without charges after the violent encounter on Feb. 8 in Valdosta, Georgia, near the Florida state line.

Now he's suing all four officers, as well as Valdosta's police chief, mayor and others, saying police used excessive force and violated his civil rights.

"When you see that video, you can't help but say this is a travesty," said Nathaniel Haugabrook, one of Smith's attorneys. "Nobody should be done that way."

The federal lawsuit comes during a national outcry over police brutality against people of color, sparked by the killing of [**George Floyd**](#) in Minneapolis. Haugabrook said police stopped Smith for questioning after a drug store employee reported him for panhandling outside.

"Obviously it has some racial tones to it," Haugabrook said Thursday.

Smith's encounter with police went largely unnoticed for more than four months, until he filed suit June 19. The city of Valdosta issued a statement three days after that, saying police are conducting an internal investigation and that Smith never filed a complaint.

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City officials also released one of the four body camera recordings - that of the officer who grabbed Smith, which doesn't show the takedown because the camera is pressed to Smith's back. Valdosta officials didn't release body camera videos with a clearer view until after the Valdosta Daily Times published one received from Smith's attorneys.

The city's statement said police responding to a report that a man was harassing customers and asking for money outside the drug store simultaneously found two suspects nearby who fit the description. Officers questioning one of them learned he had an outstanding arrest warrant. The other was Smith.

The city's statement says that an officer, identified in the lawsuit as Sgt. Billy Wheeler, approached Smith mistakenly believing he was the wanted man, and "advised him to place his hands behind his back." Smith "began to resist by pulling his arms forward and tensing his body," prompting Wheeler to take him to the ground, the city said.

This is not an accurate description of what the officers' body cameras recorded.

The video shows Wheeler walk up silently behind Smith, grab his right wrist and pin both of his arms to his sides in a bear hug. Only then does he order Smith to put his pinned hands behind his back, and Wheeler slams him to the ground almost immediately thereafter.

Asked about this discrepancy, a city spokeswoman, Ashlyn Johnson, said the city had no further comment. She said she did not know the status of the officers involved.

"The City of Valdosta and the Valdosta Police Department take any report of any injury to a citizen seriously," the statement said.

The videos, recorded at noon on a clear, sunny day, show the encounter from beginning to end. Smith cries out in pain that his wrist is broken, and Wheeler says: "Yeah, he might be broke." The officers remove the handcuffs within about a minute and call for an ambulance. Still on the ground, Smith asks why he's being arrested.

"We have a warrant for your arrest," one officer tells Smith.

That prompts the officer who first stopped Smith, identified in court records as Dominic Henry, to correct them.

"Hey, this was another guy," Henry says. "The guy with the warrant's over there. No, there's two different people."

Smith leaves the scene before paramedics arrive. His lawyer said Smith wanted to get away from the officers as quickly as possible, and the wrist never healed properly.

Smith's lawsuit in U.S. District Court seeks unspecified monetary damages. In a letter sent to Valdosta officials seeking a settlement before the lawsuit was filed, Smith's attorneys asked for \$700,000. But he also wants something more, his lawyer said: A commitment by the Valdosta Police Department to reform.

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Periscope employees walk out in protest, claiming ownership muted Black Lives Matter stance

ARTICLE MXXXIII. **PERISCOPE EMPLOYEES WALK OUT IN PROTEST, CLAIMING OWNERSHIP MUTED BLACK LIVES MATTER STANCE**

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Tensions between ad agency Periscope and its parent company Quad/Graphics Inc. broke into public view this week as roughly 150 people - virtually the entire Periscope Minneapolis office - walked out Thursday, claiming Quad/Graphics had tried to quash employee support for the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd*** a month ago.

A day earlier, 13 employees, four of them Black, walked out of the Minneapolis agency, claiming that Quad/Graphics officials misreported diversity levels among its executives.

"They said there were 25% people of color at the director level," said Periscope's Group Strategy Director Nathan Young. "By my count I am the only one."

The walkout follows a dispute between Periscope and Quad/Graphics over how to respond to Floyd's death, which occurred during an arrest by four ***Minneapolis Police Department*** officers. The incident sparked

Periscope employees walk out in protest, claiming ownership muted Black Lives Matter stance

days of protests that spiraled into riots and widespread damage to businesses; the four officers have been fired and are facing criminal charges.

In the wake of the protests, businesses large and small came forward with [statements supporting the Black Lives Matter movement](#). Periscope wanted to issue its own statement, but the phrase "***Black Lives Matter***" was scrubbed by Quad/Graphics, according to a statement from Periscope. Quad allegedly issued bans on other Periscope-related material that contained "***Black Lives Matter***," too.

"We do not know why the leadership at Quad took the position that we could not post the words ***Black Lives Matter***," Periscope said. "We heard that it was because ***Black Lives Matter*** is too closely associated with defunding the police, and that making that statement is derogatory to law enforcement officers. We disagree."

Sussex, Wis.-based Quad Graphics, which bought Periscope in November 2018, said Thursday it re-issued diversity data, will be instituting diversity and inclusion training and supports Periscope's desire for freedom of expression.

"Unfortunately, we were slow to communicate our position so, today, I want to unequivocally confirm that ***Black Lives Matter*** and apologize for any pain I may have caused our employees, clients and others for not explicitly stating this fact sooner," CEO Joel Quadracci said in a statement. "I am sorry."

Young said he expects to be back in the office Monday.

"Our new president ([Cari Bucci-Hulings](#)) will be starting Monday and we have all the confidence in the world in her," he said. "Given that she is there, I do feel confident that we are going to be able to right this ship."

Periscope is the second-largest advertising agency in the Twin Cities with more than \$83 million in annual revenue, according to the Business Journal's 2019 list of largest ad agencies. Some of its biggest clients are Target Corp. and UnitedHealth Group Inc.

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Minneapolis Charter Commission members fretting timeline of police overhaul

ARTICLE MXXXIV. ***MINNEAPOLIS CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS FRETTING
TIMELINE OF POLICE OVERHAUL***

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Highlight: Some members of a commission reviewing a proposal to dismantle the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** expressed concern Wednesday about the fast-tracked timeline they must follow if the proposed change has any chance of getting on the November ballot. The Minneapolis Charter Commission met Wednesday to outline how it will go about its work over the next [...]

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The Minneapolis Charter Commission met Wednesday to outline how it will go about its work over the next several weeks as it reviews the City Council's proposal to amend the city's charter. The proposal, which comes following widespread criticism of law enforcement over the killing of ***George Floyd***, would replace the police department with a new "Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention" that has yet to be fully defined.

The Charter Commission has the authority to approve the amendment, propose a substitute amendment, reject it or ask for a 90-day extension. The City Council is not bound by the commission's recommendation, but it can't move forward until the review is complete.

In order to meet an Aug. 21 deadline to get the question on the November ballot - where voters would have the final say - the commission must finish its work in 35 days. Typically, the commission has 60 days to review a proposed amendment change, and can ask for a 90-day extension.

"If we elect to take our additional time, this ballot question will not be on the ballot in November," Commission Chairman Barry Clegg said.

The 15-member commission will hold two public hearings - one on July 15, and another that has yet to be scheduled. Commissioners also voted to invite members of the City Council and the mayor to its July 8 meeting to answer questions. The public may submit comments online until the conclusion of the final public hearing.

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Initially, Clegg proposed to have the first public hearing next week, but some commissioners said they were uncomfortable with that tight timeline.

"I'm not as concerned about meeting the council's timeline as I am about getting this right," said Commissioner Matt Perry. He suggested holding the first public hearing in two weeks, to give neighborhood organizations and other groups time to talk with constituents. "And if that pushes the timeline out, so be it."

The Minneapolis police force has come under heavy pressure since Floyd, a Black man in handcuffs, died May 25 after an officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes.

According to draft language of the amendment posted online, the new department "will have responsibility for public safety services prioritizing a holistic, public health-oriented approach." The director of the new agency would have "non-law-enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches."

The amendment would still allow for armed police officers - it calls for a division of licensed peace officers who would answer to the new department's director.

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Black-owned businesses see sales surge amid racism reckoning

ARTICLE MXXXV. **[BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES SEE SALES SURGE AMID RACISM RECKONING](#)**

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Body

BOSTON - When Mahdi Hashemian was looking for a bicycle for his 7-year-old daughter Zeynab last week, the Cambridge, Massachusetts, resident decided to skip his local cycle shops in favor of a Black-owned one a few miles away in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood.

At Spokehouse, a bike shop with "***Black Lives Matter***" painted in large bold letters outside, the pair picked out a simple, white-colored model and had training wheels and a white basket for its handlebars installed.

Hashemian, who is set to earn his doctorate from MIT, said he's been reminded in recent weeks of the outpouring of support he felt from the campus community when President Donald Trump imposed a ban on travelers from Muslim majority countries in 2017, including his native Iran.

"It seems small," he said of his bike purchase, "but a little show of support can mean a lot."

As the May killing of ***George Floyd*** by a white police officer in Minneapolis has fueled a worldwide outcry against racism and police brutality, many on social media are encouraging people to spend their money at Black-owned businesses. Lists of local retailers, artisans and manufacturers have been circulating on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, helping Black-owned businesses raise their profile at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has ravaged the economy.

According to Google, searches for "Black owned businesses near me" reached an all-time high last month in the U.S. Yelp has also made it easier for customers to search for Black-owned establishments on the restaurant review site, and Uber Eats says it'll waive delivery fees for purchases from Black-owned restaurants through the end of the year.

"It's great seeing people realize that where they shop can be another form of activism, that it's a way to put your money where your mouth is," said Randy Williams, founder of Talley & Twine, a Black-owned watch

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company in Portsmouth, Virginia. "You're helping Black businesses become self-sustaining, and that helps the whole ecosystem."

Sales at Talley & Twine these past few months are up more than 300% from the same period last year, partly because more people are shopping online during the pandemic, he said. But the company was also recently mentioned on a number of social media lists of Black-owned businesses, and its Juneteenth-themed watch sold out before the June 19 holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, Williams said.

In Los Angeles, cupcake sales and shipping orders on other sweets are up at Southern Girl Desserts after it was also mentioned on social media lists, said Catarah Coleman, co-owner of the bakery in the city's Baldwin Hills neighborhood.

"It's not nearly the level of business we had before the virus, but it's something," she said. "If we only depended on foot traffic and folks just stayed in their own neighborhoods, I'm not sure we'd be able to keep going."

At Slade's Bar and Grill in Boston's historically Black Roxbury neighborhood, online gift card purchases and take-out orders are up significantly as the long running soul food and live music venue - which boasted Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali and Martin Luther King, Jr. as patrons in its heyday - is just starting to reopen after shuttering during the pandemic, said Shawn Hunter, the managing partner.

"We're definitely seeing white customers and customers from outside the neighborhood that we would probably have never seen before," Hunter said.

In nearby Dorchester, Kerri Thibodeau said she drove about half an hour from suburban Stoughton to shop at Pure Oasis, the state's lone Black-owned retail marijuana shop and one of the few in the nation.

The 35-year-old mother of two, who is white, said there's a marijuana shop about five minutes from her house but she decided to support Pure Oasis after hearing that more than \$100,000 worth of marijuana products were stolen from the shop during a large ***Black Lives Matter*** protest through Boston last month.

"We really need to come together and show that it doesn't matter the color of our skin," Thibodeau said after buying some marijuana flower and pre-rolled joints last week.

But the business boon hasn't been without growing pains for some companies. Black-owned bookstores have struggled to keep up with a surge in orders, many of them for a handful of sold-out titles on race relations.

In Boston, the owners of Frugal Bookstore, the city's only Black-owned bookshop, say customers are already seeking to cancel orders and complaining about delays and poor customer service. The Roxbury shop, which raised more than \$40,000 through an earlier social media campaign to help it weather the economic downturn, said in a note to customers that went viral last week that 75% of the more than 20,000 purchases it's received are for the same 10 books.

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At Spokehouse, the Boston bike shop, owner Noah Hicks hopes the interest isn't a passing fad and that it leads to more concrete efforts to address the challenges facing Black entrepreneurs, including access to capital.

Hicks said his nearly five-year-old shop's sales have tripled this month, compared to last June, in part because bike shops are enjoying brisk business during the pandemic .

The shop also received about \$16,000 in donations after it was robbed during last month's unrest, though Hicks ended up donating about half to efforts benefiting the local Black community, including covering the costs for a "Ride for Black Lives," a cycling rally in Boston this past weekend.

"People being intentional about their economic purchases is refreshing," he said. "But we also want them to help tear down the systems that make it hard for us, not just spend their dollars with us."

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NFL to play Black anthem before national anthem, source says

ARTICLE MXXXVI. [**NFL TO PLAY BLACK ANTHEM BEFORE NATIONAL ANTHEM,
SOURCE SAYS**](#)

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Body

By ROB MAADDI

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" will be performed live or played before "The Star-Spangled Banner" prior to each NFL game during Week 1 and the league is considering putting names of victims of police brutality on helmet decals or jersey patches, a person familiar with the discussions told The Associated Press.

The person said the league is working collaboratively with players to recognize victims of *systemic racism* throughout the season in a variety of ways. The person spoke to the AP on Thursday on condition of anonymity because discussions between the league and the NFL Players Association are ongoing.

Additional plans include the use of educational programs and storytelling about the victims and their families similar to the league's PSA on Botham Jean released in January and the Super Bowl commercial on Corey Jones featuring his cousin, former NFL star Anquan Boldin.

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" is traditionally known as the Black anthem. It'll be played first when the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs host the Houston Texans to kick off the NFL regular season on Sept. 10.

It's uncertain whether fans will be in attendance Week 1 or at all this season because of the coronavirus pandemic. The league is considering asking fans to sign a waiver and wear masks, according to a person familiar with those conversations.

The NFL announced last month it is committing \$250 million over 10 years to social justice initiatives, targeting what it calls "*systemic racism*" and supporting "the battle against the ongoing and historic injustices faced by African Americans."

NFL to play Black anthem before national anthem, source says

Following the nationwide protests sparked by the death of ***George Floyd***, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell denounced racism in a video prompted greatly by a players' video seeking NFL action. [*Flirting with 400: Saints infielder Mikey Reynolds finds success after retirement*](#) [*Minnesota United's set-piece success propels them into quarterfinals*](#) [*Reduced salary cap would present significant future issues for Vikings*](#) [*Longtime NFL cornerback Terrell Buckley a mentor to Vikings rookie Cameron Dantzler*](#) [*Like they do for Twins road games, FSN televising Wild games from afar*](#)

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ARTICLE MXXXVII.

VOICES OF DISSENT ON ENDING MPD

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Egregious, grotesque, absurd, crazy, ridiculous.

These are a handful of the words that some local African American leaders are using to rebuke the Minneapolis City Council's moves toward dismantling the Police Department, even as they demand an overhaul of law enforcement.

While the movement to defund the police has been driven by Black activists, others say that city politicians rushed the process and failed to include a police chief who has the backing of many Black residents.

"They have shown a complete disregard for the voices and perspectives of many members of the African American community," said Nekima Levy Armstrong, a civil rights attorney and former president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP. "We have not been consulted as the city makes its decisions, even though our community is the one most heavily impacted by both police violence and community violence."

A month after ***George Floyd*** died under the knee of a police officer, the City Council unanimously voted Friday to revise the city charter to permit the dismantling of the Police Department, the first step toward putting the matter to voters on the November ballot. The ordinance, which the Charter Commission discussed during a meeting Wednesday, would abolish the city's current law enforcement structure in favor of a Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention.

It also raises questions about the future of Medaria Arradondo, the city's first Black police chief.

The measure doesn't preclude a chief with a traditional policing background, but it requires the head of the new agency to have "non-law enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches." Arradondo joined the department as a patrol officer in 1989 in his early twenties.

"Why now, when you have an African American chief who is highly regarded and trusted in the Black community?" said Steven Belton, president and CEO of the Urban League Twin Cities. "This strikes me as being passive-aggressive Minnesota Nice on steroids. This is a hit on Chief Arradondo."

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Pastor Brian Herron said the council is "pandering."

"We have a department that is troubled, but it is also a department that with the leadership of our chief could be really transformed, and the culture of policing could change dramatically if he was given the proper support," said Herron, who ministers at Zion Baptist Church in north Minneapolis.

Council Member Jeremiah Ellison said that there's urgency to create a system of emergency response that isn't harmful and that the council is not "pre-prescribing" what that looks like. He added that the charter change provides room for the council to make changes that the community asks for and doesn't lock them in to minimum police staffing or having police as the sole emergency responders.

"The Black community is not a monolith, and just because there's someone that might have a high profile doesn't mean that they necessarily speak on behalf of the Black community of Minneapolis," said Ellison, who is Black and represents a North Side ward that's about half Black.

He said the city wants to create a system that is sustainable because "I'm not always going to be the council member of Ward 5, Jacob's not always going to be the mayor, Rondo's not always going to be the chief, and so we can't build policy based on one person's personality."

On June 7, a veto-proof majority of the council vowed to disband the Police Department at a rally in Powderhorn Park. The event was hosted by Black Visions Collective, a Black-led racial justice nonprofit, and Reclaim the Block, an affiliated coalition demanding divestment from the police.

Those organizations have pushed City Hall in recent years to shift money from the Police Department to violence prevention and community programs as the first move toward a police-free society.

"We have been working to call for defunding of the police primarily because we feel like it's one really critical step in actually being able to abolish the police and open up the resources that are really needed in our communities to provide true safety," Kandace Montgomery, director of Black Visions Collective, told Belton last week.

They spoke during a collegial online discussion hosted by the Twin Cities Urban League. When Belton relayed a question from a listener asking why they couldn't work with the chief instead of removing power held by a Black person, Montgomery replied, "It's not a target towards Rondo. It's actually saying we need the type of leadership, the decades of experience to lead a department like this, that are rooted in community models of safety and restorative justice ... and most career law enforcement folks do not have that."

She said she was on daily calls with council members "trying to get stronger and more clear and specific language ... we think this is a first step and this is a marathon."

Belton said that some voices have been lost, noting, "There have been a lot of others who have been left out of this conversation."

He told the Star Tribune that the problem is a culture of policing that disregards Black lives, but he said nothing in the new proposal addresses that. He said it's irresponsible to talk about funding health care, housing and education - advocates want to shift more money from the police budget to social programs - without discussing public safety.

"The tension of living in many of these African American communities is that we are overpoliced, we are subjected to excessive police use of force, but at the same time we are also disproportionately victims of

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crime and witnesses of crime," said Belton. "And you cannot talk defunding the police if there is not a concomitant strategy of community safety in place as well."

Belton and others want more public hearings, broad community input and a deliberate process before the charter change is put to voters - not after.

Levy Armstrong said she doesn't have confidence in the City Council after it failed to take significant action on police issues over the years. She's among the those who pushed for more police accountability following the 2015 officer shooting of Jamar Clark, an unarmed 24-year-old African American man. Outrage over the killing prompted an 18-day protest outside the police Fourth Precinct that included Levy Armstrong, along with Montgomery and other activists working to defund police.

"I think some of them are seizing upon the national spotlight to look as if they're making a difference," Levy Armstrong said of the City Council.

Activist Raeisha Williams agreed. She believes in reducing the police budget and making officers reapply for their jobs, doing deep background checks and suspending cops who have more than a few complaints against them. But Williams also wants to ensure the safety of her ward, which is represented by Ellison, whom she ran against in 2017.

Williams said it was "grotesque" for the council to propose eliminating emergency response by police "when they had nothing else in place for who was going to protect the community the right way."

Sondra Samuels, president and CEO of the Northside Achievement Zone, urged neighbors at a community meeting this week to write to City Hall in opposition to the plan. She said residents want the same things for the city, but the council's vote "is premature, it's immature and it's dangerous."

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Analysis: Trump fights to keep a job Dems say he isn't doing

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ANALYSIS: TRUMP FIGHTS TO KEEP A JOB DEMS SAY HE ISN'T DOING

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WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump is asking Americans to let him keep his job. His critics are questioning how much of that job he's actually doing.

The questions have gotten louder in recent days following revelations Trump didn't read at least two written intelligence briefings about Russia paying bounties to the Taliban for the deaths of Americans in Afghanistan.

He also appeared to either downplay or miss repeated warnings about the coronavirus included in intelligence briefings, and he's been reluctant to amplify some of his own government's recommendations for reducing transmission, including wearing masks.

"He is not doing his job," said Michael Hayden, former director of the CIA and the National Security Agency.

Such assessments put Trump in a precarious position four months from Election Day and risk undercutting the central argument most incumbents make to voters when seeking reelection: Keep me on the job because I've proved I can do it.

Instead, Trump's uneven handling of the crises battering the nation, and the new revelations about his lack of attention to intelligence, have given Democrats an opening to argue to voters the president has proved he's ill-equipped to lead the nation through tough times, or outright absent in moments that demand leadership.

"It seems like our wartime president surrendered, waved the white flag and left the battlefield," said Joe Biden, Trump's Democratic opponent in the presidential race. Biden, who spent more than three decades as a senator and eight years as vice president, pitches himself to voters as a steady and experienced hand.

Trump came to power without any experience in governing, making the case to voters the go-with-your-gut decisions that helped him in business and as a reality television star would serve him as president. For some

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Americans disillusioned with career politicians in both parties, his outsider credentials were part of the appeal.

Trump has indeed taken an unconventional approach to the presidency. He's known to demand only the sparest detail in his briefings, and his workdays frequently include hours watching cable news and posting on Twitter. White House aides have at times been leery of delivering bad news to him for fear of sparking an angry reaction, according to current and former advisers. They said there's particular concern in the West Wing about discussing Russia because the subject can send Trump into a tirade about accusations he has a too-cozy relationship with Vladimir Putin and about the special counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

The current and former advisers insisted on anonymity to discuss their private dealings with the president.

Trump's tweets for any occasion and obsession with dominating the news cycle, even if it involves something negative, has sustained him for much of his presidency, when many of the crises were of his own making or fleeting in nature. Republicans often bristled at his tone and tweets but justified their support for him by pointing to the strong economy and the new generation of conservative judges he nominated to the courts.

But 2020 has been a year that's demanded more substance than style from the president. More than 125,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, and known infections are rising in several states. The strong economy Trump hoped to run on has cratered. And the deaths of several Black Americans has sparked a national reckoning over race and police brutality.

On each of those matters, Trump's critics - and some of his allies - argue he's fallen short rather than rising to the moment.

He's all but declared the pandemic over and has focused aggressively on reopening the economy, even as some Republican allies in key states start rolling back those efforts in a bid to contain outbreaks. Just 37% of Americans say they approve of Trump's handling of the pandemic, down from 44% in March, according to a recent poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The president has also been largely absent from the discussion of *systemic racism* in America following the death of *George Floyd*, a Black man who died when a white police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes. Trump has focused much of his energy on the subject of racism on defending the prominent placement of memorials to Confederate figures.

Democrats also say the revelations over the past week that the president may not have read or absorbed intelligence briefings have put a finer point on the questions they're raising about his competency. The White House insisted Trump was unaware of assessments that Russia had put a bounty on U.S. service members in Afghanistan, though intelligence officials told the AP that the matter was included in at least two written briefings over the past year and that senior advisers alerted the president to the intelligence.

"At best, our commander in chief is utterly derelict in his duties, presiding over a dangerously dysfunctional national security process that is putting our country and those who wear its uniform at great risk," Susan Rice, who was President Barack Obama's national security adviser and is under consideration to be Biden's running mate, wrote in a New York Times opinion piece.

Analysis: Trump fights to keep a job Dems say he isn't doing

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Some Republicans have defended Trump, including Texas Sen. John Cornyn, who told reporters the president "can't single-handedly remember everything, I'm sure, that he's briefed on." And White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany stated: "The president does read."

"This president is the most informed person on planet Earth," she declared.

To Democrats, what's transpired in the White House was foreshadowed during the 2016 campaign, when Hillary Clinton argued Trump simply wasn't prepared for the presidency. Voters still chose him over the experienced former senator and secretary of state.

Now, Democrats believe their case about competency is more compelling given Trump has a record in office to defend.

"His actions and inactions directly impact people's lives now," said Josh Schwerin, spokesman for the Democratic super PAC Priorities USA.

Graphic

Supporters of President Donald Trump cheer as Vice President Mike Pence speaks during a campaign rally at the BOK Center, Saturday, June 20, 2020, in Tulsa, Okla. Trump is asking Americans to let him keep his job. His critics are asking how much of that job he's actually doing. Those questions have gotten louder in recent days following revelations that Trump didn't read at least two written intelligence briefings detailing concerns that Russia was paying bounties to the Taliban for the deaths of Americans in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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FILE - In this June 6, 2020, file photo, demonstrators protest near the White House in Washington, over the death of ***George Floyd***, a black man who was in police custody in Minneapolis. It's rare for public opinion on social issues to change sharply and swiftly. And yet in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death, polling shows dramatic movement in Americans' opinions on police brutality and racial injustice. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin, file)

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ARTICLE MXL. [**FEDERAL CHARGE DROPPED AGAINST 19-YEAR-OLD IN ST. PAUL
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On Thursday, charges against Baldus were dismissed.

"We're happy to see that the government decided to drop the charges," said her attorney, Daniel C. Guerrero. "I think it was clear from anyone's view of the video of what occurred in that health supplement store that Bailey's actions were certainly non-participatory in any alleged arson on that particular day."

Guerrero added that he was glad that authorities were following through with the prosecution of those who "needlessly destroyed property," saying Baldus was an innocent person caught up in the wide sweep.

"She certainly understands that she shouldn't have been in that building and she acknowledged that to the government, but what we saw on the video demonstrates her non-culpability and non-participation," he said.

According to the criminal complaint, after the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives circulated images of people seen on video surveillance, they received numerous tips that led to the three arrests. In the video footage at the Midway store, Frey can be seen pouring flammable hand sanitizer onto a shelving unit and setting it on fire, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota.

Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer agreed on Thursday to dismiss the charges after two assistant U.S. attorneys filed a motion Wednesday.

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The attorneys wrote that the arson investigation is ongoing and would include "reviewing material seized pursuant to search warrants and reviewing other evidence to determine the scope of the alleged conduct by Ms. Baldus and others." [Portland protest scene relatively calm after US drawdown](#) [Sorting through 'humongous haystack' of evidence, St. Paul police working to ID people who damaged businesses, looted them](#) [Solemn by day and violent by night, future of **George Floyd** memorial site is an open question](#) [Ex-Minneapolis cop argues for dropped charges in Floyd death](#) [Minneapolis panel rejects referendum on eliminating minimum police staffing requirement](#)

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ARTICLE MXLI. [**FISH & RICHARDSON ANNOUNCES INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS RACIAL INEQUITY**](#)

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Fish & Richardson says it's been focused on racial disparity issues for some time, but ***George Floyd***'s death while in the custody of Minneapolis police prompted a bigger push.

The Boston-founded law firm, [*whose CEO works in Minneapolis*](#), announced Tuesday a slate of new initiatives around racial justice. They include:

- Ongoing education that includes racial bias training across the firm
- An online resource hub for information sharing, particularly for racial issues
- Pro bono work centered around racial justice and community engagement. Staffers can spend up to 200 hours a year on racial issues and cases. Cases and efforts are still being determined.

The firm made similar efforts in the past, but it needed urgency and more commitments, said Kristine McKinney, Fish & Richardson's chief talent and inclusion officer.

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"Fish has been doing a lot for diversity for a very long time," she said. "Right now, having a racial justice initiative came out of having a lot of employees in the Twin Cities and *George Floyd* was killed here."

The firm has done racial bias training in the past, but it often only involved one set of employees or one particular office; the new efforts will be firmwide.

The online hub will be a portal for employees to share books, podcasts and articles around racial issues that could spark thoughtful conversations.

The firm has let staffers do 200 hours of pro bono work per year in the past, but now pro bono directors will be looking for cases that specifically deal with racial matters.

"I think many firms were not pursuing progressive change," McKinney said. "We would like greater representation of diversity."

The firm also announced it will recognize Juneteenth, which celebrates the end of slavery in America, as an official holiday.

Fish & Richardson has a staff 376 in Minneapolis, 43 of whom are ethnic minorities, according to the firm. Its CEO, *John Adkisson*, offices there as well.

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ARTICLE MXLII. **[GOV. WALZ ASKS THAT TWIN CITIES RIOTS BE DECLARED
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The riots, which began May 27, required the first full mobilization of the Minnesota National Guard since World War II.

Since the unrest, 10 people have been federally charged for rioting or arson.

Federal assistance would allow local governments to be reimbursed for debris removal, protective measures and the damages inflicted on the public buildings.

In his request, Walz said Minnesota faces a projected \$2.4 billion revenue deficit, adding that the coronavirus pandemic has only aggravated the problem.

"Disaster assistance under the Stafford Act is clearly warranted," Walz wrote in the request. "Without it, and given the already heavy burden of so many previous state and federal disasters and the COVID-19 response, Minnesotans will struggle to return to their communities to normalcy." [St. Paul superintendent calls for full-time distance learning this fall; other districts pick hybrid model](#) [MN school reopenings to follow county-level coronavirus data. Here's how that might look today.](#) [Watch: Walz briefing about the school year amid the pandemic](#) [Anxiety grows as MN schools, parents await back-to-school ruling from Gov. Walz](#) [It could take three weeks for Gov. Walz's mask mandate to impact coronavirus case numbers](#)

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Highlight: "Now we might lose everything," said one business owner.

Body

Jenny Hui got choked up earlier this week when talking about the family business being shut down.

She's 28-years old and essentially grew up inside Golden Gate Cafe.

Her parents opened the restaurant in St. Paul's Midway Shopping Center shortly after they emigrated from China decades ago.

"They worked super hard all these years to build everything we have now," Hui said. "It's devastating to see it go out like this."

But the aftermath of civil unrest last month left parts of the Midway Shopping Center significantly damaged, and the landlord has informed tenants that he intends to terminate their leases.

The Pioneer Press obtained a copy of a letter dated June 25 in which the landlord cited a clause in the lease agreement that allows him to terminate in the case of extensive damage. He noted that all personal property must be removed from the premises by July 17.

Major League Soccer's Minnesota United principal owner Bill McGuire is involved in the property, though owner Rick Birdoff with RK Midway wrote the letter to tenants. Neither responded to requests for comment.

The Midway Shopping Center sits in the shadows of the newly constructed Allianz Field soccer stadium, home to Minnesota United.

"Obviously none of us anticipated this," Hui said. "Things have already been hard with the coronavirus pandemic and now it's going to be even harder because we could lose our whole livelihood."

That feeling resonates across businesses in the Midway Shopping Center as they are left to pick up the pieces.

Midway small businesses left to pick up pieces with landlord terminating lease

Mary Lau owns Peking Garden and has operated out of the strip mall since 2005. She put more than \$350,000 worth of improvements into the restaurant a few years ago and was heartbroken to find out that her lease was being terminated.

"We thought things could be fixed down the road and we could go back to our normal life," Lau said. "We were really hoping for that. Now there is no chance of that. We pretty much lost everything."

Her frustration started to manifest as she talked about needing to move out in the next couple of weeks.

"They want us to move out so fast," Lau said. "What do I need the tables for? What do I need the chairs for? What do I take the plates for? If I don't have a restaurant, I don't need any of that stuff. It's just a big headache for me right now."

While the orders at Peking Garden never made her family "a big fortune" over the years, Lau said it was more than enough to keep food on the table and help pay for college tuition.

"Now we might lose everything," Lau said. "It's hard to even explain how difficult it is for us right now."

Manylone Luangrath has been put in a tough spot, too. She opened Thien's Cajun Boiling Seafood in 2018 and was expecting to be around for much longer.

"What about the the money I put in?" Luangrath said. "I put a lot in to build this place and I'm not going to get any of that back."

She added that she has never missed a rent payment - even during the coronavirus pandemic - so it's especially frustrating to her that her lease is being terminated based on something completely out of her control.

Maybe the most frustrating thing for some businesses in the Midway Shopping Center is that the extensive damage doesn't apply to their respective storefronts. Golden Gate Cafe, for example, was untouched during the civil unrest, suffering nothing more than a little smoke damage. While the city has temporarily turned off the water, the gas, and the electricity, in theory, if the restaurant could get that stuff turned on, it could continue operating with relative ease.

"It feels like the easy way out for the landlord," Hui said. "That's how I'm seeing it at least. I understand that it's hard for everyone with the circumstances that we are going through. It just sucks because some of these tenants have been a staple of the community for a long time and it feels like they are completely disregarding that."

In a perfect world, Golden Gate Cafe would reopen at a new location.

"That's easier said than done because there are so many things that need to be worked through," Hui said. "We weren't expecting this at all so it's really tough to say what we are going to do."

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In the letter sent out to tenants, the landlord mentioned the plans for retail space in the upcoming United Village at Midway project. That could be a viable option for some businesses, and it's something Lau, in particular, is holding out hope for down the road.

"I have nowhere to go right now," Lau said. "I still want to continue my business. I want to reopen whether it's finding another location or it's working with the landlord again to have a space in the future. I'm hoping I can do that."

Graphic

The Golden Gate Cafe in St. Paul's Midway Shopping Center has been owned by the family of Tommy Hui for 40 years, and was closed by the recent vandalism sparked by the death of ***George Floyd***, July 1, 2020. Tommy Hui posed in front of the cafe with his daughter Jenny. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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The 50 or so kids and a handful of parents paid little mind to the fireworks booming across north Minneapolis during football practice one evening last week at Jordan Park.

But as a car slowly turned the corner, blasts of gunfire reverberated across the field. Bullets pinged off the posts above children ages 5 to 14 who took cover while their coaches shielded them with their bodies. A woman prayed and cried.

"I could hear the bullets whizzing over my head," a shaken but steeled Carrie Heinrich said in a Facebook video that went live barely two hours later, which has been viewed more than 1.5 million times since the incident.

"The worst feeling as a parent," Heinrich said, "was seeing my kid out in the middle of an open field with bullets flying and not being able to get to him."

In an especially violent day amid skyrocketing gun violence since *George Floyd's* May 25 death at the hands of Minneapolis police, nine people were shot across the city on June 22. Another two were stabbed, and one of them didn't survive.

The park shooting prompted Police Chief Medaria Arradondo to pledge Wednesday that "our children must be protected, and those who would dare to bring harm their way must be held accountable."

The shooting could have been much worse. Gunfire sprayed from one moving vehicle to another over the heads of youngsters, coaches and parents during practice that day. The adults swooped up the kids, hustled them into vehicles and spared the innocent from being wounded or worse.

From there, multiple vehicles took everyone to coach Melvin Thompson's home a few minutes' drive away.

"Once we got back to my house," Thompson said Tuesday, "we lined them all up and made them take their shirts off" to see whether anyone was shot.

AT PRACTICE, A HAIL OF BULLETS

Thompson returned to Jordan Park, collected bullets from the grass and looked ahead to his Minnesota Jays practice moving 3½ miles south Wednesday night to Bryn Mawr Meadows Park, "a nice, secluded area," he said.

Arradondo watched Heinrich's 9-minute video Wednesday afternoon and acknowledged the bravery and compassion of the coaches and parents who risked their own lives to shield and protect the children. "Everyone who was out there that day may have been traumatized by what occurred, and my thoughts are with them," he said.

Strained emotions

More than a week after surviving the terror, Heinrich said that Cal, the 12-year-old son she always knew as a "goofy, outgoing, happy old soul [has since] been on edge, short-tempered and has cried. ... He said, 'I just want to give up.' "

The shootings elsewhere in the city that day, along with the Jordan Park rolling gun battle on either side of the football players, came in the midst of a troubling surge in shootings in Minneapolis since Memorial Day. Less than two days before, 11 people were injured in a hail of gunfire in Uptown, while another man was shot and killed downtown at roughly the same time.

The violence has showed no signs of letting up since bullets flew over Jordan Park, at N. 30th and James avenues. From June 23 to 29, 18 people were hit by gunfire, with nine of them being hit over this past weekend, police said.

Halfway through 2020, 207 people have been shot in Minneapolis, a significantly higher tally than the five-year average for the same time span, according to police data. The six-month homicide total stands at 27.

Police spokesman John Elder said that when officers responded to Jordan Park, the shooters were gone. No arrests have been made in any of the shootings or stabbings that day.

On Wednesday, protecting the kids at practice at Bryn Mawr focused more on fending off mosquitoes, staying hydrated and getting loose.

"Start getting strapped up," Thompson said in his best head coach's voice to his Minnesota Jays. One player called home: "Coach says I need a mouth guard."

Thompson wove among players in line military style for calisthenics, correcting their form while mixing in fist bumps of encouragement.

A mom made the rounds with bug repellent, spraying down many of the boys on the steamy and sunny field.

'We need the cops'

In her post-shooting video, Heinrich broke the promise she made to herself to not "get political" and spoke up for keeping a strong law enforcement presence in the city, amid renewed scrutiny of the Police Department and efforts to dismantle it following the death of an unarmed and handcuffed Floyd while being pinned by officers to the pavement.

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"We need the cops," said Heinrich, an emergency room nurse and former paramedic. "If you want to troll on [social media] and say dismantle the police, get off my page. ... I have no respect for anyone who has never gone through this and then wants to go spit in a cop's face. That's who we needed tonight."

Backing Heinrich's point on reforming the role of police in the city, Arradondo said, "In our city, the police play an important role in responding to violent crime. There is still a need for us to protect and serve our communities, and we will continue to do that in a manner that preserves the public's trust."

Police debate aside, Heinrich didn't lose sight of who ultimately was responsible.

"Never again should these kids have to duck and dodge bullets while playing football," Heinrich said in the video's closing moments, her language punctuating rising anger. "What the hell is wrong with you people? Zero regard for life."

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BIG Q4 for General Mills - Correction Appended

ARTICLE MXLVI. [**BIG Q4 FOR GENERAL MILLS - CORRECTION APPENDED**](#)

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 776 words**Byline:** EVAN RAMSTAD; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** At-home eating drove sales and profits for the global food company.**Body**

Few big businesses experience a moment when demand spikes for all its products all at once. But General Mills did this spring, and its latest results Wednesday revealed both the size of the spike and the challenge of making it last.

A burst of in-home eating caused by the need to fend off coronavirus produced a 21% jump in sales from March through May for the Golden Valley-based food giant, a result not seen for decades at one of Minnesota's oldest companies. Profit also surged as General Mills was able to keep production going, unlike some food processors, and increase it at most plants.

In the process, General Mills kept workers safe. The firm has tracked 120 or so COVID-19 cases among its 70,000 employees worldwide since the outbreak began early this year.

Executives forecast more sales gains for the next nine months, until it runs into the comparisons of this most recent fiscal quarter. But they decided not to issue precise guidance on sales and profits, saying the spread and control of the virus is too uneven.

"Away-from-home and at-home consumption is going to be determined by how the pandemic goes, and that's really uncertain at this point," Jeff Harmening, the company's chief executive, said in an interview.

General Mills has seen market share growth across nearly all its product lines and everywhere it sells goods globally, he said. "We're confident in our ability to compete."

Before the pandemic, about 85% of its sales were to people buying food for home consumption, putting it in a strong position when people began to work and learn from home.

General Mills initially sold out of many products, particularly flour, baking mixes and soups. In late March and April, it ramped up production and adjusted its output to the most popular goods.

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"I feel great about how the company met the moment," Harmening said.

Companies of General Mills' size usually experience sales ups and downs that

are measured in single-digit percentages. Larger growth tends to happen only with an acquisition. General Mills doubled its sales by purchasing Pillsbury in 2001 and added 10% to sales with the purchase of Blue Buffalo pet food two years ago.

The year-over-year sales jumps General Mills just experienced, by contrast, came straight from consumer demand. For instance, sales of all products through U.S. stores grew 37%. Sales of flour and baking mixes rose 75%. Cereal sales were up 26%, and snacks and yogurt both 10%.

"When demand is up, as it was 37% in our retail business, people were counting on us to meet that," Harmening said. He attributed the company's ability to perform to its employees and suppliers and efforts to keep everyone safe.

General Mills earned \$626 million, or \$1.02 a share, on sales of \$5.02 billion in the three months ended May 31, the last quarter of its 2020 fiscal year. Adjusted for the one-time accounting effects, the profit amounted to \$1.10 a share, beating the consensus forecast by analysts of \$1.06 a share.

General Mills shares fell 2% Wednesday but are up 16% for the year.

Harmening told investors in a conference call that operational changes made in the quarter "set us up to deliver continued strong results in the months and years to come."

But in the interview, Harmening said he believed that the work to sustain the gains began two or three years ago when General Mills started to examine and refresh dozens of products.

"We have made our Pillsbury biscuits taste better, reformulated a lot of our soups, added more fruit to yogurt, started talking about heart health on Cheerios," he said. "That's what gives me confidence. If we were just thinking now how to maintain these gains, we'd probably be behind."

On a separate note, Harmening said the police killing of *George Floyd* and the aftermath, as it did at other companies, produced a lot of discussions on multiple levels at General Mills.

One of its internal events, a Zoom-based conversation about race, drew more than 3,500 participants.

The company in recent weeks allowed all its Twin Cities employees paid time off to volunteer in ways they identified.

He said General Mills has produced an inclusive culture and that the diversity of its board and executive ranks reflect it. But he added that the company must always be vigilant about providing opportunity to everyone internally and supportive of community change externally.

"We've donated tens of millions of dollars to help support our community in things like education," Harmening said, referring to its outreach in the Twin Cities.

"But if you look at education gaps or the structural issues with the police, it's clear there's a lot more work to do," he added.

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Correction

This story misstated the size of the General Mills' workforce. It employs approximately 35,000 people.

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Board takes up bid to end MPD

ARTICLE MXLVII. **BOARD TAKES UP BID TO END MPD**

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Byline: LIZ NAVRATIL; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Minneapolis Charter Commission could delay policing reform proposal, keeping it off November's ballot.

Body

The Minneapolis City Council's proposal to eliminate the Police Department has moved to an obscure commission that has shown no urgency in the past to move forward on police reforms.

With 15 volunteer members appointed by a Hennepin County district judge, the Minneapolis Charter Commission plays a crucial role in determining whether the city can change its constitution, which requires minimum staffing for police based on the city's population.

In the coming weeks, many will be watching to see whether the commission uses its procedures to prevent the City Council's proposal from fast-tracking its way onto the November ballot. It did that two years ago, when the council tried to increase its oversight of the department.

A public meeting Wednesday provided the first hints as to what the commissioners might do, with a tight deadline looming.

"I'm not as concerned about meeting the council's timeline as I am about getting this right," said Commissioner Matt Perry. He added: "If that pushes the timeline out, so be it."

A few commissioners echoed his thoughts, while others seemed optimistic about the possibility of quickly scheduling hearings.

Five Minneapolis City Council members - Jeremiah Ellison, Alondra Cano, Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher and President Lisa Bender - want voters to decide whether to replace the Police Department with a Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention. Within that department, the city could create a division that includes "licensed peace officers," but it would not be required to do so.

Mayor Jacob Frey blasted the proposal when it was presented, saying that it left basic questions unanswered and that voters deserved more clarity.

Board takes up bid to end MPD

The proposal is drawing intense public interest as residents and business owners wait to see how Minneapolis will redefine public safety following *George Floyd's* death. Charter Commissioner Jana Metge said she has been inundated with messages and has already spent 11 hours reading through them.

Before the change can make it on the ballot, the Charter Commission can take up to 150 days to review it. If their deliberations stretch beyond Aug. 21, the measure will not make it onto the November ballot.

During a roughly 45-minute meeting Wednesday, the commission outlined the first steps for how it will proceed. The commission will invite Frey and the council members who wrote the proposal to their July 8 virtual meeting.

The commission will then hold public hearings on July 15 and a date to be determined.

Then, on Aug. 5, it will face its toughest decision. The commission could approve or reject the proposal or offer one of its own. The City Council would not be bound by its recommendation, but would have to hold its own vote to decide whether to send the item to the ballot. Frey would then approve or veto that effort.

Two years ago, the City Council asked the Charter Commission to fast-track a different proposal that would have increased the amount of influence the council has over the Police Department.

The commission declined, saying more research was needed. The proposal didn't make it on the ballot that year. Discussion languished.

The current reforms also revive the City Council's bid to take more control of police. The council members want to eliminate the mayor's "complete power" over the Police Department and add language that says the council "may maintain a division of law enforcement services" within the new department.

Frey has said he fears the proposal would weaken accountability and oversight of police, forcing any version of a department to respond to direction from 14 people instead of one.

"I'm about accountability here," Frey said Friday, when the measure was presented. "If this is about me, well, there's an election next year."

Gordon, one of the authors of the amendment, pushed back on that idea, saying that any officers who are employed would report to one person: the department head. The head of the Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention would be nominated by the mayor and approved by the council.

The Charter Commission is accepting public comment on the new proposal. People can submit comments at minneapolisismn.gov, by calling 311 and by e-mailing councilcomment@minneapolisismn.gov

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Business owners testify about damage from riots and looting

ARTICLE MXLVIII. **[BUSINESS OWNERS TESTIFY ABOUT DAMAGE FROM RIOTS AND LOOTING](#)**

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Byline: TOREY VAN OOT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Lawmakers are divided on providing aid to damaged neighborhoods.

Body

Three days after ***George Floyd***'s death, Bobby Awaijane helped board up the E. Lake Street gas station and convenience store his family owned for 17 years.

Hours later, the family monitored security footage on a computer as more than 50 people flooded the store, ransacking shelves and destroying property. When they called 911, an operator said it would be days before someone could respond.

The next morning as they cleaned up, the family decided to stay and protect the property themselves. For days, Awaijane and others kept watch 24/7, taking turns napping in a nearby shed.

"If the store burns down, there's nothing left," he told state lawmakers Wednesday. "This is our livelihood."

Awaijane shared his story at the Minnesota Senate's first oversight hearing into the unrest that followed Floyd's May 25 killing by a Minneapolis police officer. For several hours, business owners and employees detailed destruction sustained amid the chaos.

One Lake Street property manager said days of vandalism, including dozens of fires, left owners with tens of millions of dollars in damages across several buildings. Jim Stage, owner of Lloyd's Pharmacy in St. Paul, broke down into tears as he recalled seeing his store, a staple in the neighborhood since he was a boy, leveled after it was looted and burned to the ground.

The testimony marked the first in what Senate Republicans say will be a series of oversight hearings focused on the aftermath of Floyd's death.

"I don't know [if] there is fault to be laid out on any one person, or maybe it's the system that didn't react properly," said Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, who led the hearing. "This is the first step."

Business owners testify about damage from riots and looting

Newman said the goal is to document and investigate "very, very serious criminal activity" that damaged or destroyed more than 1,000 public and private structures across the Twin Cities, as well as the state and local response to the crisis.

As the Senate launches its inquiry, the partisan divide over the political and policy response to Floyd's death is growing at the State Capitol. Senate Democrats sharply criticized Republicans for holding hearings on property damages, instead of focusing on a package of police accountability measures that stalled in a late June special session.

Several also questioned why lawmakers of color who represent the impacted communities were not invited to participate.

"If we are going to take this opportunity to spend many hours on end examining what happened in the aftermath of a killing of a Black man, a slow agonizing and dehumanizing death, why can't we spend the time trying to root out or explain how that happened?" said Sen. Scott Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis.

A wide array of lawmakers have called attention to the economic toll of the civil unrest but remain divided on providing aid to the damaged neighborhoods. On Tuesday, members of the DFL-led House heard from about a dozen community members in a hearing at Plaza Verde on Lake Street.

"The city of Minneapolis has failed to protect our businesses, and I hope our elected officials will not do the same," Amina Osman, who owns a business called Post Plus, told legislators Tuesday. "I understand that government functions slowly, but that is not reassuring to small businesses like ours. We need help and assistance, and we need it now."

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Children caught up in rolling gun battle last week at Minneapolis park

ARTICLE MXLIX. [**CHILDREN CAUGHT UP IN ROLLING GUN BATTLE LAST WEEK AT MINNEAPOLIS PARK**](#)

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Highlight: Dozens of young children practicing football last week at a Minneapolis park were spared when bullets began to fly over their heads from a rolling gun battle one shaken mother described in a Facebook post that has been widely viewed. Carrie Heinrich said 50 or so children and a handful of parents heard fireworks one [...]

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Carrie Heinrich said 50 or so children and a handful of parents heard fireworks one evening last week while the players were practicing at Jordan Park. But soon, gunfire rang out as a car slowly turned the corner. Coaches ordered the players, ages 5 to 14, to get down as bullets flew overhead and pinged off posts at the park, Heinrich said in her post, which has been viewed more than 1.5 million times.

"The worst feeling as a parent," Heinrich said, "was seeing my kid out in the middle of an open field with bullets flying and not being able to get to him."

Gunfire sprayed from one moving vehicle to another over the heads of those on the playing field as coaches and parents swooped up the children, hustled them into vehicles and took them a coach's house nearby.

June 22 was an especially violent day in Minneapolis when nine people were shot and two were stabbed. It comes amid skyrocketing gun violence since [**George Floyd**](#)'s May 25 death at the hands of Minneapolis police.

No arrests have been made in the park shooting, police said. [Portland protest scene relatively calm after US drawdown](#). [Third family member dies after attack by mentally ill relative in Maple Grove](#). [Sorting through 'humongous haystack' of evidence, St. Paul police working to ID people who damaged businesses, looted them](#). [Iron Range man charged in unsolved 1986 homicide, but connection to victim unclear](#). [Shots fired at Ramsey County deputies during traffic stop](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 10A**Length:** 489 words**Highlight:** Chief, mayor and business groups offer needed reforms in city's approach to public safety.**Body**

As the Minneapolis City Council works to remove the charter mandate for the Police Department, other city leaders are taking important steps to reform policing now.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo signaled change was coming last month when he stepped away from negotiations with the Police Officers Federation, saying the union has traditionally stood "in the way of progress."

In an agreement with the Minnesota Human Rights Department, the chief, mayor and council banned their officers from using chokeholds and neck restraints. That court-approved deal came 11 days after [George Floyd](#) was pinned down on the pavement by Minneapolis cops in a deadly encounter recorded on video and seen around the world.

And this week, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Arradondo announced tighter rules on how body camera videos are reviewed - a move they say will provide more transparency and accountability. The new rules went into effect Tuesday.

Those are the most recent actions city leaders have taken in response to legitimate calls for sweeping changes to law enforcement practices. They're right to pursue needed reforms - and they are promising to do more.

Concurrently, a coalition of business groups is calling for a solid set of "guiding principles" for a new and improved approach to Minneapolis public safety. In a recent letter, the Downtown Improvement District, Minneapolis Regional Chamber, Downtown Council, and Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association acknowledged that MPD reinvention is necessary and urged immediate and lasting change in MPD culture - including ridding the department of bad cops.

The group rightly favors reforming - not dismantling - the department. Its principles make clear that trained, sworn personnel must be available in appropriate numbers to provide first responder services and "address threats to citizens, businesses and properties." And while the status quo is not acceptable, they say, neither is chaotic change or transition that excludes law enforcement.

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The business leaders want clear and increased authority for the mayor and chief. To that end, they recommend the council maintain the current city charter provision that calls for the mayor to oversee the MPD, not the mayor plus a City Council of 13 individuals. As the Editorial Board has argued before, managing the department by committee would be a disaster.

Recognizing that law enforcement is essential but cannot alone provide for community safety, the business leaders expressed support for strategies such as expanded use of co-responders, downtown ambassadors and homeless, housing and mental health services. The group wisely seeks to have every sector of the city involved in creating the new public safety vision for Minneapolis.

Along with community input, the changes being made by Arradondo and Frey - along with the recommendations from businesses invested in the city's future - can help Minneapolis reinvent policing.

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Minneapolis Aquatennial celebrations will be online

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Highlight: The Minneapolis Aquatennial won't have any in-person events this summer, but activities, content and memories will be shared on social media July 22-25, according to an Aquatennial news release Thursday. Content will be @Aquatennial on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and on the Aquatennial website: aquatennial.com/aqua2020. The Aquatennial statement said COVID-19 impacts on health safety moved [...]

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The Aquatennial statement said COVID-19 impacts on health safety moved events online: "We will always prioritize community safety over celebrations. More importantly, Minneapolis is still reeling from the death of **George Floyd**. Our community has been deeply impacted by his tragic death and the unrest that followed. Simply said, it does not feel like it is time to celebrate. We want to take the time to honor our community and give space for the important work that needs to be done."

The 2021 Aquatennial will be July 21-24.

[*Summer road trip? Quarantines are crimping some US travelers*](#) [*Bonnie Blodgett: Focus on the fruit, tomato plant!*](#) [*Minnesota Fringe is still wacky, irreverent, heartfelt and online*](#) [*Where can we go swimming during a pandemic summer? Here's what's open*](#) [*Landmark Center has free lunchtime concerts on the 'porch'*](#)

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PARK BOARD VOTES DOWN HOMELESS CAMP LIMITS

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A divided Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on Wednesday rejected a plan that could have restricted homeless encampments in parks across the city, including a sprawling community at Powderhorn Park that leaders say has become the largest in Minnesota history.

The Park Board has accommodated hundreds of homeless residents who migrated across Minneapolis in the midst of the uprising following the police killing of *George Floyd*. Last month, commissioners voted to allow homeless residents to stay overnight at city parks.

Yet it has struggled to contain the Powderhorn site, where two separate encampments at the northern end of the park have now grown to as many as 600 people in 400 tents, according to the board. It's now larger than the Wall of Forgotten Natives, a tent encampment disbanded in 2018, and park leaders say conditions are becoming increasingly dangerous.

On Wednesday, the Park Board was scheduled to vote on a resolution that would limit the size of the encampments to 10 tents at 10 park locations, and which would have ended the current order allowing encampments of all sizes Sept. 1.

Commissioner Londel French, who has become a regular presence volunteering at Powderhorn Park, moved to pull the resolution from the meeting agenda. Five commissioners voted in favor; four voted against.

"I think a real, true resolution would be thought out and would take considerations of the folks who actually don't have a place to go," French said. "Maybe they can have some better ideas than we do."

Commissioner Brad Bourn also voted to remove the resolution, saying it went against the Park Board's earlier commitment to make parks a refuge for the homeless. "I'm just incredibly confused by it because it seems to take a 180-degree position from what the board passed at its last meeting," he told commissioners.

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Commissioners French, Bourn, AK Hassan, Chris Meyer and Kale Severson voted to remove the resolution from the agenda. Commissioners Meg Forney, Steffanie Musich, LaTrisha Vetaw and Park Board President Jono Cowgill voted against the motion.

Several people who attended the meeting, some of whom are living at Powderhorn, applauded and cheered the vote, with some later saying the resolution was ill-formed and proposed without another plan in place.

Earlier this week, Cowgill said he had brought forth the resolution to set some deadlines he hoped would push other government agencies, particularly the state, to move quickly to offer resources for homeless residents, including mental health support and other camping areas.

"I have yet to see the tangible commitments that can help us move to a next step for a lot of people on the ground," Cowgill said Tuesday. "While it seems like winter is a far ways off, it really isn't. Staring down the idea of having 200, 300 tents in Powderhorn in August is really concerning to me for the folks that are there."

Campers, volunteers and neighbors at Powderhorn Park have made the same request in recent days, calling on the state to provide emergency funding for the homeless population and swiftly connect campers with permanent housing. Hennepin County, the Park Board and the city of Minneapolis are asking the state to fund nonprofits to do more outreach, set up emergency shelters at the State Fairgrounds and buy more hotel rooms across the state.

Small encampments have shown up in about 35 park locations, including one in front of Park Board Superintendent Al Bangoura's home at Lyndale Farmstead Park.

The board is spending nearly \$16,000 a week renting materials such as portable restrooms and providing "additional staff services" at Powderhorn, according to its website.

The Powderhorn encampments, Cowgill said, have become untenable and brought in "dangerous, problematic and predatory behaviors." Former residents said they have witnessed fights breaking out each day. Last week, a teen was sexually assaulted at a campsite.

On Wednesday night a teenager was shot several times near a tent encampment at Peavey Park in south Minneapolis, according to several reports. He was in critical condition but expected to survive.

Scott Alan Harper, 49, was staying at Powderhorn and felt the camp becoming increasingly volatile. When he learned a teen had been sexually assaulted, he packed his belongings and left with a group of other residents, forming the encampment outside Bangoura's home.

He has been in Minnesota for less than a month, traveling across the country using military and retirement benefits. At the encampment, he said Minneapolis was "such a beautiful place," and that he was going to help pick weeds at a neighboring house.

Current Powderhorn residents painted a calmer picture Wednesday.

Nadine Little, who was at the former Sheraton hotel shelter before arriving at the park, said the west side of the park is quieter than the larger east camp.

She did not support the Park Board's plan to shrink the encampments and said the people in the camp need more volunteers, security and housing options.

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"I hope that we are not all here in the park, and be housed, and not have to worry about being out here in the streets," Little said.

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THE PANDEMIC

"Holy [bleep]" is right! That was Michael Flor's reaction to his 181-page, \$1.1 million bill for COVID-19 treatment ("Protect patients on million-dollar bills," editorial, July 1). I'll bet he was plenty relieved that he had good insurance.

Multiply that \$1.1 million bill by the tens or hundreds of thousands of COVID-19 patients who have already been treated, and those who have yet to be treated, and that's the cost our insurance companies are also absorbing now and will absorb in the future. Covering costs are what insurance companies do, but after natural disasters, and now a pandemic, to stay in business, they must adjust their rates.

My partner and I are in our 80s. We're on Medicare, like Flor, and are lucky to be able to afford additional supplemental insurance. We're expecting our insurance rates to rise because of this pandemic, but after reading about Flor's bill, I can't even imagine what those increased rates are going to be. But I can imagine our reaction and the reaction of the thousands of others of our generation: "Holy [bleep]."

Dennis Daniels, Eden Prairie

WEALTH

Address inequality with education

When I worked for the city of Minneapolis, I was a strong supporter of the Minnesota Homeownership Center, and I agree with most of center President Julie Gugin's comments about structural racism in the current lending industry ("When lamenting homeownership rates, lament structural racism," Readers Write, June 30). There is no doubt about the historical failures of our private lenders when it comes to lending to communities of color, but I believe there is a bigger problem affecting their ability to obtain a loan.

Our current educational system does a good job of educating young people about math, science and other typical educational subjects. However, it does little to help them to understand the financial impact of poor money management. Instead, this education is left to our banks, credit card companies and legal system.

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Our market economy promotes the idea of immediate gratification and the end result is large amounts of debt and little or no savings.

The city of Minneapolis has provided financial support to counseling agencies that reach out to communities of color, and based upon reports on the outcomes, the counseling agencies were successful in helping most counselees to improve their credit rating, get their debts paid off and improve their household income and savings. These programs give families the tools to improve their own lives and economic prospects through education and counseling, but sadly this is done on a very small scale compared to the actual need.

How much better would it be if we brought this knowledge to our middle and high schools to help young people to understand the importance of properly managing their finances before entering their adult life? Yes, we need to address systemic problems in the lending industry, but the bigger emphasis should be placed on empowering people with the financial information they need to better help them to afford a home, manage their household finances and prepare them for retirement.

Mark Anderson, Ramsey

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Recently the explosion of justifiable outrage at the treatment of *George Floyd* has focused a light on the fact that while people at the top live comfortable financial lives, the people in the lower strata struggle. For Black people, this has brought up discussion of reparations.

The fact is that a large proportion of the population, no matter what they do, end up with little or no retirement savings. Further, nothing in the current tax and retirement system seems to even begin to solve the problem. Social Security was never designed to provide people with an adequate retirement. But there was a proposal to begin to attack this problem.

In the 1990s, Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut proposed a program called "KidSave." This program would have given \$1,000 to every newborn child. Under their proposal, for the first five years of a child's life, \$500 would be added to that account. There would be other subsidies. The accounts would be administered the same way as the federal employees' plans are managed. Under Kerrey and Lieberman's 1990s proposal, the funds could not be withdrawn until age 65. The person could add to his or her account, but they could not withdraw from the account. With this proposal, at retirement everyone would have a much better chance at a comfortable life.

Kerrey and Lieberman's proposal was ignored then, it is said, because it would have cost billions of dollars each year.

We just borrowed, what, several trillion?

Had Kerrey and Lieberman's proposal, or something like it, been turned into law in the 1990s, a significant portion of the American people would now be better off. It wasn't picked up then, but if you want our children to have a brighter future, then this proposal, or something like it, should be part of our future.

Michael N. Felix, Grand Rapids, Minn.

MONUMENTS

More to the story on Crazy Horse

READERS WRITE These bills will come due

It's interesting that the letter writer who wrote about the Crazy Horse Memorial said that the monument was unfinished and suggested it was due to lack of federal funds and caring about a tribute to an American Indian.

The sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski, turned down millions of dollars offered by the federal government, as he wanted complete and total artistic and financial control over the monument. It is now funded by admissions and private donations and money from their various shops and restaurants on the property. It is a very lucrative business and takes in many millions of dollars a year and has been worked on solely by the family. They do not ask for or accept federal money.

Although it was commissioned by Lakota chief Standing Bear and many favor it, the monument is opposed and resented by other tribal members as it is on sacred land and a scant amount of the revenue goes to the tribe, although one is led to believe that the monument has humanitarian purposes.

Stephanie Dodge, Minneapolis

ABILITIES

Watch your descriptors - and bias

An Associated Press story that ran in the June 24 issue of the Star Tribune ("Trump-backed GOP candidates in Kentucky and North Carolina lose") included the following sentences: "In western North Carolina, GOP voters picked 24-year-old investor Madison Cawthorn over Trump-backed real estate agent Lynda Bennett. ... Cawthorn, who uses a wheelchair following an accident, will meet the constitutionally mandated minimum age of 25 when the next Congress convenes." (The printed paper version was slightly different.)

The fact that Cawthorn uses a wheelchair has no relevance to his candidacy in any way, so why mention it? Bennet uses eyeglasses, yet her dependence on adaptive technology is not mentioned. Nor should it be, any more than wheelchair use should be.

Candidates with disabilities should be judged by their experience, qualifications and policy proposals, just like any other candidate. To gratuitously report on (presumed) disability is to engage in social "othering." In fact, people with disabilities are not "them." People with disabilities are us. Let the reporting that the Star Tribune publishes reflect this liberating fact.

Jeff Nygaard, Minneapolis

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ARTICLE MLIV. **SECURITY FOR HIRE**

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There's a certain irony, isn't there, in the fact that Minneapolis taxpayers have spent an extra \$63,000, at least, in the last month to provide private security for three City Council members who had declared their intention to dismantle the Police Department and replace it with some other structure.

We don't want to be too cynical about it, though. The other way to describe the situation is that three elected officials have faced threats to their personal safety for introducing into the public discourse an idea that many of their constituents support following another in a long series of wake-up calls over police behavior, in this case the death of **George Floyd**.

Though (as we've stated previously) the repeal-and-replace initiative is not well thought out, and though its clarity is little improved even after a unanimous City Council vote last week to advance it, this process - proposition, debate, decision - is at the heart of the democracy whose origin Americans will be celebrating in just a few days. Ideas are meant to be ambitious and debate is meant to be vigorous, but change is not meant to be effortless. Too many people on too many points of the ideological spectrum want to kick one or more of these pillars down.

The private security measures for the three council members are temporary, according to a city spokeswoman, who also said the two companies providing the services have licensed, armed officers. As long as the costs don't exceed \$175,000, the council doesn't need to publicly sign off, she said.

How shameful for our society that it's come to this, but the extra security must be provided. We do hope that council members fully consider the implications, though. Residents and businesses also face threats that can be mitigated by the presence of licensed, armed officers.

City Council President Lisa Bender told CNN last month that the fear of not having the police to call upon "comes from a place of privilege." We can see what she was trying to get at - that the realized benefits of the current policing structure depend upon who you are and where you live - but that word "privilege" is loaded.

A sense of safety is a basic human need, and fear in its absence is universal. The debate in Minneapolis and elsewhere should not be about taking security from some but providing it persuasively to all.

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Toronto, Edmonton likely to be two hub cities

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Byline: SARAH MCLELLAN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Negotiations between NHLPA, league seem to be wrapping up unresolved issues.

Body

NHL games probably won't be taking place in the Twin Cities anytime soon.

Toronto and Edmonton will reportedly be named hub cities if the season resumes later this summer, a return that's still a work in progress, although talks seem to be escalating toward a resolution.

The players union and the league have been working on protocols for training camp, a 24-team tournament to award the Stanley Cup that includes the Wild, and an extension for the collective bargaining agreement. Negotiations appear to have resolved many issues, according to TSN, and a vote among players could happen this weekend.

A flat salary cap, NHL participation in the Olympics and giving players the option to opt out of the current season - like some MLB and NBA players have done this week - are among the details on the table, according to Sportsnet.

It's also possible players signed to a contract since the NHL was paused March 12 by the coronavirus pandemic won't be eligible to compete the rest of the season, a potential ruling that would prohibit prized prospect Kirill Kaprizov from joining the Wild even if he signed.

That's been the NHL's stance, to proceed without what it described as "ringers." The league does have to consult the NHL Players' Association, but TSN's Bob McKenzie reported he's under the impression these players won't be allowed to play.

Nothing, however, is guaranteed until both sides approve a restart.

The NHL is scheduled to open training camps on July 10, but it's possible that gets delayed. No date has been announced for the action to begin, but the season could continue by the end of the month if camps start by mid-July.

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Under the format the NHL and NHL Players' Association agreed upon in May, the top four teams from each conference will play in a round robin to determine first-round seeding and the remaining eight teams will square off against each other in a best-of-five series to advance to the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Hubs both have team playing

Toronto will reportedly house the Eastern Conference teams and Edmonton the Western. Although each city has a team competing, the league has said players from the host city will adhere to the same accommodations as everyone else.

Players and staff are expected to be sequestered in hotels and practice and play in a "bubble" atmosphere, with no fans at games because of the pandemic.

Teams will be limited to 50 personnel in each hub city, and only a small number of support staff will be allowed to enter the event areas. By the time games potentially return, players will be tested every evening and results will be available the next morning before they leave their hotel room.

Commissioner Gary Bettman previously said the selection of sites will be dependent on COVID-19 conditions, testing ability and government regulations, all of which explain Canada's appeal.

Canada relaxed rules for NHL

The Canadian government recently announced the NHL would be exempt from the current 14-day quarantine required of those crossing the border into Canada. Instead, players would be kept away from the general public and screened regularly. Cases in the country also have been mostly on the decline.

Meanwhile in the United States, some states are being ravaged by outbreaks. Las Vegas was long hyped to be a frontrunner to host the NHL, but cases in Nevada are on the rise and one model pegs the state's transmission rate as the highest in the country.

Vancouver was also in the running, but its bid apparently fizzled when health officials and the league couldn't agree on how to handle a positive test.

Overall, 10 locations were under consideration when the league revealed its return-to-play plan on May 26.

Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh were the others in contention, along with Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Twin Cities bounced

Although there's a lack of high-end hotel rooms near Xcel Energy Center, Minnesota figured to be in the mix because of the number of hockey rinks in the Twin Cities. The area was also vetted by the league not too long ago to host the Winter Classic on New Year's Day in 2021 at Target Field. It's unclear what impact the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** and civil unrest that followed had on Minnesota's chances.

The Wild is set to face the Canucks in a best-of-five qualifying matchup should the season continue as planned.

Team facilities, including Tria Rink in St. Paul, have been open for voluntary, small-group workouts capped at 12 players per session. The NHL said Monday 15 players out of more than 250 who reported to train at

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team rinks have tested positive; another 11 players who aren't skating at team sites also have tested positive since June 8.

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'Black Lives Matter' policy prompts ad-agency walkout

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Periscope ad agency's parent company changed a rule forbidding employees from using "***Black Lives Matter***" in social media posts after 179 Minneapolis workers walked off the job on Thursday.

Employees said they wanted to use the term to show solidarity with Black and racial-justice protesters in the wake of the ***George Floyd*** killing, but were repeatedly told no by Wisconsin-based parent company, Quad.

After the walkout, Quad agreed to give Periscope editorial independence over its social media posts and promised to release employment data by race and sex. Leaders also said they would undergo diversity training and planned to increase the number of people of color hired throughout the company.

Quad CEO Joel Quadracci

apologized to Periscope employees and clients in a statement. He said the company was "slow to communicate" its commitment to ending ***systemic racism***.

"Our integrated marketing agency Periscope in Minneapolis has witnessed firsthand the nation's reawakening to persistent, ***systemic racism***," he said. "In recent days, our Periscope colleagues have made it clear that we, as a company, failed to act with the urgency, transparency and sensitivity required on this important social issue, and we agree. Quad can and will do better."

Nathan Young, who moved from Seattle in March to join Periscope as group strategy director, said he is still shocked that Quadracci directly ordered him to delete the phrase "***Black Lives Matter***" from a Periscope statement addressing ***systemic racism***.

For a month, he was told Quad first needed to review its policies.

"The fact that as a billionaire white CEO of a company, you literally told your Black employee - one who lives four blocks from where ***George Floyd*** was murdered - to delete the phrase '***Black Lives Matter***' from a statement of support, is a shocking dereliction of duty as a leader," Young said. "The wound that created never fully healed."

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Subsequent efforts to retweet supportive messages on Facebook or Twitter prompted Quad's legal staff to intervene.

On Wednesday, Young, Periscope's three other Black employees and one LGBT worker walked off the job in protest. On Thursday, the rest of the office walked out, too. Periscope has 16 people of color on its 179-member staff.

Young is one of two advertising leaders who rallied 600 Black advertising professionals to pen a letter outlining 12 actions agencies should take to help eradicate systemic racism in their organizations.

Chief Creative Officer Peter Nicholson said Quad's initial decisions were "particularly hurtful to our people of color and to all 179 of us because of the situation we were all experiencing" in the wake of Floyd's killing.

Nicholson said he was proud of the agency for banding together.

Periscope closed Thursday for "reflection and in solidarity with our colleagues," the agency said in a statement. "We believe the day is necessary for us to reaffirm our values and our commitment to real change - not only for ourselves but for our wider community."

Dee DePass · 612-673-7725

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READERS WRITE A police-free future would be bleak

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POLICE REFORM

A viable, ethical and just police department for all is an equity issue. I do not support the proposed charter amendment to eliminate the *Minneapolis Police Department*, which should be deeply reformed instead. I support the kind of intelligent reform that Mayor Jacob Frey and Chief Medaria Arradondo have already embarked upon but not an expensive, disruptive, divisive and unclear process as the City Council has proposed ("Meaningful change in Mpls. policing," editorial, July 2). Our city has been through the wringer, the most difficult year in recent memory. This current idea will only further unsettle and divide us as a city at a time when unity is needed more than ever.

I have traveled extensively in countries where police departments are corrupt, dysfunctional and essentially nonexistent. In one three-week period in Mexico and Honduras, I was robbed twice, once at gunpoint. This lack of safety and security in places like Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico is one of the main factors driving people (quite reasonably) to seek refuge in the United States. I have heard countless stories about the lack of safety and security in these places from my students, friends and neighbors. In these places, the richest and/or most powerful people have access to private security guards (like our own City Council members Andrea Jenkins, Alondra Cano and Phillipe Cunningham), the somewhat less privileged buy their own guns and install electronic security systems, and the poorest are left at the mercy of organized (and not-so-organized) criminals. This is not the future I envision and hope for in the city that I have lived in for 30 years. Minneapolis can do so much better than this.

John Strand, Minneapolis

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Regarding the City Council's proposals to reform or disband our dysfunctional MPD - or to revise the city charter to achieve those ends - I think the city's leadership instead should investigate what has worked in other cities and other countries and look at how those successes could be applied here.

I have a relative in Norway who asked me why the police in America have so little training. I learned that in Norway, getting into the police academy is very competitive, and as a result, only good prospects are admitted in the first place. Training in the academy lasts three years - one year in the classroom, one year

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on the streets with mentors, and another year in the classroom. Police are required to have 40 to 80 hours of continuing education each year. Here, future police are required to have two years of post-high school education and then several months of training, including on the streets with a mentor. (Ironically, *Derek Chauvin*, who is now charged with the murder of *George Floyd*, was acting as a mentor, despite a reported history of many prior complaints.) A better-functioning police academy could go a long way toward producing a better, kinder and more effective Police Department.

We don't need to reinvent the wheel. Rather, we should be interested in what has worked elsewhere and be willing to learn from others. Disbanding or defunding the MPD or revising the city charter are all a bridge too far.

Signe Dysken, Minneapolis

CONFEDERACY

Get those images out of schools

On June 10, the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) issued a statement on the tragic killing of *George Floyd*. In part, it said that the MSHSL has "the opportunity and responsibility to support our students by listening, learning, advocating and leading." I agree. As such, the MSHSL should ban the use of all Confederate imagery (rebel soldier mascots, flags, etc.) by member schools because such imagery symbolizes racism and white supremacy. No students should have to face this offensive imagery - at their school district or another - while participating in MSHSL activities.

If the MSHSL does not ban the use of these images, how can it honestly say the following in its June 10 statement: that it affirms "our shared humanity"? That it is working "to make dignity, respect, equity, fairness and justice the values that our students carry with them as they form their futures"? That "dignity and respect for all are nonnegotiable"? That "embracing diversity best serves all students and school communities"? That it has "a clear focus on equity, inclusion and respect"? That "through our activities and athletics, we can promote healing, build unity and work toward the elimination of racism and discrimination"? And finally, that "through our words and actions, we must honor and embrace our diversity and move forward together toward a world that is fair, equitable and just"?

It can't.

It's time for the MSHSL to turn words into deeds and ban the use of Confederate imagery by member schools.

Brett Gaul, Marshall, Minn.

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With complete sincerity I say "cheers" to Mississippi on its decision to remove the "stars and bars" from its state flag, which has been there for more than 100 years ("Mississippi moves to rid state flag of rebel emblem," June 29). This act shows the profound impact *George Floyd*'s death has had upon our nation. Not with the intent to diminish the significance of their act, the fact that they will replace the insignia with "In God We Trust" was a bit of a letdown. Will it take another 100 years to get "God" off our money and our flags? Why should these promote a specific theological belief? I thought we, as citizens, had the right to believe or not to believe.

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Roger Grimm, Maple Grove

REBUILDING LAKE STREET

It transformed, and will do so again

Regarding the discussion about whether or not the city of Minneapolis has done "nothing" to clean up Hennepin Avenue: Turn the focus to Lake Street ("Yes, Minneapolis government is dysfunctional," June 26). Forty years ago I was taking the bus to temp jobs on Lake Street where I used a manual typewriter with five sheets of carbon paper to type invoices. Lake Street was a run-down, sad place then. Fast-forward to early 2020. Invoices are done on computers and Lake Street has become an extraordinarily vibrant place of diverse cultures and businesses, with colorful murals reflecting the community adorning buildings. The memory of that transformation will not fade.

Now, though many of those Lake Street businesses are damaged or rubble, I have great faith they will be rejuvenated and the community revitalized, and I expect the support of our City Council and leaders will again help Lake Street transform itself. Like Hennepin Avenue, Lake Street is a work in progress.

Diane Erdmann, Minneapolis

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I am almost 13 and have lived in Longfellow my whole life. Minneapolis means everything to me. I realize that the past few months have been hard for the city with COVID-19 and the death of **George Floyd** leading to protests and riots. Like I said, Lake Street and Minneapolis mean everything to me, and I don't want to just see Lake Street be torn down and rebuilt with condos and new buildings. I know that a lot of the buildings have already collapsed because of fires. But buildings like the Minnehaha Liquors aren't completely collapsed. I feel like it would show the strength and power of Minneapolis if we kept buildings like Minnehaha Liquors how they are, rebuilt the floors, made it safe to be in and turned it into a memorial and museum about Minneapolis and civil rights. But I am not suggesting that we make this a memorial of **George Floyd**, because I don't want his name to go down in history as someone who started riots.

I don't know where to start with this project considering I am only 13 years old and have little education on how to start something like this, so I came to the Star Tribune. Thank you for your time.

Olive Gilman, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Duluth police reiterate: Chokeholds are deadly force

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Body

DULUTH - The Duluth Police Department outlined updates - most of them formalities - to its use of force policies on Thursday, with Chief Mike Tusken saying chokeholds are considered deadly force and had already been out of practice for decades.

"After the tragic death of ***George Floyd***, our community requested an audit of our policies and to assure them we are aligned with the best practices in policing," Tusken said.

The timing allows the department to add and clarify policies to "provide clearer direction to our officers about our expectations and foster better community understanding."

Officers will continue to be required to follow de-escalation tactics and exhaust all alternatives before shooting.

"Communication is the number one tool our officers use when they're out in the field," Tusken said. "Having the capacity to use less lethal tools to resolve potentially lethal encounters is another way we are poised to save the lives of people who are experiencing a crisis today but through good tactics, training and tools, can live tomorrow."

Tusken said a "duty to intervene" policy was updated to state that "regardless of tenure or rank, officers must intervene verbally or physically if another officer is using force outside of policy and training."

Four former Minneapolis police officers have been charged in the murder of ***George Floyd*** on Memorial Day. For nearly eight minutes, officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on Floyd's neck, even as Floyd, who was handcuffed, said he could not breathe, and three other officers stood by and did not intervene.

In 2019 Duluth police had more than 100,000 interactions with the public and made 3,500 arrests; use of force was recorded in 158 incidents. In 2018 police used force 151 times; use of force was reported 150 times in 2017.

Other policy updates and clarifications include:

Duluth police reiterate: Chokeholds are deadly force

- Warning required before shooting.
- No shooting at moving vehicles.

BROOKS JOHNSON

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City Council security defended

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A Minneapolis City Council member defended the decision of three colleagues to use private security agencies to protect them, saying the service was recommended by the city's security experts following threats.

"Anybody that's making a threat over a policy action or statement or decision is engaging in a form of terrorism meant to suppress the democratic system through a form of intimidation or violence," said Council Member Andrew Johnson, who said he has also received a threat but hasn't asked for private security.

The revelation that the city has spent at least \$63,000 in recent weeks on private security for council members at a time when they are discussing ending the [Minneapolis Police Department](#) (MPD) has drawn criticism and accusations of hypocrisy from some city residents.

In the days after the killing of [George Floyd](#), the city discussed whether Minneapolis police could protect council members, but none of them asked the mayor's office to have a police vehicle parked outside their home, according to a statement from Mayor Jacob Frey's office.

Marjaan Sirdar, a community organizer who lives in south Minneapolis, said it was "ridiculous" for council members to get personal protection, questioning why the families of men who were killed by Minneapolis police have not been given security.

Other elected officials have received help from community members who have volunteered to look after their homes overnight, Sirdar said.

"We're letting these folks who feel unsafe know, 'Hey, it's probably a scare tactic. If you feel unsafe, we'll keep showing up,' " he said. "But there's plenty of other people in this community who deserve protection as well."

City Council security defended

The city has not identified the council members receiving security, but the Star Tribune has confirmed they are Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins and Council Members Alondra Cano and Phillipe Cunningham. The three declined to comment, said they were tied up on other city business or did not respond to messages. They have not publicly discussed why they opted for private security over Minneapolis police officers.

The *Minneapolis Police Department* did not have reports of threats to Cano or Jenkins, spokesman John Elder said earlier this week. Asked whether they had reports of threats to Cunningham, Elder said he did not have any information he could share.

In Minnesota, public officials who make reports to police can ask that their names be redacted, which would prohibit the department from confirming whether those reports exist.

Lacey Severins, a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, said they had "not received any cases related to these threats" as of Thursday morning. Kevin Smith, a spokesperson for the local FBI office, said they "do not ordinarily confirm or deny the existence or status of an investigation."

Johnson said council members have received threats on social media, from calls with blocked numbers, via e-mail and in the traditional mail.

He said "security experts" within the city "offered them security based off of specific threats." He did not know what the threats were, though he said he had received one as well.

Johnson said he believes council members are being targeted for "taking on a controversial issue." He said: "I don't see what would be hypocritical about trying to find a more effective way to improve safety in our community, and expecting personal safety for public servants."

The private security is coming from two companies - Aegis and BelCom - which provide armed, licensed security officers. Aegis charges \$75 an hour and BelCom charges \$125 an hour for their services, according to the city. The city has not publicly released those contracts. Because they have not yet surpassed \$175,000 in spending, the contracts do not need to be approved by the City Council during a public meeting, the city has said.

Cunningham, in a Twitter thread, compared the security council members are receiving to protection offered to the mayor via Minneapolis police.

The police have protected the mayor for decades. An officer, who also serves as a driver, accompanies the mayor at many public events. At least two officers rotate on that duty. Sometimes they both work simultaneously if the mayor is attending large events.

The city did not provide data Thursday on how much that police protection costs, saying it had to track down hourly rate and benefit costs.

The mayor's office said it was not consulted about the decision to bring in private security. "During the initial week of unrest immediately following Floyd's death, at the request of Council Members, there were conversations between mayoral staff and MPD about how MPD could help protect Council Members' safety, but there were no requests to detail MPD vehicles to individual Council Members' homes," the mayor's office said in a statement.

City Council security defended

Frey has received "hundreds of serious threats, including death threats and anti-Semitic threats," since he clashed with President Donald Trump last year over who should pay for the costs of the president's rally in Minneapolis.

"Many of those [threats] have come in during the last few weeks," the mayor's office said. "Administrative staff have flagged a sampling of threats for MPD."

Staff writer Ryan Faircloth contributed to this report.

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One Fermentary closing 'til July 7 after two founders announce exit

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Sally Schmidt, the majority owner of One Fermentary & Taproom, said Thursday she plans to close the North Loop watering hole until July 7 to "implement short-term and long-term plans" following the departure of two other co-founders of the business.

Ramsey Louder and Joseph Alton [announced their departures from One Fermentary last week](#), saying the company hadn't done enough to support Black people and other people of color. Louder owned 5% of One Fermentary and is the first Black man to co-own a brewery in Minneapolis. He also is One's head brewer until he departs on Aug. 10. Alton served as a consultant for One and did not have an ownership stake.

"When I started ONE, my mission was to contribute to the diversity and inclusion in the brewing industry - something that is sadly missing," Schmidt wrote in an Instagram post responding to the resignations.

"My mission remains the same but I realize I could have done more," she continued. "I could have ensured that we sought out more diverse suppliers, hired more staff with various levels of experience to provide

One Fermentary closing 'til July 7 after two founders announce exit

opportunities to those normally shut out of the industry and created a better path to allow committed staff to learn and grow. And I, as a woman in a male-dominated industry, could have taken a more public role as the majority owner so that the face of the business did not fall mainly on my partner, who holds a 5 percent ownership in the business. This has led to charges of tokenism, for which I am profoundly sorry. I vow that I will do better going forward."

Moving forward, One plans to continue to seek partnerships with diverse suppliers and hire diverse staff, Schmidt wrote in an email to the Business Journal. The taproom also plans to introduce a specialty beer to honor the memory of ***George Floyd***. Proceeds from the sale of this beer will be donated to funds and organizations whose missions align with One, such as the rebuilding efforts in North Minneapolis being done through the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition.

When Louder announced his departure, he said in a [Facebook post](#) he "wants to be in a space that can proclaim that ***Black Lives Matter***." Alton wrote his [resignation post](#) a few hours later, saying he was uncomfortable that Schmidt, a white person, edited the company response to the killing of ***George Floyd***, and that One was frequently identified as a black-owned business by media outlets even though Ramsey only had a 5% ownership stake.

Schmidt did not comment on the editing of the response to the killing of ***George Floyd***. Louder could not be reached immediately for further comment. Alton declined to comment.

"To me, growing this business has been like starting a garden," Schmidt's statement continued. "Where I failed was tending it - feeding the soil, watering the plants and removing the weeds. I somehow expected it to flourish over time without the necessary nurturing and a plan of action for when the seasons change. I am truly sorry for my inactions that have led to the storm that has uprooted all of my good intentions."

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Biggest win yet: Freeing prisoner

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Highlight: Maya Moore stepped away from the Lynx to correct a huge wrong.

Body

Anyone who watched the video could see the emotion. A day later Maya Moore - relieved, exhausted, exhilarated - remembers racing to the prison where Jonathan Irons was about to emerge, watching him walk through the doors that had kept him, being overcome.

"Well, apparently, I couldn't keep standing," Moore joked Thursday in a national video conference call. "I fell to my knees. It felt so surreal to watch him walking on the other side of those doors."

It was like winning a championship, said Moore, who should know. The former NCAA and Olympic champion helped lead the Lynx to four WNBA titles.

And now, another victory.

All the work she, her family and her legal team did trying to get Irons' conviction on robbery and assault overturned, all the sacrifice made by Moore, who stepped away from her WNBA career more than a year ago, came to fruition when the 40-year-old Irons - convicted at age 18 - walked through the doors of the Jefferson City (Mo.) Correction Facility.

"Just relief and gratitude, when I saw him walking out," she said. "In this journey there is so much to my life that I just do privately. ... I don't really make it a huge priority to tell every single thing that I do every single day about my life. But one of the things I have wanted to share is the work in the criminal justice reform space, sharing and talking about Jonathan's life."

Moore will continue to fight for prosecutorial reform. She and Irons intend to tell his story, hoping to spur others to join the cause for reform of a criminal justice system that, she said, dehumanizes people of color.

But not right away. This was another huge win in Moore's life. Her biggest, easily. But it exacted a toll.

"It's the next-day exhaustion of, we just went to the mountaintop, and now our bodies are exhausted. Our hearts and minds are exhausted," she said. "We're walking around like zombies today. In a good way."

Biggest win yet: Freeing prisoner

So, first, recovery. Any long-term talk, including basketball, can wait.

"I feel like our family needs to enter into a new season of rest for a little while," she said. "I still am very much talking about another full year of just being more rooted at home."

Lynx coach/General Manager Cheryl Reeve, in a statement released by the team, also talked of feeling overwhelmed watching the scene Wednesday. "I am overcome with joy that Maya and all involved were able to reach their goal of Jonathan's exoneration," Reeve said.

Reeve said she was angry that Moore had to leave her profession to engage in the fight against the "two-tiered criminal justice system that over polices, wrongfully convicts and over sentences Black and brown communities."

It's not over, Moore said. She will continue to work for criminal justice reform, focusing on prosecutorial misconduct. In a lengthy question-and-answer period with reporters, Moore touched on many subjects, including:

- The legacy of Irons' exoneration: "That real change happens through relationships. This journey was deep. We were invested. Jonathan was invested. If you're not committed to being deeply committed and investing over time? That's not how legacies are made. ... Hopefully our story, at the very minimum, can be a foundation for people who want to get started and do something."

- How Irons' case and the response to ***George Floyd***'s killing has created the possibility for historic change: "Because we're starting to talk more about the roots of ***systemic racism***, we can start to weed out the dehumanizing practices through these systems. Changing systems doesn't make sense until you get to the heart behind that system. By saying ***George Floyd*** was a human being. And all the lives we don't have time to talk about are human beings."

- How Irons' release after spending more than two decades of a 50-year sentence feels like a rebirth. "We were driving, racing, to the prison to get him. And I was like, 'This is what expectant fathers must be feeling as they're driving to the hospital and the baby's coming.' Everything is just so new. So I'm looking at him like a newborn in a way, of needing that time to just breathe and rest and grow and enjoy."

"But he's going to grow fast, and I know his heart is for helping people. Our family has been spoiled having him all to ourselves. ... He's going to talk and speak and share and write. He has such a wealth of experience he'll be able to share. So I'm looking forward to helping him do that."

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Discourse over national anthem looms for NBA, other leagues

ARTICLE MLXII. [**DISCOURSE OVER NATIONAL ANTHEM LOOMS FOR NBA, OTHER LEAGUES**](#)

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Body

Rick Carlisle isn't sure what to expect from players during the national anthem when the NBA season resumes in empty arenas in Florida.

The Dallas Mavericks coach does know how he will react if players kneel or otherwise violate a longtime league policy that requires them to stand during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"We support our players 100% in terms of their ability to express themselves individually or as a group if they wish," Carlisle said. "I don't know exactly what it's going to look like in Orlando. There could be different forms of expression. But our country is a free country."

The death of ***George Floyd*** in the custody of Minneapolis police in May sparked fresh questions across sports about kneeling during the anthem and the gesture has been seen from European soccer to North American auto racing. Former San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick started the latest movement in 2016, saying he was protesting racial inequality and police mistreatment of minorities.

Since sports resumed following Floyd's death, players have knelt worldwide, at professional and even youth sporting events. And NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has said the league was wrong not to acknowledge the right of its players to peacefully protest, a move that perhaps prompted new criticism from President Donald Trump, who has long opposed kneeling during the anthem.

There's no indication of any leagues skipping the anthem despite empty venues.

"It's kind of a declaration we're still here," said Adrian Burgos Jr., a University of Illinois history professor who has studied issues of minorities in pro sports. "This is how much the anthem has become part of the pageantry of spectator sports in the United States."

On the eve of the Fourth of July holiday, here's a rundown of the major North American sports leagues and their approaches to the national anthem - a longtime fixture at games.

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The policy calling for players to "stand and line up in a dignified posture" has been around almost 40 years. There were two instances during the 2016 preseason of singers - both female, one white, one Black - dropping to a knee as they performed the anthem. Both said they did it to call attention to ***systemic racism***.

It is believed that the NBA not only expects, but will encourage, players to make statements about the need for social change when the season restarts. Commissioner Adam Silver, speaking at a Time 100 event this week, suggested the league isn't sure what will happen if players choose to kneel.

"We've had a rule on our books that goes back to the early 1980s, that precedes even David Stern's tenure as commissioner, that calls for players to stand in line at attention during the national anthem," Silver said. "I also understand the role of protest and I think that we'll deal with that situation when it presents itself."

The WNBA has the same policy, but players have not been disciplined for kneeling.

Because Kaepernick was the first to kneel during the anthem, the NFL has always been at the epicenter of the debate. League policy at the time was murky on whether players were required to stand. But there were vocal owners, such as Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys, who threatened to bench players if they didn't stand.

Ultimately, the NFL settled on a policy that players and non-playing personnel were "expected" to stand, while giving players the option of staying in the locker room during the anthem. Through it all, there have usually been at least a few players who knelt and never faced discipline.

The tide shifted suddenly after Floyd's death, with several NFL stars essentially daring the league to keep them from kneeling if there are games in 2020 amid the coronavirus pandemic. Goodell responded quickly.

"We, the National Football League, admit we were wrong for not listening to NFL players earlier and encourage all to speak out and peacefully protest," Goodell said in a video in early June. "I personally protest with you and want to be a part of the much-needed change in this country."

Plenty of players, including young star quarterbacks Baker Mayfield in Cleveland and Arizona's Kyler Murray, have made it clear they will kneel. So has Houston coach Bill O'Brien and Carolina coach Matt Rhule might, too.

Baseball's guidelines have the flexibility to allow for personal choice, and former Oakland catcher Bruce Maxwell was believed to be the first in his sport to do kneel during the anthem in 2017, not long after Trump criticized NFL players.

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While the NBA has said it will have multiple outlets for expression of social causes assuming its season resumes, MLB is considering similar possibilities with the 60-game season set to start July 23.

Texas Rangers manager Chris Woodward said he and his players have had several discussions in the wake of protests around the country over Floyd's death.

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"I felt it was very important for a lot of our, especially minority players, to share their feelings with their teammates," Woodward said. "I don't know where we stand as far as how the anthem is going to play out. But I will support our team. I will support our players individually if they have personal beliefs that they feel like they need to share."

The NHL rule book does not address player behavior during the national anthems at its games. Protests have been rare; Tampa Bay forward J.T. Brown raised his right fist during the anthem before the team's first road game of the season in 2017.

The National Women's Soccer League revised its anthem policy after most players knelt during the anthem before season-opening games last weekend at the Challenge Cup. The NWSL was the first pro sports team league to resume or start play since the shutdown. Some players were criticized for not kneeling, so the league will allow players to stay in the locker room during the anthem.

"The NWSL stands behind every player, official and staff member," NWSL Commissioner Lisa Baird said. "Kneel on the field. Stand with your hand over your heart. Honor your feelings in the privacy of the locker room or at midfield."

The largest auto racing series in North America for years had specific guidance for its teams to stand, helmetless and hatless, with right hands over the heart during the anthem. That language was removed less than a month ago as NASCAR goes through a reckoning of its own.

North America's biggest pro men's soccer league has had a policy supporting freedom of expression for players, and Commissioner Dan Garber sent a note to league staff supporting that right three years ago when the Kaepernick debate was raging.

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This July 4th calls for soul-searching

ARTICLE MLXIII. [**THIS JULY 4TH CALLS FOR SOUL-SEARCHING**](#)

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Body

For July 4th observances this year, President Donald Trump plans a reprise of last year's "Salute to America" in Washington. And on Friday, he will attend a fireworks display and military flyby at Mount Rushmore, where pyrotechnics have been banned for years. Environmentalists, Native groups and public health experts are objecting, but the celebrations appear likely to proceed as planned.

It's unfortunate, because this year the nation could use a more sensitive and inclusive observance of its identity. It's a year to take stock and reflect on the spasms that have convulsed the country - namely, the virus that has killed more Americans than were lost in the Vietnam and Korean wars combined, and the horrendous events that began on Memorial Day with a Minneapolis police officer's knee on George Floyd's neck. This Independence Day is an opportunity for soul-searching. It's a time to ponder how well the country has succeeded at the goal passed down in the preamble to the Constitution: to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." Whether we can do that depends on who we mean when we say "ourselves."

A good place to begin the soul-searching is Frederick Douglass' speech of 168 years ago, titled "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" As a man born into slavery himself, the abolitionist leader knew that when the Founders said "ourselves," they were not talking about him. His entire speech is worth reading, but here is a bit of it:

"I say it with a sad sense of the disparity between us. I am not included within the pale of glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us. The blessings in which you, this day, rejoice, are not enjoyed in common. The rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity and independence, bequeathed by your fathers, is shared by you, not by me. The sunlight that brought light and healing to you, has brought stripes and death to me. This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn."

Douglass was raising his voice against slavery, the evil of his time, and not the systems of white privilege that he would be attacking if he were alive today. But it is hard to read his words without thinking of the turmoil that has rocked our cities in the weeks since Floyd's death. "For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder," he declared. "We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. The feeling of the nation must be quickened; the conscience of the nation must be roused"

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That conscience has indeed been roused. We are seeing at least the stirrings of a national reappraisal that could bring lasting change. American society is asking questions about implicit bias and institutional racism that have for too long gone unaddressed. To paraphrase Douglass, a change has now come over the affairs of humankind. This Independence Day, that change demands our attention.

'Hamilton' comes to the small screen

On Friday, Disney Plus will begin streaming a movie that could become an Independence Day tradition: a filmed version of the live-stage production of "Hamilton," performed mostly by the original cast. The plan had been to premiere the film in movie theaters late next year, but the COVID-19 pandemic persuaded the producers to change those plans. "I'm getting messages every day from folks who had tickets to 'Hamilton' and can't go because of the pandemic," the creator and star, Lin-Manuel Miranda, told the New York Times. "So moving up the release so everyone could experience it this summer felt like the right move."

It's a welcome addition to this holiday weekend. Not only does "Hamilton" explore the American Revolution; it does so with voices and vernacular that reflect American diversity. The show asks a pertinent question: "Who tells your story?" The founders thought of "ourselves" as themselves - that is, as white men. If "Hamilton" can help expand the circle of "ourselves" in the American imagination, it comes not a moment too soon.

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George Floyd mural sparks controversy with noose portrayal. Building owner covers it up.

ARTICLE MLXIV. **[GEORGE FLOYD MURAL SPARKS CONTROVERSY WITH NOOSE PORTRAYAL. BUILDING OWNER COVERS IT UP.](#)**

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Highlight: A Lowertown artist said she had a mission as she painted a mural on a downtown St. Paul store's boarded-up windows - she wanted the message to be about the need for more conversation about racism in the wake of *George Floyd's* death in Minneapolis police custody. But the painting came to an end before [...]

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But the painting came to an end before it was done.

Olga Nichols said the owner of the business - Adam's Market on 5th Street, between Jackson and Robert streets - gave her and a few other artists permission to paint the mural on the wood covering the windows.

The building's owner, however, said his company did not grant permission for the mural to be painted on the store. James Crockarell also said many people had voiced concerns about the particular depiction of Floyd in the mural, adding some could interpret it as "negative and inflammatory."

The mural, which included the words "solidarity," "unity," "equality" and "equity," also included a painting of Floyd in a noose.

Nichols said she knew the image would be controversial, but that's why she painted it. Experiencing racism has inspired her art in the past, and she said she wanted the mural to provoke that conversation.

"I think doing controversial pieces is worth it, and my point was to show how uncomfortable I am everyday as a person of color when I'm followed by the police," Nichols said.

Crockarell, the largest private downtown St. Paul building owner, said no one contacted his company, Madison Equities, about painting the mural.

"We do not want to participate in inflammatory graphics being put on the side of our building," he said. "It is private property; it shouldn't have been put there to begin with and they did not have a right to do it without our approval, so we removed it."

George Floyd mural sparks controversy with noose portrayal. Building owner covers it up.

The artists began painting the mural June 23. According to Nichols, Madison Equities sent a security guard the next day to tell the artists that new windows would be arriving to replace the boards in a day or so, and therefore Nichols may want to stop painting.

"To us, that was an option," Nichols said. "So we planned on continuing."

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Nichols is a freelance artist and activist in downtown St. Paul. She had planned a community involvement event for the mural on June 27, but had to cancel it when the art was covered up.

She said the owner of Adam's Market apologized to her and said that while they were forced to cover the art, they will return the mural to Nichols. Nichols said she picked the location of the market because it was vandalized during the civil unrest in the wake of Floyd's killing on Memorial Day.

A representative from the market could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Nichols said she doesn't know where she will display the unfinished mural, but that it will find a temporary or permanent home somewhere in St. Paul.

[People have painted murals and artwork](#) honoring Floyd along boarded-up windows on [St. Paul's University Avenue](#) and in Minneapolis, where businesses were also damaged during rioting after Floyd's death. Peaceful protests came before the unrest and have continued since.

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Calhoun Beach Club says it is changing its name

ARTICLE MLXV. [**CALHOUN BEACH CLUB SAYS IT IS CHANGING ITS NAME**](#)

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Body

The historic Calhoun Beach Club apartment building in Minneapolis will soon change its name, dropping the controversial Calhoun from its 92-year-old moniker, property owners have announced.

In an e-mail last week to its apartment residents and athletic club members, the building owner, Denver-based Aimco, wrote, "Recent events have inspired deeper dialogue and discussion that we are engaging in. Today, in alliance with our broader community, we're announcing our decision to remove Calhoun from our name. Over the next few weeks, you'll see us transition to a new name; one that we are still working as a team to finalize."

John Caldwell Calhoun was a South Carolina politician who is perhaps most noted today as an ardent defender of slavery. He served in the U.S. Senate and as vice president under presidents John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson. He died in 1850.

The Calhoun Beach Club sits adjacent to the former Lake Calhoun, which was renamed Bde Maka Ska, its original Dakota name, by the Department of Natural Resources in 2018. A court battle ensued, with the Minnesota Supreme Court ruling earlier this year that the DNR had the authority to rename the lake.

Two weeks ago, the owner of the Calhoun Square retail center in Uptown announced that the killing of **George Floyd** and recent riots and protests about racial inequities prompted it to also change its name.

"The tragic death of **George Floyd** and ensuing events throughout the country have made it crystal clear that to move forward as a community we must remove painful reminders of the worst chapters in our nation's history," the building owner Northpond Partners wrote on Calhoun Square's website. "A property named for a known racist and champion of slavery has no place in Minneapolis or anywhere in our society."

Aimco officials could not be reached Tuesday.

According to websites, Calhoun Beach Club opened in 1928 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

Calhoun Beach Club says it is changing its name

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Not party time: 2020 Aquatennial is canceled

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Body

Aquatennial organizers, citing the absence of that celebratory feeling, announced Thursday that this year's activities scheduled for later this month in Minneapolis are canceled.

"We will miss seeing you in person this year," read a statement from the Minneapolis Downtown Council.

The business group went on to cite two key reasons: the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on public health along with the city's challenges following the killing of [George Floyd](#) on May 25 by police.

"Our community continues to navigate the realities of COVID-19 and its impacts on public health," the statement continued. "We will always prioritize community safety over celebrations. More importantly, Minneapolis is still reeling from the death of [George Floyd](#). Our community has been deeply impacted by his tragic death and the unrest that followed."

Summing up, the statement said, "It does not feel like it is time to celebrate. We want to take the time to honor our community and give space for the important work that needs to be done."

Minneapolis' annual summer party began in 1940 and offers many free events that draw thousands of people downtown. They include the Torchlight Parade, a 5K run and fireworks.

This year's events were scheduled to run from July 22-25. Organizers have scheduled the 2021 Aquatennial for July 21-24.

Leah Wong, the council's vice president for external relations, said the group made the decision on Wednesday, just three weeks before festivities were to start.

Wong said the group "tried to hold off until the last possible moment" while assessing various scales of celebration.

"We were really working hard to bring this celebration forward," she said, going over "multiple plans since April ... on how we could do a social-distanced Aquatennial."

Not party time: 2020 Aquatennial is canceled

Ultimately, this summer's Aquatennial will be a strictly virtual affair that will include coloring pages, jigsaw puzzles, a scavenger hunt and more. Visit aquatennial.com/aquativities for more information.

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Raihala: Sexual misconduct allegations rock tight-knit local music community

ARTICLE MLXVII. [RAIHALA: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS ROCK TIGHT-KNIT LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY](#)

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In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the protests that followed the death of [George Floyd](#), a wave of sexual misconduct accusations have flooded the Twin Cities local music scene through social media.

It started with women calling out several members of the hip-hop scene, but it quickly snowballed with accusations leveled at musicians in multiple genres, managers, DJs, nightclub staff and owners, photographers, prominent fans and even, according to reporting by MPR News, an on-air host at its own 89.3 The Current.

So far, the most prominent public response has come from Rhymesayers, the Minneapolis hip-hop record label known for its annual Soundset Festival, which drew as many as 35,000 fans to the Minnesota State Fair Midway each Memorial Day weekend. (In January, Rhymesayers announced it was putting Soundset on hold this summer and was planning instead to focus on celebrating the label's 25th anniversary later this year.)

Last week, Rhymesayers dropped two of its local artists, Prof (Jake Anderson) and Dem Atlas (Joshua Turner). In a lengthy social media post, the label said, "abuse of women is not acceptable and is not in alignment with our values ... to abusers, racists and those engaged in predatory behavior, we don't want you as artists, fans or affiliates and as we become aware of you, you will be held accountable."

The move came one day before Rhymesayers was set to give Prof's album "Powderhorn Suites" a nationwide release. While Rhymesayers didn't specifically address it, several women had accused a former DJ of Prof's of abuse, which led to the wider accusations.

Prof responded with a pair of social media posts. The first apologized for his DJ, who he said he fired in 2016 "because he wasn't performing at his job and I didn't enjoy his company. ... I truly didn't know the depths of the manipulation and abuse."

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The rapper went on to say his own "shock-jock persona" was an act to get him attention but that "looking back, my garbage attempts at building an edgy persona and making dark comedy that pushed boundaries were brutal and at minimum very hurtful to women, especially survivors."

It's unclear what, if any, further public action will take place regarding the more than a dozen other men accused of sexual misconduct, although a handful of those men have posted statements online addressing their own behavior or apologizing for turning a blind eye to the actions of a friend or colleague.

Rapper P.O.S. (Stefon Alexander), who is known for his work with Doomtree and as a solo act, appeared to do both in a statement: "I've definitely missed many opportunities to lift women, been a shamefully bad partner at times. And have been guilty. Of lying, cheating, and gaslighting lies to cover it up. That stuff can also cause real pain and lasting damage."

I initially attempted to cover this as a news story and I contacted a series of local women for interviews, both directly and through sympathetic second parties. Most declined, some didn't respond at all.

Last week, I spoke to one woman willing to go on the record. Over the course of nearly an hour, she detailed the abusive relationship with a man she thought was her friend and how difficult it was to share her story publicly. She said after she posted her accusations, about 50 other women contacted her with similar stories. She also talked about the many open secrets about abusive men in the scene.

Some 20 minutes after we spoke, she contacted me and asked not to use her name. She had learned her alleged abuser, who she thought she had cut off all contact with, had just been trying to talk to several of her friends. She was, she said, scared.

Amber L. Carter, a Minneapolis author, knows how she feels.

"It's terrifying," Carter said of publicly accusing someone of sexual misconduct. "There's a sense of knowing you're doing the right thing, but it (also makes you) incredibly anxious. Especially as a woman speaking out, there's definitely a fear for your own safety and fear that people aren't going to believe you and find your words to be not credible."

Last week, Carter posted on Twitter about a once-prominent local fan who often referred to himself as a "tastemaker." Carter did not accuse him of sexually abusing her, but said she stood up for him when other women accused him. She wrote that he was someone "I knew had used and abused friends, and who had also used and abused me and my friendship. ... Believe the stories. They are all true."

In an interview, Carter said the Twin Cities music scene is a tight-knit group.

"It's such a small community and everybody knows each other," she said. "That fosters a lot of power given to very particular people." Newcomers, she added, can feel overwhelmed and intimidated by those with power and influence. And even though stories of abusive men have circulated for years, many women have kept quiet out of fear of being banished from the scene altogether.

What has changed? Why now? Carter pointed to the current uncertainty and unrest of life in general.

"People are just not giving a s- anymore," she said. "With everything that's going on, people are energized for change and feel more empowered about speaking out. They want to call out people in positions of power who abuse that power."

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So what happens next?

"That's the million-dollar question," Carter said. "I've seen some apologies and I think they're bulls-, frankly. There's been a wave of men saying 'Whoops, I thought I could do this but I got caught and now I'm going to go away for a while.' I think we need to deliver actual, tangible consequences.

"People who are being hit with credible allegations need to be absolutely honest and forthright. They need to say how they intend to make up for it. I want to see legit, actual apologies and contrition. And I want people to stop supporting these people and stop supporting their work. I want to see actions toward change."

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St. Paul neighborhoods look to lessons of past in riot recovery

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Body

Dai Thao stood in front of a burned-out strip mall off University Avenue, its storefronts boarded up and its neon signs stained with smoke. In the distance, the St. Paul City Council member could see a construction crane, still standing despite the destruction.

"Before COVID-19, it was booming," Thao said. "There was a lot of energy, a lot of excitement here."

Minneapolis was hit hardest when some of the protests following *George Floyd's* killing turned violent, but the riots struck St. Paul, too. According to data compiled by the Star Tribune, 246 buildings in St. Paul sustained damage, from smashed windows to fires. Nearly 60% of those buildings are on University Avenue, a corridor defined by a mosaic of small businesses, many owned by people of color.

The close-knit neighborhoods surrounding University Avenue have sprung into action, first helping to board up storefronts and post "Black-owned business" signs to guard against vandalism, then returning to transform the beige plywood into brightly painted murals.

"Everything was so raw at that moment," said Alex Smith, an artist who helped paint multiple murals along the corridor, including outside the Victoria Theater. "It felt like we really needed to heal."

There's hope that this moment will be a turning point for the area, which survived the construction of Interstate 94 and the Green Line only to be hit by a pandemic and violent unrest. But there's also anxiety that the gentrification and displacement residents have long feared will arrive in a way they never expected - that speculators will descend on vacant buildings and empty lots and erase the diversity that's been their strength.

"If we lose the Black-owned businesses, we lose the Vietnamese-owned businesses, we lose ... the East African businesses, everything - what's going to come in next?" said Sarah Nichols, who grew up in the Midway neighborhood and now lives in Rondo. "We need this to be an opportunity for community to build."

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Businesses face uncertainty

Just a few months ago, the neighborhoods surrounding University Avenue - Hamline-Midway, Union Park, Frogtown and Summit-University - were waiting for redevelopment stemming from the Allianz Field soccer stadium.

Now, the boarded-up storefronts make the area look like it's bracing for a hurricane. In between, there are empty spaces where buildings are just gone - of 20 buildings that burned, four were completely destroyed, data show. Thao said state help will be needed to rebuild the area, especially considering the budget shortfall the city is facing due to COVID-19.

After watching on TV as the Midway Shopping Center off University Avenue went up in flames, Mary Lau and her family were ready to get to work and reopen Peking Garden, the restaurant they've operated there since 2006. Two GoFundMe pages raised more than \$20,000 to support the restaurant and its employees, and customers even offered to help clean up.

Then, at the end of June, they learned their lease was being terminated and they had just a couple weeks to vacate.

The strip mall, home to chains such as Foot Locker and Great Clips as well as small businesses, will be demolished after sustaining significant fire and water damage, according to Rick Birdoff, principal and president of RD Management LLC, the New York-based property owner. Tenants got lease termination notices last week.

The damage has accelerated plans for redevelopment at the site, which will include commercial space that will be available to local tenants, Birdoff said.

"Our hope is what we rebuild there will be something the community can be proud of," he said.

Va-Megn Thoj, executive director at Asian Economic Development Association, is skeptical that there will be space in the new development for the current businesses. Like other commercial renters along University Avenue, the survival of Midway Shopping Center tenants is uncertain, he said.

"It's going to cost a lot for some of these businesses just to recover, and that in itself is potential displacement of these businesses, because they don't have the cash to recover and reopen," Thoj said. "Or if they do, they won't be as strong as they were before."

Building a stronger future

Nieeta Presley has been here before.

The executive director of the Aurora/St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corp. has deep roots in Rondo, a historically Black neighborhood that was torn apart to make way for I-94. Decades later, she helped guide community members and business owners through the yearslong construction of the Green Line.

COVID-19 and the civil unrest have taken a toll on multiple businesses between two development corporation properties. But Presley is convinced that a focus on art and cultural identity will heal the community, and make it stronger.

St. Paul neighborhoods look to lessons of past in riot recovery

"Let's do something new and let's do something greater than before," she said. "Out of the sadness, strife, stress, there is an opportunity to envision and revision really what could be an inclusive community."

As the plywood begins to come down along University, plans are forming to create an art exhibit with the murals, said Tyler Olsen-Highness, the executive director of the Victoria Theater Arts Center. Behind Gordon Parks High School, where windows were broken, there's a park where Thao said he wants to see a sculpture symbolizing unity and peace.

"I guess the only thing that really keeps you going is hope," Presley said. "Maybe today it's stormy, but God promises a new day tomorrow."

Staff writer Salma Loum contributed to this report.

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Damaged buildings by neighborhood on the University Avenue corridor

Fire, Damaged (not fire), Total

Union Park: Total 43

Hamline-Midway: Total 31

Frogtown/Thomas-Dale: Total 19

Summit-University: Total 45

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

DAMAGE TO UNIVERSITY AVENUE

In St. Paul, most of the civil unrest following *George Floyd*'s death centered on University Avenue. Of 246 damaged buildings 138 are located along the corridor.

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete map.)

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Chris Reed: Ascendant progressives face three big obstacles

ARTICLE MLXIX. **[CHRIS REED: ASCENDANT PROGRESSIVES FACE THREE BIG OBSTACLES](#)**

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The emergence of a bipartisan consensus following weeks of protests about racial injustice - that police departments need either complete overhauls or major reforms - is a big moment years in the making for the progressive movement. Many Republican conservatives who once reflexively called the killing of unarmed Blacks "isolated acts" are now suddenly backing law enforcement reforms in reaction to a never-ending series of cellphone videos showing callous or deadly police misconduct - as well as fresh examples of police brutality at recent protests against, yes, police brutality.

George Floyd's killing by Minneapolis police on May 25 will be seen as a turning point in American history.

Perhaps a major one. Many activists sense a desire for societal change to address inequities that go far beyond police behavior. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio is one of many politicians who agrees, vowing "to rebuild a fairer city that profoundly addresses injustice and disparity."

And high-profile Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York, is renewing her push for a Green New Deal to transform the economy in a way that helps the environment and lifts up underprivileged minorities. She just won a primary with 72% of the vote and has emerged as a fundraising juggernaut who can help like-minded candidates win office.

In California, a ballot measure asking voters to reconsider affirmative action - which Proposition 209 banned in 1996 for state contracts, hiring and college admissions - won swift and overwhelming approval in both the Assembly and Senate, supercharged by recent anti-racism protests. And the state Assembly had another historic moment this month when it approved a measure to study how to provide reparations to African Americans.

So could this national mood translate into vast change beyond police reform if Joe Biden defeats President Donald Trump and Democrats control the Senate and House in 2021?

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Here are three reasons to be skeptical about that - and none involve Republican lawmakers' opposition.

The first is that progressives' current detente with the conventionally liberal Biden-Barack Obama-Nancy Pelosi-Chuck Schumer wing of the Democratic Party is a fig leaf covering up the fact that the groups have huge differences. The anger of the progressive left toward the last two Democratic Party presidents and Democratic congressional leadership is hard to exaggerate.

It's not just over old-school Democrats' insufficiently aggressive agenda - shorthand as noisome "neoliberalism." It's that many longtime party members say American democracy is flawed but still good while many progressives call the U.S. a "failed state" or "failed experiment." It was then-President Barack Obama who pointed out the party's disconnect in 2015 when he said many on college campuses "don't want to read a book if it has language that is offensive to African Americans, or somehow sends a demeaning signal towards women." Obama said that he doesn't agree that students "have to be coddled and protected from different points of views," breaking with progressives on the fundamental issue of speech.

The second reason to doubt a series of dramatic overhauls is that millions of registered American independents - a group that in February for the first time outnumbered registered Republicans - are by and large mushy moderates who support incremental change. A 2019 NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll showed that 62% of independents wanted a third political party because of their unhappiness with Democrats and Republicans alike.

But the third reason to doubt we will see a societal transformation has to do with the cynical version of the Golden Rule: He who has the gold makes the rules. You don't have to be a Marxist member of the Occupy movement to realize how much government functions in a fundamental way to protect the super-rich. You just need to contemplate an absurdly complex U.S. tax code in which the amount of taxes the very wealthy pay are a function of the skill of their tax attorneys - and neither Democratic nor GOP presidents have a problem with this.

If tech billionaires in Silicon Valley, finance billionaires on Wall Street and energy billionaires in Texas think there's a real chance that the progressive movement will come for their wealth - and that a post-Trump Republican Party is a wrecked brand that is too weak with young voters and minorities to regain its past clout - they will act on their fear. And every four years, we'll see tycoon presidential candidates in the vein of Michael Bloomberg or Ross Perot who run ridiculously well-funded independent campaign against what they will depict as Democratic extremists on the left and GOP extremists on the right.

If America's billionaires think the Republican Party is permanently diminished by Trump and the Democratic Party is ready to abandon capitalism, they will be even more blatant in trying to buy power. And they'll have the resources to make their campaign seem like it's about empowering cautious moderates - not preserving their fortunes.

So, yes, progressives are having a moment. But there is a ceiling on what they can achieve because large swaths of the public don't share their agenda - and the nation's most powerful people hate it.

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Complaints skyrocket over police response to protests

ARTICLE MLXX. [**COMPLAINTS SKYROCKET OVER POLICE RESPONSE TO PROTESTS**](#)

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Body

On his fourth straight day of peaceful protest, Soren Stevenson linked arms with demonstrators gathered at the Interstate 35W on-ramp, staring down a phalanx of Minneapolis police in riot gear.

Without warning or provocation, bystanders say, officers fired a series of flash bang grenades and tear gas to disperse the crowd. A nonlethal police projectile struck Stevenson in the face, exploding his left eye and leaving him partly blinded.

Nearly a week after *George Floyd* was killed by Minneapolis officers, the state's largest police force struggled to restore order amid unrest in its smoldering city. Although police officials acknowledge that some innocent civilians were injured during days of protests and riots, they argue that the situation required force to maintain public safety and it was difficult to distinguish between peaceful protesters and those wishing to cause harm.

But interviews with activists, elected officials and use-of-force experts suggest that police at times used extreme measures against the protesters, in violation of department policy, and missed several opportunities over the first few days to defuse tensions. Widely shared videos caught law enforcement officers indiscriminately spraying chemical irritants outside squad

cars, at nonviolent groups and in the face of a journalist held at gunpoint, whose credential was visible. In other instances, officers shot marking rounds at civilians on their own property. One business owner even testified before the state Senate that he was hit with chemical irritant by police while guarding his family's East Lake Street gas station from looters.

"It seems hard to fathom that it was a mistake," said Stevenson, 25, whose May 31 injury required several surgeries to reset facial bones and remove the eye. "We couldn't have been more than 30 feet away and I wasn't moving."

Since Floyd's death, allegations of misconduct and excessive force have poured into the city's Office of Police Conduct Review. The civilian review board is now investigating more than 400 such complaints

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against the MPD - an unprecedented number that has, in a matter of weeks, surpassed annual complaint totals of previous years, officials said. And those figures are expected to rise.

While specifics of the complaints are not yet public, the Star Tribune has identified two recent cases that are under investigation. One complaint, filed internally, involves Facebook posts purportedly made by Officer David Peña, who used a fake name to mock protesters and encourage looting in a neighborhood that is home to much of the city's East African population.

Another is related to the actions of an unidentified Minneapolis police sergeant caught on camera pepper spraying a VICE news correspondent in the eyes even after he repeatedly identified himself as a member of the press.

Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell, who acted as a special operations spokesman during the unrest, filed an internal complaint after being alerted to the incident by a state senator, who described it as "an egregious, gratuitous attack." Schnell declined to comment further, saying "the e-mail speaks for itself."

"I believe the conduct to be wholly inappropriate and contrary to MPD policy," Schnell wrote in an e-mail that was later shared with members of Gov. Tim Walz's staff.

When asked by a reporter last month about how he would rate his department's response to the rioting, Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said that tactical decisions were made based on "preservation of life."

In a more recent interview, he said that his department would take a hard look at the use of pepper spray and projectiles on protesters during mostly peaceful demonstrations. The chief has since presented a new policy that requires his authorization for any "crowd control weapons" to be used during a protest, at the behest of state officials. "That's certainly a change from allowing supervision on the ground to make that call, because of the serious nature of that kind of level of less-lethal force," Arradondo said.

For the average Minneapolis resident, the complaint filing process can be a labyrinthine, said Elizer Darris, an organizer with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Minnesota. Those who do attempt it often lose confidence in a system that rarely results in discipline for the officers accused of wrongdoing, he said.

"Faith in that particular process has eroded pretty dramatically," said Darris.

Last month, the ACLU filed a class-action lawsuit on behalf of journalists who were threatened, assaulted and arrested while covering demonstrations in the wake of Floyd's death. The organization has since turned its attention to protesters maimed at the hands of law enforcement. Several attorneys have already notified the city clerk's office that lawsuits are pending regarding injuries inflicted by police during the unrest.

Freelance journalist Linda Tirado filed a federal lawsuit against city and state law enforcement officers after losing her left eye to a police projectile while outside the Third Precinct in south Minneapolis. She is among at least two dozen people who suffered traumatic eye injuries during recent U.S. protests.

So-called kinetic impact projectiles, including rubber bullets and 40-mm "less lethal" foam rounds, are commonly used in crowd-control situations. But MPD's own use of force policy states that 40-mm rounds can cause grievous injury and should be reserved "for the incapacitation of an aggressive, noncompliant subject," and "unless deadly force is justified," officers should aim for large muscle groups in the lower extremities. The policy explicitly advises against targeting a person's head and neck.

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The American Academy of Ophthalmology was so troubled by the extent of life-altering eye injuries last month that the medical group took a rare public-policy stance asking law enforcement to immediately cease use of rubber bullets as a form of crowd control.

"Americans have the right to speak and congregate publicly and should be able to exercise that right without the fear of blindness," physicians wrote in a statement. "You shouldn't have to choose between your vision and your voice."

Critics also say that tear gas is increasingly being used as a crowd dispersal tool, part of the ongoing militarization of police forces around the country.

According to best practices, the gas should only be deployed at the edge of demonstrations to minimize protesters' exposure.

But, in the days after Floyd's death, social media lit up with photos and videos of officers firing canisters into the middle of large, densely packed crowds or spraying the gas at protesters from moving vehicles.

Amid backlash, cities like Seattle and Philadelphia have temporarily stopped its use, while other places are mulling similar bans.

In Minneapolis, the debate over the post-Floyd law enforcement response followed days of intense clashes between police and demonstrators.

MPD supporters contend that police used force in response to an escalation of violence from some protesters - pointing out that officers were pelted with bricks and bottles on a nightly basis - and blame city leaders for allowing the riots to get out of control before intervening. There were numerous reports of officers taking gunfire in the field, though none were struck.

Authorities fired their weapons at least twice during the unrest - once when a downtown motorist swerved into and nearly struck two police officers in a utility vehicle and again when a National Guardsman fired at a car that was driving toward a police blockade on Washington Avenue.

Some of the criticism leveled at the MPD echoed complaints made after the 18-day occupation of the Fourth Precinct police station that followed the 2015 killing of Jamar Clark. A federal after-action report found numerous instances in which officers used "less-lethal and nonlethal weapons" on protesters during the occupation, in clear violation of department policies, and often failed to document their actions. Federal officials also recommended that the department "strengthen, train on, adhere to and enforce the use of force policy - especially as it relates to the use of chemical agents."

City Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, who represents the North Side, said he thinks that, had police done more to control the situation on the first night of unrest, things may not have snowballed as they did.

"Obviously, by the third night the whole situation had grown into an unmitigated disaster," said Ellison, among the most vocal proponents of dismantling the police force. "The tactics being used by protesters [on the first night] seemed mild enough that you could have successfully de-escalated the situation."

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Feds drop an arson charge in St. Paul fire

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Body

Federal arson charges were dismissed Thursday against a 19-year-old woman from Ramsey, Minn., who was arrested in June in connection with a fire set at a St. Paul nutrition store.

Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer ordered the charges dropped against Bailey Marie Baldus on the recommendation of federal prosecutors.

In a motion filed Wednesday seeking the dismissal, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Matthew Ebert and Joseph Teirab wrote that "the government is continuing its investigation into this matter, including reviewing material seized pursuant to search warrants and reviewing other evidence to determine the scope of the alleged conduct by Ms. Baldus and others."

Besides Baldus, federal authorities have also arrested two other people for the May 28 fire at the Great Health and Nutrition store at 1360 W. University Av., which took place three days after the police killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis.

The original complaint, filed June 8, said that Baldus conspired with McKenzy Ann Degidio Dunn and Samuel Elliott Frey to commit arson.

Daniel Guerrero, a defense attorney who was appointed to represent Baldus through the federal public defender's office, said he was notified Wednesday that charges were being dropped.

"The video [from the store] shows she was in the wrong place at the wrong time and was not familiar with the individuals that were arguably responsible for the arson at the health supplement store," Guerrero said.

A spokesperson with the U.S. attorney's office in Minneapolis could not be reached for comment.

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July 4th watchwords: Celebration, caution

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Body

COVID-19 cases rose in Minnesota and across the nation Thursday, as residents continued to stock up on fireworks and make plans to have company over during for the Independence Day holiday weekend.

The average number of newly confirmed cases of the viral respiratory infection in Minnesota has grown almost every day since June 19, according to a seven-day average of cases. Minnesota added 500 cases, giving it 37,210 total.

Nationally, the number of confirmed cases reached an all-time high, with more than 50,000 new lab-confirmed cases reported in a single day and infection curves rising in 40 of 50 states.

While some of that increase is likely because of increased testing, the Associated Press reported that 36 states are seeing an increase in the percentage of positive tests. An increasing share of positive tests is seen as a sign that overall transmissions are increasing, even if more tests are being conducted.

Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said this week that 3.7% of the diagnostic COVID-19 tests in the state came back positive, compared with 3.3% the week before.

Arizona, a national hot spot for COVID-19 cases, has the highest test-positivity rate in the nation, with 24% of all tests coming back positive, according to data maintained by Johns Hopkins University in Maryland. Arizona is providing about 2 tests per 1,000 residents, compared with 2.2 per 1,000 in Minnesota.

Although public health officials are closely monitoring any increase in the case-positivity rate, Malcolm said Wednesday that Minnesota's latest figure was "still very good" and speaks to how the state has managed the epidemic with testing.

Minnesota's testing has ramped up to about 12,000 per day.

Malcolm urged Minnesotans to celebrate the holiday primarily with the people in their own households and to consider virtual visits with larger groups. But the state has not canceled the holiday.

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"If you do gather together, keep group sizes limited," Malcolm said. "And gathering outdoors is a wonderful option. Outdoors is such a better environment in terms of protection from the spread of COVID-19. But even outdoors it's important to still practice social distancing and to wear masks when you are in close proximity, and absolutely indoors."

For many Minnesotans, giving up summer retreats and family gatherings during the July 4th weekend is a tough sell.

That means some will celebrate as they always have despite the looming threat of COVID-19, while others like Patty Zeidler of Farmington and her husband will keep to themselves, camping and kayaking in Cable, Wis.

Others plan to adjust their annual gatherings, keeping them smaller and incorporating social distancing whether they're at a park, poolside or Up North at the cabin.

"We don't want to take the risk," said Jim Thompson, 65, who walked into Lakeville Liquors wearing a mask. His usual large-group barbecue will be replaced by a social-distance gathering at the community pool.

When night falls, he'll try to catch whatever local fireworks he might be able to see from the solitude of his deck.

"That will be good enough," Thompson said. "We're trying to reduce the spread."

Nancy Lindstrom left a Cub store in Apple Valley with groceries for a much smaller cabin getaway than the usual gathering of two dozen family members, including nieces and nephews. Instead, she'll gather with those she has already spent time with the past few months - her daughter, son-in-law and his parents.

"I feel we have to be smart," she said. "If you look at the numbers around the country, you have to be concerned. Now is not the time to be in a big crowd. I don't think it's safe."

Others remain skeptical.

"I don't buy into the whole thing. I'm not saying [COVID-19] doesn't exist. I don't think the data is accurate," said Chandra Arthur of Apple Valley.

She'll head to Prescott, Wis., this weekend for a party with about 50 friends to celebrate one of the first big gatherings they've had since the pandemic shut down normal life.

"Everyone is missing everyone else," she said, noting that only a few friends will opt out this year.

Arthur feels safe gathering with the group. She has met friends for small patio or driveway happy hours and doesn't feel the need to wear a mask unless it's required.

"I'm not afraid of getting sick," she said, pointing to the low infection numbers among protesters who took to the streets after George Floyd's May 25 killing.

Her 70-year-old father was hospitalized for 10 days in May with COVID-19 and recovered.

"I don't feel invincible," said the 43-year-old, "but the odds are that I'll recover if I get it."

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In Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis, DeAnn Hoff, 52, said she's scaling back her traditional gathering for the holiday, inviting over only one other family this year. Although the holiday is supposed to be about celebrating America, she said it's hard to be upbeat and hopeful this year, given all the social unrest and how fast COVID-19 is spreading here compared with other countries.

Her friend Priscilla Elwell, 74, sitting 6 feet away, agreed: "I hope that next Fourth of July, that we can be hopeful."

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

37,210 -- Total cases

500 -- July 2 new cases

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,458 -- Total deaths

13 -- July 2

U.S. cases, new daily

2,703,212 -- Total cases

49,932 -- July 1

U.S. deaths, new daily

128,103 -- Total deaths

642 -- July 1

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Redskins to have 'thorough review' of name amid race debate

ARTICLE MLXXIII. [REDSKINS TO HAVE 'THOROUGH REVIEW' OF NAME AMID RACE DEBATE](#)

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Body

By STEPHEN WHYNO

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Washington Redskins began a "thorough review" of their name Friday, a significant step toward moving on from what experts and advocates call a "dictionary-defined racial slur."

Even though owner Dan Snyder had shown no willingness to change the name since buying the team in 1999, the recent national conversation on race has renewed opposition to the name and prompted sponsors to speak up. With support from the NFL, it may finally lead to a new moniker for the long-struggling storied franchise with long-ago Super Bowl success.

"In the last few weeks, we have had ongoing discussions with Dan, and we are supportive of this important step," Commissioner Roger Goodell said.

In a statement, the team said recent events around the U.S. and feedback from the community prompted the formal review.

"This process allows the team to take into account not only the proud tradition and history of the franchise but also input from our alumni, the organization, sponsors, the National Football League and the local community it is proud to represent on and off the field," Snyder said.

Native American advocacy groups have tried for decades to force a change, and a peer-reviewed UC Berkeley study released earlier this year revealed 67% of those surveyed who strongly identify as Native agreed or strongly agreed the name was offensive. The death of [George Floyd](#) in Minnesota and other examples of police brutality against Black people in the U.S. sparked protests worldwide and changes to various brands considered racially insensitive.

Redskins to have 'thorough review' of name amid race debate

Asked last month about the name, a spokesman said the team had no comment. But this week marked a possible sea change on the issue with investors writing to FedEx, PepsiCo and other sponsors hoping they would influence change.

FedEx was the first to act publicly. The title sponsor of the team's stadium in Landover, Maryland, FedEx said Thursday, "We have communicated to the team in Washington our request that they change the team name." FedEx paid \$205 million in 1999 for the naming rights to the stadium.

On Thursday night, Nike appeared to remove all Redskins gear from its online store. Nike said Friday it has shared its concerns with the NFL over the name and is "pleased to see the team taking a first step towards change."

PepsiCo, a sponsor since 2017, expressed a similar sentiment and said, "We believe it is time for a change." Sponsor Bank of America said it has "encouraged the team to change the name" and welcomed the organization's review.

Coach Ron Rivera, who said in a recent radio interview now is not the time to discuss the name, called it "an issue of personal importance." Rivera, who is of Mexican and Puerto Rican descent and is the only Hispanic head coach currently in the NFL, added he'd work closely with Snyder during the process.

"There is no reason not to immediately announce that the team is changing the mascot, since any real review will lead to the inevitable conclusion that the deeply offensive and racist name of Washington's NFL team must go now," said Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter, leader of the "Change the Mascot" campaign. "Dan Snyder can stand on the right side of history and create a new, positive legacy for his team, or instead continue embracing a bigoted slur that denigrates Native Americans and people of color."

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser said recently the name was an "obstacle" to the team building a stadium in the District. The current lease at FedEx Field expires in 2027, and the old RFK Stadium site in Washington is one of several options for the team's new headquarters, along with locations in Maryland and Virginia.

The team in late June removed racist founder George Preston Marshall from its Ring of Fame. A monument of Marshall was also removed from the RFK Stadium site.

Marshall's granddaughter supported those moves and recently told The Associated Press she's fine with the team changing its name.

"I think if anybody's offended that they should change the name," Wright said. "I've always felt that way."

More AP NFL: <https://apnews.com/NFL> and https://twitter.com/AP_NFL

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S.D. town removes Confederate flag emblem

ARTICLE MLXXIV. [**S.D. TOWN REMOVES CONFEDERATE FLAG EMBLEM**](#)

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Officials in a small South Dakota town have decided not to wait for formality and have removed from public view the police insignia that includes the Confederate flag, according to a relative of **George Floyd** who lives there and raised objections over the logo.

Selwyn Jones said Wednesday that the emblem is gone from the Gettysburg police vehicle, the station and all other visible locations in the town of roughly 1,200 that is named for the battlefield where Union forces turned the tide against the South's defense of slavery in the Civil War.

"Yes, they are gone," said Jones, who returned late Monday from Minneapolis, where he had sat in the hearing for the four fired Minneapolis police officers charged in Floyd's May 25 death. "They're off. I see them every day."

The fate of the insignia with the flag was to be up for debate Monday before the City Council. On Tuesday, Mayor William Wuttke told the Star Tribune that the Police Department was "working on something different," but added that he felt his community was being pressured by liberals and the news media.

The mayor of the nearly all white town and Police Chief David Mogard did not make themselves available Wednesday to say whether the emblem would be addressed at the council next week, given it's now out of view.

Jones was pleased with the unexpected development but cautious about what could happen next.

"It's just not needed in this world," he said. "We shall see."

Mogard said at a special council session called on June 12 that a redesign was needed to the patch he has worn on his uniform since took over the department in 2018.

After the meeting that night, Mogard started the transition process on his own, albeit in a small way. Television reporter Ryan Martin, on assignment for DakotaNewsNow.com, said Mogard told him outside the police station he was going to remove the emblem from the station's door.

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Martin said he was working on his laptop in preparation for a live report, and "when I looked up, it was off the door."

Jones was joined in his objection to the insignia, which has represented police since 2009, by a University of South Dakota political science student whose online petition collected several thousand signatures and by a major national civil rights group.

"We welcome this apparent decision to remove a symbol of racism, white supremacy and slavery from the department's logo, vehicles and facilities," said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "All such symbols honoring the traitors and racists of the Confederacy should be eliminated nationwide."

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'They have lost control': How Minneapolis leaders failed to stop their city from burning

ARTICLE MLXXV. **['THEY HAVE LOST CONTROL': HOW MINNEAPOLIS LEADERS
FAILED TO STOP THEIR CITY FROM BURNING](#)**

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Body

Two days after ***George Floyd*** died, the police chief of Minneapolis called the mayor around dinnertime. He needed help. What had begun as peaceful protests outside the 3rd Police Precinct was turning into mayhem.

"He said, 'The Target is getting looted. We are not going to be able to handle this on our own,'" recalled Mayor Jacob Frey, who called Gov. Tim Walz, and asked for the National Guard.

The governor said he would consider the request. Afterward, he expressed surprise that city leaders did not seem to have a plan for where they wanted the soldiers to go.

As the night wore on, dozens of buildings burst into flames, without a fire crew in sight. A six-story apartment building that was still under construction collapsed into a ball of fire. A high-tech factory was set ablaze. Residents called 911 desperate for help, but dispatchers were overwhelmed.

Over three nights, a 5-mile stretch of Minneapolis sustained extraordinary damage. The police precinct house itself was set on fire, after the mayor gave orders to evacuate the building. A month later, the city is still struggling to understand what happened and why: Not since the 1992 unrest in Los Angeles has an American city suffered such destructive riots.

The vast majority of protesters in Minneapolis, like others around the country, marched peacefully, and some tried to intervene to stop the destruction. To many, the damage was an understandable response to years of injustice at the hands of Minneapolis police, an explosion of anger that activists had warned was coming if the city did not reform law enforcement.

At the same time, it struck a close-knit, civic-minded community that was already struggling under the coronavirus pandemic. Fires and looting destroyed hundreds of businesses, among them a worker-owned bicycle co-op, a historic diner run by a husband and wife, and the new headquarters of a nonprofit organization that works with Native American teens.

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A close examination of the events, including interviews with more than two dozen elected officials, activists, business owners and residents, suggests at least some of the destruction resulted from a breakdown in governance. The mayor and other local leaders, many of them relatively new to their roles, failed to anticipate the intensity of the unrest or put together an effective plan to counter it.

Frey has struggled to regain the confidence of Minneapolis residents. He has been slammed by business owners for not doing enough to protect their property. He has been pilloried by the police for ordering the abandonment of the precinct house. And he's been booed and heckled by activists because he doesn't support their demand to dismantle the police department.

When asked about his handling of the looting and fires, Frey said that in the moment he was faced with a series of impossible choices, all of them bad.

"I hope that in years and decades from now, we can look back at this time of great trauma and turmoil and recognize it as the moment where we rose up, united in purpose and finally created the change that we all envision," Frey said.

And he stressed the unprecedented nature of the crisis - three nights of rioting in the midst of a pandemic. "There is no playbook for this," he said.

The day after **George Floyd** died on Memorial Day, Frey announced that all four officers involved had been fired. He also called for criminal charges to be filed.

"Whatever the investigation reveals, it does not change the simple truth that he should be with us this morning," Frey said of Floyd in emotional remarks early Tuesday morning, standing next to the police chief, Medaria Arradondo. "Being Black in America should not be a death sentence."

His swift, unequivocal statement won praise from activists and even some seasoned politicians. But others said the move dangerously alienated rank-and-file officers.

"Once Frey comes out and basically sides with the protesters, he has sent the signal that the police are on their own," said Lawrence Jacobs, professor of public policy at the University of Minnesota. "If you are going to say something like that, you have to have a plan for what is going to happen, because you have now inflamed both sides of the issue."

Elected 2½ years earlier, at age 36, Frey had promised to remake the city's public image after years of negative news stories about high-profile police killings. His meteoric rise in Minnesota politics stemmed from his ability to talk the language of social justice while at the same time wooing the business community with his charisma.

"I'm disgusted that Minneapolis is in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons," he said in a campaign ad in 2017. "Police shootings. Intolerance and inequality."

His victory over his predecessor, Betsy Hodges, was all the more extraordinary, given his relatively recent ties to the city. A Northern Virginia native who was a professional runner for years, Frey fell in love with Minneapolis after he ran a marathon there. He earned a law degree and took a job with a white-shoe law firm in the city in 2009. Four years later, he ran for City Council and won.

Two years later, a 24-year-old Black man named Jamar Clark was shot in the head after police responded to a call about a domestic dispute. Activists camped out in the vestibule of the 4th Police Precinct for days.

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Mayor Hodges personally showed up there to broker a solution, and the 18-day occupation ended without a riot.

"All we kept saying is 'Our goal is to not have the city burn,'" said Carla Kjellberg, an informal adviser to Hodges at the time.

Nekima Levy Armstrong, a civil rights attorney who helped organize that police protest as well as the one for *George Floyd*, said that she warned city leaders in 2015 that she had personally encountered people who were ready to burn down the police precinct house.

"If we do not rein in the police department and address the economic inequalities, we were poised to become the next Ferguson," Levy Armstrong said she told the City Council at the time, referring to the Missouri city that had been the site of riots. "This is a combustible situation."

The day after *George Floyd* died at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue, protesters marched from the place where he gasped under a police officer's knee to the 3rd Precinct, on Lake Street, where they believed the officer worked.

They rallied peacefully on the steps with a megaphone and signs. Then, as night closed in, they started wandering home. But a rowdy group peeled away, spray-painting graffiti on the police precinct wall. Someone smashed the window of an empty police cruiser. "This is not OK," a young female protester can be overheard saying on a video later posted to Facebook. A scuffle broke out. "Everybody go home," someone screamed.

Three miles away, at City Hall, Frey, was receiving calls from worried local leaders. He assured them everything was under control.

"I'm hearing it's not that bad," he told a city council member over the phone.

Jeremiah Ellison, a newly elected city council member who had participated in the 2015 protest against police, advised the mayor to leave the vandals alone.

"The focus of anger is the police and this building," Ellison reasoned. "If we let the crowd do its thing, we might spare neighborhood."

But Frey did not intervene to stop police officers from moving in and firing tear gas and flash grenades.

The next day, hundreds of angry protesters gathered once again outside the precinct house, facing off against lines of officers who occasionally fired tear gas and rubber bullets. Nearby, a white man, *who wore a gas mask and carried an umbrella*, began calmly breaking the windows at an AutoZone with a hammer. Within hours, the AutoZone went up in flames.

That night, the mayor asked for the Minnesota National Guard to help the city. He left the police to handle the details of the deployment since he believed they had the right expertise.

Assistant Chief Mike Kjos acknowledged "some confusion" over the level of detail required.

"It was a rapidly evolving situation," he said. "We thought we could put a request in and while the people are arriving, we could be formulating what to do."

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In addition, city leaders did not understand how much time it can take for the citizen soldiers of the National Guard to leave their normal jobs, report for duty, collect their gear, and travel to Minneapolis.

"We expected them to be on site right then and there," said Alondra Cano, a City Council member, who participated in a "prosecute the police" campaign in college and now heads the council's public safety committee. Like Frey, the vast majority of Minneapolis City Council members are relatively new to governing. Five took office in 2018; another five in 2014, including Cano.

As Wednesday night wore on, buildings up and down Lake Street burst into flame.

"This whole neighborhood could burn down tonight," Jamie Schwesnedl, co-owner of Moon Palace Books, a bookstore near the police precinct house, remembered thinking as he spent the night on his roof watching buildings around him burn. "I just can't believe that the city hasn't anticipated this or responded to it in any kind of proactive way."

Schwesnedl, who has long believed that the police caused more problems than they fixed, said city leaders should not have been caught off guard by the level of fury.

"It was clear to me on Tuesday morning that this was a big deal," he said. "This wasn't just people were going to come out and protest on Tuesday and go home. This is, people are furious and traumatized and unemployed and they have been inside for 2½ months."

Firefighters wanted police escorts to protect them from rioters as they battled the flames, and so they held back. Residents did what they could with garden hoses.

As the sun came up on Thursday morning, many in the city hoped that the worst had passed. But later that day, as peaceful protests continued elsewhere, an angry crowd gathered once again outside the police precinct house.

That afternoon, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said his office needed more time to investigate before charging officers for Floyd's death. Frey decided to pull officers off the street outside the 3rd Precinct building in a bid to de-escalate tension. But it had the opposite effect, according to Patricia Torres Ray, a state senator from Minneapolis who represents the district, a racially diverse area that has seen increased development in recent years. Looters broke into the liquor store across the street from the police precinct house and handed out bottles to the crowd.

"People were getting drunk," she recalled. "The mayor told me that he had this under control," she said of her brief phone conversation earlier in the day with Frey, who had yet to visit the embattled police precinct. As night fell, smoke began to billow from more buildings. Torres Ray panicked. She called the governor and begged him to intervene.

"I need help. My district is burning," she said she told Walz. "I do not see the plan of the city to address it. His answer was, 'Senator, I am on my way.'"

Walz was surprised that the city had still not given state officials details on what the National Guard should do.

"I don't know what the plan is and absolutely I'm not going to wait for the city to tell me what the plan was," he said. "I thought, 'They have lost control.'"

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A few hundred soldiers with the National Guard, along with members of the State Patrol, arrived in Minneapolis late Thursday night. But they didn't go to the police precinct. Instead, the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** had asked them to escort firetrucks, and to protect the Federal Reserve and Nicollet Mall in downtown.

But things were spinning out of control in the neighborhood around the precinct house. Nearly every building around it had been vandalized, looted or set on fire. Neighbors banded together to protect their own property, since 911 dispatchers were overwhelmed. "Do not put yourself at risk to protect our store," Schwesnedl posted on the Facebook page of Moon Palace Books. "Your life is priceless, just like ***George Floyd's***."

At about 10 that evening, a few hours after Frey appealed for calm on Rachel Maddow's show on MSNBC, the crowd outside the police precinct house breached the doors. Faced with the possibility of hand-to-hand combat, the mayor gave orders to evacuate the building.

"We were faced with these fail fail fail options," Frey said. "We were literally having to choose between preventing additional looting, protecting a precinct and providing escorts to firefighters to put out fires. There was no way we could do all three."

Officers left the compound in a phalanx of police vehicles. The crowd cheered and set the building on fire. A horrified Walz took charge of the effort to restore order in the city. Hours later, the National Guard arrived.

In the weeks since the police precinct burned down, at least three men, ages 22, 23 and 26, who were unfamiliar to protest organizers have been arrested and charged with aiding and abetting arson.

Frey, who once campaigned on the idea of putting the city in the news for the right reasons, is vowing to rebuild what was destroyed and put something better - and more equitable - in its place.

"I think we are turning a page," he said.

Those affected by the fires are tallying what was lost and trying to move forward. Town Talk Diner, which had fed the neighborhood since 1946, so long that its iconic teal sign had been added to the list of historic landmarks, was first looted that Wednesday night, then burned to the ground Thursday night.

"Unthinkable and surreal," Kacey White and Charles Stotts, the husband-and-wife team who own the restaurant wrote on Facebook. "Brought down by a mighty blaze, the old bright sign illuminated for the final time, in the wee hours, from the flames that surrounded her."

The headquarters of Migizi, a nonprofit that runs programs for Native American teens, was destroyed by fire just one year after the group raised \$1.6 million to purchase and renovate it. "It hurts to see hard work, dreams and spirit - yes spirit - go up in flames," the staff wrote in a statement. "We will rebuild!"

But the owner of the factory, 7-Sigma, which employed 50 people, announced that the company was moving away because city leaders failed to protect the plant. The company's Facebook page has been inundated with offers from around the country to welcome the new factory. "Rebuild in Dickinson ND," one wrote, promising that businesses there were protected, not burned down.

Schwesnedl, of Moon Palace Books, intends to keep his business in the neighborhood, although he admits that area looks "a little bit like Dresden," the German city flattened during World War II.

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Of the mayor, Schwesnedl said he keeps hearing him talk about feelings.

"I think it's really good to have someone in public leadership talk about feelings, but we also need him to talk about policy," he said. "I wouldn't want to have his job right now."

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The sun shines over the shell of the IOOF Building at Lake St. and 27th Ave. E. in Minneapolis Saturday, May 30, 2020 as volunteers converge on the area to clean up after another night of violent protests and looting. Fires burned unchecked and thousands protesting the police killing of ***George Floyd*** ignored a curfew as unrest overwhelmed authorities for another night in Minneapolis. The governor acknowledged Saturday that he didn't have enough manpower to contain the chaos. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

FILE - In this May 28, 2020, file photo, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, center, listens as Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey becomes emotional during a news conference in Minneapolis, Minn. ***George Floyd***'s death and the protests it ignited nationwide over racial injustice and police brutality have raised questions about whether Arradondo - or any chief - can fix a department that's now facing a civil rights investigation. (Elizabeth Flores/Star Tribune via AP, File)

The Auto Zone store at Minnehaha Avenue and Lake Street in Minneapolis burns early Thursday, May 28, 2020, as protests continue over the death of ***George Floyd*** on Monday in police custody. (Nick Woltman / Pioneer Press)

Burnt vehicles remain in a parking lot along East Lake Street after they were destroyed in a protest two days prior, Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in Minneapolis. Protests continued following the death of ***George Floyd***, who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on May 25. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

A former Sears building, now known as the Midtown Market place, stands behind Chicago Avenue buildings destroyed in a fire from riots Sunday May 31, 2020, in Minneapolis. Outrage following the death of ***George Floyd***, who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on May 25, has led to the burning of businesses along the Lake Street corridor where immigrants have found success. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Charles Stotts and wife Kacey White, owners of Town Talk Diner on Lake Street in Minneapolis, watch as water pours out of the restaurant on Thursday, May 28, 2020. The building had been looted the night before. "We have our whole lives tied into this restaurant," said Stotts. (Andy Rathbun / Pioneer Press)

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In troubled times: Independence Day in a land of confusion

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Body

It was the worst of times. It was the weirdest of times.

It was a season of sickness and shouting, of defiance and tension, of industrial-strength falsehood and spin. It was a moment of ugliness and deep injustice - and perhaps, too, a moment when the chance for justice felt nearer than ever before.

On Independence Day, we Americans - if there is in fact a "we" in American life - celebrate the anniversary of a time when a lot of people, feeling really angry and scared, decided to do something about it that changed the world forever. This year, we mark that event at a time when a lot of people are feeling really angry and scared. Some of them are trying to do something about it, hoping it will change the world forever.

COVID-19 resurgent in 40 of 50 states. The death of *George Floyd*, the fight for racial justice, and the reactions against it. The fractious politics of masks. A national conversation - loud, enraged and anguished - about the place that a history blemished by ugliness should hold in the present. An uneven president embraced by millions and despised by millions. And superimposed over it all: a sure-to-be-chaotic election season that has only just begun.

Irritable, overstressed, buffeted by invisible forces and just plain worn out, the United States of America on its 244th birthday is a land of confusion.

"At this moment, we are a country profoundly at odds with our own history. We're seething," says historian Ted Widmer, author of "Lincoln on the Verge," which chronicles the 16th president's journey to his 1861 inauguration weeks before the Civil War began.

"There's this feeling that there are multiple versions of a country that is really supposed to be one country," Widmer says. "People are finding it hard to figure out which America is going to survive over the other one."

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"Future historians will be asked which quarter of 2020 they specialize in." - tweet from author David Burr Gerard a few weeks ago.

"There is too much news," read the subject line last week in an email newsletter from the Columbia Journalism Review, which happens to cover the news business.

This is not the kind of remark you'd usually hear from that particular publication. But it's one of the few things most Americans could agree on these days - that the news, so far in 2020, is overwhelming. And this weekend is only the halfway point of a year many Americans would love to return for a refund.

This past week, the Pew Research Center found only 12% of Americans satisfied with the way things are going in their country - down from 31% in April, which was already a month into the coronavirus pandemic. The poll was conducted June 16-22 among 4,708 adults, three-quarters of them registered voters.

But how is that related to the dissonance, as Widmer says, among the differing versions of the American narrative?

This country has always contained multiple versions of itself. That's part of what's held it together - "e pluribus unum," or "out of many, one" - but also part of what's driving today's unraveling. One group's story of America - a story of triumph and exceptionalism and always prevailing - is very different from that of others, which include narratives of abuse, subjugation and systemic slavery.

That's not new. But many things make this particular Fourth of July different.

It comes after millions of Americans have been forced to marinate in their own juices for months, stuck at home, in some cases losing their jobs, being economically stressed, fearing a horrifying death, feeling both trapped and unable to access the "normal" life they remember.

"The ordinary flow of daily life - all of that has been disrupted. Every day looks more similar than it did before," says Jennifer Talarico, a psychology professor at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania who researches the role of emotion in how people remember events.

The weirdness, she suspects, also reflects the new ways we possess to share and amplify things at lightning speed: Could more sources of information - social media - be intensifying things? Could we be feeling more because we're stuck inside with our screens for company?

Wherever it's coming from, there's lots of it to think about. Eruptions that would have claimed days of oxygen a few years back are now just part of the background noise.

Like the notion that the nationwide ***Black Lives Matter*** movement would be riffed off, in Texas, by an anti-closure protest by tavern owners with signs saying that "bar lives matter." Like the made-for-TV image of a Missouri husband and wife (he in a tucked-in pink polo shirt) brandishing weapons at protesters in their gated community - and setting off a brief, meme-filled national debate.

Like Vanilla Ice, of all people, scheduling, then canceling, an Independence Day weekend concert in the middle of Austin, capital of Texas, which has some of the highest coronavirus numbers in the land.

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Like the people who still insist that the entire virus saga - all 129,000-plus American deaths of it - is a conspiracy-driven hoax. And like the college students in Alabama who threw "COVID parties" to see who'd get the virus first.

Is it any wonder that this is the year Mike Judge has decided to bring back "Beavis and Butt-head"?

"If you think it's hard to breathe with a mask on! Try breathing while you're in a chokehold!" - tweet from comedian D.L. Hughley last weekend.

On a holiday that celebrates the dawn of the United States, recent weeks' protests hint at an important question: How do you grill burgers and set off flag-colored fireworks but not engage with the actual racial history of the nation and its birth?

There are those who say: Put it aside for the day and just celebrate what the country means - American ideals of equality. But an increasing number of voices are insisting that the discussion has been put aside for far too long.

To Fred L. Johnson III, a U.S. historian at Hope College in Michigan who studies slavery, race and the Civil War, the notion of marking Independence Day without digging into what it means - including the compromises the founders made to appease the pro-slavery South - is ludicrous.

"The very things they were complaining that the British were doing to them, they were doing the same thing - oppression - to Black people early on," he says.

"Being an American citizen is like having a relationship," Johnson says. "If all you can do is accept the good parts of the relationship and can't deal with the hard stuff, I question the sincerity of your relationship. We need to look at the warts, the dark spots and all."

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No one would question whether American life on this Independence Day - after the dawn of coronavirus, after the ascent of a nationwide movement, at the cusp of a volatile election - is different from the previous one. Many are dead. Many more are confused. Many are deeply angry at each other and at the system. Many are terrified. Many have simply had enough.

On the national birthday, bang and whimper are fighting it out as never before. The country, collectively, is a driver without a map.

"When you can't make sense of what's going on in the world, life feels pretty meaningless," says Daryl Van Tongeren, co-author of "The Courage to Suffer: A New Clinical Framework for Life's Greatest Crises."

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"This holiday extols our way of life," he says. "This is absolutely an emphasis of the exact American values which are under question, and are under question because they're not holding up to reality. The curtain's been pulled back. And people feel like a lot of this is not working anymore."

That might explain a meme circulating among weary Americans in the past few days. "Dear July," it says, "I don't want any trouble from you. Just come in, sit down, don't touch anything and keep your mouth shut."

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Letters: Hoping the St. Paul school board will reconsider its erroneous decision on school resource officers

ARTICLE MLXXVII. **LETTERS: HOPING THE ST. PAUL SCHOOL BOARD WILL RECONSIDER ITS ERRONEOUS DECISION ON SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

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I am disappointed in the Saint Paul School Board's decision to end the contract with the Saint Paul Police Department for School Resource Officers as reported by Josh Verges in your June 24 edition. I believe the decision is based on a misreading of political signals.

First, they failed to recognize that the Saint Paul Police Department is exceptional. It is not a run-of-the-mill department. By lumping all Police Departments together and stereotyping them they are doing a disservice to their students. Judging from Board Member Allen's quote they appear to equate the presence of an officer with an increase in trauma. To the contrary, having a friendly officer nearby allows the students to relax a bit about the safety of their environment.

Second, they are ignoring the input of their pupils and the principals of their schools. Ninety-six percent of St. Paul High School juniors said last year that it was a "good idea" to have an officer present in the school. Principals of the seven high schools with officers assigned also support the program.

Third, following the lead of districts like Winona and Minneapolis has the priority turned upside down. If anything, Minneapolis could learn a few things by studying the Saint Paul Police Department.

I hope the school board will reconsider this erroneous decision.

David May, Lilydale The writer is a retired Social Service Director for Ramsey County

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There has been systematic racism and police brutality for decades or centuries. There has been extensive discussion about it, and other issues, for just as long a period. Our elected politicians have been noticeably inactive in addressing the problems during that same period of time.

As a result of the horrendous, unnecessary George Floyd death, and resulting widespread protests, these elected politicians now finally say they understand there is systemic racism, and police brutality. Wow, an epiphany? Why now and not 40 years ago, or before?

We can lay much of the blame on "don't rock the boat" elected politicians. Yet these politicians seem to have avoided taking any responsibility for the decades of any meaningful change and action. Why rock the boat when they want to be in office forever, even through government shutdowns, yet they still got paid?

So if we're to defund anyone or anything, why aren't the elected politicians front and center in the discussion? They have made the laws and look where we are now.

Scooter Thompson, West St. Paul

When Covid-19 first appeared in March we felt quite safe shopping for groceries in the early morning when there was a designated time for seniors. Everyone had a mask and everyone was a senior.

Lately many are not seniors, and many don't have masks on.

I no longer feel the comfort and safety of that designated time frame. Until I can find a grocery store that requires masks and honors the early time for seniors I don't know how we will be able to acquire the necessary items to survive Covid 19.

The young have no memory of polio but I do and also the fear of acquiring it. That fear is back because I believe Covid-19 would be fatal to us if we can't avoid it.

Tom Kapsner, White Bear Lake

My parents' generation is called the "greatest generation" for a reason.

I thought ours would be the "love generation".

It won't be.

Martha Edgar, St. Paul

It's been three weeks since protestors took the law into their own hands and toppled the statue of Columbus near the Minnesota state Capitol. Those responsible are clearly shown committing the crime on video, the law is clear on the destruction of public property, and Gov, Walz and Attorney General Ellison have the responsibility to uphold the law, whether they like it or not.

We used to be a country based on law. To not enforce the law on obvious crimes sends a dangerous message. To allow mob rule makes us no better than a third-world country.

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Minnesotans deserve better than what state leadership has shown lately.

Robb Jacobs, Stillwater

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CTC pushes reopening to March 2021

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CTC PUSHES REOPENING TO MARCH 2021

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The Children's Theatre Company (CTC) has pushed back its live stage productions to March 2021, joining the Guthrie Theater in setting a restart date a year after nearly everything shut down because of the global coronavirus pandemic. Like other companies, the nation's largest theater for youth and families hopes that there will be an effective vaccine by the start of next year.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on CTC, as we had to suspend and postpone over 160 performances this past spring and summer," artistic director Peter C. Brosius said in a statement. "We've made our plans with a commitment to ensuring the highest safety standards."

The company plans to launch live productions again with a remount of internationally successful "Seedfolks," the stage adaptation of Paul Fleischman's story about a Cleveland neighborhood garden that draws a diverse cast of characters. Actor Sonja Parks played all the roles in a production that toured the United States and also made a splash at a South African theater festival. Brosius will again direct (March 2-April 11, 2021).

The company also plans to revive "Annie," which was initially slated to go up this past April, next April 27-June 27. Peter Rothstein, who had done the show before, was tapped for that remount.

The pandemic, coupled with the racial schisms revealed by the unrest following the killing of *George Floyd*, has left many grappling with how to address the inequities evident in the community. The theater has commissioned works from such playwrights as Ifa Bayeza, Lloyd Suh and Larissa FastHorse.

"This will also be a time where we will think critically about the disparities in our community and how we can have maximum impact of our mission to educate, challenge and inspire through theater," Brosius said. "We are engaging our partners and examining how our work in the community and with schools should move forward to meet the needs of students and create better outcomes that address the profound challenges emotionally, mentally and educationally of our young people coming out of the multiple traumas of the past several months."

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During the pandemic, voter registrations fell off a cliff in Minnesota

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The number of new voters signing up to cast ballots plunged from 25,618 in March to 3,543 in June - an 86 percent dive, the state's elections director, David Maeda, said this week.

The March number may be "a little bit inflated" because Minnesota held its first presidential primary election since 1956 on March 3, and several thousand citizens registered to vote at the polls.

From January through March of this year, registrations were well ahead of the pace in 2016, the last presidential election year. It looked like Minnesota might be on course for a record turnout for the Nov. 3 general election.

But registering to vote started to fall off in mid-March after the first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Minnesota and the state started closing schools, libraries and most government buildings and enforcing stay-at-home orders, social distancing requirements and bans on large public gatherings. That meant the most popular options for signing up voters were virtually shut down.

Door-knocking campaigns ended, there were no public events available for setting up voter registration tables, and citizens couldn't drop off registration forms at closed city and county election offices. One of the most popular opportunities for signing up voters is when they apply for or renew their driver's licenses, Maeda said, but those offices also were shuttered.

During the pandemic, voter registrations fell off a cliff in Minnesota

Minnesota's decline in voter registrations mirrored other states. The nonpartisan Center for Election Innovation and Research last month reported that the number of new voters registered in 13 states it surveyed in April dropped by more than 70 percent compared with April 2016.

In some other states, groups reported increasing voter registration amid protests in response to the murder of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis in late May. That growth hasn't appeared in Minnesota - at least not yet.

CHANGING APPROACH

It's too early to predict what the pandemic's long-term impact on voter registration will be. But drives to sign up new voters likely will change.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, which has conducted in-person voter registration drives for years, is struggling to devise new ways to contact potential new voters, said Nick Harper, the League's civic engagement director.

It had planned to have volunteers fan out to high schools across the state this spring to register the graduating seniors to vote, but those public events were canceled. "There isn't another good way to contact those young people," Harper said.

Libraries and other public locations where League members have set up voter registration tables were closed, and community events were called off. In addition, Harper said, the organization's leaders were concerned about putting volunteers at risk of being exposed to the virus.

Despite those obstacles, the League will find ways to continue registering new voters this year, he said. For example, some local chapters are contacting churches and homeless shelters to arrange sign-up opportunities.

Minnesota allows voters to register online. That option is available at mnvotes.sos.mn.us.

Eligible citizens also may register at the polls on primary Election Day Aug. 11 or general Election Day Nov. 3.

But Maeda encourages people to register before then. Registering at the polls "takes more time," he said, "and a lot of the focus in our office is making sure when we get to November, the polling places are safe for people to vote in. If we have a lot of people that need to Election Day register, that's going to create longer lines, which we want to avoid."

SEEKING POTENTIAL VOTERS

There are signs suggesting Minnesotans are eager to vote this year. The first, he said, was the surprisingly large 21 percent turnout - more than 850,000 voters - for the March 3 presidential primary.

Another sign of voter interest is the number of people who have applied for absentee ballots. "It's astronomically higher than we've ever seen," Maeda said - 207,835 applications so far this year compared with 7,939 in all of 2018 and 8,964 in 2016.

Plenty of folks will be searching for "eligible but unregistered" voters - or EBUs - for the next four months.

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The Minnesota Secretary of State's office has the nonpartisan Electronic Registration and Information Center send monthly mailings to those EBUs in the state, Maeda said. Since 2014, the office has done 1.7 million such mailings in the state, and more than 880,000 recipients have registered to vote.

The Washington, D.C.-based, nonpartisan Voter Participation Center and its partner, the Center for Voter Information, are joining the hunt for EBUs. They are mailing voter registration applications to more than 800,000 Minnesotans this month as part of their largest-ever campaign to register new voters.

More than a million Minnesotans are eligible to vote but haven't registered, the organization said in a statement. Two-thirds of them are young people, people of color and unmarried women - groups that often move between elections and register and vote at lower rates than the rest of the population.

The Voter Participation Center wants to get these "historically disadvantaged communities" to exercise their right to vote in order to "strengthen our democracy," Page Gardner, the group's founder and board chair, said.

PARTIES DEAL WITH VIRUS

With social distancing rules preventing them from implementing their traditional door-knocking campaigns to register voters, the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor and Republican parties are resorting to alternative tactics to sign up supporters to vote.

In 2016, President Donald Trump came within a whisker of becoming the first Republican to carry Minnesota since 1972. Convinced that he can win it this year, he and the Republican Party started organizing their state operations in late 2016 and now have offices, paid staff and volunteer networks throughout Minnesota conducting what they say is the party's largest ground operation ever.

"We are leaving no stone unturned. Our goal is to register as many voters as we need to flip Minnesota for President Trump in November," said Republican National Committee spokesperson Preya Samsundar.

The coordinated national, state and local GOP campaigns are hosting video conferences with and letter-writing campaigns to unregistered voters, hosting "MAGA meetings" and small group gatherings and have created an online voter registration site. While many GOP candidates are making public appearances without wearing masks, a party operative said volunteers and field staff are using masks, hand sanitizers and practicing social distancing as they slowly transition to traditional door-knocking to register voters.

To avoid spreading COVID-19, state DFL Chairman Ken Martin said his party's staff and volunteers have stopped virtually all in-person voter registration efforts and instead are contacting EBUs by phone, text messages and other digital tools. "So far, we haven't seen any slow down in registering new voters," he said.

[Ivanka Trump visits Duluth outdoor gear maker; mining protesters gather](#) The party is exceeding its voter-contact goals and is getting positive feedback from voters who want to engage in conversations and volunteer to work on campaigns, he said. "Despite the fact that we're not at the door, we haven't lost a step along the way."

EBUs also will be targets for national voter-registration groups, such as Rock the Vote, an online organization that has been promoting voter registration to young people for over 20 years, and Facebook, which announced this week that is launching the "largest voter information campaign in U.S. history" with a goal of registering 4 million voters before November.

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 1019 words**Byline:** LARRY MILLETT, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** The making of a mall // Now Minnesota's "front porch," the Capitol Mall was home to mix of Victorian dwellings.**Body**

Special to the Star Tribune

The Minnesota State Capitol Mall in St. Paul has been a busy place in recent weeks, site of numerous protests in the wake of the killing of *George Floyd*. These protests have served to underscore the mall's importance as the state's "front porch," where Minnesotans can gather to exercise their democratic rights.

With its broad green expanse dotted by statues, monuments and memorials, the mall is such a familiar place that it's hard to realize it wasn't always part of the Capitol complex.

Cass Gilbert's white marble palace opened in 1905, but the mall wasn't completed until 50 years later, and it required a huge clearance project.

The mall, one of St. Paul's many graveyards of Victorian architecture, was carved out just a few years before Minneapolis began its enormous Gateway Urban Renewal Project. The Gateway project has garnered plenty of attention from historians over the years, and I'll plead guilty to adding my fair share of words to that endeavor. But relatively little has been written about how the Capitol Mall transformed a big chunk of St. Paul at almost the same time.

When the Capitol opened in 1905, it was fronted by a small, irregularly shaped patch of green space set amid a tangle of streets. Just beyond this rather measly space was a largely residential neighborhood crisscrossed with streets that

offered an array of housing built between the 1870s and early 1900s.

Single-family houses, row houses, double houses, apartment buildings and even a few mansions were included in the mix. There were also some small commercial buildings, several bars and diners, and a pair of historic churches.

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As time went on, this aging neighborhood came to be viewed, in the words of one newspaper writer, as "a screen of ugliness" detracting from the Capitol's magnificence. Over the years Gilbert and others had advanced a variety of monumental schemes to create a more suitable foreground for the Capitol, but it wasn't until 1945 that plans for the present mall began to take shape.

Funded by a \$2 million state appropriation, the mall was designed to provide a grand setting for the Capitol and for several new state buildings to be constructed in the 1950s. At the same time, plans were underway for what became I-94, which eventually swept past the southern end of the mall, requiring the destruction of numerous structures for its right of way.

Once all the plans were in place, more than 100 homes and buildings were condemned and then demolished. In less than five years, the old neighborhood south of the Capitol was completely gone.

A few years later, the old residential buildings around Central Park just to the southeast of the Capitol were also cleared to make room for the Centennial Office Building.

Although the lost Capitol neighborhood was no Summit Avenue, it did include some fine houses, intermixed with quite a few seedy buildings ripe for demolition. The area was in fact regarded by the city as little better than a slum, although photos taken in the early 1950s show that many of the properties were far from decrepit.

Much of the housing was along two short streets, Tilton and Central Terrace (also known as Dexter), which were wiped out by the mall. Other residences were on sections of Central, Iglehart and Summit avenues, which once ran in front of the Capitol. Still others were on streets - including Cedar, Wabasha and Rice - that remain near the Capitol but have been scoured of all of their historic homes as well as their old commercial structures.

Fortunately, there's a visual record of many of these lost properties, the bulk of which were demolished between 1952 and 1955. Before they were condemned and taken by the state, the properties were professionally photographed. Scores of these images are now in the collections of the Ramsey County Historical Society and have been posted on the society's excellent website, rchs.com.

Some of the largest and most elaborate of the condemned houses were on Tilton, a two-block street that ran from Wabasha to Rice streets along what is now the southern part of the mall.

Tilton's lineup included several big Queen Anne-style houses, most of which ended their days as rooming houses. Perhaps the most impressive of the lot, at 63 Tilton, was a tall, multi-gabled house with incised ornament built in 1887 and torn down in 1953. The house's crisp interplay of forms suggests it was designed by an architect. Next door at 69 Tilton was another Queen Anne beauty, built in 1889, which featured a tower and a distinctive curved pediment atop its steep front gable.

Another impressive specimen was a brick row house, in the Romanesque Revival style, at 117-125 Iglehart Av. (just west of Rice Street in what is today the right of way of I-94). Built in 1890 and torn down in 1955, the row house originally had five units, and judging by its level of finish it was intended for a well-to-do clientele. Like other row houses in the area, it was later subdivided into apartments.

Double houses were also common throughout the neighborhood. Among the most interesting was a high-roofed, Gothic Revival-style double house at 576 Cedar St. (near today's 12th Street). It was probably built in the 1870s, as was a small house next door at 580 Cedar. A wonderful photograph taken in 1950 shows a

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man sitting in the house's tiny front yard, perhaps ready to observe the impending destruction of his neighborhood.

The loss of the old Capitol neighborhood was probably inevitable given the longstanding push to create a mall and to expand the footprint of state government with new buildings.

The construction of I-94 (which, in a better world, would have been routed north of the Capitol) also doomed a big swath of the neighborhood as well as much of the historic Rondo Avenue district to the west.

I've never been an admirer of the mall, which has always struck me as too big for its own good. But for better or worse, it's now deeply integrated into the fabric of St. Paul, and the city would feel very different without it.

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Facebook groups pivot to attacks on Black Lives Matter

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By AMANDA SEITZ

CHICAGO (AP) - A loose network of Facebook groups that took root across the country in April to organize protests over coronavirus stay-at-home orders has become a hub of misinformation and conspiracy theories that have pivoted to a variety of new targets. Their latest: [Black Lives Matter](#) and the nationwide protests of racial injustice.

These groups, which now boast a collective audience of more than 1 million members, are still thriving after most states started lifting virus restrictions.

And many have expanded their focus.

One group transformed itself last month from "Reopen California" to "California Patriots Pro Law & Order," with recent posts mocking [Black Lives Matter](#) or changing the slogan to "[White Lives Matter](#)." Members have used profane slurs to refer to Black people and protesters, calling them "animals," "racist" and "thugs" - a direct violation of Facebook's hate speech standards.

Others have become gathering grounds for promoting conspiracy theories about the protests, suggesting protesters were paid to go to demonstrations and that even the death of [George Floyd](#), an unarmed Black man who died in the custody of Minneapolis police, was staged.

An Associated Press review of the most recent posts in 40 of these Facebook groups - most of which were launched by conservative groups or pro-gun activists - found the conversations largely shifted last month to attacking the nationwide protests over the killing of Black men and women after Floyd's death.

Facebook users in some of these groups post hundreds of times a day in threads often seen by members only and shielded from public view.

Facebook groups pivot to attacks on Black Lives Matter

"Unless Facebook is actively looking for disinformation in those spaces, they will go unnoticed for a long time and they will grow," said Joan Donovan, the research director at the Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy. "Over time, people will drag other people into them and they will continue to organize."

Facebook said it is aware of the collection of reopen groups, and is using technology as well as relying on users to identify problematic posts. The company has vowed in the past to look for material that violates its rules in private groups as well as in public places on its site. But the platform has not always been able to deliver on that promise.

Shortly after the groups were formed, they were rife with coronavirus misinformation and conspiracy theories, including assertions that masks are "useless," the U.S. government intends to forcibly vaccinate people and that COVID-19 is a hoax intended to hurt President Donald Trump's re-election chances this fall.

Posts in these private groups are less likely to be scrutinized by Facebook or its independent fact-checkers, said Donovan. Facebook enlists media outlets around the world, including The Associated Press, to fact check claims on its site. Members in these private groups have created an echo chamber and tend to agree with the posts, so are therefore less likely to flag them for Facebook or fact-checkers to review, Donovan added.

At least one Facebook group, ReOpen PA, asked its 105,000 members to keep the conversation focused on reopening businesses and schools in Pennsylvania, and implemented rules to forbid posts about the racial justice protests as well as conspiracy theories about the efficacy of masks.

But most others have not moderated their pages as closely.

For example, some groups in New Jersey, Texas and Ohio have labeled *systemic racism* a hoax. A member of the California Facebook group posted a widely debunked flyer that says "White men, women and children, you are the enemy," which was falsely attributed to *Black Lives Matter*. Another falsely claimed that a Black man was brandishing a gun outside the St. Louis mansion where a white couple confronted protesters with firearms. Dozens of users in several of the groups have pushed an unsubstantiated theory that liberal billionaire George Soros is paying crowds to attend racial justice protests.

Facebook members in two groups - Wisconsinites Against Excessive Quarantine and Ohioans Against Excessive Quarantine - also regularly refer to protesters as "animals," "thugs," or "paid" looters.

In the Ohio group, one user wrote on May 31: "The focus is shifted from the voice of free people rising up against tyranny ... to lawless thugs from a well known racist group causing violence and upheaval of lives."

Those two pages are part of a network of groups in Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania created by conservative activist Ben Dorr, who has for years raised money to lobby on hot-button conservative issues like abortion or gun rights. Their latest cause - pushing for governors to reopen their states - has attracted hundreds of thousands of followers in the private Facebook groups they launched.

Private groups that balloon to that size, with little oversight, are like "creepy basements" where extremist views and misinformation can lurk, said disinformation researcher Nina Jankowicz, a fellow at the nonpartisan Wilson Center, a Washington, D.C., think tank.

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"It's sort of a way that the platforms are enabling some of the worst actors to stay on it," said Jankowicz.
"Rather than being de-platformed - they can organize."

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Associated Press technology writer Barbara Ortutay in Oakland, California, contributed.

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After earning support from senators like Lindsey Graham and Kamala Harris and such rock stars as Billy Joel and Billie Eilish over the past two months, the owner of First Avenue felt relatively optimistic.

Dayna Frank's virtual meeting with other Minnesota music venue operators, however, added to her despondency.

"Everyone on the call across the board said their break-even point was at least 50 percent capacity, and more like 75 percent," Frank recalled, referring to attendance limits imposed by COVID-19 health guidelines.

"I don't know if any of us can survive long enough for that. Not without help."

Independence Day marks a reckoning of sorts for independent music venue owners in Minnesota and around the country. Soon they'll find out if help is on the way.

As Congress reconvenes after the July 4 holiday break, one of its main orders of business is a fourth stimulus package to spur the U.S. economy through the lingering pandemic. And one of the lobbying groups most prominently vying for tax abatements and relief money is a brand-new one called the National Independent Venues Association (NIVA), which counts the owner of Minneapolis' world-renowned rock hall as its president.

Formed in early April with other club operators in New York and Milwaukee, NIVA's membership now includes a total of more than a thousand clubs and promotions companies from all 50 states. Its 29 other Minnesota members range from the Bluestem Amphitheater in Moorhead and the Minnetonka-based Blue Ox Productions to the Cabooze and Cedar Cultural Center in Minneapolis.

The organization not only launched a social-media campaign under the hashtag #SaveOurStages, it went old school and hired a prominent Capitol Hill lobbying firm. Members of Congress are now being schooled

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on what a big deal small venues like the Troubadour in Los Angeles or 7th St. Entry in Minneapolis really are.

Among the sales pitches: NIVA claims its members generate \$10 billion nationwide annually. Most of that money stays local, too, via taxes, rent, employment and spillover to neighboring businesses.

"We're very community-oriented businesses," said Lowell Pickett of Minneapolis' Dakota jazz club. "The reason we're remaining closed is for the health and safety of our community."

NIVA sent out an April 22 letter to congressional leaders spelling out how bad things are at the moment for its members: "Our businesses were among the first to close as COVID-19 spread across the country, and are also likely to be among the last to reopen," it read.

"The collapse of this crucial element in the music industry's ecosystem would be devastating," read a subsequent letter sent June 18 and signed by more than 600 musicians and comedians, including Willie Nelson, Lady Gaga, Mavis Staples, Coldplay, Eilish and Joel.

Most venue operators have written off the rest of 2020 altogether. So has the concert industry as a whole, with most major tours now rescheduling for the second half of 2021. NIVA claims more than half the venues in its ranks won't see 2020 without support.

It's worth noting, too: The industry was actually doing very well overall up until March.

"We're not asking for help because our business model wasn't working," Frank emphasized, carefully differentiating independently owned music venues from corporate competitors AEG and Live Nation.

The latter company opened the newest in its chain of fancy Fillmore concert halls in Minneapolis just a month before quarantine hit.

"Independents can and are competing under normal circumstances, we just don't have the deep resources they do to weather this," Frank said. "We don't have our own ticketing company. We can't sell \$500 million in stock to Saudi Arabia to get by."

Live Nation representatives have not responded to any requests for comment from the Star Tribune in recent months, and plans at the darkened Fillmore remain gray. The company did pledge \$10 million in relief to stage and tour crews globally.

Half capacities & bottom lines

Between its growing roster of venues also including the Palace and Fitzgerald theaters, Turf Club and Fine Line - First Avenue Productions was slated to host 28 sold-out shows in April. Among them were a series of concerts to celebrate the namesake club's 50th anniversary in early April, including some unannounced shows by such famous alumni as the Foo Fighters.

Jarret Oulman, co-owner of the Amsterdam Bar & Hall in downtown St. Paul and the 331 Club in northeast Minneapolis, had just made his biggest liquor order of the year - for St. Patrick's Day - before the Amsterdam abruptly shut down in mid-March. He had also just purchased a cool old building over the winter to convert into a small music venue along W. 7th Street in St. Paul.

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"I'm confident we can eventually bounce back," Oulman said, "but not with the kind of incremental path that we're looking at. If we can only operate at 25 percent capacity, that's just going to put us in a bigger financial hole trying to operate with those limits."

Music venues were given the chance to reopen at 25% capacity in Minnesota's latest COVID-19 guidelines last month. Nearly all of them have stayed closed, though.

The nonprofit Cedar Cultural Center's executive director isn't ruling out reopening before year's end, but he worries about having to raise ticket prices too high to break even - along with many other concerns.

"Hopefully we will do some shows at reduced capacity later this fall," David Hamilton said. "But we have to implement training and safer distancing procedures and document our procedures."

Some venues that double as restaurants or have patio space - which can now operate at 50% capacity in Minnesota - have offered modest live music bookings.

Both the Aster Café and Icehouse in Minneapolis are planning limited music shows starting this month. Crooners, on a spacious lakeside property in Fridley, started up its drive-in concert series last month and is also now hosting a patio music series.

"We're trying new things and pushing the envelope a bit, but it's not out of desperation or charity," Crooners marketing director Beck Lee said. "We just want to be able to turn a profit while keeping everyone safe."

With its downtown location on Nicollet Mall, the Dakota cannot expand outdoors for its music offerings and will likely wait until it's safe to fill the room.

"I just don't see a way out this year," Pickett said.

Not sitting by idly

Closed venues are scratching out modest revenues via a variety of alternate sources.

The Dakota, for instance, sold "virtual e-cards" with musicians singing Father's Day and Mother's Day greetings. It has also promoted gift cards, some sales of which benefited its out-of-work staffers.

First Avenue has been pushing 50th anniversary T-shirts and other merchandise while also touting its Twin Cities Community Trust, a nonprofit fund that has doled out more than \$200,000 to unemployed local music venue workers. It's even opening up its doors for small private events, including weddings.

Amid all the uncertainty of the pandemic, the tragedy of *George Floyd*'s death in police officers' hands and the subsequent week of rioting and looting last month became another calamity for Twin Cities venues to face.

Rioting along University Avenue in St. Paul left the Turf Club with months' worth of repairs from looting and water damage. Near the largely ruined E. Lake Street in Minneapolis, the Hexagon Bar was burned to rubble, and the Schooner Tavern sustained extensive fire damage and looting.

The Hook & Ladder Theater - around the corner from the destroyed Third Precinct police headquarters on E. Lake - also got hit by looters and arsonists but survived well enough to begin hosting audience-less virtual concerts at the end of June. Its operators say the neighborhood's destruction has only added to their resolve to survive the pandemic.

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"We feel like we have a moral responsibility to fulfill now," executive director Chris Mozena said.

NIVA halted its campaigning in the weeks immediately following the Floyd tragedy out of respect. Many of its members have been supporting ***Black Lives Matter*** and other racial justice causes in the meantime.

"We don't want it to sound like our industry needs money before these causes are addressed," said Frank, who has used First Ave's resources to tout numerous BLM-related causes and cut contractual ties with Minneapolis police for security purposes.

Frank said her company "would be throwing all kinds of benefit concerts" for racial justice efforts if it could right now, and pledged to do so post-quarantine. That's alongside the stockpile of dates already on the calendar for next year with concerts postponed from this year.

"There are a lot of reasons to be optimistic about 2021," Frank said. "We just have find a way to get there."

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NIVA's REQUEST to Congress

Here are some specifics on what the National Independent Venue Association asked for in its April 22 letter:

Modify the federal Payback Protection Program (PPP) to include an increased loan cap, flexible loan forgiveness and delayed payback for one year.

Provide tax relief for tickets refunded for cash, and defer federal taxes until six months after venues return to full capacity.

Offer unemployment insurance for contract workers and artists, along with mortgage and rent abatement and recovery grants.

Aid reopening through a national testing strategy, guidance for large gatherings and assistance to businesses that comply with health guidelines.

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It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'

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It's been nearly four years since a St. Anthony police officer fatally shot Philando Castile as he sat seatbelted next to his girlfriend inside his Oldsmobile, 74 seconds after the officer pulled him over for a broken taillight in Falcon Heights while on their way home from picking up groceries.

Not a day has gone by since that his mother, Valerie Castile, doesn't ache over what happened.

"Every breathing day," she said in a recent interview about how often she thinks about the 32-year-old St. Paul public schools cafeteria supervisor whose death turned the eyes of the country toward Minnesota in the summer of 2016.

It was the first time in the state's recent history that a police officer was charged in a deadly on-duty encounter, though a jury later acquitted him.

Protesters shut down the interstate. A weeklong encampment stood guard in front of the Governor's Residence. A state task force was convened to talk about the troubling and deadly history between law enforcement and Black and brown community members. Local police departments changed policies. "De-escalation training and implicit bias training" became buzz words.

And yet, this past Memorial Day, ***George Floyd***'s body went limp while handcuffed on his stomach under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer for nearly eight minutes.

With the world's attention back on Minnesota, this time with intensified outrage and fervor, and the anniversary of Philando Castile's fatal shooting on Monday, the Pioneer Press asked Valerie Castile and a handful of others to reflect on what the community learned from his death - and what still needs to be done.

Valerie Castile believes God gave the community Philando so Minnesota could finally rectify its long history of racism, one that includes the lynchings of three Black men in Duluth and countless stories of people of color mistreated, brutalized and killed by law enforcement.

It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'

"That is the ugly side of the great state of Minnesota," Castile said. "A constant murderous trend from the people who are supposed to protect and serve."

And while Castile's death did mark a turning point for the state in that it taught "the community how to come together to try and come up with solutions," it wasn't enough to turn talk into meaningful change, his mother said.

Now God has given the state and country another chance with Floyd, she said.

"God made the world stand still for George," Castile said. "Nobody is working (because of the coronavirus pandemic). Nobody is going to school. Everybody is on their tablets, on their phone. So everybody got a chance to witness that. With Philando, people were busy working two jobs. Everybody didn't see that. But the ones that did, they were outraged, they were hurt, they were frustrated."

Since then, Valerie Castile has taken part in groups about community and police relations, she's been to countless meetings, she helped create a national toolkit for prosecutors and police on how to better respond to officer-involved shootings. She started the [*Philando Castile Relief Foundation*](#), which awards scholarships, helps schools erase student lunch debt and offers relief to other families impacted by gun violence.

Still, too little has been accomplished, she says with palpable anger. [*Diamond Reynolds settles defamation lawsuit against former Rice County sheriff's deputy for 'cocaine' comments*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*'Hands are what kill.' New traffic stop instructions follow Philando Castile's death*](#)

"I've got all these documents that have been created over the last four years ... but don't nobody want to use them," Castile said. "Stop all this talking and let's do something ... because there is no reason to take a human life when someone is running away from you, or strapped in a seatbelt or handcuffed behind their back on the ground."

It feels different since Floyd, she said, noting that everyone is "scrambling" in a way she's never seen before. But she's skeptical that it will amount to anything meaningful.

Valerie Castile is quick to rattle off what other reforms need to happen, starting with changing the statute that she said allows officers like the one who shot Philando Castile - Jeronimo Yanez - to rely too easily on the defense that they were in fear for their life to justify their fatal actions.

Yanez could not be reached for comment.

Castile also wants to see officers forced to get their own insurance so they have "something to lose" when they act recklessly instead of leaving state taxpayers on the hook. And she thinks funding should be taken from police departments, saying they too often use the money to "militarize," though she doesn't believe police departments should be abolished.

She is still haunted by questions about her son's killing, like what would have happened if he had not told the officer he was a licensed gun carrier; by the senselessness of his death; by the outcome of Yanez's trial.

To keep going, she relies heavily on her faith and the connection she feels with Philando Castile and her ancestors.

It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'

"It's nothing that I wanted, but I have been given this torch to fight for our children because, like I said from the beginning, this is not about Philando anymore," she said.

John Thompson found himself catapulted into the spotlight after the death of Philando Castile, his friend and coworker. He quickly became a well-known protester and activist.

Now he's running for a seat in the state legislature.

"I just don't want to yell at them anymore," he said. "There is a time and a place for that, but this is the other side of the bullhorn for me. This is the other protest."

In addition to law enforcement reform and racial justice issues, Thompson hopes to inspire others to run for office, noting that far too many seats are occupied by what he calls WORMS - "white, old, representative men" - who have been uncontested for too long.

Castile's death gave people like him a platform that they didn't have before and helped start mobilizing a movement, Thompson said.

It also taught the community "that it can come together and heal" and push real change, as evidenced in communities such as Falcon Heights, Thompson said. [Diamond Reynolds settles defamation lawsuit against former Rice County sheriff's deputy for 'cocaine' comments](#) [St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting](#) ['Hands are what kill.' New traffic stop instructions follow Philando Castile's death](#)

That's the spot he points to when asked about tangible change. Not only did the city talk about making changes, it listened to what the community wanted and followed through, he said.

"Everybody was asking me, 'John, what do you want?' " he said. "I told them, 'I want you to get rid of the St. Anthony Police,' " Thompson recalled.

Falcon Heights contracted its police services through the St. Anthony Police department but now uses the Ramsey County sheriff's office.

Thompson says he's watched police and motorist interactions on Larpenteur Avenue - where Castile was shot - from one of his favorite gyro spots along the stretch and sees a detectable difference.

He recalled a recent interaction where he overheard an officer approach a motorist and start the conversation with "Good afternoon."

"He humanized the uniform," Thompson said.

That's not the case in many other places across Minnesota, where Thompson said it still "sucks" to be a Black man.

He agrees with Valerie Castile that there has been far too much talk and not enough action.

"Here we are on the eve of Philando's anniversary and we are dealing with **George Floyd**," Thompson said. "We could have stopped **George Floyd**. ... We could have stopped (a lot of these officer-involved fatalities), ... But we have not put the fear of something into these police officers yet so they stop feeling invincible."

It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'

While his department wasn't involved in Philando's death, St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell's officers felt the aftershock.

Axtell, who had just become police chief, said it taught him his most valuable lesson to date.

"Now, more than ever in the history of policing, we need to continue to operate with the philosophy of the bank of trust," Axtell said. "Without trust being one of the cornerstones of any police department, you are nothing more than an occupying force."

That means law enforcement officers need to be willing to sit at the table with community members "even when conversations are uncomfortable" and "hard" and "stay engaged and never believe you are the best," Axtell said.

He said he's proud of the changes his department made after Castile's death, many of which are now at the forefront of the national conversation following Floyd's death.

His office released 15 years of traffic stop data at the request of the community, for example, and adopted national recommendations around 21st century policing models. The department also incorporated more than three dozen community recommendations for its revised use-of-force policy and launched a mental health unit. [*Diamond Reynolds settles defamation lawsuit against former Rice County sheriff's deputy for 'cocaine' comments*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*'Hands are what kill.'*](#) [*New traffic stop instructions follow Philando Castile's death*](#)

Axtell said he's also made it a point to hire officers based on character and integrity, with the understanding that skills can be trained.

But he acknowledges that there are still many lessons that haven't been learned, adding that he expects that will always be the case.

"You will never hear me say we have it all figured out," Axtell said. "... If the St. Paul police department doesn't believe we can continue to make changes and improve then we have failed."

Semhar Solomon was 12 when Castile was killed. She attended her first protest days later on Silver Lake Road across from the St. Anthony police department in the city where she's grown up.

Now she will be the one hosting the protest, in the same place, on Monday.

Solomon, now 16, said Castile's death "opened her eyes" to what she'd previously only heard about happening to Black and brown community members across the country. This time it was "in her backyard."

"Unfortunately it has come full circle," said Solomon, who will be a senior in the St. Anthony school district in the fall. "It shouldn't be at this point four years later that I have to have this conversation and take this action, but St. Anthony has not been held accountable, especially the police department."

Other than adopting a policy on implicit bias training, Solomon said the department has done nothing.

St. Anthony Police Chief Jon Mangseth declined to comment, referring a reporter to the city's website for information on changes its made.

It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'

It's been difficult growing up Black in a majority-white city such as St. Anthony, which Solomon says masks racial inequities by boasting strong school test scores and other superficial strengths. [*Diamond Reynolds settles defamation lawsuit against former Rice County sheriff's deputy for 'cocaine' comments*](#). [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#). [*'Hands are what kill.'*](#) [*New traffic stop instructions follow Philando Castile's death*](#)

"Unless you are the exception because you are exceptional, you are an outcast," she said. "... It took this recent uprising (following Floyd's death) for me to step outside that and not just be that comforting person with the star image they want me to be anymore."

Solomon also credits the conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic, which shifted people's focus online, and, in turn, to Floyd's death, for coalescing a national movement that Castile's death did not.

It's given her the confidence to speak out, she said.

"Before I saw all these problems with police brutality and my Black brothers and sisters getting murdered, and I never spoke up," Solomon said. "It took really knowing that people have my back now ... not just the Black community, for me to take this initiative."

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi made the historic decision to file manslaughter charges against Yanez in Philando's death.

A jury later acquitted Yanez after the officer testified that he believed Castile was reaching for his gun when asked for his driver's license and registration.

Castile told Yanez he had a firearm and a license to carry just before the officer shot him.

The biggest lesson for Choi's office was trying to convince jurors to "turn their worldview upside down" and question the decision-making and integrity of a police officer, Choi said.

"The world has changed a lot since then, and I can only wonder what kind of outcome we would have gotten (today)," Choi said.

Like others, Choi believes Castile's death started a conversation locally, but he said in many ways it was treated as an isolated incident.

"The horrific nature of watching ***George Floyd***'s life being extinguished" shed light on the deeper, systemic problems, Choi said.

"I think we as a community are tired of it ... and civilians recognize that they have control over their police departments in a way that didn't before," he said.

Peter Lindstrom was Falcon Heights' mayor when Castile was fatally shot.

He remained at the helm until last year.

The experience illuminated the relationship-building work he said he had not yet done with segments of his community at the time, especially the Black community.

That was a hard lesson to learn, Lindstrom said recently.

It's been 4 years since Philando Castile died. His mother thinks about him 'every breathing day.'

"I learned that the best time to connect with people is before a tragedy. ... Trying to afterward is incredibly difficult," he recalled. [*Diamond Reynolds settles defamation lawsuit against former Rice County sheriff's deputy for 'cocaine' comments*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*'Hands are what kill.'*](#) [*New traffic stop instructions follow Philando Castile's death*](#)

He also learned the depths of the problems that existed between Black and brown community members and law enforcement and said city leaders should be "laser-focused" on policing, especially as it makes up the largest chunk of city budgets.

His community underwent numerous listening sessions and engaged in many "difficult conversations around race" that prompted changes citywide, Lindstrom said.

And while he believes Falcon Heights has done "amazing work" to build a more inclusive and equitable community, he acknowledges there are "hundreds of things that we should still be looking at."

"I am not naive to think that something couldn't happen in Falcon Heights again. ... I don't think we should fool ourselves or lay off the throttle of dismantling ***systemic racism***," he said.

FYI

[*A fourth annual candlelight vigil*](#) will be held to commemorate Philando Castile's death Monday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the location on Larpenteur Avenue where he was shot. A rally will [*take place the same day in St. Anthony from 4 to 7 p.m.*](#) near the St. Anthony Village City Hall and Community Center. [*Diamond Reynolds settles defamation lawsuit against former Rice County sheriff's deputy for 'cocaine' comments*](#) [*St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting*](#) [*'Hands are what kill.'*](#) [*New traffic stop instructions follow Philando Castile's death*](#)

Graphic

Valerie Castile, mother of Philando Castile gave an impassioned plea to the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training on, July 27, 2017. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Philando Castile (Courtesy photo)

John Thompson, a friend of Philando Castile, cries as he embraces two supporters on the steps of the state Capitol in St. Paul on June 16, 2017, after a police officer was cleared in the shooting. (Evan Frost/Minnesota Public Radio via AP)

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi.(Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

Peter Lindstrom, then mayor of Falcon Heights, speaks during a news conference on July 8, 2016. (Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

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Floyd story got personal for Black journalists

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FLOYD STORY GOT PERSONAL FOR BLACK JOURNALISTS

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For many Twin Cities journalists, covering *George Floyd*'s death and the events that followed has been the biggest assignment of their careers. For Black reporters, it's something much more.

News gatherers are conditioned to keep their composure in the field, even when tear gas fills the air or neighborhoods go up in flames. Stay objective, stay cool. But that becomes a bigger test when race is the core issue, when you're related to someone who looks just like *George Floyd*. When you could be *George Floyd*.

"I'm trained to keep my opinion out of the interviews I do, but I have 52 years of experience being Black," said Minnesota Public Radio host Angela Davis. "We're witnessing the pain and trauma that Black folks have had to endure for generations. I can't separate myself from that because it's my story, as well."

To help get through the sleepless nights, local reporters of color lean on each other for emotional support. It's a small club, since minorities are underrepresented at major media outlets throughout the Twin Cities.

Six Black journalists recently opened up about the struggles they have faced the past few weeks, revealing the challenges they normally only share with each other.

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'Food is how we grieve'

ARTICLE MLXXXV. **'FOOD IS HOW WE GRIEVE'**

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Highlight: Cooks feed mourners and demonstrators at the **George Floyd** memorial.

Body

A group of volunteers in matching yellow Juneteenth T-shirts clustered in front of a grill on 38th Street, steps from the Chicago Avenue corner where **George Floyd** had been killed by police.

They ordered hamburgers and hot dogs and, twice, one of the group members asked what he owed the cook, Glen Walton, as if he didn't believe the answer.

"It's free, man," Walton said.

Walton, an arborist out of work since COVID-19 came to Minnesota, has spent the past month behind a grill, feeding many of the thousands of visitors and demonstrators who have come to the corner to pay respects to Floyd.

He is not alone on that south Minneapolis corner. Walton is among those who have set up tents, carts, food trucks and trailers, grills and a smoker on the streets that radiate from this intersection-turned-memorial.

While city and state officials and community members explore ways to make the site a permanent tribute to Floyd and the worldwide movement his death helped ignite, a kind of town square has emerged.

Volunteers spray visitors' hands with sanitizer, a sound system projects the voices of poets

and singers, florists cart in buckets of stems for mourners to place on the street, canvassers sign constituents up for politicians' mailing lists.

And everywhere - at plastic picnic tables, on blankets on a grass lawn, on the curb or around the flower-ringed shrine to Floyd - people eat.

Like a spread after a funeral, the food is comforting, nourishing, even uplifting.

"Food is how we grieve," said Nancy Alayon, owner of Qué Tal Street Eats, a Salvadoran food truck that served 2,000 free meals over two weekends at the memorial.

'Food is how we grieve'

Many of the cooks who come and go throughout the day set up tents in small parking lots between buildings or on the street, like Walton. They park trucks on the perimeter. Or, in the case of the brick and mortar establishments on the block, like Dragon Wok, they've been there all along.

On a recent hot Friday, Dwight Alexander loaded 200 chicken wings onto a grate inside a massive barrel of a smoker in front of his takeout restaurant, Smoke in the Pit. The wings turned a deep bronze while smoke billowed over the street.

It was Alexander's first day cooking out front; he usually keeps the smoker behind his building. But he was proud of the 15-year-old workhorse that was enabling him to feed the crowds.

"I wanted them to see the original," he said.

Since these streets became a memorial site, the new customers streaming past Alexander's business are learning something important about the intersection, he said. In the past, "everybody painted this corner as a hard corner."

But with the world's eyes watching, an unspeakable tragedy became a flash point for anger and then change. The corner's true nature has been revealed, Alexander said. "It's as soft as a pillow."

He made about 1,200 wings that day. Some were sold from his storefront window. Others he offered for free to gatherers at picnic tables down the street. "They forget about the sadness for five minutes when they eat this food," Alexander said. Providing that moment of relief in the epicenter of a global movement toward racial justice, he says, makes him feel blessed.

"This is anointed ground," he said.

On the next corner, just past the welcome crew of hand-spritzers, Harold Porter has been cooking from his Phattone's Finger Food trailer since late May. The trailer is equipped with a griddle, refrigerator and deep fryer.

Porter is typically swamped with orders for cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches and fried cauliflower. He started out giving away food, but had to begin charging to keep his business afloat.

Porter usually parked his restaurant-on-wheels in St. Paul, but when he heard about Floyd, whom he considered a friend, he relocated here to be closer to the movement.

"I'm tired of white folks killing us," he said about his reason for feeding fellow mourners. "This is what I do and I love doing it," he said. "People love to eat."

Similarly, Alayon of Qué Tal had been drawn to the corner in the aftermath of Floyd's death.

"We knew we couldn't go on with business as usual," she said. "We thought about how we could best serve our community, and we decided what we do best is feed them," she said.

The truck canceled its upcoming events, and turned to its supporters to raise about \$6,000 - enough to feed 2,000 people and donate needed toiletries to a nearby church.

Alayon was amazed at how quickly the corner became a community-run marketplace, with several food vendors rotating in and out, many of them handing out food for free. As soon as her truck ran out of meals and began to pull out of its parking spot, another cook moved in with more trays of food.

'Food is how we grieve'

"It was organically beautiful, the flow of how that happened," she said. "Everyone was incredibly generous with their time and their resources, and we were one of many. Food brings people together."

Walton set up his tent and grill two days after the memorial emerged. He had never cooked for the public before. But he had grown up in the neighborhood, and felt "it was my duty to come down and make sure everybody eats."

There are two signs at the back of the tent: one with Walton's Venmo and Cash App names so people can send him donations; the other with the menu - beef hot dogs, chicken and cheese sausage, watermelon, shrimp, veggie burgers and his specially seasoned "Humble Burger," because "it's made by a humble person."

Every day, Walton tallies his donations, goes to the grocery store to buy more supplies, and goes back to his spot on 38th Street. Someone donated the charcoal grill, too - he doesn't know who.

To protect himself and others from the coronavirus, Walton applies the condiments to the meat himself, to order.

Thousands of people over the past month have flocked to the most famous corner in Minneapolis. Many have stopped by his tent, whether for a humble bite, or to fuel the fight. Does he worry about risking his health?

"Not at all," he said over the sizzle of the grill. "This is a special place."

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Walker West Music Academy expands community connections, seeks to raise \$ 7 million

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[WALKER WEST MUSIC ACADEMY EXPANDS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, SEEKS TO RAISE \\$ 7 MILLION](#)

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Highlight: Thirty years ago, the Walker West Music Academy opened hoping to provide a few Black students with after-school music lessons. Now, the academy in St. Paul teaches almost 200 students per week, and has plans to get even bigger. Walker West Music Academy has begun the "Walker West Without Walls" initiative. This spring, they announced [...]

Body

Thirty years ago, the Walker West Music Academy opened hoping to provide a few Black students with after-school music lessons. Now, the academy in St. Paul teaches almost 200 students per week, and has plans to get even bigger.

Walker West Music Academy has begun the "Walker West Without Walls" initiative. This spring, they announced a \$7 million effort to increase funding and enrollment, and to build a stronger connection with the St. Paul community.

When the school opened in 1988, the founders Rev. Carl Walker and Grant West taught piano lessons in a Summit-University neighborhood duplex. Today, the music school is located on Selby Avenue, where over twenty music instructors teach piano, percussion, winds, strings, and voice lessons.

GOALS FOR ITS FUTURE

When Braxton Haulcy became executive director of Walker West in 2019, he made a point to contact as many local foundations as he could to introduce himself. To his surprise, most people he spoke with didn't know what Walker West was.

"We've been here 30 years, but some people have never heard of us?" he said.

Haulcy decided that Walker West was not doing enough to network and connect with its community, so he developed the Without Walls initiative.

The academy hopes to double its enrollment by 2023, and triple the number of students receiving tuition assistance from about 50 to 150. The music school also hopes to provide faculty with more training, and raise faculty wages closer to the regional salary average. And eventually, the Music Academy plans to move to a new set of walls entirely.

Walker West Music Academy expands community connections, seeks to raise \$ 7 million

Although the coronavirus pandemic has forced that all classes now be taught remotely, Walker West is running out of in-person teaching space in their 6,000-square-foot building on Selby Avenue. In 2023, they hope to move to a bigger building with more studios, more storage and a designated parking lot.

A \$7 MILLION BUDGET

About \$7 million will be required to fund all the projects the Without Walls initiative seeks to tackle in the next three years. A capital campaign will start in the fall.

About \$2 million will be used to purchase 14,000-square-feet for a new location, according to plan estimates. Another \$3 million will expand music programs in collaboration with local St. Paul Public Schools. The rest will go toward a variety of projects, such as replacing instruments, and upgrading technology.

Fundraising during an economic recession may seem a tall task, but Haulcy is still optimistic. He recently started working with a fund development consultant, and he's been speaking to potential donors. Schools like Walker West are heavily funded by private donors, many of which are looking for black organizations to support in the wake of the death of George Floyd, Haulcy says.

A PARTNER WITH SPSS

Although the academy was founded on extra-curricular music lessons, the academy plans to take its music education to nearby public schools.

For the past two years, Walker West faculty has been collaborating with St. Paul's Michelle and Barack Obama Elementary school to offer keyboard and African drumming lessons to the students, of which 95 percent are African-American.

"We have worked with Walker West for two years, and we hope to grow that program so that more students can benefit," said Jill Knutson, assistant principal at Obama Elementary. "It's important for our scholars to see music instructors who look like them."

Walker West also hopes to expand the program to other local elementary schools.

"A lot of elementary and middle schools don't have a music class during the day," Haulcy said. "If you have music as an elective, the kids may not take it seriously."

But the lack of music education in school curriculums is serious, he said. When he was in elementary school, he performed badly in school until his mother enrolled him in music lessons.

[Hiring spree at St. Paul City Hall: Who got the jobs? How much are they paid? Who else applied? Repair, remodel and relocate: How three University Avenue businesses are still recovering from unrest](#) [Buzz, Como Zoo bear named after Apollo 11 astronaut, has died](#) [Circus Juventas postpones shows, adapts programs to stay afloat](#) [Homicide victim's family invites community to Saturday peace walk, calling for justice for Nia Black and safety for all](#) "Music is reading, writing and arithmetic. It builds life skills like determination, discipline, teamwork," said Haulcy.

As Minnesota officials grapple with schooling in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, Walker West will likely have to reimagine how they teach music lessons in public schools. But the academy is already adjusting to teaching during a pandemic, and currently teaches music lessons over the web.

Walker West Music Academy expands community connections, seeks to raise \$ 7 million

Teaching remotely will benefit the Academy in the future. Virtual lessons are more accessible for those living farther away and allows music teachers to reach more students, Haulcy says.

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Black voices, no longer silent

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BLACK VOICES, NO LONGER SILENT

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Influential Black members of the Minnesota arts community have joined together to "illuminate an unabashed and missing narrative" for "a historical moment of transformation" following the death of ***George Floyd***.

A collection of essays titled "A Moment of Silence," the compositions come from a wide cross-section of the area's theatrical, musical, artistic and literary circles. The 55-plus contributors include author Marlon James, rapper Toki Wright, writer/director Carlyle Brown and Star Tribune theater critic Rohan Preston.

The project is edited by performer/playwright Shá Cage and is produced under the auspices of the Playwrights' Center and the arts organization Tru Ruts. It can be accessed at blackmnvoices.com. The featured artists will rotate each month, with a spotlight post made every week.

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"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."

- Frederick Douglass, American abolitionist, writer and philosopher

In the end, the image that would spark a global uprising against systemic injustice and oppression would not be of a stereotypical Bubba in a pickup truck. That was so last week, when three men hunted and savagely killed 25-year-old Ahmaud Arbery as he was out for a jog not far from his home in Georgia.

Nor would the spark come from the no-knock drug raid that resulted in the shooting death of Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old medical technician who was asleep in her Louisville, Ky., home. That death was one of the many nauseating tragedies that African Americans face across the country.

The searing, catalytic image would come via video from Minnesota, my home and a state that sent activists to the South in the 1960s. That progressive reputation was brought into sharp relief by a picture that shatters myths about good guys and bad guys.

Black voices, no longer silent

Derek Chauvin, the Minneapolis police officer who snuffed out the life of ***George Floyd*** by pressing his knee on his victim's neck for nearly eight long, excruciating minutes, is a regular-looking guy. We all know him. He's somebody's neighbor and uncle and fishing buddy. He's the middle manager who knows the system well, and that it's designed to protect him; management has got his back.

And in the picture, he's putting on a demonstration of his power, not just for the junior officers around him, but for all to see. Cocky, self-assured and relaxed, he has sunglasses on his forehead and a hand in his pocket. That casual demeanor is not one we associate with a killer, much less a villain. No, Chauvin's mien is that of someone out golfing or boating or, even, trophy hunting. And if he's the person he seems to be, he'll swear on a stack of black bibles that he doesn't harbor any bigotry. He may even claim to have a Black friend. And, the kicker: His wife is Asian American, just like one of the junior officers charged with abetting him.

I cannot bear to watch the entire snuff video of Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck. It's too traumatizing. Nor is the often-viewed video, shot by now-scarred 17-year-old Darnella Frazier, the problem. Cellphones have become tools of evidence to present to a society skeptical of the routine degradations that Black people endure in America.

The disturbing stills of the scene that fateful day in Minneapolis challenge the traditional narratives that dominate the nation's stages and screens.

As viewers, we are trained to look at the officer, who is in the command position, as the good guy. White and in uniform, he is representative of the law. We make presumptions about him based on his office, even if those presumptions diverge along racial lines. Floyd, the dark victim, is faceless and in a subservient position, literally under a knee.

Shorn of context on any screen or stage, the story playing along with the picture suggests white virtue and Black guilt. That's a narrative we know well.

Twin Cities casting director Kelli Foster Warder has likened Chauvin to Willie Conklin, the white fire chief in the musical "Ragtime" who takes umbrage at the sight of a Black man driving his own car and eventually destroys the vehicle.

"Everybody recognizes Willie Conklin as the bad guy because he shouts the N-word," Foster Warder said. "Otherwise, no one who sees him walking down the street would think he's the poster child for racism and white supremacy."

The fact that Chauvin is such a regular guy means that it will be difficult for the mainstream to separate from him. I mean, some talk about the banality of evil. Chauvin embodies white supremacy as ordinary.

We associate heroes with those who're winning and living. But the picture of Floyd forces a reordering. We don't know nearly enough about this father and uncle who became an unwilling martyr in a centuries-long struggle for justice in America. And we cannot let the image of how he died represent his life.

We know that he had survived the COVID-19 pandemic and was making do. He is accused of passing off a fake \$20 bill. That's about how much his life was valued in a caste system where the virus of bigotry that was present at the beginning still courses through the nation's DNA.

Black voices, no longer silent

Those ills have created qualifying asterisks on America's lofty promises. We are a land of liberty (except for Black people, enslaved and brutalized for centuries as they forged a nation). We have equal protection under the law (hmm, cue the nauseating sequence of cellphone videos showing otherwise). Anyone can be anything (lie to kids and they stop respecting adults).

It's apropos that this upwelling, led by young people, should start in Minnesota, and not just because Prince founded the Revolution here, as a popular meme notes. Minnesota has some of the nation's largest racial gaps in housing, education, jobs and incarceration rates. Those statistics belie the "Minnesota miracle" of lore.

Minnesota has been at the forefront of cultural trends and events that have helped humanity advance. Starting more than a century ago during a time of food scarcity, the state began to feed the world through innovations in milling and agriculture, helping the global population grow to what it is today.

Minnesota-led advances in health care, embodied by the Mayo Clinic and many medical device companies, have contributed greatly to the health of the globe. Culturally, the 1963 founding of the Guthrie Theater sparked the regional theater movement across America.

African Americans have been integral members of an area where, in the 19th century, Dred Scott sought freedom and where today the University of Minnesota houses the Givens Collection of African-American Literature, one of the largest resources in the nation.

Renaissance artist Gordon Parks found his voice as a writer and filmmaker in St. Paul, as did dramatist August Wilson, who honed his craft at Penumbra Theatre.

The killing of Floyd comes 99 years after three Black circus workers were lynched in Duluth - an atrocity memorialized by Bob Dylan in "Desolation Row." Citizens and leaders of Minnesota now have an opportunity to show a nation how to turn tragedy into medicine.

The state cannot just go back to business as usual with shallow window dressing and paeans to racial equity and justice. We must address our worst-in-the-nation disparities, heal the divides and build a more just, equitable and freer society, one where the unrealized promises of American democracy flower in the glimmering light bouncing up from the state's 10,000-plus lakes.

Such an outcome would be a fitting tribute not just to *George Floyd*, but would help to reframe images that bind us to a past that often imprisons us all.

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2020 Aquatennial is canceled

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Organizers of the Minneapolis Aquatennial have called off the annual summer festival this year, saying that "it does not feel like it is time to celebrate."

The Minneapolis Downtown Council, which manages the event, said in a statement last week that, "We will miss seeing you in person this year," but cited the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the death of ***George Floyd*** and the subsequent civil unrest in the Twin Cities.

"We want to take the time to honor our community and give space for the important work that needs to be done," the Downtown Council said.

Aquatennial typically brings thousands of people downtown and to other neighborhoods for events including boat races and fireworks. This year's festival was scheduled to run from July 22-25. It'll be held July 21-24 in 2021.

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Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms contracts COVID-19

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**ATLANTA MAYOR KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS CONTRACTS
COVID-19**

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Length: 423 words**Byline:** Associated Press**Highlight:** ATLANTA (AP) - Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms announced Monday that she had tested positive for COVID-19.**Body**

ATLANTA (AP) - Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms announced Monday that she had tested positive for COVID-19.

The 50-year-old Democrat is among the women named as a potential vice-presidential running mate for presumptive presidential nominee Joe Biden.

"COVID-19 has literally hit home. I have had NO symptoms and have tested positive," Bottoms tweeted.

She told MSNBC that she decided her family members should get tested again because her husband "literally has been sleeping since Thursday." She said the only other symptoms she and her husband have been experienced are those similar to allergies they have.

"It leaves me for a loss for words because I think it really speaks to how contagious this virus is," Bottoms told MSNBC. "We've taken all of the precautions that you can possibly take. We wear masks, we're very thoughtful about washing our hands, I have no idea when and where we were exposed."

Bottoms' national profile has risen in recent months both as a mayor handling the coronavirus pandemic and amid the national reckoning on race that has followed a white Minneapolis police officer's killing of **George Floyd**, an unarmed Black man, on May 25.

A first-term mayor, Bottoms issued a firm plea for peaceful protest as demonstrators gathered on downtown streets after Floyd's killing - and urged the protesters to get tested for COVID-19. She invoked Atlanta's civil rights history and her personal experience as the mother of Black sons. She won plaudits from progressives after firing Atlanta officers for using excessive force during the protests.

She has also been noted for earlier criticizing Republican Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp on his slowness to order Georgians to shelter in place and his quickness to lift that order.

Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms contracts COVID-19

Bottoms was an early and vocal supporter of Biden, who has been considering Bottoms as his possible vice presidential running mate in his own presidential bid.

Violence in the city has grown worse since protesters burned down a fast food restaurant where a white officer fatally shot Rayshard Brooks after he seized a stun gun and ran. Armed people have been manning roadblocks at the site and an 8-year-old girl was shot dead near the site on Saturday. At the same time, some police officers have been refusing to answer calls, angry that the district attorney has charged officers in the Brooks shooting.

Atlanta police again broke up the roadblocks at the site Monday, but that wasn't enough for Kemp, who said he was mobilizing up to 1,000 National Guard troops after a spike in shootings in Atlanta.

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Pahoua Yang Hoffman, the new senior vice president of community impact at the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation, is working with other nonprofit leaders to promote racial equity and help rebuild small, minority-owned businesses damaged in the unrest after *George Floyd's* death on Memorial Day.

Hoffman joined Minnesota's largest community foundation in mid-May after six years as executive director at the St. Paul-based Citizens League.

Floyd's killing by Minneapolis police led Hoffman to team up with Chanda Smith Baker, senior vice president of impact at the Minneapolis Foundation, and Acooa Ellis, senior vice president of community impact at the Greater Twin Cities United Way.

In early June, their organizations created the Twin Cities Rebuild for the Future Fund to support small businesses damaged in the unrest. They announced June 25 that the fund will distribute \$2.5 million to 11 nonprofits to help business owners pay for repairs, get technical assistance and disseminate information in their native languages.

A member of the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation's executive leadership team, Hoffman serves as its chief strategist for grant making.

Hoffman was born in Laos and immigrated to the United States with her parents after a year in a Thai refugee camp. She earned an MBA from the University of St. Thomas and was a 2013-2015 University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs policy fellow.

Hoffman also has served as government affairs manager at Twin Cities PBS and an international student adviser at St. Thomas.

"Pahoua's leadership and experience embody the foundation's strategies and values," said Eric Jolly, CEO of the foundation, which has \$1.6 billion in combined charitable assets.

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"She's convened diverse groups of citizens to inform rich, community led-solutions. In the advancement of equity, she has worked tirelessly to cultivate a Minnesota where all voices are counted, heard and appreciated," he said in a statement. "Her vision has inspired generosity and contributions of all kinds."

Q: What's motivating your collaboration with Acooa Ellis and Chanda Smith Baker?

A: We all know each other, we trust each other, we listen to each other and we hang out with each other. It's going to take collaboration with these two women and more to say who is doing what, where are we not spending the money, where are the gaps? It's working together with a shared vision for what it is that we all feel is needed.

Q: What is a priority for you in your new role?

A: At the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation, it's about racial equity and how do we carry out the work that we want to do through that lens. I am very interested in pursuing how we can support nonprofits that are led by leaders of color or that are serving communities of color and Indigenous populations. When you think about the greatest challenges that we're facing as a state and as a country they are largely issues affecting these populations.

Q: How do you do that?

A: One piece of our strategic plan is that the community informs the solution. The foundation may hold the funding and may get donors to contribute, but that doesn't mean we have the knowledge of where it should go. I love the idea that the foundation is saying we are about listening, about learning what's happening in the community and having the community tell us where we should make these investments.

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Native American groups ask NFL to force Redskins name change

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - More than a dozen Native American leaders and organizations sent a letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Monday calling for the league to force Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder to change the team name immediately.

Body

By STEPHEN WHYNO

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than a dozen Native American leaders and organizations sent a letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Monday calling for the league to force Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder to change the team name immediately.

The letter was signed by 15 Native American advocates and obtained by The Associated Press. It demands the team and the NFL cease the use of Native American names, imagery and logos - with specific importance put on Washington, which last week launched a "thorough review" of its name.

The letter was delivered on the same day that President Donald Trump voiced his opposition to any name change by the team. Several team sponsors have come out in favor of change recently and Snyder showed his first indication of willingness to do so amid a nationwide movement to erase racially insensitive symbols.

According to their letter, the groups "expect the NFL to engage in a robust, meaningful reconciliation process with Native American movement leaders, tribes, and organizations to repair the decades of emotional violence and other serious harms this racist team name has caused to Native Peoples."

The NFL did not immediately respond to a message confirming receipt of the letter. Goodell last week expressed support for Snyder's review process of the name.

Retired PGA Tour golfer Notah Begay, IllumiNative founder Crystal Echo Hawk, two former executive directors of the National Congress of American Indians and several authors and professors signed on to the letter, which wants a full re-branding of the team "to ensure that continuing harm is not perpetuated by anyone."

Trump is against re-branding the Redskins and Major League Baseball's Cleveland Indians, who are also considering a name change.

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Trump tweeted: "They name teams out of STRENGTH, not weakness, but now the Washington Redskins & Cleveland Indians, two fabled sports franchises, look like they are going to be changing their names in order to be politically correct."

Snyder had been steadfast against changing the name on several occasions since buying the team in 1999. Last week, sponsors FedEx, PepsiCo, Nike and Bank of America released statements saying they requested a change, and several online stores removed the team's gear.

"We believe it is time for a change," PepsiCo said.

FedEx CEO Frederick Smith is a minority owner, and the company is the title sponsor of the team's stadium in Landover, Maryland. The sudden flood of sponsors coming out against the name prompted the organizational review announced Friday.

"This process allows the team to take into account not only the proud tradition and history of the franchise but also input from our alumni, the organization, sponsors, the National Football League and the local community it is proud to represent on and off the field," Snyder said.

The death of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis police custody in May sparked protests and a nationwide debate on racism. That conversation renewed calls for Snyder to change the name called a "dictionary defined racial slur" by Native American advocates and experts.

"We've never been faced with a greater opportunity and moment for this to finally happen," Echo Hawk said last month.

"Native Americans have been working and fighting on this issue for decades, decades and decades, and I think really talking with different Native leaders around the country, this is the moment. There's really no excuse now for this Washington team and for the NFL to do the right thing."

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 824 words**Byline:** NEAL ST. ANTHONY; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** DEFENDING WITH PRIDE // As the Global Market was attacked by looters, guards and volunteers rose to fight for its safety**Body**

About midnight on May 27, security officer Ken Reese Jr. heard a plate-glass window shatter on the E. Lake Street side of the Allina Commons-Midtown Global Market complex, east of Chicago Avenue.

Reese, monitoring cameras at the security desk, told a Securitas colleague to stay put as he ran toward the sound of looters streaming through the broken glass to nab bicycles that had been collected by a youth-nonprofit tenant for low-income neighborhood kids. Beyond that were food and merchandise shops owned by 50 small businesses.

"The first looters through the window were surprised," recalled Reese. "I started yelling. There was six of them inside. They backed out.

"Then somebody busted out another window and I told them to get out. I told them this was small businesses, minority businesses and people living upstairs here. They stopped and listened. They left. Looters and arsonists want empty buildings."

Reese, 54, a 20-year security professional who works two jobs, is known by business owners, tenants and employees for his easy smile, courtesy and professionalism. He is also built like a linebacker.

"Ken was standing in the window the first night, fending off looters," said Mihailo "Mike" Temali, chief executive of Neighborhood Development Center (NDC), the majority owner and manager of the global market.

"The protesters had righteous anger over what they perceive as a racist system. And in

here we have small businesses owned by neighbors of color," Temali said. "And for two nights after that, Ken was supported by other security and residents and business owners and neighbors who ringed the building all night. We need to do more [on race and equity]. But we first needed to preserve what we have achieved."

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The complex emerged from a \$190 million redevelopment 14 years ago of an abandoned Sears Roebuck warehouse and store. Its success became part of a broader storefront-by-storefront reclamation of E. Lake Street in recent years, often by immigrant entrepreneurs.

On the third night of the protests over the police killing of George Floyd, with the market portion of the complex covered by several Securitas guards and volunteers, Reese watched video monitors from the security desk. He noticed several people with backpacks slip into the Allina portion of the building through a broken door. He confronted them just as they pulled tools from the backpacks.

"They were arsonists and don't like to be seen," Reese said. "I told them to get out and they left."

He said no one in the building was hurt during the four nights of protests and subsequent violence May 26-29.

"We had old ladies in the lobby praying," he said. "We had people protecting their own building. We were like an oasis."

Across the street to the east, a Family Dollar Store and furniture shop went up in flames. A U.S. Bank branch burned across Lake Street, after looters emptied the ATM. A nearby liquor store was vandalized and looters drank and sold inventory on the street.

Next door, a new Los Ocampo restaurant, the latest of several owned by Mexican immigrants Armando Ocampo and wife Lilia, who started 27 years ago with a hole-in-the-wall taco shop, was damaged on the ground floor of a new apartment building.

Raja Ziadi, a native of Morocco and co-owner with her husband of Moroccan Flavors restaurant in the Global Market, was one of the perimeter defenders in late May. Ziadi lives above the market with her family.

"I was frightened," she said. "But this is our dream ... since 2016. We work hard. And we love these people.

"Some teenagers broke in one night. We asked them why they did this? They put their heads down and left. On Friday night, we observed two guys and a lady drive an old car up to the [Global Market]. It had a can of gasoline in it. They left. We pushed the car away from our building."

Earlsworth "Baba" Letang, NDC's director of the Global Market, met last week with tenants about improvements and with the owners of other shops that were burned about leasing space in the building.

Damages from the riots and fires are estimated to be around \$500 million across the Twin Cities, with at least \$200 million of that along Lake Street. The Lake Street Council has started to make grants from a fast-growing fund of several million in donations.

My late mother, who grew up on Lake Street, remembered as a girl in the 1920s the construction of the magnificent Sears complex. After the Sears store shuttered there in the early 1990s, a chain-link fence, symbolizing blight, went up around the vacant hulk.

In 2006, Ryan Cos., Allina, NDC, the city and dozens of entrepreneurs, financial and other partners opened the Allina-Global Market Center. Two-thirds of its visitors come from outside Minneapolis.

It will take more of the same vision, heart and significant investment to rebuild E. Lake Street.

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 1650 words**Byline:** JENNA ROSS; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Radio host Garrett McQueen knocks a few "old, dead white men" off their pedestals while elevating Black artistry.**Body**

Smoke was still rising from Lake Street when Garrett McQueen started his shift hosting "Music Through the Night." He settled into the Classical MPR studios, readied his notes and introduced a choral piece that mourns seven unarmed Black men killed during encounters with the police - setting to music the last words they uttered, gasped, pleaded, cried.

A piece of music meant for that moment. A piece that changed McQueen's own life.

"Those were Eric Garner's last words: '*I can't breathe*,' " he told listeners across the country over a snippet of "The Seven Last Words of the Unarmed." He paused. "As the protests continue here in the Twin Cities, those same words are being repeated in memory of *George Floyd*."

His voice didn't reveal that he was holding back tears - not only for Floyd's family. Days after Floyd's killing, a Black classical music host was playing a work by a Black composer centering the voices of Black men.

"It's one thing for listeners, for the first time ever, to hear the voice of a Black person as it applies to these conversations in classical music," he said later. "But for that to be centered in a piece of music that directly addresses police brutality is such a huge moment."

The 33-year-old bassoonist turned radio host has long been calling for the conversation erupting in classical music around who plays - and gets played - in the concert hall and on the radio.

On his show, syndicated by St. Paul-based American Public Media (APM), and his podcast "Trilloquy," McQueen spotlights Black composers and musicians, inviting them to tell their stories. He shakes up the typical repertoire, refusing to play pieces by "old, dead white men" who profited off the slave trade. He questions the very term "classical music," prefacing it with "so-called."

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"Because of imperialism and white supremacy, that phrase ... sets the art music of western Europe on a higher pedestal," he said. But other countries have centuries-old instrumental traditions that count as classic, he noted. "If you do that here in America, in my opinion, truly American classical music is the Negro spiritual. That is the music born purely from here."

That conversation - about what music gets labeled "classical" and why - illustrates one of his main points: "You can't talk about classical music without talking about race."

Some listeners, who tend to be an older, whiter bunch, disagree. When McQueen wrote an essay this month about "the power (and complicity) of classical music," pointing out Handel's ties to the slave trade, they appeared in his inbox. "Why don't you keep race and ranting out of classical music," one note began.

But McQueen is unafraid.

Friends in this fight describe him both as a professional with a perfectionist streak and an agitator unbothered by the norms of classical music.

A Memphis native, he came to Minnesota two years ago to become host and producer of "Music Through the Night." On his podcast and on Twitter, where he goes by Bassooncé, he's become known for challenging the status quo - the Minnesota Orchestra included.

"He doesn't care if you're not comfortable," said Scott Blankenship, a fellow APM classical announcer who co-hosts and coproduces the Trilloquy podcast. "That's his charge - having people look at and deal with the uncomfortable issues that have been sidestepped or ignored for way too long."

One of their early guests, composer and multi-instrumentalist deVon Russell Gray, said McQueen's "influence on me was immediate. As soon as we finished the interview, he said, 'Man, I really wish you had named names.' "

McQueen came to Minnesota "pretty bold and, if anything, has only gotten bolder," Gray said. "He's not letting this place soften him."

His 'authentic self'

Too "fabulous" for choir, McQueen joined band in seventh grade, taking up the bassoon.

He earned a bachelor's degree in performance at the University of Memphis and a master's at the University of Southern California. The plan was to move back to his hometown, become a teacher. Nabbing an orchestra spot felt as likely as making the NBA or winning the lottery. But an instructor encouraged him to audition.

"That bit of affirmation became the turning point of my education and my career," McQueen said.

After a two-year fellowship with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, he won a permanent position with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, rare for a Black musician in a field still stubbornly white. African American musicians accounted for less than 2% of players in U.S. orchestras in 2014, according to the League of American Orchestras.

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That performance background adds credibility to his criticism, said Lecolion Washington, a bassoonist and music school administrator with whom McQueen studied at Memphis. "He's someone who has clearly shown he has the chops."

While many Black classical musicians get assimilated into the system, then have to find their way out, McQueen "stayed true and kept his authentic self," said Washington. "He stood up even in places in which the power dynamic was such that many people wouldn't have."

Four seasons in, Knoxville's public radio station, WUOT-FM, reached out, looking for a sub for its afternoon classical music show. McQueen was tending bar to make extra money. Radio felt more relevant. For a while, he split his attention between the gigs.

But then he heard "The Seven Last Words of the Unarmed," by Atlanta-based composer Joel Thompson, and his calling became clearer.

It was at a concert in 2017. McQueen had performed earlier, then ran into the audience and found a seat. "I didn't even grab a program, so I didn't know what was about to happen."

The piece begins with piano, a touch of violin.

Then, a swell of voices: "Officers, why do you have your guns out?"

Sitting in the hall, McQueen sobbed.

Going into battle

On a muggy, mid-June afternoon, he helped ready Blankenship's basement studio. As Blankenship flipped off the fan and the fridge, McQueen adjusted his dreadlocks and his microphone, then pressed open his notebook.

There was a lot to cover.

"With Black artists, the tokenization has just multiplied," he told Blankenship before they pressed record. "Let me write that down, so I don't forget."

Each week, the two prep, record, edit and publish a podcast featuring "true and real stories from the fringes of classical music," as the tagline goes.

They met when McQueen took over Blankenship's radio shift. McQueen was listening to a lot of podcasts while commuting via bus and train. ("Driving in the snow was not something I was interested in," he laughed.) The podcast he wanted to hear didn't exist. So they started "Trilloquy."

"Trill" is both a musical term and a colloquial one, a combo of true and real. "If I can be extra trill," McQueen likes to say, before posing a tough question or launching into a hot take.

Here, sipping Blankenship's home-brewed beers, McQueen is as likely to profess his love for Beyoncé or Nas as Dmitri Shostakovich or William Grant Still. He quotes both Nina Simone and hip-hop's N.W.A. (Yes, that lyric.)

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There's an odd couple quality to their early episodes. Blankenship is 50 years old, white, Nebraskan. A Steely Dan fan. They trust one another and check one another, modeling how to dig into issues around race with honesty and grace.

McQueen welcomes a knotty topic. Last year, he took the Minnesota Orchestra to task for programming Aaron Dworkin's "The American Rhapsody," which features the writings of George Washington. Clad in a ***Black Lives Matter*** T-shirt, he left at intermission.

He invited orchestra violist Sam Bergman onto the podcast, and the two hashed it out. McQueen met, too, with an orchestra executive. "I felt, as an audience member, I was supposed to walk away forgiving George Washington for his proximity to American slavery," he explained.

"We've had more conversations in the wake of that concert," Bergman told him, "than just about any previous concert I can imagine."

McQueen isn't just agitating from the outside. He's now a board member of the American Composers Forum and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

When the SPCO asked him to join, Gray remembers McQueen saying: "If I take the gig it's mostly because I want to battle the Minnesota Orchestra." Gray promised to go into battle beside him.

Feeling hopeful

As a Black man in an overwhelmingly white state and field, Gray knows well what McQueen is combating.

"It's based in fear - people are afraid there's not enough airwaves, not enough time," he said. Before McQueen, Gray never listened to Classical MPR, "because they don't program for the me's of the world."

But tuning into McQueen's show makes him hopeful. "I hadn't really realized what radio needs for that change to happen is to have folks like Garrett," he said. "I have hopes that someday he will inspire others to take up that task and not just be on air ... but be running the stations."

McQueen, too, sees reasons to be optimistic, though he hates that it took a man's death. After the killing of Floyd, the Minnesota Orchestra cut its ties with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. "I'm not sure that orchestras would have done that six months ago, much less six years ago," McQueen said.

On Juneteenth, a handful of Black composers, musicians and activists gathered in a Zoom room for a Composers Forum roundtable to discuss what's changed and what hasn't.

As usual, McQueen was direct. Each time he spoke, the group nodded emphatically.

When another panelist mentioned a revolution, McQueen jumped onto that point and delivered a sermon.

"I agree that the revolution is happening. When I saw the police run from the Third Precinct in Minneapolis as it burned down, that reminded me Nat Turner and his crew taking over their overseers ... When I see Black folks with platforms who are telling the truth, I see the revolution ...

"The revolution is here ... The fire is burning. We have to make sure we keep the fire going."

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MN lawmakers to return Monday to St. Paul to take up unfinished work

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Highlight: Lawmakers will return for another special session to weigh an extension of the state's peacetime emergency to combat the coronavirus, consider a bill to fund public construction projects and potentially compromise on police policy bills.

Body

Minnesota lawmakers will return for another special legislative session on Monday to weigh an extension of the state's peacetime emergency to combat the coronavirus, consider a bill to fund public construction projects and potentially compromise on police policy bills.

Gov. Tim Walz on Tuesday said he would call lawmakers back a month after they left the Capitol with no meaningful progress on the bonding bill or police measures.

Walz told reporters that he'd been in contact with legislative leaders as they continued to work behind the scenes to reach agreements on legislative priorities. And he said he was optimistic this time lawmakers in the divided Legislature would be able to strike deals at the Capitol.

"I think what we're trying to do is lay the groundwork for what that looks like. Obviously, we cannot walk away without doing some police reforms in the aftermath of George Floyd's (death), and we also have bonding that is part of the economy that is going to be really important and some supplemental issues that need to be addressed," Walz said. "I think for Minnesotans as they see a hyperpartisan environment, I can tell you this, that the legislative session is working, that there is a commitment to try and get it done."

But members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus on Tuesday said Republicans weren't coming to the table to negotiate police reform measures. And without them, they said they would hold up other policy priorities like a bonding bill.

"Minnesota is united in our call for justice for George Floyd," Rep. Rena Moran, D-St. Paul, said. "The Senate GOP needs to show Minnesotans that we all need to be accountable for bad behavior and that includes police officers who are sworn to serve and protect."

MN lawmakers to return Monday to St. Paul to take up unfinished work

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, on Twitter said Republicans continue to support some changes like banning chokeholds, but continue to have concerns about other measures like increasing the role of community members in policing and police accountability.

If Walz plans to extend the state's peacetime emergency to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, he will have to call lawmakers back to give them the option to veto the move. Most states have peacetime emergencies in effect to allow them to draw down federal aid funds and activate the National Guard.

Walz has said he likely will add another 30 days to the peacetime emergency and, in doing so, further his enhanced executive authority. Republicans have said they oppose the move as it gives too much power to the governor, while Democrats have said they support it as the divided Legislature can't act quickly enough to address the pandemic and its effects on Minnesota.

[Minnesota will close 2 prisons to prepare for budget shortfall. Other agencies face holes, too. MN tobacco age increases to 21 on Aug. 1. Decisions on MN Capitol artwork will take months; task forces formed will seek public input. Minnesota governor signs police accountability bill. A deeper look at what law does. MN Legislature approves police accountability measures. Here's what the bill will do.](#)

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Correctional officers of color who say they were segregated from Derek Chauvin: Why isn't Ramsey Co. jail superintendent on leave?

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Highlight: The Ramsey County Jail superintendent who made the decision that correctional officers of color could not interact with the former Minneapolis police officer charged with murder in the ***George Floyd*** case remains at work. But he should be on administrative leave, the attorney representing eight officers reiterated to the sheriff this week. "Although your office [...]"

Body

The Ramsey County Jail superintendent who made the decision that correctional officers of color could not interact with the former Minneapolis police officer charged with murder in the ***George Floyd*** case remains at work. But he should be on administrative leave, the attorney representing eight officers reiterated to the sheriff this week.

"Although your office apparently now admits this discrimination occurred, it has not placed Superintendent (Steve) Lydon on administrative leave and he continues to work for the County, in the same building as my clients," attorney Bonnie Smith wrote to Sheriff Bob Fletcher. "Employees of yours have been placed on administrative leave for much less."

Lydon's job title remains "superintendent," according to Chief Deputy Dave Metusalem. "He has been administratively reassigned to work on special projects pending the outcome of an internal investigation into his conduct and the resolution of the Human Rights complaint."

[The eight correctional officers, who are minorities, filed complaints](#) on June 19 with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, in which they said they were discriminated against by their employer because they were prohibited from interacting with ex-officer ***Derek Chauvin*** when he was brought to the Ramsey County Jail. Chauvin is white and Floyd was Black.

Lydon said in a statement on June 21 that he made the move to protect employees "who may have been traumatized and may have heightened ongoing trauma by having to deal with Chauvin." He said after staff expressed concern, "within 45 minutes I realized my error and reversed the order" and apologized.

Correctional officers of color who say they were segregated from Derek Chauvin: Why isn't Ramsey Co. jail superintendent on leave?

Metusalem said Tuesday that Lydon reports to him and "his work space has been physically moved from the detention center as he no longer is supervising jail staff."

Lydon previously came into the jail for supervising, but his office was always in the administrative side of the building, according to an acting sergeant who was among the people who filed a discrimination complaint.

Smith said Tuesday she has not received a response to the letter she sent Fletcher on Monday. She said her message was sparked by correctional officers having an "incredibly difficult time going to work" because they feel changes have not been made.

Smith announced the discrimination complaints on June 21, without publicizing the names of the correctional officers because she said they fear retaliation.

The most senior employee in the group is an African-American man who is an acting sergeant in the jail. He's also a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and said he's commanded the largest company in the Minnesota National Guard.

When Chauvin was brought to the jail, he began a standard pat-down to check him for weapons or anything else that's not allowed in the jail.

"In the 10-plus years I've worked there, I've had a high number of high-profile inmates and he was no different than anybody else," the sergeant said in a recent interview. "It wouldn't have affected the way that he was treated."

At that point, the sergeant said Lydon told him he didn't want him doing the pat-down or escorting Chauvin to the housing unit.

The sergeant said he called his direct supervisor and asked if it was true that all minorities were being moved off the fifth floor, where Chauvin was being held, which he confirmed.

He felt sick to his stomach, he said, because, "in essence (Lydon) was saying because we were people of color, that we could not be depended on to do our job professionally."

Two correctional officers said in their complaints that white officers weren't segregated from Chauvin and "to the contrary," they saw on the jail's cameras that a white lieutenant "was granted special access" to Chauvin on May 30. They wrote that she sat on his bed and allowed Chauvin to use her cell phone, which the acting sergeant said would be a violation of jail policy.

Metusalem said there is an open investigation into her conduct. "At this point, investigators have reviewed several hours of jail video and found no evidence that a violation occurred," he said.

Several days later, 60 to 70 correctional officers brought their concerns to Fletcher in a meeting. Fletcher said on June 21 that his office had made changes immediately, including having Undersheriff Bill Finney temporarily head the Detention Division.

The acting sergeant said they filed their complaints with the state about two weeks after the meeting, however, because they didn't see changes happening. On June 21, Fletcher announced he was reviewing the matter to determine whether any additional action was necessary.

Correctional officers of color who say they were segregated from Derek Chauvin: Why isn't Ramsey Co. jail superintendent on leave?

The sergeant said Tuesday he has not been interviewed for an internal affairs investigation into Lydon.

Metusalem said Tuesday that the sheriff's office "values each and every one of its employees."

"We are complying with all of the prescribed timelines and look forward to working with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights to reach a resolution in this matter," he said. [St. Paul, Ramsey County debut six career labs at libraries](#) [Local nonprofit suspends bail services at Ramsey County jail due to concerns over COVID-19](#) [Minneapolis man charged after authorities say he fired at Ramsey County deputies, led them on high-speed chase](#) [Mounds View man charged with murder after woman he met on Tinder died of 'date rape' drug](#) [Ramsey County offering \\$5,500 in emergency rent, mortgage and utility assistance](#)

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Body

SAGINAW, Mich. - It was difficult to celebrate America in Saginaw this year. The deadly coronavirus had torn through the county. Unemployment had surged five-fold. Weeks of protest over racial inequality left many debating what should be hallowed and what must be changed.

But Tom Roy had given it his best. As the head of the July Fourth fireworks board, he struggled to save the display of red-rocketed flares and bursting peonies, fruitlessly seeking a venue that felt safe from the sickness.

He couldn't do it. So Saginaw canceled its festivities, upsetting many of Roy's neighbors who lost an opportunity to unify a bitterly divided community for one night.

The dark skies over this mid-Michigan city were a plaintive marker of a nation utterly disrupted in a matter of months.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Americans are preparing to choose a leader and a path through a time of extraordinary division and turmoil. Associated Press journalists tell their stories in the series "America Disrupted."

This period of national crisis has not inspired unity. Americans are aiming their anger at each other, talking past each other, invoking race, class and culture. They cannot even agree on the need to wear a mask to protect against a virus that has killed more than 130,000 Americans.

These forces are converging as the country hurtles toward a convulsive presidential election. President Donald Trump continues to portray himself as a disrupter, with a wrecking-ball agenda that is rooted in nationalism and roils racial divisions - taking the stage over the July Fourth weekend to warn of "new far-

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left fascism" that would tear down "our national heritage." His Democratic rival, Joe Biden, meanwhile, calls for a national reset to something resembling normal for a "suffering" nation.

"It's never been this divided," says Roy, vice chair of Saginaw's Republicans.

It is in places like Saginaw County, Michigan, which narrowly flipped from voting for President Barack Obama to voting for Trump, where clarity about America's future is likely to come.

The traditional battleground states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Florida, and emerging ones such as North Carolina and Arizona, have all been hit with the triple shock of a pandemic, recession and an uprising against police abuse. The political fallout is unfolding, leaving a striking degree of uncertainty just four months from Election Day.

Will younger voters, whose generation is the first since World War II to be faring worse than their parents, turn out? Will older voters, those most vulnerable to the coronavirus, seek change? Will the growing political power of Black women manifest itself in ways that swing key states? Will the suburbs once again provide the pivot points in the country's partisan divide?

The election will provide answers to all these questions, but not necessarily to the central issue of American life in the year 2020: Can the United States pull itself together?

The country is beset by "parties who see each other as 'the other' instead of collaborators in a democracy," says historian Doris Kearns Goodwin.

"A crisis allows you, if you've got the leadership, to unite the nation. What's needed - and we've seen this for a while - is a national direction," she said.

In 2010, out of love for his ailing hometown, a Saginaw artist spray-painted some familiar lyrics on the husks of buildings and stumps of concrete steps: "I'm empty and aching and I don't know why."

But in 1968, when Simon & Garfunkel released "America" - starting their hitchhiking narrator's cross-country odyssey in Saginaw - the city was a very different place.

The population then was nearly twice as large as the 48,115 people who now call it home. General Motors alone operated at least eight plants in the city and surrounding county, providing middle-class jobs that drew African Americans from the Deep South. The Great Migration gave Saginaw its most famous native son: Stevland Hardaway Judkins, better known as Stevie Wonder.

The Saginaw River slashes a diagonal line through the city and became a dividing line between Black residents on the east side and white residents on the west.

GM stumbled and there were layoffs and closures - manufacturing jobs dropped by 50% in the last 30 years. White people fled to the suburbs, the population declined, and the question arose: How to save Saginaw?

The answers have been disjointed - and none erased the economic inequality or racial segregation. The city of Saginaw, 45% Black, has a median income of \$29,800, while the majority white county has a median income of \$47,000.

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In 2016, the area ended a Democratic voting streak. By just 1,073 votes, voters in the county entrusted Trump to revive its fading industrial hub.

Yet the people of Saginaw are now coping with a 20.7% jobless rate, more than four times the rate on Election Day 2016. There have been 123 confirmed deaths so far from COVID-19, among the top 10th of counties per capita nationwide. Trump's promise of a renaissance in manufacturing remains unmet.

And despite all the hardship, or because of it, Dave Adams believes that Saginaw might help save America - from Trump.

Until February, Adams was athletic director at Swan Valley High School, a suburban school with about 580 students. He had dabbled in local politics, enjoying the competition that so reminded him of sports, but Trump's election changed him.

The former social studies teacher used to make a point of teaching students about respect for the presidency. But Donald Trump, he thought, showed no respect for the office he held.

At 47, in a sort of midlife political crisis, Adams left his job. He would help turn out voters for the Democrats. He wanted to live without regrets, he says.

"You don't want to look back and say woulda, coulda, shoulda," Adams says.

Trump's very nature had forced him to take a stand. "I always thought that the president should be a role model," Adams says. "The current president is so far from it, for me, that it blows my mind. It's everything I'm against."

Trump came to power as a bulldozer, an approach that had wider than expected appeal in a country that was fed up with Washington's chronic fighting and inertia. The president has emphatically kept his promise to upend American politics, but in the process has ripped at racial wounds, antagonized allies and courted foes, been impeached and acquitted, and flouted norms of presidential leadership.

Relatively few Americans think Trump tells the truth or cares about people like them, but neither point is a deal-breaker for his supporters. A majority of Americans believe the country is off track and in a June poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, about two-thirds said they believe Trump is making America more divided.

Even Republicans are more likely to describe Trump as divisive than unifying, 37% to 20%. But they still overwhelmingly approve of the job he's doing.

They like the idea of a tough businessman who speaks his mind, cuts taxes, appoints conservative judges and promises to crack down on illegal immigration. And even if they have misgivings about his style, many Republicans believe a Democrat would be worse.

But the Trump style that worked well in times of relative calm - inattention to detail, indifference to briefings, go-with-your-gut decisions - is now facing an ultimate test in the face of real crises, not those of his invention.

A virus cannot be dispatched with a tweet. Four months into the fight against the disease, the U.S. has more than 2.9 million infections.

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For Adams, that means his new job - canvassing neighborhoods looking for voters - has become a health risk, and much of the work has shifted to calls and online meetings.

The pandemic also exposed his own financial vulnerabilities. He had planned to return to a school district after the November election. He needs just two more years of service to qualify for a pension. But it's still unclear how schools will reopen in the fall - and whether anyone needs a substitute teacher if classes move online.

Out of caution, Adams began a new job this month as a school custodian.

"I'll take what I can get," he said.

Hattie Norwood doesn't remember a time when Saginaw was a growing middle-class haven. At just 31, she's already witnessing the second major recession of her adult life. She sees Saginaw's problems - crime, poverty, struggling schools, food deserts - as entrenched. *Déjà vu*, she says.

Norwood has tried to take it in stride. As a Black woman in America, "I can't let them see me sweat," says the communications consultant and mother of four girls.

She remembers well the protests that erupted eight years ago when Saginaw police officers fatally shot at Milton Hall, a Black homeless man who was waving a pocket knife, 47 times. The officers never faced charges. She marched then.

But this moment has changed her.

Norwood watched with frustration as the coronavirus seemed targeted at her community, tearing through Black neighborhoods at a disproportionate rate. The economic collapse that followed only made things worse. And with schools closed, kids were deprived of the free meals upon which they depended.

So Norwood and eight strangers she connected with online met in a Tim Hortons coffee shop in March to devise a plan to distribute food to families.

When ***George Floyd***, a Black man, died after a Minneapolis police officer pinned him on the ground for nearly 8 minutes, she went a step further. She and others organized the county's first protest in response and later launched Saginaw's own ***Black Lives Matter*** chapter.

"I've gained my political grounding," Norwood said.

It felt right to join the wildfire of activism that spread across the country after protests and riots raged through Minneapolis. The marches filled American streets, even in conservative bastions. They called attention to police brutality and deaths of Black men and women at the hands of police - to deaths like that of Milton Hall - but also evidence of racism in housing, health and education. They've toppled Confederate monuments and statues of past leaders.

The next phase of the protest movement is still evolving. Many activists say they're focused on local issues - largely overhauling police departments - and not the presidential race. Still, Democrats hope it's part of a warm-up for November. Young, liberal voters have been cool to Biden, a 77-year-old moderate, and a fight for racial justice may be the thing that mobilizes these often elusive voters.

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They'll have extra hurdles this year. The virus has shaken up voting, pushing many Americans to vote by mail for the first time. Norwood intends to ensure that people are ready.

"We're talking more about voter education in our community and I am for doing whatever it takes to get Trump out of office." Norwood said. "When I leave this place, when I'm gone, there will be brown girls after me and I just can't fathom a world that continues in this way."

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Tom Roy, a white man, sees a very different America. In his experience, anyone who sacrifices can buy into the stock market and get ahead.

At 57, Roy thinks of himself as a Reagan Republican and a self-made man. Roy started playing the stock market in the 1980s, but the profits really piled up years later while working as a manager at a roller rink. He did well enough to buy a Corvette (and six others since).

Trump had planned to make Roy's pocketbook politics the heart of this campaign. Republican-leaning voters often express reservations about Trump's Twitter feed, but they like his tax cuts and handling of the economy.

The almost-overnight recession disrupted that plan.

That pain hit Republican and Democratic areas alike, even as COVID-19 was initially concentrated in urban centers and coastal cities. That disconnected impact helped breed skepticism about the virus' danger and fuel the resentment about government-ordered business closures that seemed unnecessary.

As businesses started to reopen in June, so did the offices of the Saginaw County Republicans - in time for riled-up voters to come by, asking to sign a petition to recall the Democratic governor, Gretchen Whitmer.

Many Republicans blamed her stay-at-home orders for Michigan's economic morass. Protesters and an armed militia filled the statehouse to demand an end to the restrictions some labeled "tyranny." Prosecutors even charged one of her critics with terrorism for making credible death threats against her.

But there was a hitch in the recall effort: There was nothing to sign.

"People on Facebook and social media had talked about recalling the governor," said Roy, a GOP candidate for town trustee who marvels at what he views as evidence of pro-Trump energy. "We never had a document."

The virus has now shifted course, spreading with alarming speed into Republican counties in the south and southwest. Some GOP governors have been forced to follow in Whitmer's path, to close bars, talk up wearing masks and urge people to stay home.

The surge in red America seems to contradict the Trump campaign's message that the country - the economy - is already coming back.

But in a polarized America, shared facts are hard to find. About two-thirds of Republicans viewed economic conditions as "good" in June, even though the unemployment was near the highest in 70 years. An overwhelming majority of Democrats held the opposite view, according to AP-NORC polling.

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Indeed, Roy's view on the economy is filtered through his own experience. Business has been steady at his landscaping company - the grass keeps growing during a pandemic. He recently mowed the lawn around the temporarily closed Fashion Square Mall after it crested 2 feet.

Roy says he thinks most companies will learn to adapt during the crises. He notes the stock market has nearly recovered to where it was before the pandemic.

"Everyone has a chance to make money - that's what is great about America," he says.

"Michigan seems like a dream to me now," says the narrator of the song "America," deeply weary as he boards a bus in Pittsburgh.

Look for America in 2020 and you'll find exhaustion. So many tribulations, so much strife. But there are those in Saginaw who say maybe the United States isn't being pulled apart. Maybe it's growing, even if uncomfortably so.

The Rev. Hurley Coleman is head of the World Outreach Campus Church, a congregation founded by his parents in 1957 in their living room on Saginaw's east side. He knows it's a hard time to talk about hope.

In the past month, he's lost a parishioner to gun violence. Many in his congregation are struggling to survive on low-wage jobs or as front-line health workers. He hasn't delivered a sermon in person in weeks, but he has participated in three marches since last month.

Those recent protests were the first time he's seen Black and white people march together in Saginaw for racial equality, he said. They walked together - crossing the bridge over the Saginaw River - to call for change. It made him think this might be a moment of such upheaval that even long-standing barriers are broken, divides disrupted.

"This is one of those terrible growth moments where people of goodwill and good thought can bring us to another level," Coleman said. "When you build on truth, anything is possible."

Associated Press writers Nicholas Riccardi and Angeliki Kastanis contributed to this report.

Graphic

COVID-19 cases in counties won in 2016 by Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump have converged in recent weeks.;

A new AP-NORC poll finds that a majority of Americans believe Donald Trump's presidency has made the country more divided, including about 4 in 10 Republicans and 9 in 10 Democrats who say so.;

In several political battleground states, the percentage of African Americans dying from COVID-19 is disproportionately higher than their percentage in the population.;

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Social-media groundswell sparks plans for Black-owned bookstore

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When Dionne Sims discovered there were no Black-owned bookstores operating in Minnesota, she tweeted that it was her new dream to start her own.

The June 15 tweet immediately garnered immense support, so much in fact, that Sims has begun working to make that dream a reality.

Black Garnet Books will eventually carry works written exclusively by Black and racially diverse authors and will likely begin online shipping sometime in July.

"I know that books mean a lot to the Black community and that we, despite that, don't see ourselves represented in literature or in publishing, or, as we know, in bookstores," Sims said. "I would love to be able to have this bookstore be a place where we flip that on its head."

Sims has yet to establish how she would ship the inventory, and is considering either using a third-party inventory service or purchasing books through a distributor to then re-sell directly. The second option would

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be more profitable, but could also lead to a supply-shock, as interest in purchasing from Black-owned bookstores across the nation has soared, Sims said.

After establishing a shipping service, the idea, according to Sims, is to set up a pop-up to sell books in-person in the Merci Tattoo - formerly the Aldridge Tattoo Parlour - located at 2836 Lyndale Ave. S., sometime later this summer. If the store is able to gain some traction, the goal is to eventually open a physical location.

Sims is working on a soon-to-launch GoFundMe campaign, the success of which will determine whether she'll need to draw on her own savings or take out a loan to finance the business.

Sims is currently a user-experience designer doing contract work for Best Buy. She previously worked as an information architect for Thomson Reuters. She earned a B.A. in Communication and Media Studies from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and a certificate in user-experience design from Prime Digital Academy.

She's an avid reader, and has always wanted to open a bookstore - though it was something she thought she'd do much later in life.

While COVID-19 presents a unique challenge to entrepreneurs, it has also fostered online connections. That, alongside the groundswell of support for Black-owned businesses in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, has likely helped make Black Garnet a possible reality, Sims said. But it's unclear how long the bolstered interest will last.

"As thrilling and exciting as it is to know that people recognize the need for this bookstore, I would also say this is not the first Black bookstore that Minnesota has had or the first that Minneapolis has had," Simms said. "We really want to create something that lasts."

Her concern isn't unreasonable. Ancestry Books, a North Minneapolis bookstore that sold works by authors of color, shut down only 16 months after it opened back in 2014, according to an MPR article.

Whatever the market for Black-owned bookstores looks like in the future, opening Black Garnet will have been worth it, Sims said.

"I just can't think of anything that feels more life-affirming than seeing yourself be represented and having yourself taken care for in the way that reading stories about you, about people that look like you, can do for you," Sims said.

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White woman charged after racist Central Park confrontation

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Body

By TOM HAYS

NEW YORK (AP) - A white woman who called the police during a videotaped dispute with a Black man over her walking her dog without a leash in Central Park was charged Monday with filing a false police report.

In May, Amy Cooper drew widespread condemnation and was fired from her job after frantically calling 911 to claim she was being threatened by "an African American man," bird watcher Christian Cooper. On the video he recorded of the woman, he sounds calm and appears to keep a safe distance from her.

District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said in a statement on Monday that his office had charged Amy Cooper with falsely reporting the confrontation, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of a year behind bars. She was ordered to appear in court on Oct. 14.

Cooper's attorney, Robert Barnes, said Cooper would fight the charge. His client, he said, has already lost her livelihood and "her public life. Now some demand her freedom?"

Reached by phone on Monday, Christian Cooper said he had no reaction or comment.

After the backlash, Amy Cooper released an apology through a public relations service, saying she "reacted emotionally and made false assumptions about his intentions."

"He had every right to request that I leash my dog in an area where it was required," she said in the written statement. "I am well aware of the pain that misassumptions and insensitive statements about race cause and would never have imagined that I would be involved in the type of incident that occurred with Chris."

Amy Cooper's 911 call was seen by many as a stark example of everyday racism and fueled outrage in the period leading up to the street protests sparked by the police custody death of [George Floyd](#). It also inspired New York state lawmakers in June to pass a law that makes it easier under civil rights law to sue an

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individual who calls a police officer on someone "without reason" because of their background, including race and national origin.

The new law, which the governor also signed last month, holds an individual who makes such 911 calls liable "for injunctive relief, damages, or any other appropriate relief" in a civil lawsuit. Cooper was charged under an existing false-report law that's been long on the books and doesn't reference race.

The confrontation began early one morning when Christian Cooper said he noticed Amy Cooper had let her cocker spaniel off its leash against the rules in the Ramble, a secluded section of Central Park popular with birdwatchers.

In the video posted on social media, he claimed the dog was "tearing through the plantings" and told her she should go to another part of the park. When she refused, he pulled out dog treats, causing her to scream at him to not come near her dog.

Amy Cooper also warned him she would summon police unless he stopped recording.

"I'm going to tell them there's an African American man threatening my life," Amy Cooper is heard saying in the video as she pulls down her face mask and struggles to control her dog.

"Please call the cops," Christian Cooper says.

"There's an African American man, I'm in Central Park, he is recording me and threatening myself and my dog. ... Please send the cops immediately!" she says during the call before he stops recording.

Police say by the time they responded, they were both gone.

Associated Press writer Michael R. Sisak contributed to this report.

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Officer Chauvin to George Floyd: 'It takes ... a lot of oxygen to talk'

ARTICLE MXCIX. [**OFFICER CHAUVIN TO GEORGE FLOYD: 'IT TAKES ... A LOT OF OXYGEN TO TALK'**](#)

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Body

As [**George Floyd**](#) told Minneapolis officers more than 20 times that he couldn't breathe, the officer who pressed his knee against Floyd's neck dismissed his pleas, saying "it takes a heck of a lot of oxygen to talk," according to transcripts of body camera video recordings made public Wednesday.

The transcripts for the body camera videos of officers [**Thomas Lane**](#) and J. Kueng provide the most detailed account yet of what happened as police were taking Floyd into custody on May 25, and reveal more of what was said after Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, was put on the ground.

"You're going to kill me, man," Floyd said, according to a transcript of Lane's body camera video.

"Then stop talking, stop yelling. It takes a heck of a lot of oxygen to talk," said [**Derek Chauvin**](#), the white officer who held his knee to Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes, even after Floyd stopped moving.

"They'll kill me. They'll kill me. [**I can't breathe. I can't breathe**](#)," Floyd said.

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, had no immediate comment Wednesday.

The transcripts were made public Wednesday as part of Lane's request to have the case against him dismissed. Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, said in a memorandum that there isn't probable cause to charge his client, based on all of the evidence and the law.

MORE: [**Read the George Floyd police body camera transcripts in full here**](#)

Gray painted an image of a rookie officer who trusted Chauvin, a senior officer, after Floyd had been acting erratically, struggling and hurting himself during an arrest. Gray said that once Floyd was on the ground, Lane had asked twice if officers should roll Floyd on his side, and Chauvin said no.

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Gray also submitted the body camera footage itself, but that was not immediately made public. The transcripts show Floyd appearing cooperative at times but becoming agitated as he begged not to be put in a squad car, saying repeatedly he was claustrophobic.

"Oh man, God don't leave me man, please man, please man," he begged, later adding: "I'll do anything y'll tell me to, man. ... I'm just claustrophobic, that's it."

Gray wrote that Floyd started to thrash back and forth and was "hitting his face on the glass in the squad and began to bleed from his mouth." Officers brought Floyd to the ground and, "the plan was to restrain him so he couldn't move and hurt himself anymore," Gray wrote.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Lane, Kueng and ***Tou Thao*** are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. Lane was holding Floyd's legs at the time, Kueng was at Floyd's midsection and Thao was watching nearby bystanders. All four officers were fired.

A message left with an attorney for Floyd's family wan't immediately returned. A spokesman for the attorney general's office said prosecutors plan to oppose the motion to dismiss.

As part of his court filing, Gray also submitted a transcript of Lane's interview with state investigators and police department training materials on restraint holds. Gray wrote that all of the evidence exonerates his client and that it is not "fair or reasonable" for Lane to stand trial.

Gray said in a memorandum that his client's body camera video shows the encounter with Floyd from the time Lane got on the scene to the point where Floyd was put into an ambulance; Lane went in the ambulance and helped with CPR, according to the transcript.

Lane repeatedly told Floyd to show his hands, and he told investigators he drew his gun at first because Floyd was reaching for something, but holstered it once Floyd showed his hands. Body camera video transcripts show Floyd initially said he had been shot before, and begged police not to shoot him.

Gray said Floyd was acting erratically and had foam at his mouth. According to the body camera video transcripts, when asked about the foam and whether he was on something, Floyd said he was scared and had been playing basketball.

As officers struggled to get Floyd into the squad car, Floyd said: "***I can't breathe***" and "I want to lay on the ground," the transcripts say.

Once Floyd was on the ground, Lane told the other officers "he's got to be on something." and he asked twice whether officers should roll Floyd onto his side - Chauvin said no.

"Lane had no basis to believe Chauvin was wrong in making that decision," Gray wrote.

Bystanders told officers repeatedly to check Floyd's pulse, and after Kueng did he said, "I can't find one."

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"Huh?" Chauvin said, according to the transcript of Keung's body camera video.

Lane told state investigators that Chauvin was not Lane's field training officer, but that he had trained Kueng and was someone Lane had previously gone to for guidance. According to a transcript of that interview, one investigator said it seemed like Lane's gut was telling him something wasn't right with the way Floyd was being restrained.

"Yeah. I would say felt like it maybe could have been handled differently or we should be reassessing what we're doing, I think is what I was kind of coming to," Lane said.

Gray argued in his memorandum that in order to charge Lane with aiding and abetting, prosecutors must show Lane played a knowing role in committing a crime. He said there's no evidence Lane played an intentional role or knew Chauvin was committing a crime, namely assault.

"The decision to restrain Floyd was reasonably justified," Gray wrote, adding: "Based on Floyd's actions up to this point, the officers had no idea what he would do next - hurt himself, hurt the officers, flee, or anything else, but he was not cooperating."

Gray wrote that Lane's trust in Chauvin was "reasonable and not criminal."

Graphic

Former Minneapolis police officer ***Thomas Lane***, right, walks out of the Hennepin County Public Safety Facility on Monday afternoon June 20, 2020, in Minneapolis with his attorney, Earl Gray, after a hearing. Lane is one of four former officers charged in the death of ***George Floyd***. (Glen Stubbe/Star Tribune via AP)

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In risky bid, Trump stokes racial rancor to motivate voters

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Body

By JONATHAN LEMIRE

NEW YORK (AP) - President Donald Trump is wielding America's racial tensions as a reelection weapon, fiercely denouncing the racial justice movement on a near-daily basis with language stoking white resentment and aiming to drive his supporters to the polls.

The incendiary discourse is alarming many in his own party and running contrary to the advice of some in his inner circle, who believe it risks alienating independent and suburban voters. It's a pattern that harks back to cultural divisions Trump similarly exploited in his victorious 2016 campaign.

"It's not about who is the object of the derision or the vitriol. The actual issue is understanding the appeal to white resentment and white fear," said Eddie Glaude, chair of the Department of African American studies at Princeton University. "It's all rooted in this panic about the place of white people in this new America."

Though Trump has long aired racially divisive language and grievances in the public sphere, his willingness to do so from behind the presidential seal - and on his Twitter account - has reached a breakneck pace in recent days as the nation grapples with racial injustice.

The president tweeted - and later deleted - a video of a supporter yelling "white power." He referred to the ***Black Lives Matter*** mantra as a "symbol of hate." He took a swipe at NASCAR for removing the Confederate flag from its races and falsely suggested a Black driver had carried out a racially charged hoax. He mused about overturning a suburban fair-housing regulation and spoke approvingly of the current branding of the Washington Redskins and Cleveland Indians, team nicknames that many consider offensive to Native Americans.

In risky bid, Trump stokes racial rancor to motivate voters

Most notably, he has engaged in a full-throated defense of the Confederate legacy, which he at times has cloaked within tributes to the Founding Fathers, including during a pair of high-profile Fourth of July weekend speeches.

"Those who seek to erase our heritage want Americans to forget our pride and our great dignity, so that we can no longer understand ourselves or America's destiny," Trump said Friday at the base of Mount Rushmore. "In toppling the heroes of 1776, they seek to dissolve the bonds of love and loyalty that we feel for our country, and that we feel for each other. Their goal is not a better America; their goal is the end of America."

In defending Thomas Jefferson and George Washington that night, Trump did not mention the Confederacy. Instead, he painted racial justice demonstrators with a broad brush that made no distinction between the many who oppose honoring the Confederacy and the relative few who question celebrating Founders who owned slaves.

But Trump has repeatedly called for the preservation of statues of the Confederacy and the names of its generals on military bases - all assailed in the protests that have swept from coast to coast in the aftermath of the death of ***George Floyd***.

His comments are an apparent descendant, a half-century later, of Richard Nixon's coded outreach to white voters known as the Southern Strategy. Trump himself has embraced Nixon's phrase "the Silent Majority" to describe his own supporters.

By all accounts, the president's actions are, at times, born of impulse and an instinctive reaction to what he sees on television. However, according to current and former Trump campaign officials, his overarching strategy is an appeal to white voters - some of them racist and some who fear being left behind by a government seemingly consumed with helping others. Those officials were not authorized to publicly discuss such private matters and commented only on condition of anonymity.

The belief is that his appeals will generate enthusiasm among the same disaffected white voters who made up the president's base of supporters four years ago.

But many in Trump's orbit are sounding the alarm that 2020 is not 2016.

White House advisers Kellyanne Conway and Jared Kushner, according to the officials, have both warned that some of the racist rhetoric, including the use of China-blaming "kung flu" to describe the COVID-19 pandemic, could turn off swaths of voters. And some believe there was more of an audience for inflammatory rhetoric about immigration four years ago, particularly as polls show the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement gaining widespread support.

"The 2016 debate about immigration was about the future of sovereignty, the American worker, and our culture. The issues that involve race now are completely different," said Sam Nunberg, a former Trump campaign adviser.

"It's not easy to conflate people who want to tear down the statues of the Confederacy and the few who want to get George Washington," said Nunberg. "I don't think it's a winning argument in a time of a pandemic. This doesn't affect people's daily lives. This is a dumb issue to fight."

In risky bid, Trump stokes racial rancor to motivate voters

Four months before Election Day, Republicans are nervously watching polls that show Trump slipping behind his Democratic rival Joe Biden. They have grown increasingly worried that his focus on racial rancor could force GOP senators locked in tough campaigns to distance themselves from their party's president.

"Defending the Confederacy and racial dog whistles is not going to help win the suburbs. He is solely focused on a small part of his base when he should be looking to grow his support," said Alex Conant, a Republican strategist who advised Sen. Marco Rubio's presidential bid. "If Joe Biden proposed tearing down Mount Rushmore, that would be a huge opening for Trump. But Biden is not doing that."

Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., said GOP candidates "need to do what they need to do to win. And in some states, he will be a benefit in some parts of the country. In other parts of the country, less so."

The Trump campaign dismisses accusations of racism.

"President Trump's Mount Rushmore address was a defining speech highlighting America's highest ideals of freedom and individual liberty," said campaign spokesman Ken Farnaso. "He both educated citizens on our shared history and pushed for a more united front combating those who want to create chaos."

Democrats have charged that the president's recent rhetoric is consistent with Trump's history, including his call in the 1980s for the death penalty for Black teenagers later exonerated for the rape of a jogger in Central Park and for questioning whether the nation's first Black president, Barack Obama, was born in the United States.

"We are beyond dog whistles with this president," said TJ Ducklo, the Biden campaign's national press secretary. "Donald Trump openly embraces racist rhetoric and sends blatant signals of support for the causes of white supremacists - and he does it from the highest office in the land."

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Associated Press writer Alan Fram contributed to this report.

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Monuments and statues are falling. But what comes next?

ARTICLE MCI. [**MONUMENTS AND STATUES ARE FALLING. BUT WHAT COMES NEXT?**](#)

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Highlight: The dusty town of Tierra Amarilla perches in the shadows of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Here, five decades ago, this poor northern New Mexico community saw one of the most violent clashes in civil rights history when armed Mexican American ranchers raided a courthouse in a dispute over land grants. It shocked the nation and helped trigger the Chicano Movement.

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Today, there's almost nothing in town to honor this historic moment, except for graffiti art on an abandoned gas station and a sentence on a marker. There's also almost no public art about the event anywhere.

As monuments and statues fall across the United States, activists and towns are left wondering what to do with empty spaces that once honored historic figures tied to Confederate generals and Spanish conquistadors. They also are debating how to remember civil rights figures and events in areas where they have been forgotten.

The opportunity to reimagine spaces has created a debate: whose history should the U.S. now honor and why? Should anything go on those empty podiums at all?

Some advocates say monuments to the late U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan or Mexican American civil rights leader Dolores Huerta should replace the fallen statues. Others say World War II Marine Sgt. Miguel Trujillo Sr., a member of the Isleta Pueblo who sued to get Native Americans the right to vote in New Mexico, or former slave-turned-abolitionist Olaudah Equiano should have monuments erected in their honor. Christy Symington, a London-based sculptor, has already created an image of Equiano that some advocates say should be replicated in now empty spaces.

"I almost think the pedestals just need to be left there (empty)," said Rev. Rob W. Lee, a senior pastor of Unifour Church in Newton, North Carolina, and a descendant of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, who now speaks out against Confederate monuments.

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Lee said he sees the toppling of Confederate statues with ***Black Lives Matter*** graffiti as a move to reclaim Black lives from white supremacy. "I think it's quite beautiful," Lee said. "Leave it like that."

Brett Chapman, a Tulsa, Oklahoma, attorney and descendant of Standing Bear, a Ponca chief and civil rights leader, said he'd like to see the fallen statues replaced by largely unknown social justice advocates. "There are so many people we can honor that will show how we've overcome oppression," Chapman said. "It'll be a chance for us to learn and reflect."

On Saturday, protesters in Baltimore pulled down a statue of Christopher Columbus and threw it into the city's Inner Harbor. That followed other episodes of Confederate and Spanish colonial statues getting toppled last month by demonstrators or after officials ordered their removal.

It's also led to statues of Presidents George Washington and Ulysses S. Grant getting vandalized.

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That has given some supporters of anti-racism protests pause. Cultural critic Thomas Chatterton Williams, the author of "Self-Portrait in Black and White," said he understood the need to remove Confederate monuments but is uncomfortable with the vandalism of statues honoring the Founding Fathers and American Union Civil War figures.

"Mobs in the street tearing down Ulysses S. Grant statues is a really chilling sight," Williams said. "We should understand the context (of history). But erasing these men from the public sphere seems like a bad road to go down to me."

Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, an assistant English professor at Arizona State University and author of the upcoming book "Colonial Legacies in Chicana/o Literature and Culture: Looking Through the Kaleidoscope," said she can see the spaces honoring people who are not famous.

"What about the people who are living and breathing right now who made this place what it is today?" Fonseca-Chávez said. "Not a famous person. Just who we are. I think that could go a long way."

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Doyle McManus: To judge monuments, think about their meaning

ARTICLE MCII. [**DOYLE MCMANUS: TO JUDGE MONUMENTS, THINK ABOUT THEIR MEANING**](#)

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Highlight: WASHINGTON - At Gettysburg, where the bloodiest and most decisive battle of the Civil War occurred, no fewer than 1,320 monuments are scattered across the rolling Pennsylvania landscape. Some memorialize Union generals and their men; others remember Confederates. One is especially poignant: the Maryland monument, which lists both Union and Confederate units from one divided [...]

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There's a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, surveying the battlefield on horseback, and another of the Union commander, Gen. George G. Meade.

The Union monuments outnumber those of the Confederates, just as their armies did in 1863.

It's an open-air museum, and it leaves no doubt which side won: the North.

Almost 200 miles to the south, in Richmond, Va., Civil War statues were erected to convey a very different message.

Monument Avenue is the Virginia capital's grandest boulevard. Until recently, it was dominated by heroic statues of Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and others.

They are the men who lost the war - but on Monument Avenue, they appeared triumphant.

That was the point. Richmond's statues were erected more than a generation after the war ended, after white segregationists regained control of the Southern states.

"The message (was) a victory narrative about the overturning of Reconstruction and the reestablishment of white supremacy," Yale historian David W. Blight, the biographer of Frederick Douglass, wrote last week.

Doyle McManus: To judge monuments, think about their meaning

Now the Richmond statues are coming down. Protesters toppled Davis on June 10, the city removed Jackson, and the governor is battling in court to remove Lee.

Their removal is long overdue. By contrast, Lee's statue in Gettysburg should remain standing because its meaning is so different.

In Richmond, Lee appears dominant, his presence designed to intimidate. At Gettysburg, outnumbered by federal troops and about to lose the most important battle of his career, he appears in a more appropriate context - as history, not mythology.

The distinction is not only whom the statue shows, but what message it conveys.

Monuments to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson celebrate their wisdom in founding the republic, not their flaws, chief among those flaws their ownership of slaves. We honor them despite those flaws, not because of them.

Statues of Christopher Columbus pose a tougher question. Are we honoring him for his intrepid navigating or because he opened the Americas to European colonization?

The good news about this summer's protests is that they've forced us to confront our history more squarely - not merely the mythologized version most of us received.

Case in point: Army bases. Until last month, how many of us knew that 10 U.S. Army bases in the South were named for Confederate officers who fought against the United States? The names were usually given to placate white politicians.

The strangest is Fort Bragg, N.C., named for Braxton Bragg, perhaps the least competent general in Lee's army. One of his officers called him "cruel, yet without courage ... crafty, yet without strategy." He resigned his commission after losing the battle of Chattanooga.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper says he's open to changes, but President Trump has declared the Army bases' names a matter of high principle. The only principle involved is his relentless drive to nail down his conservative base by pushing a culture war against ***Black Lives Matter***.

The president waded back into the battle at Mt. Rushmore last week, charging spuriously that protesters against racism "are determined to tear down every statue, symbol and memory of our heritage."

This argument has a long way to go. Since the death of ***George Floyd***, 22 Confederate statues have come down - but 748 are still standing, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

More of the public agrees with the protesters, not with the president. A Quinnipiac University poll last month found that a small majority, 52%, think the statues should come down - a notable change in public opinion.

The protests have not only started useful conversations; they appear to be building a new national majority in favor of change.

Those Confederate generals should be hoisted off their pedestals and put where they belong: in a museum or on a battlefield, not in a position of honor.

Doyle McManus: To judge monuments, think about their meaning

Doyle McManus writes for the Los Angeles Times. [*Ivo Daalder: What Pompeo gets right - and wrong - about China*](#) [*Karl W. Smith: The case Mitch McConnell needs to make on COVID spending*](#) [*Phillip Atiba Goff: Our brains are conditioned to blame Black people and block change - but we can change that*](#) [*David Brooks: The future of American liberalism*](#) [*John Kass: What happened to an America where you could freely speak your mind?*](#)

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Man charged with fatally shooting pregnant woman at George Floyd Memorial

ARTICLE MCIII. **[MAN CHARGED WITH FATALLY SHOOTING PREGNANT WOMAN
AT GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL](#)**

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Highlight: Authorities are looking for a Minneapolis man they charged with murder Wednesday in the fatal shooting of a pregnant woman on Sunday at the **George Floyd** Memorial site. Officials say the man also shot and injured a witness According to the criminal complaint, in addition to shooting the mother of his baby dead, Zachary Robinson, [...]

Body

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According to the criminal complaint, in addition to shooting the mother of his baby dead, Zachary Robinson, 27, also shot and injured a witness at the murder scene. Robinson, who is not in custody, was charged Wednesday with second-degree murder, second-degree assault and felon in possession of a gun, according to Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman.

Police have issued an arrest warrant for Robinson's arrest.

According to the criminal complaint, police responding to a shooting on July 5 at 38th Street East and Chicago Avenue South found a shot-up Ford Explorer a block away-at 37th Street East and Elliot Avenue.

Leneesha Columbus, 27, was outside the Ford. She had been shot in the upper back, and bystanders were performing life-saving measures. She later died at the hospital but doctors delivered the baby, who is in critical condition, according to a press release by Freeman's office.

During their investigation, officials learned that Robinson is the baby's father, according to the complaint.

Witnesses said Robinson and Columbus were arguing near the Ford in a parking lot on Chicago Avenue. Then, as Columbus drove away, Robinson fired several shots at the vehicle. He then returned to the parking lot, sticking the gun in his waistband, according to the complaint.

A man who authorities say was working as a peacekeeper at the **George Floyd** memorial confronted Robinson in the parking lot, asking him what he was doing. Robinson took out the gun and shot the man in his right foot, according to the complaint.

Man charged with fatally shooting pregnant woman at George Floyd Memorial

That man was treated at the hospital for his injury.

According to Freeman's office, Robinson has a history of felony assaults dating back to 2009 and is prohibited from possessing any firearms or ammunition. [Minneapolis commission takes up proposal to disband police](#) [Minneapolis mayor: City seeks right mentors for new officers](#) [Heading to Minneapolis? Westbound I-94 to close at MN 280 for the weekend](#) [Some residents have distrust of the Minneapolis police, and also the effort to defund them](#) [Walz renews pitch for federal aid in cleanup in aftermath of **George Floyd** unrest](#)

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Ramsey County Attorney's Office named pilot site for national program aimed at reducing racial disparities in criminal justice system

ARTICLE MCIV. ***RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE NAMED PILOT SITE FOR NATIONAL PROGRAM AIMED AT REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM***

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Highlight: Turning to incarceration as a last resort, declining to prosecute low level and non-violent crimes, ignoring a person's past criminal history when making present-day charging decisions. Those are just some reforms two national justice organizations are pushing prosecutors across the country to consider as a way to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system. [...]

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The Ramsey County Attorney's Office was one of three offices across the country chosen to participate in the Vera Institute and the Institute for Innovation in Prosecution's new pilot program focused on strategically shaking up traditional prosecutorial approaches in the name of racial equity.

Prosecutors' offices in Suffolk County in Boston as well as Ingham County in Lansing, Mich., also were selected.

A DEEP DATA DIVE

The organizations' staff will do a deep dive into data collected by three offices to understand how prosecutorial decisions have impacted black and brown communities, and then work to identify strategies and policies aimed at eliminating racial disparities, said Jamila Hodge, director of Vera's Reshaping Prosecution program.

To ensure the work isn't done in a vacuum, the pilot will engage community members, particularly those most impacted by the criminal justice system, to develop plans. Line-attorneys will also receive in-depth training and education on the changes.

Ramsey County was a natural choice given the work Ramsey County Attorney John Choi did to help lay the groundwork for the initiative, as well as his offices' commitment to reform, Hodge said.

Ramsey County Attorney's Office named pilot site for national program aimed at reducing racial disparities in criminal justice system

Ramsey County adopted a policy last year to stop prosecuting low-level marijuana possession, for example, and adopted another policy that instructs prosecutors to consider the collateral consequences of charging decisions, such as their impact on an individual's immigration status.

"We tried to pick three places where we can push and push hard for real change," Hodge said. "I think Ramsey County, under John's leadership, presents us with that opportunity."

TIMING 'COULDN'T BE MORE IMPORTANT'

Ramsey County applied for the spot last year, long before protests erupted across the country after George Floyd's handcuffed body went limp under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer.

With that in mind, the timing of this work "couldn't be more important," Choi said.

"I used to be a prosecutor that believed these issues were so complex that a lot of it was out of my control," Choi said. "Now I have come to believe that a prosecutor can play an important role ... in helping ensure justice for everybody, and that means paying attention to racial disparities, and more importantly, doing something about them."

While his office has been committed to reform for years, Choi described most of that work to date as "tinkering" with the "entrance" and "exit" ramps of the criminal justice system.

This work will focus on overhauling "the highway," he said.

An example he pointed to was the juvenile system, where his office has tested the waters of involving community members in not only charging decisions, but also in deciding appropriate consequences.

INVOLVING COMMUNITY MEMBERS, OTHER LEGAL OFFICIALS

Community members and other justice partners - probation, police, child protection, public defenders - could get more heavily involved at the adult level as well, Choi said, emphasizing that change is necessary.

In Ramsey County, 67 percent of adults in the criminal justice system are people of color, while they make up 37 percent of the county's population, for example, according to his office.

The disparities, which persist nationwide, are the result of a system built to find new ways to enslave the Black community after formal slavery was abolished, Hodge said.

Black people were arrested for minor offenses, such as vagrancy or being out in public without written permission, to create ways to lease them back to the plantations where they were formerly enslaved, she explained. The War on Drugs is a more modern example of a practice that led to the mass incarceration of Black people, she said.

One of the leading action steps outlined in the initiative is to train prosecutors on local discriminatory practices and policies, Hodge continued, noting that understanding how the criminal justice system evolved is key to reshaping it.

She said she is aware that some ideas might appear radical, such as not considering criminal history in charging decisions, but urged people to stay open to their merit.

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Black communities have historically been over-policed, which has impacted criminal records, so relying on that in present charging decisions can further perpetuate a problem, she said.

Plus an individual's past conduct has no bearing on whether a prosecutor has enough evidence to prove a present allegation, she added.

CUSTOMIZED TO INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES

Each pilot program will be customized to individual communities, and no decisions have been made yet on which policy or prosecutorial changes will take place where.

The data, and engagement with the community, will drive those decisions, Hodge said, adding that the organizations' will continue to study the data after changes have been made to see if they really help.

Meanwhile, Robert Small, executive director of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, said the association as a whole hasn't talked about what role, if any, prosecutors should play in eliminating racial disparities, though it has offered quite a bit of training on implicit bias.

He wasn't surprised to hear Choi's office was examining it though. Choi led the association two years ago.

"I would say John is a progressive thinker and that he was a leader on progressive thinking in our office so I think this sounds like a great pilot for his office to be involved in," Small said.

Choi said he is excited about the work ahead for his office, noting that he expects it will trigger some opposition and hard conversations. That's necessary though, he said.

"We are not going to get anywhere unless people start understanding some of the historical harms that we have done and to own and acknowledge some of the bad things about our criminal justice system," he said. "From there we can start building something new and something better." [Minneapolis mayor: City seeks right mentors for new officers](#) [Why are these shoe shiners polishing St. Paul officers' boots? To give back, find common ground](#) [Walz renews pitch for federal aid in cleanup in aftermath of George Floyd unrest](#) [British paper publishes police bodycam video of Floyd arrest](#) [Navy investigates video of dogs attacking Colin Kaepernick fill-in](#)

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Ramsey County Attorney John Choi.(Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

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Three non-profits create fund for minority-owned businesses in Twin Cities

ARTICLE MCV. **[THREE NON-PROFITS CREATE FUND FOR MINORITY-OWNED
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The Greater Twin Cities United Way, The Minneapolis Foundation and the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation created the fund. The Twin Cities Rebuild for the Future Fund will support businesses owned by "Black people, indigenous people and people of color," according to the United Way.

Protests and riots occurred along Lake Street in Minneapolis, in North Minneapolis and on University Avenue in St. Paul, wrecking dozens of businesses in the days after Floyd's death.

The money will be given to 11 local non-profits, including the African Development Center and the Latino Economic Development Center. Those non-profits will manage and distribute the funds to help the businesses. The United Way reported that 200 individuals and 22 companies and foundations donated the money for the fund. [Three nonprofits - Dodge Nature Center, Catholic Charities, Hennepin Healthcare Foundation - warn of information theft](#) [180 Degrees awarded \\$450,000 grant to expand prevention, intervention of sex-trafficking](#) [MN food charities expect demand to increase when extra \\$600 unemployment money ends](#) [School supply drive will be held virtually this year, sponsored by United Way, Minnesota United](#) [A \\$600 weekly boost for the unemployed expires July 25. What happens then?](#)

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Women musicians pitch a 'safe space'

ARTICLE MCVI. [**WOMEN MUSICIANS PITCH A 'SAFE SPACE'**](#)

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Highlight: Launched via a \$5 million GoFundMe campaign, Auntie's will be owned by women of color.

Body

After dozens of women spoke up with stories of abuse and harassment in the Twin Cities music scene via social media two weeks ago, three prominent local musicians have kicked off a fundraiser campaign to open a safe-haven music venue operated by women of color.

With no set location yet but a firm name in mind - Auntie's - hip-hop and R&B stars Sophia Eris, Lady Midnight and DJ Keezy announced their intentions last week along with an ambitious \$5 million GoFundMe campaign to get the venue up and running.

"With the recent uprising ignited from the murder of *George Floyd* combined with accusations of abuse in the music community, the need for a safe space is evident and urgent," the power trio wrote at the start of their GoFundMe mission statement.

"Auntie's will be a venue owned by womxn of color rooted in radical freedom of expression without judgment. Leading with loving accountability, it will provide a safe space that presents performance, fosters healing and provides professional knowledge. Highlighting powerful femininity, Auntie's welcomes people of any age, race, gender or sexual orientation to leave our

space feeling empowered, inspired and supported."

Response has been swift and in some cases rapturous, with \$37,000 raised in the first 24 hours and a widespread show of support from the Twin Cities music scene and beyond.

"You all are being the change we need," ex-MPR producer Jeyca Maldonado posted with her donation.

"We can't imagine better people to be leaders in the Twin Cities," Justin "Bon Iver" Vernon tweeted.

The three women behind Auntie's have diverse musical backgrounds and amount to a wide range of experience.

Women musicians pitch a 'safe space'

Sophia Eris spent most of 2019 on tour with Lizzo while also releasing singles under her own name and serving as an on-air host at Go 95.3 FM.

Keezy recently toured as Atmosphere's opener and is the chief organizer of the Klituation dance parties, which have packed First Ave and other spaces with all-female or gender-fluid performers.

And the ethereally voiced Lady Midnight has been performing all over town - from Icehouse to the Turf Club - after dropping her acclaimed album "Death Before Mourning" last year and guesting on a wide variety of other artists' tracks, including at least one male artist beset with allegations.

While they listed a wide variety of idealistic plans to set their dream venue apart - they even pledged to enlist mental health and sex abuse experts as advisers - many logistical questions remain, including the size, shape and location of the place and a targeted opening date.

This would not be the first Twin Cities music venue operated by women minorities, as their post claims. Arnellia's in St. Paul and El Nuevo Rodeo in Minneapolis were owned and run for decades by women of color, but each is now closed (the latter destroyed by arsonists in the E. Lake Street riots after George Floyd's tragic death).

Of course, any timetable for opening hinges on the ongoing pandemic and limited-capacity issues plaguing music spaces around the world.

For now, though, it's nice to at least have Auntie's as a goal to aim for once live music can rise again - and to help ensure not everything will return to normal in the Twin Cities scene.

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How Henry Jimenez is helping Latino-owned businesses through the pandemic

ARTICLE MCVII. [**HOW HENRY JIMENEZ IS HELPING LATINO-OWNED BUSINESSES THROUGH THE PANDEMIC**](#)

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Body

Henry Jimenez is the executive director and president of Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC), a St. Paul-based community development financial institution (CDFI) dedicated to bolstering Latino-owned businesses in Minnesota. The organization has helped lead a number of well-known Twin Cities businesses to success, including the Cooperative Mercado Central, Plaza Latina and Midtown Global Market.

Jimenez, a Las Vegas native, had successful tenures as executive director of Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization in Minneapolis and the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs prior to taking the helm of LEDC. His career has centered around providing resources to and amplifying the voices of Latino entrepreneurs and community members in Minnesota.

As the Covid-19 crisis and anti-racist efforts have gripped the Twin Cities, the Business Journal spoke with Jimenez about his recent work with Latino-owned businesses and what might be done to help them prosper. His comments have been edited for clarity and brevity.

How have Latino-owned businesses been affected by the Covid-19 crisis?

How Henry Jimenez is helping Latino-owned businesses through the pandemic

There was a lot of attention on the federal programs that were available for small businesses. To receive a lot of that funding from the federal government, you have to have a Social Security number and be a legal resident in the country. Not that all Latino businesses are undocumented folks, because that's not the case, but there really is a good number of immigrant-owned businesses that are working under an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), which is a federally provided number to do your taxes. ITIN users do not qualify for PPP or any of the other loan programs that came out. They are impacted by not being able to be on an even playing field with their colleagues next door to them who might have received support to pay their employees while these folks were trying to make it without any funding.

Even the state and municipal emergency funding programs that were available, I think that a lot of these small businesses are already so small and so busy trying to stay afloat and solvent that if they didn't have a close connection to organizations like LEDC or other CDFIs, they may have missed knowing about these programs and it saddens me. We did as much as we could to communicate with the few thousand contacts that we have. During the beginning parts of Covid-19, it was difficult to keep our team members safe and also the business owners safe, while at the same time trying to help them apply to these programs.

What is the importance of the Latino Economic Center and other CDFIs?

There's a reason why CDFIs like Latino Economic Development Center exist. The business owners, the entrepreneurs we work with, when they walked into a bank, whatever their proposal might have been, they must have been considered a high-risk loan. The bank likely told that business owner or entrepreneur, "We're not going to give you a loan on this" because they thought it was too risky. I can tell you that a significant number of our clients have been told "no" by multiple banks in their community.

When they come to us, it's different. We know what the needs of our community are. We have a better sense of what goods or services are needed, and when someone comes around with a great idea of some sort, sometimes we're kind of amazed that they said no to this individual. I can give you examples of businesses that have grown to be big enough that I can guarantee you that any bank would be ready to fund their next project. We exist because we do take those risks, but we're doing very well with our loan portfolio.

The entrepreneurial spirit of Latinos and other immigrant business owners is so strong that they give it their all to make sure that their business thrives and stays solvent. I think that somehow some of that is kind of hard to quantify as a traditional loan office. They don't consider that, but we consider that. And I think that that is one of the denominators of success for these businesses.

How have damages from the riots in the wake of the killing of George Floyd affected Latino-owned businesses and what has moving forward looked like?

There are several buildings that were damaged or destroyed that didn't just house one business, they housed multiple tenants. Plaza Mexico, for example. I estimate there's probably over 80 Latino-owned businesses there. Not only was the building damaged, there's now major street-construction in the front. These businesses are going to have a significantly hard time getting back and running. What we've been trying to do is figure out what is the quickest fix so they can start earning an income as we deal with insurance companies. We've been helping fix windows and doors.

There's folks that had insurance and others that didn't have insurance or were under-insured. But even the folks that had insurance are not necessarily covered because there are clauses that riots are not something that the insurance companies cover.

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We are trying very hard to work with other partners, with folks who have talked about pro bono services, there are law firms that are helping to look into these claims.

And the Lake Street Council has done a phenomenal job of working with us and other companies and agencies trying to support the area.

One thing I've seen among all of our Latino-business owners and immigrant business-owners - they say, "Hey, I came to this country with not much in my pockets, and I was able to build a successful business. It's damaged or destroyed now, but I've done it before, I'm going to do it again." There's this resilience among this group of business-owners and it's time for us to invest in them.

How can Latino businesses be better supported in the Twin Cities?

Any government system, any program, I think that we need to start having these institutions be more creative themselves instead of having the businesses be the creative minds. How do we make sure that everything is more easily accessible? For example, it might be more work on the upfront to translate things into different languages, but the benefit would be that a lot more people would be able to access these programs for funding opportunities. Instead of putting the burden on the applicants themselves, government and other agencies putting out funding should take the extra step to make sure that they're more inclusive in the communities that they're trying to address.

When we think about entrepreneurs and businesses, I always tell my clients, "First of all, we want to make sure you make money." When people make money, they're paying taxes, they're contributing, they're creating jobs. So we really should be talking about how we make sure that people make money.

What I find is that all of our clients, the very first thing they do after they receive any type of assistance from our organization, the first they want, for the most part, is "OK, when is my first loan payment due, and how can I help? How can I give back to this organization and give back to my community?" I think that if these small entrepreneurs, small businesses are successful in making money, they do give back, they will give back, and they will do it by creating jobs again. A lot of our entrepreneurs, a lot of our businesses, were some of the folks that were donating to the families that need food right now or services when they themselves are the ones that are hurting, too. I can only imagine that if they were making even more money, how much more would they be contributing to their own communities. I have no doubt that they would, and that's why we should be investing in small businesses, because they'll give back. They already do.

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New distillery to open in northeast Minneapolis

ARTICLE MCVIII. [**NEW DISTILLERY TO OPEN IN NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS**](#)

Finance and Commerce

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FINANCE & COMMERCE**Section:** NEWS**Length:** 631 words**Byline:** Brian Johnson**Body**

With an eye toward social justice, a local distillery vows to make high-end hooch with a heart at a new space in northeast Minneapolis.

Minneapolis-based Brother Justus Whiskey Co. aims to produce up to 40,000 gallons per year of what it calls “Minnesota-style American single malt whiskey” within the new distillery and bar at 3300 Fifth St. NE.

Brother Justus said this week it has signed a lease with First & First, a Minneapolis-based real estate development company, to occupy 14,000 square feet of space in the building. First & First typically buys and renovates older buildings that need updates.

Designed by local architect Aaron Wittkamper, the space will include a 4,000-square-foot “whiskey-centric cocktail room” and “will be suitable for social distancing and fully accessible to people with disabilities,” the company says. Brother Justus has tapped Minneapolis-based Building Assets for construction duties.

“We want to completely reimagine how a distillery could look,” Kate-Madonna Hindes, communications manager for Brother Justus Whiskey Co., said in an interview. “We want people to feel like it’s high-end without feeling high-brow.”

Wittkamper, of Minneapolis-based Wittkamper Studio, said the space will feature ample wood and natural light and create a “calming or elevating experience.” One design goal is to pull back the curtain on the whiskey-making operation.

A large grain silo, for example, will be on display out front. From there, guests can see delivery trucks unload grain into the silo, and follow the fermenting and distilling process as its winds through the production area, he said. Tours will be available.

“It’s meant to be very open book. You can see what’s going on. It’s not in a back room somewhere,” said Wittkamper, who has designed more than a dozen local craft breweries.

Founded in 2014, Brother Justus Whiskey Co. describes itself as one of the “oldest and smallest of the new wave of craft distilleries in Minnesota.” Within its current location, at 451 Taft St. NE in Minneapolis, Brother Justus produces about 2,000 gallons of whiskey each year.

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The new facility is expected to open in late October roughly two years after Brother Justus began distributing its first bottles, which hit the shelves after the upstart distillery spent four years “perfecting its remedies and inventing innovative techniques,” the company said.

Brother Justus Whiskey Co. said the new operation will follow the example of its namesake, who reputedly taught bootlegging Minnesota farmers to make salable Benedictine-style rotgut during Prohibition, thus giving them a way out of poverty.

At the new facility, Brother Justus Whiskey Co. will make a special effort to create jobs for people who face “structural barriers to economic opportunity and employment,” company officials say.

Alluding to the COVID-19 crisis and the Memorial Day death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis, Brother Justus Whiskey Co. Founder Phil Steger said in a press release that it’s “more important than ever that we contribute to positive change for our community and invest in values of justice, opportunities and stewardship.”

“The historical Brother Justus created opportunities for people facing tough times,” Steger added. “And he held himself to the highest standards of craft and care for the well-being of others. We can’t do less.”

Hindes said, “Brother Justus taught families in Minnesota how to make whiskey with respect for the craft, cultivating it from a love of the land and the people. That is how we try to build our business.”

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Republicans assail law enforcement after activists fell MN's Columbus statue

ARTICLE MCIX. **[REPUBLICANS ASSAIL LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER ACTIVISTS
FELL MN'S COLUMBUS STATUE](#)**

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Body

A rehashing of the demonstrations that toppled the Christopher Columbus statue at the Minnesota Capitol and the law enforcement reaction that failed to prevent the removal drew sharp condemnation from Minnesota Senate Republicans Wednesday.

A joint Senate committee weighed the removal in the latest hearing in a series of discussions aimed at reviewing the impact of civil unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul following the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police.

The discussion echoes a national dialogue about racial equity and whether monuments honoring slave owners or historical figures with a record of racism should continue to stand. President Donald Trump and Republicans have sought to defend the monuments as part of the country's history. Opponents, meanwhile, have said the nation can't have a meaningful discussion while the monuments stand or remain without additional context.

Law enforcement officers who responded to the pulling down of the statue on June 10 said they initially sent a tribal liaison to speak with demonstrators about legal procedures to request the statue's removal. And they had prepared to deploy armored troopers if the situation warranted it.

But a faulty timeline for the statue's teardown resulted in slow response, Minnesota State Patrol Col. Matt Langer said. Langer said troopers saw social media posts that indicated demonstrators would arrive later than they did that day and they expected the statue would take longer to pull down than it did.

Facing those expedited events, Langer said troopers weighed the safety of demonstrators and law enforcement officers before responding. He said they avoided using force or chemical agents because children and protesters were present and they determined not making an immediate arrest at the scene could limit tensions between demonstrators and troopers.

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"I'm not suggesting this was flawless or a victory for our organization or for the state of Minnesota, but in the end, the statue came down illegally, nobody was hurt, we know who did it and we have the statue," Langer said.

Columbus, who is often said to have "discovered" the Americas, brutalized the Indigenous people upon his arrival and sold Native people, including children, into slavery. The statue sustained about \$154,000 in damage, state officials said, and anyone found guilty after investigation and prosecution could face 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Republicans on the panel questioned Langer and Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington about the statue's toppling and said more should've been done.

"People in my district watched what went on and are frustrated, furious, mad, angry to watch what happened on our Capitol grounds that day," Sen. John Jasinski, R-Faribault, said. "(There was) \$153,000 in damage in front of all the news channels and no arrests were made."

Langer and Harrington defended the state's response and acknowledged the situation wasn't handled perfectly.

"We chose discretion, and for that, we can be accused of many different things," Langer said. He noted in response to senators' questions that no one had asked the troopers to stand down.

Harrington told lawmakers that neither he nor Gov. Tim Walz's administration issued any order for troopers to stand down in the face of demonstrators.

Langer and Harrington said the Department of Public Safety and State Patrol would run a follow-up review of their actions and aim to prepare a plan based on that for similar situations that could emerge in the future.

Democrats on the panel said the Senate should place the same amount of time and importance it dedicated to a statue to reviewing and responding to Floyd's killing at the hands of Minneapolis police.

"Back on Memorial Day, someone was killed. It wasn't a statue that wasn't breathing. Let's spend that much time that we spend today talking about that incident and why it happened and the consequences that led to it and the tragic result," Sen. Melisa Franzen, D-Edina, said. "We have to have rule of law, no one's questioning that, there's a process, but we also have to go back and talk about the root of the problem."

Republicans on the panel said allowing the toppling without interference or arrests could inspire others to unlawfully remove statues or monuments elsewhere.

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Other GOP lawmakers said the statue should be repaired and placed back on its pedestal at the Capitol as the state's Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board sets a review process for taking down statues.

Lawmakers are expected to return to the Capitol Monday, July 13, for a special legislative session.

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Medical experts: Floyd's speech didn't mean he could breathe

ARTICLE MCX. [**MEDICAL EXPERTS: FLOYD'S SPEECH DIDN'T MEAN HE COULD BREATHE**](#)

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Body

MINNEAPOLIS - As *George Floyd* repeatedly pleaded "*I can't breathe*" to police officers holding him down on a Minneapolis street corner, some of the officers responded by pointing out he was able to speak. One told Floyd it takes "a lot of oxygen" to talk, while another told angry bystanders that Floyd was "talking, so he can breathe."

That reaction - seen in police restraint deaths around the country - is dangerously wrong, medical experts say. While it would be right to believe a person who can't talk also cannot breathe, the reverse is not true - speaking does not imply that someone is getting enough air to survive.

"The ability to speak does not mean the patient is without danger," said Dr. Mariell Jessup, chief science and medical officer of the American Heart Association.

"To speak, you only have to move air through the upper airways and the vocal cords, a very small amount," and that does not mean that enough air is getting down into the lungs where it can supply the rest of the body with oxygen, said Dr. Gary Weissman, a lung specialist at the University of Pennsylvania.

The false perception that someone who can speak can also take in enough air is not part of any known police training curriculum or practices, according to experts on police training and use of force.

"I'm not aware of any standard training of police officers that lets them know, 'Hey, if someone is still able to talk they are not having difficulty breathing, so you can just keep doing what you are doing,'" said Craig Futterman, professor at University of Chicago Law School and an expert on use of force.

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after *Derek Chauvin*, a white police officer, pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes, keeping Floyd pinned even after he stopped moving. In the moments before he died, Floyd told police he couldn't breathe more than 20 times.

Medical experts: Floyd's speech didn't mean he could breathe

A transcript from one of two police body camera videos released Wednesday shows that at one point after Floyd said he couldn't breathe and was being killed, Chauvin said: " Then stop talking, stop yelling. It takes a heck of a lot of oxygen to talk."

Widely viewed bystander video shows Tou Thao, the officer who was managing people who had gathered, told the concerned crowd, "He's talking, so he can breathe."

The medical community disagrees.

In a recent article in the medical journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Weissman and others wrote that when air is inhaled, it first fills the upper airway, trachea and bronchi, where speech is generated. The article says this "anatomical dead space" accounts for about one third of the volume of an ordinary breath, and only air that gets beyond this space goes to air sacs in the lungs for gas exchange, which is when oxygen is sent to the bloodstream and carbon dioxide is removed as waste.

The volume of an ordinary breath is about 400 to 600 mL, but normal speech requires about 50 mL of gas per syllable, so saying the words "I can't breathe" would require 150 mL of gas, the authors wrote.

A person can utter words by exhaling alone, using reserve left over after a normal breath is exhaled. But, the article says, "adequate gas exchange to support life requires inhalation. ... Waiting until a person loses the ability to speak may be too late to prevent catastrophic cardiopulmonary collapse."

Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder said there is nothing in current training that instructs officers that a person who can talk while restrained is able to breathe. He said training surrounding the issue of talking and ability to breathe comes up only when discussing whether someone can speak or cough while choking on a foreign object - and even then, the person's condition must be reassessed. Chief Medaria Arradondo has also said the restraint used by Chauvin was not taught by his department.

But the misperception that a talking person is able to breathe has also come up in other high-profile in-custody deaths.

Craig McKinnis died in May 2014 in Kansas City, Kansas, after he was restrained by police during a traffic stop. According to a federal lawsuit, McKinnis' girlfriend said that after McKinnis cried, "I can't breathe," one of the officers said, "If you can talk, you can breathe."

Eric Garner cried out "I can't breathe" 11 times on a street in Staten Island, New York, in July 2014 after he was arrested for selling loose, untaxed cigarettes. Video shot by a bystander showed officers and paramedics milling around without any seeming urgency as Garner lay on the street, slowly going limp.

Officer Daniel Pantaleo, who performed the chokehold, was fired. Pantaleo's defenders have included Rep. Peter King, a New York Republican, who said at the time that police were right to ignore Garner's pleas that he couldn't breathe.

"The fact that he was able to say it meant he could breathe," said King, the son of a police officer.

"And if you've ever seen anyone locked up, anyone resisting arrest, they're always saying, 'You're breaking my arm, you're killing me, you're breaking my neck.' So if the cops had eased up or let him go at that stage, the whole struggle would have started in again."

Medical experts: Floyd's speech didn't mean he could breathe

Futterman said best practices offer police training on positional asphyxiation and teach officers to roll a person onto his or her side for recovery, if necessary. And, he said, chokeholds or other restraints that restrict oxygen are considered deadly force, and can only be used as a last resort to prevent imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm.

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He said just because a person is struggling does not give an officer the right to use deadly force.

According to a transcript of his interview with state investigators, **Thomas Lane**, the officer who was at Floyd's legs, said that he'd had past experiences in which someone who was overdosing would pass out and then come to and be more aggressive. He told investigators that he asked if Floyd should be rolled onto his side, and after Chauvin said they would stay in position, he thought it made sense since an ambulance was on the way. Lane said he watched Floyd and believed he was still breathing.

Randy Shrewberry, executive director of the Institute for Criminal Justice Training Reform, said officers are supposed to ease up on any restraint once a person is under control.

"In the moment they are under control, or the moment you have someone restrained, is when everything stops," Shrewberry said.

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Minneapolis council members pledge thoughtful police revamp

ARTICLE MCXI. [**MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL MEMBERS PLEDGE THOUGHTFUL
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Body

MINNEAPOLIS - Members of the Minneapolis City Council are pledging a thoughtful approach to their proposal to dismantle the city's police department following the killing of **George Floyd**.

Council members sought Wednesday to reassure the Minneapolis Charter Commission, with some commissioners expressing concerns that the council was rushing to push through the proposal so voters can decide it in the November election.

The proposal would eliminate the **Minneapolis Police Department** and replace it with a new agency, the Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention. The commission needs to sign off on the question by Aug. 21 for it to be possible to make the November ballot.

Council member Alondra Cano told the Charter Commission that the council has tried to reform the police department for the past five years, and she saw all of that work "go down the drain" when Floyd, a handcuffed Black man, died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. Floyd's death sparked protests around the world.

Commissioner Andrea Rubenstein asked how the council would address people's fears that the process is rushed and lacks details and planning.

"What we're actually describing is a much more planful and intentional process than has often been portrayed," answered council member Steve Fletcher, a co-author of the proposal. He said council staff should come back July 24 with a plan for engaging the public on the proposal.

Council member Jeremiah Ellison said the proposed charter amendment would "allow us to reimagine public safety entirely" and would "change the culture of public safety" by deemphasizing the "use of armed force as a response to every situation."

Minneapolis council members pledge thoughtful police revamp

Commissioner Dan Cohen said the Charter Commission should hear from the police rank-and-file and its union representative. The amendment would still allow for armed police officers as part of a division of licensed peace officers who would answer to the new department's director.

"I don't think this should be framed as an anti-police initiative," Cano said. She said officers are welcome to be part of the conversation.

The 15-member commission will hold two public hearings on the amendment, including one on July 15.

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'We don't think we did this all right': State leaders weigh in on response to Minneapolis riots

ARTICLE MCXII. **'WE DON'T THINK WE DID THIS ALL RIGHT': STATE LEADERS
WEIGH IN ON RESPONSE TO MINNEAPOLIS RIOTS**

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Top law enforcement leaders on Thursday said earlier deployment of National Guard members to assist in the response to protests, arson fires and looting in Minneapolis and St. Paul could've mitigated the damage that resulted in May.

It's the first time state law enforcement officers have chronicled in-depth their efforts to respond to the protests.

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets in the Twin Cities to demonstrate after ***George Floyd***'s death after former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on his neck on May 25. And after a night of initial protests, some began setting fire to businesses and breaking into dozens of stores.

The fires and looting affected or destroyed 1,500 businesses and racked up more than \$500 million in damages. Gov. Tim Walz has sought federal help from the Trump administration to rebuild.

Heads of the Minnesota National Guard and Department of Public Safety on Thursday told a Senate panel that their reaction lagged as civil unrest grew beyond what state officials expected and as National Guard officials attempted to reset plans to mobilize an appropriate number of members to address the scene.

Republican lawmakers on the panel were quick to criticize the response, saying top officials should've stepped in sooner to limit the damage from the riots.

"I question whether you and the governor failed to recognize the threat to public safety in Minneapolis and St. Paul in time," Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, said. "Clearly the level of criminal violence was escalating rapidly."

Minnesota National Guard Adjutant Gen. Jon Jensen said he and other public safety officials on May 27 began preparing to deploy 200 service members to help respond to civil unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul. But it became clear later that Wednesday, as demonstrators started arson fires around Minneapolis and again

'We don't think we did this all right': State leaders weigh in on response to Minneapolis riots

Thursday, May 28, as people set ablaze Minneapolis' third police precinct, that more members would be needed.

"It immediately occurred to me that 200 wasn't going to be enough," Jensen said.

On Thursday, May 28, Jensen and Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington agreed to send in hundreds more members than they'd initially planned. And they started preparing 700 trained guardsmen to get to the Twin Cities to respond to the unrest. The State Patrol, Department of Natural Resources and several local law enforcement agencies had already sent in additional officers to help Minneapolis and St. Paul police.

"My assessment of the situation is that it's not a light switch, it's not on or off, it's more like a dimmer," Jensen said. "It's on super bright Thursday night, our ability to begin dimming that light is what we were working toward."

Walz on Thursday, May 28, said he would call in guardsmen to help local law enforcement respond to the protests, fires and looting. And a formal written order came out early Friday, May 29.

And slowly, the enhanced presence began rolling out across the Twin Cities and gradually assisted in quelling the civil unrest. But less than 24 hours after sending out National Guard members, Jensen and Walz realized they needed a stronger presence. And early Saturday, May 30, they called on more than 7,000 members from around the region to respond.

At the same time, National Guard leaders began wondering whether their approach could adversely affect other cities if similar demonstrations cropped up there.

"While we were all focused on Minneapolis and St. Paul, we weren't sure if Rochester or Duluth or Mankato or Bemidji was going to be the next Minneapolis," Jensen said. "What happens if we are all so solely focused on Minneapolis that something in Duluth happens? We needed to have that opportunity to immediately respond."

Guardsmen were later deployed to Moorhead to assist with managing civil unrest there.

Harrington said top law enforcement leaders thought initial demonstrations would end during that week following Floyd's death and pick up again over the weekend. And as they began preparations for demonstrations they expected could bring out 75,000 people that Saturday, other protests and riots picked up across the region, exceeding local law enforcement's capacity to respond.

"We're not perfect, we don't think we did this all right," Harrington told lawmakers. "There are lessons to be learned from those experiences and if we are smart, which I think we are, we are not going to have to go down that same road again."

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Fact check: Trump team distortions on Biden and police

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Body

By HOPE YEN

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump's campaign team is misrepresenting Democratic rival Joe Biden's stance on improving police practices following George Floyd's death.

In ads and emails this week, the Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee assert that Biden would "defund the police." That's not Biden's position. The former vice president has repeatedly made clear he would boost money for social services and condition federal dollars on police adhering to standards of decency.

Meanwhile, Biden left out some context when he asserted that Trump had ordered the government to slow down coronavirus testing.

A look at some of the claims from the campaign:

TRUMP on BIDEN

TRUMP campaign ad, playing out a scenario where a person needing help calls the police during a Biden presidency and gets a voice recording: "You have reached the 911 police emergency line. Due to defunding of the police department, we're sorry but no one is here to take your call." The ad closes with the message: "You won't be safe in Joe Biden's America."

THE FACTS: Biden has not joined the call of protesters who demanded "defund the police" after Floyd's killing in Minneapolis. Biden has proposed more money for police, conditioned on improvements in their practices.

"I don't support defunding the police," Biden said last month in a CBS interview. But he said he would support tying federal aid to police based on whether "they meet certain basic standards of decency,

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honorableness and, in fact, are able to demonstrate they can protect the community, everybody in the community."

Biden added in remarks Wednesday to reporters: "We don't have to defund the police departments, we have to make sure they meet minimum basic standards of decency."

Biden's criminal justice agenda, released long before he became the Democrats' presumptive presidential nominee, proposes more federal money for "training that is needed to avert tragic, unjustifiable deaths" and hiring more officers to ensure that departments are racially and ethnically reflective of the populations they serve.

Specifically, he calls for a \$300 million infusion into federal community policing grant programs.

That adds up to more money for police, not defunding law enforcement.

Biden also wants the federal government to spend more on education, social services and struggling areas of cities and rural America, to address the root causes of crime.

Democrats, meanwhile, have pointed to Trump's repeated proposals in the administration's budget to cut community policing and mediation programs at the Justice Department. Congressional Republicans say the program can be effectively merged with other divisions, but Democrats have repeatedly blocked the effort. The program has been used to help provide federal oversight of local police departments.

Despite proposed cuts, Attorney General William Barr last month said the department would use the COPS program funding to hire over 2,700 police officers at nearly 600 departments across the country.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE email: "In the wake of rioting, looting, and tragic murders ripping apart communities across the country, Joe Biden said 'Yes, absolutely' he wants to defund the police." - email Wednesday from Steve Guest, RNC's rapid response director.

THE FACTS: That's misleading, a selective use of Biden's words on the subject.

The email links to an excerpted video of Biden's conversation with liberal activist Ady Barkan, who endorsed Biden on Wednesday after supporting Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Bernie Sanders of Vermont during the Democratic primaries. A full recording of that conversation provided by the Biden campaign to The Associated Press shows he once again declined to support defunding police.

Barkan raises the issue of police reform and asks whether Biden would funnel money into social services, mental health counseling and affordable housing to help reduce civilian interactions with police.

Biden responds that he is calling for more money for mental health providers but "that's not the same as getting rid of or defunding all the police" and that both approaches are needed, including additional dollars for community police.

Asked again by Barkan, "so we agree that we can redirect some of the funding," Biden then answers "absolutely yes."

Biden then gives the caveat that he means "not just redirect" federal money potentially but "condition" it on police improvements.

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"If they don't eliminate chokeholds, they don't get (federal) grants, if they don't do the following, they don't get any help," Biden replied.

"The vast majority of all police departments are funded by the locality, funded by the municipality, funded by the state," he added. "It's only the federal government comes in on top of that, and so it says you want help, you have to do the following reforms,."

BIDEN on TRUMP

BIDEN: "President Trump claimed to the American people that he was a wartime leader, but instead of taking responsibility, Trump has waved a white flag, revealing that he ordered the slowing of testing and having his administration tell Americans that they simply need to 'live with it.' - statement Wednesday marking the rise in U.S. coronavirus infections to more than 3 million.

THE FACTS: To be clear, the government did not slow testing on the orders of the president.

Trump at first denied he was joking when he told a Tulsa, Oklahoma, rally on June 20 that he said "to my people, 'Slow the testing down, please'" because "they test and they test." Days later he said he didn't really mean it.

In any event, a succession of his public health officials testified to Congress that the president never asked them to slow testing and that they were doing all they could to increase it. But testing remains markedly insufficient.

EDITOR'S NOTE - A look at the veracity of claims by political figures.

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Cub opens temporary tent store with pharmacy at Lake Street

ARTICLE MCXV. **[CUB OPENS TEMPORARY TENT STORE WITH PHARMACY AT LAKE STREET](#)**

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Highlight: A scaled-down version of the closed W. Broadway store will also open soon.

Body

Yes, it's air-conditioned.

That's the first question shoppers may wonder as they make their way to Cub Food's new temporary supermarket on East Lake Street in Minneapolis.

The tent-like structure opened Wednesday in front of the store at 26th Avenue and Lake Street that was badly damaged on May 28 in riots that followed protests over the police killing of ***George Floyd***.

"I live two blocks away and I'm disabled so this is very important to me," Darryl LeVells said as he shopped Wednesday morning. "The selection is very good despite the smaller size and prices seem very reasonable. I got eight pieces of fried chicken for \$6.99 instead of \$8.99."

For the past several weeks, LeVells said he also been using the free shuttle that takes customers from the Lake Street store to a Cub store at the Quarry in Minneapolis, which was not damaged.

The temporary store includes fresh produce and meat, canned goods, cleaning supplies, frozen foods, dry goods, a pharmacy, wide aisles, and five checkouts.

A service desk sells bus passes and MoneyGrams. Money orders will be available soon. The site also includes a TCF ATM.

"Opening the Cub community market is one of the first steps in bringing the Lake Street community back together," said Cub's chief executive Mike Stigers in a statement. "It's emotional to hear customers share personal stories of what's happened to them over the past month, and I couldn't be more proud of the Cub team who worked quickly to put this plan in place, and get us back in the store to take care of the essential needs of this neighborhood."

The damage from four days of protests that turned violent also encompassed nearby Target and

Cub opens temporary tent store with pharmacy at Lake Street

Aldi stores, turning the area around the busy Lake and Minnehaha intersection into a food desert. Several bank branches in the area - TCF, U.S. Bank and Firefly Credit Union - were also closed.

At its temporary store, Cub allows customers to get \$50 in cash with a debit card with purchase.

The original Cub structure on Lake Street is expected to reopen by the end of the year. Once the weather cools, the tent will also be heated.

Cub will soon open another temporary store as a subset of its store on W. Broadway in Minneapolis, which also closed because of riot damage.

Both locations are owned by Jerry's Foods in Edina but are operated by Cub's parent company, United Natural Foods Inc., and considered Cub corporate stores. Jerry's is responsible for rebuilding the stores and transferred many of its employees to other Cub locations.

"UNFI is the franchiser of Cub and they control the brand, the division and the model," said Ben Schultes, vice president of finance for Jerry's Foods. "The lease is in our name and we control the building and the lot, but it made more sense for them to be the operator."

The Broadway store's temporary structure within the existing store will open at some point the week of July 20. The renovation of that location is expected to be finished by October.

"The Broadway store was not destroyed inside like the Lake Street store was," Schultes said. "The coolers and freezers were not destroyed."

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Endowment will expand UMN professor's research on health and racial equality

ARTICLE MCXVI. **[ENDOWMENT WILL EXPAND UMN PROFESSOR'S RESEARCH ON HEALTH AND RACIAL EQUALITY](#)**

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Body

The Blue Cross Foundation has endowed a professorship at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health to address racial disparities in the state's health care system.

The professorship was granted to Rachel Hardeman, P.h.D., an associate professor at the School of Public Health Health Policy and Management Division. The endowment will allow her to expand on her research and instruction regarding the racial implications of health care.

Hardeman will use the endowment to continue examining how race impacts health outcomes, specifically in reproductive care. In the near future, she hopes to fund a new department dedicated to anti-racist research for health equity at the University of Minnesota.

Although discussions about the new endowed professorship were happening before the coronavirus pandemic and the death of ***George Floyd***, both events have heightened the importance of the position, she says.

"People are seeing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black and brown communities across our country," Hardeman said. "Once you see it, you can't look away."

The Professorship of Health and Racial Equity is the newest version of an endowed professorship established 26 years ago. In 1994 the Blue Cross Foundation gave the University of Minnesota a grant to expand health insurance research after the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota's historic lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

"We are thrilled to reinvigorate and evolve this professorship to focus on the defining public health issue of our time: racial and health equity," said Carolyn Link, president of the Blue Cross Foundation.

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NYC mayor helps paint 'Black Lives Matter' outside Trump Tower

ARTICLE MCXVII. [NYC MAYOR HELPS PAINT 'BLACK LIVES MATTER' OUTSIDE TRUMP TOWER](#)

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Body

NEW YORK - New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio grabbed a roller Thursday to paint "***Black Lives Matter***" in front of the namesake Manhattan tower of President Donald Trump, who tweeted last week that the street mural would be "a symbol of hate."

De Blasio was flanked by his wife, Chirlane McCray, and the Rev. Al Sharpton as he helped paint the racial justice rallying cry in giant yellow letters on Fifth Avenue in front of Trump Tower. Activists watching chanted, "Whose streets? Our streets!"

"When we say '***Black Lives Matter***,' there is no more American statement, there is no more patriotic statement because there is no America without Black America," de Blasio said. "We are acknowledging the truth of ourselves as Americans by saying '***Black Lives Matter***.' We are righting a wrong."

The mayor announced the plan to paint "***Black Lives Matter***" in front of Trump Tower last month after earlier saying the slogan would be painted on streets at several locations around the city. Trump responded via Twitter that the mural would denigrate "this luxury Avenue" and "further antagonize New York's Finest." De Blasio tweeted back that "***Black Lives Matter***" is "a movement to recognize and protect the lives of Black people."

Rahima Torrence, 20, who was among the people slapping yellow paint onto Fifth Avenue, said that even though the mural might be a symbol, "it's the beginning of something more." She said the location in front of Trump's own skyscraper "shows that we matter and it shows to him that you can't ignore us."

Washington, D.C. was the first U.S. city to get a giant yellow "***Black Lives Matter***" mural when Mayor Muriel Bowser had it painted on the street leading to the White House. Bowser said the painting was intended to show solidarity with Americans outraged over the killing of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis.

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Trump lived in Trump Tower before he took office as president but has spent little time there since. He changed his official residence from New York to Florida last year. His business empire is still headquartered there.

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Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest

ARTICLE MCXVIII. **LAWYER: OVER 150 MINNEAPOLIS OFFICERS SEEKING
DISABILITY FOLLOWING UNREST**

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Highlight: About three-quarters are citing post-traumatic stress disorder as the reason for their planned departures, according to an attorney representing the officers.

Body

MINNEAPOLIS - More than 150 Minneapolis police officers are filing work-related disability claims after the death of ***George Floyd*** and ensuing unrest, with about three-quarters citing post-traumatic stress disorder as the reason for their planned departures, according to an attorney representing the officers.

Their duty disability claims, which will take months to process, come as the city is seeing an increase in violent crime and while city leaders push a proposal to replace the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** with a new agency that they say would have a more holistic approach.

While Floyd's death in May and the unrest that followed are not the direct cause of many of the disability requests, attorney Ron Meuser said, those events and what Meuser called a lack of support from city leadership were a breaking point for many who had been struggling with PTSD from years on the job. Duty disability means the officer was disabled while engaged in inherently dangerous acts specific to the job.

"Following the ***George Floyd*** incident, unfortunately it became too much and as a result they were unable to, and are unable to, continue on and move forward," Meuser said. "They feel totally and utterly abandoned."

He said many officers he represents were at a precinct that police abandoned as people were breaking in during the unrest. Some officers feared they wouldn't make it home, he said, and wrote final notes to loved ones. People in the crowd ultimately set fire to the building.

Mayor Jacob Frey issued a statement saying that COVID-19 and unrest following Floyd's death tested the community and officers in profound ways. He said cities need resources to reflect the realities on the ground.

"In the meantime, I am committed to supporting those officers committed to carrying out their oath to serve and protect the people of Minneapolis during a challenging time for our city," he said.

Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest

Meuser said in recent weeks, 150 officers have retained his office for help in filing for duty disability benefits through the state's Public Employment Retirement Association, or PERA. So far, 75 of them have already left the job, he said.

Police spokesman John Elder questioned Meuser's figure of 150, though he does expect an increase in departures. The department currently has about 850 officers and will adjust staffing to ensure it can do its job, he said.

The city said it has received 17 PTSD workers compensation claims in the last month, but when it comes to PERA duty disability, officers are not obligated to notify the Police Department that an application was submitted. Meuser said the city isn't being transparent about departures, and the numbers it sees will lag as PERA benefits take months to process.

Doug Anderson, executive director for PERA, said 150 officers seeking duty disability from one department would be high. PERA approved 105 disability applications from both police and firefighters statewide in all of 2019, including 60 claims for duty-related PTSD and 20 for other work-related injuries.

PERA is primarily a retirement plan, in which members and employers contribute funds. Members who become disabled can receive a disability benefit until age 55, at which time retirement benefits kick in.

A high percentage of those on duty disability do not return to the job, Anderson said.

"It's a disability that as a general rule is a permanent designation entitling them for benefits for the rest of their life," Meuser said.

A high number of people taking PERA disability likely won't impact the city budget immediately, as the city's rate of contribution to the plan is fixed, though the Minnesota Legislature could increase contribution rates. The city can incur significant costs if the leave is classified as "duty disability," because the city would continue to pay for the officer's health insurance.

To apply, an officer needs supporting documents from two physicians. A third-party administrator ensures applications are complete. If there is a discrepancy, PERA can require an independent medical evaluation. The Police Department could also challenge an application, and there is a process for appeal. Denials and appeals are uncommon, Anderson said.

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Meuser made his announcement amid an increase in violent crime. From Thursday night to Friday morning alone, nine people were shot in Minneapolis, including one fatally. Police data analyzed by the Star Tribune show that at least 243 people have been shot so far this year, compared with 269 in all of 2019.

Asked about his timing, Meuser said he believes Minneapolis officers are being unfairly tarnished, and it's time to call out "decades of failed leadership" in the city.

Meuser opposes calls to dismantle or defund the Police Department, and said he hopes the news that veteran officers are leaving will make the public reassess the city's current trajectory.

Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis officers seeking disability following unrest

"The men and women in public safety who give their heart and soul to serve Minneapolis and keep it safe deserve to have Minneapolis leaders to step up and supporting them," he said. "Instead of spending time plotting the dismantling of the force, let's come together to improve community trust and work towards a safer city for all. "

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John Kass: When Black children are killed, where's the outrage from the white and the woke?

ARTICLE MCXIX. [JOHN KASS: WHEN BLACK CHILDREN ARE KILLED, WHERE'S THE OUTRAGE FROM THE WHITE AND THE WOKE?](#)

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Highlight: As street violence spikes in big cities across America run by Democrats, as parents grieve the loss of their children in the street gang wars, two things become terribly clear: The first is that [Black Lives Matter](#) isn't promoting much, if any, public outrage at city halls run by Democratic Party mayors over urban street [...]

Body

As street violence spikes in big cities across America run by Democrats, as parents grieve the loss of their children in the street gang wars, two things become terribly clear:

The first is that [Black Lives Matter](#) isn't promoting much, if any, public outrage at city halls run by Democratic Party mayors over urban street violence that is out of control.

BLM isn't a movement as much as it is a political and fundraising arm, founded by neo-Marxists and currently aligned with the Democratic Party. BLM sees no percentage in pressuring big-city mayors to stop street violence. Its outrage is select and reserved for white police officers who kill unarmed Black men.

But it's the second thing that hardly gets attention from media that skews left, and from Democratic Party politicians:

Those young, white and woke BLM supporters who filled the streets, masked, chanting and angry, in legitimate protests over the Minneapolis police killing of [George Floyd](#) by a white police officer aren't venting much public, organized outrage over Black children being slaughtered.

They shouted so loudly and passionately about defunding or abolishing the police, but aren't they also concerned about the lives of Black children being taken in street gang wars across the country?

It's possible they're just terrified and sad and don't know what to do without leaders to herd them. They might need a safe space, even though the children being shot to death don't have a safe space.

Or, could it just be that the protesters, so silent now, see no political advantage for the November elections in drawing attention to the Black children, some as young as 1, who are killed?

This is July. And what's on their mind is November, November, November.

John Kass: When Black children are killed, where's the outrage from the white and the woke?

Nationally, the white protesters who joined BLM and filled the streets during the ***George Floyd*** protests are almost sure to vote Democrat in November.

I'll take a leap of faith and guess that the white and woke live in wealthy and working-class neighborhoods. Many no doubt are from white suburbs, and their parents are Democratic Party donors.

They don't live in neighborhoods where car doors open and guns come out and children are killed almost every day. And so from them, we hear nothing but summer crickets.

Then the bullets start flying again, in cities across America, in Chicago, Atlanta, New York and Milwaukee and elsewhere, and babies are cut down.

"They say ***Black lives matter***," said Secoriya Williamson, whose 8-year-old daughter was shot to death in Atlanta the other day. "You killed your own. You killed your own this time. ... You killed a child. She didn't do nothing to nobody."

In Chicago, there were some 90 people shot over the Fourth of July weekend, including 7-year-old Natalia Wallace, who was killed when armed hitters jumped from a car and began spraying gunfire into a crowd.

And on Monday there were some 19 shot. On Tuesday, there were 11 shot.

Chicago has always been a violent city, and street gangs have historically been intertwined with local politics, providing muscle and intimidation long before the days when Paul Ricca let the world believe that Al Capone was the boss.

According to Chicago Tribune reporting, Chicago homicides as of Sunday have risen sharply, by 39% this year so far, with 353 homicides reported, compared with 254 during the same period last year. And shootings of one or more people struck by gunfire are up 42 percent.

Homicide data alone doesn't tell the story of violence. Shootings tell the story. In Chicago, the worst year on record was 1992, with more than 940 homicides.

But what would 2020's final death count be if paramedics and emergency room doctors were working with technology from the early 1990s?

Does it matter?

If data can't be forged into a weapon for the November elections, does it matter in America anymore?

I called Rafael A. Mangual, a legal policy analyst for the conservative Manhattan Institute and a writer for City Journal.

He's studied the left's new favorite social justice warrior toys, including "decarceration" and liberal criminal bond policy that allows for the release of the violent from jails, even if they'd been arrested previously on gun charges.

And I asked him why white protesters aren't pressuring big-city Democratic Party mayors to do more about the wave of spiking urban violence, including in Chicago, where Mekhi James, 3, was killed in the gang wars just weeks ago.

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"As cynical as it may sound, it's hard not to conclude that the lack of political pressure being brought to bear on Chicago leaders to get tough on crime is at least partly a function of the fact that the gang violence claiming so many innocent lives - like that of 3-year-old Mekhi James - is a problem from which the donor class lives several degrees removed," Mangual said.

That's not cynicism. That's reality.

"As bad as things are on the city's South and West sides, its high-end neighborhoods and upper-middle-class suburbs remain very safe," he said. "As a result, the political class doesn't bear any of the downside risk that attends the misguided 'decarceration' and de-policing efforts so popular among 'progressives' desperate to establish their social justice bona fides."

When it comes to the lives of Black children taken in street violence, what's clear is that the white woke world has no skin in the game. [*Pamela K. Johnson: 55 summers have gone by since the Watts rebellion. How far have we traveled?*](#) [*Michael Bloomberg: Let's hire laid-off oil and gas workers to fight climate change*](#) [*Noah Smith: Focusing on Facebook and Google's monopoly misses the point*](#) [*Jamelle Bouie: Democracy? John Lewis embodied it*](#) [*Erwin Chemerinsky: Trump can't postpone the election. But here's why we have to take his tweet seriously*](#)

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Police reforms among the issues legislators expected to take up when they return to the Capitol

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Highlight: Days before Minnesota lawmakers were expected to return to the Capitol for a special legislative session, the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party plans to pressure Republican legislators to pass police accountability measures in the wake of *George Floyd's* killing. DFL party leaders intend to hold a rally in support of the measures on Saturday and launch digital [...]

Body

Days before Minnesota lawmakers were expected to return to the Capitol for a special legislative session, the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party plans to pressure Republican legislators to pass police accountability measures in the wake of *George Floyd's* killing.

DFL party leaders intend to hold a rally in support of the measures on Saturday and launch digital ads targeting GOP senators in swing districts. The moves were aimed at getting the GOP-led Senate to approve police reform measures approved by the DFL-controlled House.

Republicans have made a point that they're open to reforms, and they approved a handful last month including banning chokeholds and more training for officers. But they said they wouldn't support efforts to defund or dismantle police departments.

Democrats at the Capitol haven't proposed defunding police, but in Minneapolis, the City Council there is weighing a move to replace the police department with the "department of community safety and violence prevention."

On Friday, Twin Cities law enforcement officials sent a letter to legislative leaders urging them to pass a number of police reforms. The letter was signed by Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arrandondo and Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington.

The letter asks that lawmakers:

Reform the arbitration system that "currently undermines Police Chiefs' ability to hold officers who violate our policies and betray the public trust accountable." Change policy on use-of-force guidelines. Banning chokeholds. Prohibit "warriorlike trainings that teach officers to be constantly fearful and view everyone around them as a threat." Require that law enforcement officers have a duty to intercede when another

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officer is using excessive force. Require that law enforcement officers have a duty to de-escalate encounters to minimize use of force. Create statewide jurisdiction to respond to officer-involved fatalities, including an investigative unit in the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

In an interview Friday, Choi said he believed it was important that lawmakers heard from law enforcement leaders and those in prosecution on reform issues.

"(We) feel that these changes are really critical," Choi said. "... And we believe that they're necessary to improve the quality of justice in our communities."

Choi noted that he believes officer-involved fatalities should be investigated by an outside unit with the state.

"I think it's really important to kind of wall off this section of the BCA," he said.

Deanna Weniger contributed to this story.

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Maria Isa preaches 'Amor'

ARTICLE MCXXI. [MARIA ISA PREACHES 'AMOR'](#)

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Highlight: The "SotaRico" hip-hop vet has been closely touched by 2020's calamities but remains defiantly upbeat on her new EP with YMMI.

Body

She's still heartbroken over the death of her friend *George Floyd*, who fawned over her baby girl the last time she saw him. She's upset over newly surfaced stories from women about abuse and harassment in the Twin Cities music scene, which she has confronted for years.

Oh, and Maria Isa is obviously still worried about the coronavirus, which has taken away much of her livelihood as a musician and teacher and been especially hard on her family's beloved homeland of Puerto Rico.

So why did the Twin Cities hip-hop trailblazer just release a new EP that's discernibly upbeat and built around the theme of loving ourselves and one another?

"So many people are losing faith in love," she explained, "but it's really the only thing that's keeping us going."

Titled "Amor Universal" (Spanish for "Universal Love"), the six-song collection is her third collaboration with Minneapolis hip-hop producer YMMI, who's been racking up credits in commercials and video games in recent years.

They're billing the EP as "AfroLatinx dance music," and the results - available via streaming channels and Isa's website - are as richly layered, buoyant and lively as that description sounds.

There's nothing wrong with having a little fun in 2020, is there?

"Music heals," Isa, 33, said.

"Especially in communities of color, we don't have services provided where we can seek therapy to find the love or to feel loved. Music has been that."

A rapper and singer since her teens - she grew out of the invaluable incubatory Yo! the Movement and B-Girl Be festivals of the mid-'00s - Maria Isa Pérez-Hedges and fellow rapper and husband Muja Messiah

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became parents last summer to a smiley bundle of energy named Loíza Rosa. Muja sent video of the baby kicking it in a kiddie pool while Mamá was doing her interview last week.

Isa has also been busy in recent years as co-host of the Latina Theory podcast; president of her record label, SotaRico Records (Minnesota + Puerto Rico); mentor and teacher of schoolchildren via the Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project; activist and adviser with the St. Paul Foundation's El Fondo Boricua Hurricane Relief fund, for which she joined the Minnesota Twins' 2018 trip to help with the island's recovery; a McKnight Foundation fellowship recipient; actress; arts organizer, and even lobbyist.

"Maria Isa has long been engaged as an artist and advocate in Saint Paul and across the Twin Cities," St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter told the Star Tribune. "She continues to inspire and uplift the many voices of our community."

The lobbying role came up the day of our meetup with YMMI on a patio on St. Paul's West Side. A Type 1 diabetic, Isa found out that morning the Alec Smith Emergency Insulin Act - which she helped get passed at the State Capitol in April - is being held up by a lawsuit from Big Pharma.

"One more thing to worry about," she lamented.

'Back to the music now'

Isa not only had the foresight to stockpile insulin ahead of the quarantine in early March, she also brought home a box full of musical gear knowing she wouldn't be able to work in her studio inside St. Paul's Landmark Center.

"We needed something to keep us going as parents, as artists, stuck at home," she said, noting scrapped plans to tour Central and South American countries this year via her McKnight grant.

In much the same boat, YMMI - pronounced "Yimmy," a play on his former moniker Young Menace - messaged Isa just a few days into the quarantine to see if she was interested in collaborating again virtually.

The pair first made music together in 2013, when their song "Latinization" was used for ESPN's X Games. YMMI humorously said his only Latinx music experience before that was sampling Tito Puente on many occasions. (Coincidentally, Isa knew Puente as a child via her mom Elsa Vega-Pérez's nonprofit St. Paul school, El Arco Iris Center for the Arts.)

Before the virus hit, YMMI had actually refocused his attention on a new YMMI clothing line.

"OK, back to the music now," he remembered thinking.

"The bottom of the economy got yanked out from under everybody. It's a world crisis. I see music as the way out. So we started cooking."

"Amor Universal" certainly cooks. The EP kicks off with the booming warning "Peligroso," and from there blows through a fast mix of reggaeton, dancehall, Latin trap dance music and classic boom-bap hip-hop - maybe the ultimate hybrid yet of Isa's diverse musical background.

One track, "Voy Contigo," finds her singing with Celia Cruz-style jazzy zest, while "By My Side" posits her as a 2020-ready Top 40 pop singer.

Isa now says YMMI is the best producer in town to garner an authentic Latinx music vibe.

Maria Isa preaches 'Amor'

"Every producer in the Twin Cities would say to me, 'We made a reggaeton track!' and I'd say, 'No, you didn't,' " she recounted with a sharp laugh.

She also said of YMMI, "Our communication has always been 100 percent professional. As a woman who's run her own label for 11 years, if I'm not comfortable, it's not acceptable."

'I'm a survivor, too'

Although this profile was planned before dozens of assault, harassment and misogyny accusations emerged on social media two weeks ago, that MeToo-rooted tidal wave put Isa near the center of yet another storm in her hometown this year. Isa said she has her own stories of sexual mistreatment but did not want to share them.

"I'm a survivor, too," she offered. "I've experienced the worst and survived with the best."

She pointed to her husband as a converted ally. Muja got his start in the pioneering local group Raw Villa in the late '90s. In 2011, he and Maria recorded an album as the duo Villa Rosa but did not become romantically involved until a few years later.

"Revolution has to start from home," she said. "It can't happen by Instagram. I don't think Twitter is the solution. It's just a step toward communicating and finding solutions."

She faulted many music venues in town for not doing enough to protect female performers. That's partly what endeared "Big Floyd" to her. He worked in security at both El Nuevo Rodeo and Conga Latin Bistro dance clubs before dying in Minneapolis police custody on May 25.

"He was the gentle giant who stood at the gates to make sure women and men could feel comfortable there," she said. "It's something you remember, because we don't get treated like that very often in the Twin Cities."

She and YMMI considered delaying last month's release of "Amor Universal" out of respect. YMMI, however, said he decided to push on with it once he saw all the protests that followed Floyd's death.

"You saw Black, white, Mexican, Puerto Rican, all colors on the front lines," he said, evoking the EP's title. "That what that was: universal love."

What's more, Isa pointed to her last conversation with Floyd: "He was like, 'Man, when you putting new music out?'"

"This is what Big Floyd would have wanted," she said. "This is what our community needs. I'm no doctor, but music is my medicine."

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Target accused of bias in 'Isis' cup incident

ARTICLE MCXXII. [TARGET ACCUSED OF BIAS IN 'ISIS' CUP INCIDENT](#)

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Highlight: Its own internal investigation found the mislabeled coffee was an accident; CAIR-MN not so sure.

Body

A Muslim woman has filed a discrimination complaint against Target Corp. after she said a Starbucks barista at the Midway Target store in St. Paul wrote "ISIS" on her cup instead of her name.

The woman submitted the complaint Monday to the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, the state's civil rights enforcement agency.

Target said after its own internal investigation of the employee that the act wasn't deliberate.

The woman, a Black Muslim of Somali descent, visited the Target with a friend around 6:30 p.m. on July 1 and ordered a drink from the cafe, according to a redacted version of the complaint provided by the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN).

After taking the order, the employee asked the woman, whose first name is Aishah, for her name to write on the cup. When the woman received her drink, she found the word "ISIS."

A photo of the cup shows there's room to question whether the word is fully capitalized like an acronym.

The first "I" appears to be uppercase, but the second "i" is missing the cross-strokes of a capital letter and the dot of a lowercase letter.

Asked why she wrote "ISIS" on the cup, the employee said she had not heard the customer's name correctly, the complaint said. After the customer asked for a manager, the manager told her baristas sometimes make mistakes with names, the complaint said.

Security officers who arrived at the scene and were shown a photo of the beverage were "dismissive," the complaint also said. A Target store manager directed security personnel to get another beverage for the woman and a \$25 gift card before she was escorted out, it said.

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Isis is the name of an Egyptian goddess and one used by women in many parts of the world. But in the past decade, the acronym ISIS emerged for the jihadist group Islamic State of Iraq and Syria that once controlled large territories in Syria and Iraq.

The word has been used as a slur against Muslim residents throughout the Twin Cities, said Jaylani Hussein, executive director of CAIR-MN. "It's the most flagrant Islamophobic thing somebody can say about someone pretty much," he said.

Hussein said he doesn't believe that the barista, a white teenager, accidentally mistook the name Aishah. There have been local incidents in schools of Muslim students being bullied by classmates using ISIS, Hussein said.

And four years ago, in a high-profile trial in Minneapolis, several men were convicted of planning to commit murder in the name of ISIS.

"If you can't hear, you can ask again or you can ask to spell it," Hussein said.

The Starbucks is Target-run and the workers are Target employees.

In a statement Thursday, Minneapolis-based Target said, "We are deeply sorry this happened to our guest. We have no tolerance for racism, discrimination or harassment of any kind, and upon learning of this incident we investigated it thoroughly and took the matter very seriously. While our investigation strongly concluded this was not a deliberate act, and we immediately apologized, in no way does that diminish the negative impact this has caused our guest. At Target, we work every day to foster a company culture committed to diversity, inclusion and anti-racism, and we want everyone who shops with us to feel welcomed, valued and respected."

The employee hasn't faced any discipline. CAIR-MN wants the barista and manager fired. "I'm really extremely disappointed with Target's response," Hussein said.

Last month, Target pledged \$10 million to social justice organizations such as the National Urban League in the wake of the *George Floyd* killing, and the company created an internal task force of senior company leaders to help examine racial equality throughout its organization.

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Wells Fargo launches \$400M fund

ARTICLE MCXXIII. [WELLS FARGO LAUNCHES \\$400M FUND](#)

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Highlight: The bank will donate PPP fees to help small businesses owned by Blacks and other minorities.

Body

To help small businesses survive the pandemic, Wells Fargo announced Thursday that it is donating the \$400 million in fees it earned off the federal Paycheck Protection Program to nonprofit organizations that primarily assist Black and other minority owners.

Wells Fargo, which lost many business customers after bungling their PPP applications, wound up processing more than 185,000 PPP loans worth a total of \$10.4 billion, the fifth highest loan total in the banking industry, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"We can see that small businesses are hurting," said Jenny Flores, head of small business growth philanthropy at Wells Fargo. "Forty-one percent of small, Black-owned businesses have closed since COVID hit. We want to make sure we put our money where our mouth is."

Community lenders said they hope other financial institutions follow suit, noting that no other bank has donated so much money in a single move to their efforts.

"This is huge," said Maurice Jones, president of Local Initiatives

Support Corp. (LISC), a New York nonprofit with community lending offices in 35 cities, including St. Paul. "I hope other banks will see this as a challenge and try to better them. I want to see them compete on this."

Wells Fargo is donating fees it received from the SBA for processing loans for the government's largest small business relief program. Under the program's rules, lenders could not collect fees from the companies themselves. So far, several other big banks - including Bank of America, Citigroup and JP Morgan - have pledged to donate their net profits from processing PPP loans, but not 100% of their fees.

Wells Fargo will be taking applications from community lenders over the next month for its new Open for Business Fund, with money flowing by August. By January 2021, Wells Fargo expects to provide a total of \$250 million to so-called Community Development Financial Institutions, which promote economic

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development in poorer communities that are traditionally underserved by banks. Flores said lenders will provide a combination of grants and low-interest loans to struggling business owners.

"We know some businesses cannot absorb a loan at this time, so we are being very flexible in terms of how the money is used," Flores said.

Another \$100 million will flow to Small Business Development Centers and other groups that provide technical assistance to minority business owners, such as help with budgets, business plans and marketing. The remaining \$50 million will be set aside for future needs of small businesses.

"We don't have a crystal ball to say, 'This is what small businesses will need a year from now,' " Flores said. "But we want to make money available to small businesses so they have support on an ongoing basis to recover."

Flores said Wells Fargo wants lenders to use some of the money to help businesses that were hurt in the protests following the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis. More than 1,500 businesses in the Twin Cities were damaged in the riots, with costs expected to reach \$500 million.

"We haven't earmarked any money, but we want to prioritize those applications when they come in," Flores said.

Wells Fargo's gesture to small businesses comes as it battles to emerge from a fake-accounts scandal that has enveloped the company for nearly four years, a sprawling controversy that has upended its executive suite, sparked widespread litigation, and cost the company billions of dollars in fines and settlements. The San Francisco-based bank is ranked No. 2 in Minnesota based on market share, behind U.S. Bancorp.

Flores said she recognizes the fact that some people will assume the bank is making the donation to offset bad publicity, but she noted that the program is effectively an extension of a \$175 million campaign begun in 2015. That donation generated \$1.6 billion in financing for minority-owned small businesses, creating nearly 200,000 jobs in the United States.

Community lenders said Wells Fargo has been a significant partner in their work for decades.

"If I had to look at the most consistent investors in our community-development work - and we've been doing this for 40 years - Wells Fargo would be among the top," said Jones, whose nonprofit has invested more than \$22 billion in the minority community since 1979. "This is going back long before the recent troubles that Wells has gotten into."

One of the first recipients of the new round of funding is the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA), a Minneapolis nonprofit that has helped more than 22,000 minority business owners since 1971. MEDA will share in a \$13.5 million grant to the Expanding Black Business Credit Initiative.

"MEDA is incredibly appreciative of the award," said Alfredo Martel, MEDA's president and CEO. "It comes at a time of incredible urgency and relevance to our mission."

Jones said the minority business community is desperate for capital. He said his organization expected about 5,000 applications when it recently announced it was making \$2.5 million available for small businesses hurt by COVID-19. Instead, the group was swamped with 250,000 requests for assistance from around the U.S., prompting LISC to increase the program to \$15 million. But that is still enough to fund only about 2,000 applicants.

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"The platform is on fire right now," Jones said. "We've got to help these businesses if we want them to survive the combination of the COVID shutdown and the recession."

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What will happen to the murals?

ARTICLE MCXXIV. [WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE MURALS?](#)

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Body

Kenda Zellner-Smith felt numb. With everything that had been going down in her south Minneapolis neighborhood following *George Floyd's* killing while in the custody of Minneapolis police, she needed time to be able to express herself and heal. Instead, she had to go to work.

"I felt so down that morning and not ready to be in my day and in that predominantly white space," said Zellner-Smith, 23, who works at a nursing home.

On the drive to work, something caught her eye. It was graffiti on a boarded-up business that expressed, with an expletive, the anger she felt toward the police. "Another board said A.C.A.B. [All Cops Are Bastards]. We were heard this time," she said.

That same day, she learned that the plywood boards covering businesses' windows were starting to be removed. She ducked into her office and quickly launched @savetheboards_mpls, an Instagram account focused on preserving the art and messages that had been left. With the help of friends and her dad's truck, she's since collected 30 to 35 boards.

University Rebuild, a grassroots group of unemployed theater artists and volunteers who handed out 2,000 plywood boards to secure businesses damaged after Floyd's death, have offered to help her preservation efforts.

Zellner-Smith and others sharing the preservation mission are committed to keeping the boards in the communities where they were made, and keeping them out of museums. The Walker, Mia, Weisman Art Museum, Minnesota Historical Society and Minnesota Museum of American Art confirmed to the Star Tribune that they are not collecting the murals. Ranging from fast graffiti to highly detailed murals with Floyd's signature portrait, the boards have become defacto canvases for people expressing pain and grief, and protest art that crystallizes this historical moment.

In a recent Zoom discussion with 10 Black arts leaders in the Twin Cities organized by Robyne Robinson, board chair at the Minnesota Museum of American Art in St. Paul and a public art consultant, artist Alex

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Smith took issue with the urge to "Minnesota-ify the movement." He urged people not to focus on just the prettier boards, but to also pay attention to the ones with raw, reactive messages scrawled over them.

"It's like going out the next day and sweeping up all the broken glass," he said. "Like, maybe we need to see some of that broken glass so we can remember what happened the night before."

Robinson pointed out the plywood protest art's connections to AfriCobra, the collective founded in the 1960s that helped define the Black arts movement outside of the mainstream art world.

Supporting the effort

Members of University Rebuild, who are not Black themselves, envision their role as supporting community.

"As stewards to art, it's our responsibility that it's used equitably, and that means listening to BIPOC people and Black people in particular about what they want," said University Rebuild organizer Daisuke Kawachi. The organization is offering to temporarily house boards at their storage facility.

Wolfpack Promotionals, a full-service promotional printing business in north Minneapolis, hasn't made a decision about what to do with boards covering their windows that have "Big Floyd" painted over them. They were made by artists Jack Reynolds, Kyle Alexander and Tony Cineus, who swung by and asked if they could paint.

"We said "sure," figuring it would only be up for a little bit," said co-owner Katie Brown. "We like so much what they did that we're having a hard time taking them down."

The boards are too big to store inside Wolfpack, but they don't want to take them out of the North Side, and are continuing conversations with community about what to do.

"We're keeping it up for probably through the middle or end of this month at the minimum," said Brown.

Future visions

St. Paul-based Leesa Kelly, who owns the BIPOC-focused community engagement organization We Live, is working with the Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery on a show of select boards, slated for 2021. (The museum will reopen Aug. 4.)

"It is time for us to focus on telling the story ourselves," said Kelly. "Too many times has Black history been whitewashed. I didn't want that to happen this time especially when we have a Black-owned and -operated museum."

While some are thinking about the immediate future, others are dreaming long-term.

Robinson wonders if the murals could be collected city by city and toured nationally for a period of time, like the AIDS quilt. She thinks that could be accompanied by discussion from arts groups and historians, with a portion given to the Smithsonian and the rest returned to the community.

Kawachi said that community members have suggested a public installation of the murals on Lake Street that references photographer Wing Young Huie's "Lake Street U.S.A." project, hanging them in schools or putting them on view in neighborhood community centers.

What will happen to the murals?

"A lot of people are still in the grieving process and processing," said Kelly. "As far as a permanent solution [for the plywood mural art], I think we are about a year off."

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Working from home, Securian Financial employees donate monthly parking fee to local nonprofits

ARTICLE MCXXV. **WORKING FROM HOME, SECURIAN FINANCIAL EMPLOYEES
DONATE MONTHLY PARKING FEE TO LOCAL NONPROFITS**

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Highlight: After more than 95 percent of Securian Financial's workforce transitioned to working from home in March because of the coronavirus pandemic, the downtown St. Paul company's parking ramps were left empty. In response, Securian suspended employees' parking contracts and offered them two choices: They could receive the extra cash in their paychecks or they could [...]

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In response, Securian suspended employees' parking contracts and offered them two choices: They could receive the extra cash in their paychecks or they could donate it to local nonprofits across St. Paul, and Securian would match every dollar.

Of the 50 percent of Securian employees who had signed parking contracts, 30 percent opted to donate their monthly parking fee. Since, the company has generated more than \$382,000 in donations related to the parking abatement, according to Securian Community Relations Manager Nicole Hansen.

In May, Securian donated a total of \$150,000 to St. Paul nonprofits Neighborhood House and Face to Face. And in June, the company spread a donation of \$120,000 to the Sanneh Foundation, the Conway Community Center and the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota.

"(After the first two donations) we thought that was probably the last time we were going to do this," Hansen said. "Then civil uprising related to the murder of ***George Floyd*** happened, and we said, 'Yep, we're going to do this again.'"

Securian chose Ujamaa Place for its final donation in July, a St. Paul nonprofit organization that works primarily with African American men between the ages of 18 and 30 so they can receive necessary access to services, jobs and rehabilitation.

Ujamaa Place CEO Otis Zanders said the nonprofit's mission is to address mass incarceration, create stable housing and help young men work through trauma related to racism and poverty. Zanders also noted the toll COVID-19 has taken on those in the community experiencing homelessness.

Working from home, Securian Financial employees donate monthly parking fee to local nonprofits

"What the donation does is give us additional resources to expand our services," Zanders said. "A lot of the adjustments that we've had to make because of COVID-19 that we did not budget for, the donations allow us to reach more people and provide more daily care."

Without facing the need to lay off or furlough any employees, Securian has remained relatively unscathed amid the coronavirus pandemic. The company's solid position during the economic downturn, Hansen said, is what drove Securian employees' desire to give back.

"As a business community in St. Paul, we all have to come together," Hansen said. "That doesn't just mean corporate dollars. That means our family of associates who want to give back, who can give back. We can work together and we can make a big difference." [Friends of the St. Paul Public Library alerts donors to data breach suffered by vendor](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [St. Paul has a community commission to review complaints against officers, yet many don't know it exists, coordinator says](#) [\\$15 million Ramsey County small business relief fund opens to artists, entrepreneurs](#) [National ATF team joins investigation into blaze at downtown St. Paul hotel under construction](#)

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Feds deny Minnesota request for aid after George Floyd unrest. Walz has 30 days to appeal.

ARTICLE MCXXVI. **FEDS DENY MINNESOTA REQUEST FOR AID AFTER GEORGE FLOYD UNREST. WALZ HAS 30 DAYS TO APPEAL.**

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Highlight: The federal government has denied a request from Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz for federal funds to rebuild and repair fire damage from the unrest that followed **George Floyd**'s death.

Body

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has 30 days to appeal after the federal government denied his request for a disaster declaration because of the damage caused in the aftermath of the police killing of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis in May.

According to multiple media reports, the governor's office was informed on Friday that the disaster declaration was denied, and an agency spokesperson said the damage was something that local and state governments could handle.

In a statement to Minnesota Public Radio on Saturday, a FEMA spokesperson said, "After a thorough review of Minnesota's request for a major disaster declaration from extensive fire damage as a result of civil unrest in late May and early June, it was determined that the impact to public infrastructure is within the capabilities of the local and state governments to recover from. The governor has 30 days to appeal that decision."

According to media reports, Walz spokesperson Teddy Tschann said in a statement that the governor was "disappointed" in the decision and that the state was exploring its options.

Former Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin** has been charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter in the killing of Floyd. The three other former officers present, **Thomas Lane**, **Tou Thao** and **J Alexander Kueng**, have been charged with aiding and abetting murder. After Floyd's death, multiple protests and rioting occurred in the Twin Cities, including burning down the Third Precinct police station in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis unrest spurred multiple protests across the country and around the world.

Walz sent a letter to President Trump on July 2, noting that there was more than \$15 million in damage and cleanup costs that could be eligible for reimbursement from the federal government. In all, the current estimates of all damage exceed \$500 million, according to media reports.

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In making the request for help, Walz had noted that the financial challenge had been made even harder by the impacts on the state budget from the coronavirus pandemic. A projected \$1.5 billion budget surplus in February was soon wiped out by a projected \$2.4 billion revenue shortfall, he wrote in the request to President Trump via FEMA.

The federal government's denial of the request from Walz, a Democrat, came a day after Republican U.S. Rep Tom Emmer of Minnesota sent a letter to Trump and other federal officials raising questions about the request.

While not stating opposition to Minnesota receiving federal money, Emmer asked that - in the wake of Walz's request - the Trump administration "undertake a thorough and concurrent review of my state's response to the violence."

Emmer wrote that if federal money helps pay for cleanup and rebuilding, the government "has an obligation to every American - prior to the release of funding - to fully understand the events which allowed for this level of destruction to occur and ensure it never happens again."

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Letters: A heavy burden, but Minnesotans should pay the price for riot repair

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**LETTERS: A HEAVY BURDEN, BUT MINNESOTANS SHOULD
PAY THE PRICE FOR RIOT REPAIR**

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Highlight: While DFLers are strategizing to *defund police* departments and crafting bills to "reimagine" public safety, Gov. Walz is appealing to the federal government for funds to repair \$500 million in damages wrought by rioters back in May. At a time when we're being exhorted to be mindful of injustices, past and present, it's clearly unfair [...]

Body

While DFLers are strategizing to *defund police departments* and crafting bills to ", Gov. Walz is appealing to the federal government for *funds to repair \$500 million in damages* wrought by rioters back in May.

At a time when we're being exhorted to be mindful of injustices, past and present, it's clearly unfair to stick the rest of the country with the tab for Gov. Walz's failure to deploy in a timely and effective manner the peace-keeping forces provided by Minnesotans' tax dollars.

I understand that the shut-down orchestrated by Walz and his administration has left the cash drawer alarmingly depleted and that the riots were, therefore, exceedingly ill-timed. I concede that the clean-up is a very heavy burden for Minnesotans to bear alone - first, to pay for peace-keepers who were not allowed to do their jobs and then to pay a second time to repair the devastation that resulted.

But is it right to stick the rest of the country with responsibility for the mess we brought on ourselves? We are the ones who elected Walz and his cohorts, after all.

As a matter of justice, Gov. Walz should get busy making budget cuts and raising taxes - inflict the pain that will be necessary to restore the neighborhoods, the businesses, and the public property ruined on his watch and because of his dithering. Then we Minnesota voters should make him pay the political price.

Debra L. Kaczmarek, Northfield

I see that U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis) wants to offset one "cost" of establishing a national holiday for Juneteenth by reducing paid time off for federal employees. Too bad he wasn't so concerned about federal deficits when he decided to vote for the trillion-dollar giveaway lavished on the rich by the 2017 tax cuts. Not to mention that, as reported in your paper, he was persuaded by right wing media outlets to stop his

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quest to eliminate Columbus Day as an offset for the new holiday. I guess we know who the senator really wants to please.

Ken Thielman, Woodbury

I truly believe that ***Black Lives Matter***. If I were younger and not a senior citizen, I would be out there supporting them.

In January 2017, I marched with my daughter in Washington, D.C., for women's rights. At that time, there were both women and men marching together. There was also a person carrying a ***Black Lives Matter*** sign.

But what has happened to America in 2020?

Since the terrible death of ***George Floyd***, we now have a terrible . It brings tears to my eyes when I read the paper or watch the news on TV. The number of children who are victims of gun violence is horrible. Who are these people who are shooting at a street party, shooting into a car, shooting at a football practice, shooting a pregnant women, and shooting a little boy in the foot who was coming out of a store with his dad? Because I believe that ***all lives matter***, I am suggesting that some of the leaders in the current protests form a group to include gun violence in their concerns. Where are these people getting these guns? Are there mental-health issues involved?

We do need to work with police and other city leaders.

DeAnne Cherry, Woodbury

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A shout-out

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A SHOUT-OUT

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 1123 words**Byline:** ROHAN PRESTON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** A theater artist and Macalester professor creates a ritual of release during COVID and George Floyd crucibles.**Body**

Whee!

On a sunny afternoon, a group of dizzy people collapse on the ground after running around in circles while screaming at the top of their lungs. They lie on their backs looking at the sky before rising to do the exercise all over again, running counterclockwise and collapsing in glee.

This activity has been happening nearly every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon on the western edge of Minneapolis' Powderhorn Park since mid-March. If it all looks like child's play - where, but at an amusement park or a horror show, do adults have license to scream with such abandon in public? - it's because it's meant to be fun. But it also has serious purpose.

"It's for physical and psychological relief and release," said Harry Waters Jr., a theater artist and Macalester College professor who started and hosts this unique combination of laughing yoga and theater exercises. "We live in strange times with the pandemic and the uprising against systemic racism. People are stuck in front of Zoom or feel they don't have an outlet. This is something that's needed."

That "something" is Outside Voices, an activity that offers an outlet in a time of worries and troubles. The communal screaming at the sun is the culmination of a ritual process that can last 10 to 15 minutes. It involves an introduction of everyone in the circle, the telling of gibberish jokes and lots of laughter. In fact, laughter is a through-line for most of the activities, including the sharing of some dire, even tragic things.

In some cultures, people write down things that ail or terrify them and then burn the pieces of paper. In Powderhorn Park, they laugh at such things.

The 10 or so people who gathered in the circle on a recent Saturday gave voice to a series of distressing personal news - a single person said she feared dying alone, another threw out that she has no way to make a living in August, and a third shared news that a relative was back on meth.

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After each of those depressing shares, the circle erupted in hearty laughter.

"I feel so relieved, especially by the laughing at tragedies," Laura Esping, an actor, said. "There's something so powerful about expelling all this macabre stuff. It's goofy fun and absolutely cathartic, especially doing it en masse."

Esping knew about Outside Voices because Waters is a friend. But Chika Okafor, who did not know anyone in the circle, was just walking with a friend in her favorite park before heeding Waters' invitation to join.

"I feel like transformative is a word that gets thrown around a lot, but let's go ahead and use it," Okafor said. "It's such good energy. You get to stand with people, which we haven't done much of. And given everything that's happening, this is a moment to commune with other people and to take a pin to the balloon of whatever pressure is building inside of you."

Socially distant loudness

Outside Voices began organically.

After the coronavirus pandemic forced a shutdown of schools, theaters and cultural life in mid-March, Waters, 67, who originated the role of Belize in Tony Kushner's landmark drama "Angels in America" and who played the "Teen Angel" singer alongside Michael J. Fox in "Back to the Future," was walking in the park after being cooped up at home. He saw a friend, Katie Burgess, across the lake.

"We just started screaming at each other," said Burgess, an actor and co-founder of Open Flame Theatre. "Harry laughs loud and I'm loud, and we just had this joy and excitement."

The two friends, who had worked in the same experimental, edge-pushing theater environment, decided to meet in the park so that they could commune and be loud while being properly socially distant. They let others know about their reunions, and they also were open to anyone passing by. Pretty soon the word was out, especially in the performing arts community.

Esther Ouray, a performer and certified laughter yoga teacher, showed up early on and contributed an exercise to the ritual. It was to tell a joke in gibberish, using the cadence of stand-up but in a totally made-up language.

"That way no one is offended," Ouray said. "Then we laugh our tails off."

On a recent Saturday, Waters' joke had a staccato cadence resolved in naughtiness: rata ta rata ta-tah, pada pa-ra-da-dah, pooh.

"We're laughing not because of the words in the jokes itself but because of the kind of ridiculousness of the situation," said Sonja Kuflinec, a theater professor at the University of Minnesota. "And even if the laughter starts out fake, it becomes real because it does something to your body to change your mood."

Although it has attracted performers, Outside Voices is not theater. At least, not exactly.

"True, it's not telling stories or using dramatic persona but it's doing some of the things that are theater-adjacent without having the stories or impersonation that we think about conventional theater," Kuflinec said. "All you do is take a moment of natural connection, put a little ritual and structure to it, and that's performance."

A shout-out

Expanding scope

Although started as an antidote to COVID-19, Outside Voices has been extended to offer a kind of healing ministry in the post-George Floyd era. In fact, the park is just eight blocks from where officer Derek Chauvin put his knee on Floyd's neck.

The sessions took on a different tone, starting with one held just two days after Floyd's death.

"Everybody was still in shock," Waters said. "There were seven of us there who were just present with each other. We didn't have to solve anything, just recharge, release and get back out there, whether to march or to Zoom."

It's also relevant that the sessions take place in Powderhorn Park, which now has hundreds of tents sheltering residents, many of them left homeless by the unrest that followed Floyd's death. The fact that Waters leads Outside Voices and is a Black man is literally and metaphorically apt, intimated Kuftinec, who has taken her grade school-age son to the circle several times.

"This is not just about Black lives but Black liberation and Black joy," Kuftinec said. "It shows the importance of Black bodies in public spaces laughing and living. It's important for Black bodies to be out here experiencing and expressing joy and calling out to people, saying, 'I'm inviting you into this circle, and you don't have to fear this Black stranger.' "

For his part, Waters loves the mix of different elements of the ritual, including theater and yoga.

"If people use yoga to get in touch with their inner core, this is something for relief, release and recharge," he said. "Everybody's holding tight right now. It's 20 minutes of your life that allows you to be outside and let go. And you have permission to say hello to people just walking by."

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Caryn Sullivan: A thinning blue line

ARTICLE MCXXIX. [**CARYN SULLIVAN: A THINNING BLUE LINE**](#)

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Highlight: There's a lot of fear in the air. Week after week, we've been hearing about death in different contexts: the coronavirus, ***George Floyd***, and the latest shootings. In the days following Floyd's death, I watched as police officers and National Guard members in full gear stood on hot asphalt streets, often face-to-face with strangers whose [...]

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In the days following Floyd's death, I watched as police officers and National Guard members in full gear stood on hot asphalt streets, often face-to-face with strangers whose behavior varied from peaceful and respectful to violent and abusive. How could they endure it?

Amid plans to defund or dismantle the largest police department in the state, we haven't heard much from those who are called upon to respond when shots are fired, stores are looted, women are assaulted in public parks - and much more.

Over the past few weeks I've contacted many in the law enforcement community to find out what they're thinking and how they're doing.

The response was consistent and disturbing.

They were reluctant to speak publicly.

It's not that they have nothing to say. Rather, they've become silent because of what feels like an absence of support. Moreover, they - and their families - feel they've got targets on their backs.

Some were willing to paint a picture of what life has become. But no one was willing to go on the record.

Except for attorney Ron Meuser.

For more than 30 years, Meuser has represented police officers and first responders, handling an average of 10 claims per month.

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Since late May, roughly 150 officers have sought representation for PTSD-related worker's compensation and disability claims. Most are from Minneapolis, though they come from various agencies around the state, including St. Paul.

While he doesn't speak for every officer or for their departments, Meuser agreed to tell the story clients have shared with him "like a broken record." It's the same story I've heard.

"The men and women who serve our communities as police officers don't go into this line of work for the money or the limelight," he said. "They do it out of a sense of duty and honor, to help their communities."

They recognize the damage to the trust within the community as a result of *George Floyd's* death, he said, but feel they've been lumped into the same category, when they've done nothing but seek to support the community.

Officers have received death threats. Their home addresses have been disclosed. They've been followed home from work.

"It's been justified that somehow they deserve it and they have to take it because that's just part of the job," Meuser said.

"They feel they've been completely abandoned and let down by the community representatives of the state, specifically the governor, Mayor Frey, the city council and Chief Arradondo," he said.

For every action there is a reaction.

"There's not one person in this society who would continue to go to work and risk their lives every day to have fireworks shot at them, concrete thrown at them, to have their lives be threatened, to be spit on or urinated on," Meuser said.

"It's difficult when they are already suffering from symptoms consistent with PTSD and have attempted to deal with it on their own in the hopes they can continue to perform the duties of a police officer. But when they have been completely abandoned by their support group, they are simply unable to wrap their arms around it and carry on."

"You are seeing a mass exodus of police officers from throughout the state who have decided it's not worth it."

Proponents for change might consider the retirements an opportunity to replace old-school officers with new ones.

It won't be easy. Law enforcement agencies have been struggling to recruit new officers for years.

When surveyed, licensed officers from around the country overwhelmingly said they wouldn't recommend the profession to others, citing lack of departmental support and respect for the profession, increased legal liability, and safety concerns.

What would life with less policing look like? Read the newspaper.

Cooped up, overheated, and saturated with COVID-19 warnings, many people are fearful and angry.

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Criminals are seizing the moment. Shootings are up dramatically in the first six months of 2020 - more than 220 in Minneapolis and 100 in St. Paul.

Teens, men, pregnant women, and young children are dying in streets and alleys, cars and nightclubs.

Police are duty-bound to respond, regardless of how stretched, stressed, and unwelcome they may be.

Policing can be high-adrenaline work involving emotionally charged human interactions and instantaneous judgment calls.

In the current environment, officers are understandably hesitant to respond, intervene, or make arrests. Cellphones and body cameras will memorialize at least part of interactions. If officers make what could be construed as a mistake or misjudgment, they could be fired, prosecuted, sued, or imprisoned.

Concerned about lack of response and/or protection, citizens are literally taking matters into their own hands.

Handgun purchases are skyrocketing.

Individuals and organizations are hiring private security companies. Minneapolis City Council members, who voted to defund the police department, have received taxpayer-funded protection.

Minnesota has 10,000 licensed police officers. If we're seeking a more just society, is it just to impute the actions of a few to all, to punish all for the actions of a few?

As one retired officer said, the blue line has become a very thin blue line. The consequences are being borne out in this moment. As a society, we need to pause and make thoughtful, measured decisions about how thin a line we can live with.

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As gun violence continues, Mpls. marchers plead for peace

ARTICLE MCXXX. [AS GUN VIOLENCE CONTINUES, MPLS. MARCHERS PLEAD FOR PEACE](#)

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Body

Pleading for an end to the gun violence that has ravaged their city this spring and summer, marchers walked through the heart of north Minneapolis Friday evening, calling on residents to put their "guns down" and their "love up."

A few dozen community members gathered for remarks and prayer outside Shiloh International Temple Ministries before heading east on W. Broadway, stopping along the way to mourn and to honor victims of gun violence.

It wasn't the first such gathering since George Floyd's May 25 death in Minneapolis police custody unleashed a sea of unrest, followed by a wave of gun violence. And it certainly wasn't the largest.

But it might have been one of the most urgent, taking place just hours after Minneapolis' 32nd homicide of 2020. That's double what the number was at this time last year.

All told, 224 people have been shot in Minneapolis this year, according to police data. In all of 2019, the city had 269 gunshot victims.

"Father, you know exactly why we're here," North Side resident Korey Dean said as he and a group of Black pastors led the mostly masked group in prayer under the beating sun. "The gun violence has to stop. ... The guns must be put down and the love must arise."

The violent stream continued unabated Thursday into Friday, with yet another person killed and eight others injured in shootings across the city. Among those wounded were a pregnant woman and a 17-year-old boy who was struck in the leg three times, officials said.

In the most recent homicide, a man in his mid-20s was gunned down early Friday near Farview Park, in the 2900 block of N. 6th Street.

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A woman was critically wounded in that shooting. She was taken to HCMC, where she went into surgery for critical injuries. Officials said they were told that she was pregnant. Her condition was unknown Friday night.

The double shooting in a residential neighborhood was a grimly familiar scene, and the second shooting involving a pregnant woman in less than a week.

In the other incident, 27-year-old Leneesha Columbus was fatally shot near the south Minneapolis street corner where Floyd was killed, and a man serving as a security guard at the memorial site was also hit, but survived.

Police said that doctors delivered the baby at an area hospital before Columbus died. A 27-year-old man, the father of the baby, has been charged in her death.

Chuck Robinson, a 60-year-old North Side resident who lives in the Folwell neighborhood, has been on the scene of six shootings in recent weeks - including one where a 7-year-old boy was shot in the foot.

At Friday's march, Robinson expressed a range of emotions as he grappled to understand and explain what's driving the surge in gun violence.

"There's a high range of anger," Robinson said, referring to reaction to the police killing of Floyd as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, which has put many people out of work. "We have to come together. We can't police ourselves out of this problem."

The Rev. DeWayne Davis, a North Side resident and pastor at All God's Children Metropolitan Community Church, said the violence is a culmination of long societal neglect of minority communities and lost confidence in law enforcement.

Solving this complex problem will require all Minneapolis residents to band together against it, not just those on the North Side, he said.

It will also require Minneapolis police to be a "constructive partner" in addressing gun violence, not one that treats residents as "enemy combatants," Davis said.

"No one has the luxury, especially after what we've seen since *George Floyd's* killing ... to say this is not about me," he said.

Outside Shiloh Temple, community leaders warmly welcomed Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria "Rondo" Arradondo and urged residents to engage with him.

Arradondo told the group of marchers that police alone will not quell community harm and violence. The problem will only be solved with "the hard work of all of us coming together," he said.

The current spate of violence is "unacceptable," Arradondo said. There are a lot of guns on the streets, he said, and police are finding more gunshot rounds at scenes than they did in previous years.

Some of the violence is associated with gangs, "but we've also seen a lot that has not been," he said.

Some at the gathering questioned whether police have scaled back their response amid the debate over the department's future and backlash against police. Arradondo said that isn't the case.

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The surge in gun violence has drained the department's resources and affected response times, he said.

Most who marched Friday agreed that police reforms are needed. But few were open to the idea of eliminating police officers' role in public safety.

Davis, the pastor, said leaders need to rethink whether the first responder to a mental health crisis or school discipline problem should be an armed officer. Bringing in mental health and social workers will help free up police to focus on problems like gun violence, he said.

"I think we really do need to have a serious conversation about what our law enforcement is for, and who it is for," Davis said.

Activist and civil rights lawyer Nekima Levy Armstrong sought to highlight the need for police reform, economic investment and job creation, saying those measures will help address the root causes of gun violence.

Many young men in the community have lost hope and turned to violence as an outlet, she said.

"What we have to do is come together, and we have to give our young people a reason to live and not die," she said.

FEMA denies post-riot aid

On Friday, Minnesota learned that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had denied its requests for disaster aid to clean up after the riots that followed Floyd's death.

Gov. Tim Walz had requested aid to help rebuild and repair structures in Minneapolis and St. Paul that were damaged by rioters, looters and vandals. Federal funds would have been used to reimburse local governments.

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32 -- Homicides in Minneapolis this year

16 -- Homicides in the city at the same time last year

224 -- People shot in the city this year, as of Friday

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Soucheray: This progressive transfer of wealth from renters to developers and big corporations

ARTICLE MCXXXI. **[SOUCHERAY: THIS PROGRESSIVE TRANSFER OF WEALTH FROM RENTERS TO DEVELOPERS AND BIG CORPORATIONS](#)**

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Body

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In St. Paul, council member Mitra Jalali appeared seemingly gleeful to note that St. Paul is now a majority rental city. She was just as gleeful that the city council voted 7-0 to approve a set of tenant protections that are probably the most draconian in the country. Why anybody would now want to be a landlord in St. Paul will soon become evident as it is expected that small property owners will sell out to larger corporations with deeper pockets. Under the new rules, for example, a landlord would have to justify in writing to the city council why they have chosen not to renew a tenant's lease.

Jalali and her council mates will decide who might continue to rent, not the proprietor who maintains the building and pays the taxes.

A larger and more insidious unintended consequence is in play here. For all I know, it is intended. How are families of color, for example, supposed to build wealth by renting?

"It should be no surprise that Black families cannot build wealth through home ownership - urban progressive policies haven't produced any homes to own," wrote [Carol Becker in a guest editorial last week in the Minneapolis Star Tribune](#).

Becker is a member of the Minneapolis Board of Estimate and Taxation, one of those people way down at the bottom of the ballot. I suspect Becker might call herself a proud progressive, but not when it comes to this glaring absence of recognizing families and children in housing policies. Becker can talk with the best of the political class and she has solid numbers and data.

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"Children under the age of 18 make up 20 percent of the population in Minneapolis," Becker wrote.

Where are the kids supposed to live in the dystopian future imagined by council members, few of whom, if any, have ever had any real-life experience in finance, management, hiring and firing, or building anything?

"Families of color," Becker said, "are bigger, more multi-generational and often have a non-family member living with them. Where? In a one-bedroom rental apartment?"

Transportation, Ms. Becker?

"Parents don't ride transit as much as non-parents," Becker said. "How are you supposed to get your child to school and then you get to work on public transit?"

Becker calls the people behind the rental property and high-density movement progressives. They find her thinking disagreeable in chat rooms and alternative news sites; she's a heretic. I call the same people Mysterians, in the sense that they mysteriously enough envision a future absent of single-family homes replaced by high-density stacked living. Great, I suppose, if you're 25 years old, work downtown and all your transportation needs are met by a bicycle. Not so great for mom and dad and three kids.

If Lisa Bender, the Minneapolis City Council president, believes that calling 911 in an emergency "comes from a place of privilege," it's not hard to imagine what she must think of the single-family home.

Becker wrote that urban progressivism has incentivized the destruction of home-ownership opportunities and celebrated when Minneapolis became a majority-rental city. Rental in Minneapolis, she wrote, is a \$1.6 billion transfer of wealth from individuals to the pockets of developers and corporations.

Soucheray: And our ability to reason is swept away *Soucheray: Those cheering and jeering have something in common* *Soucheray: Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That's not the fault of the police.* Politicians not so keen on their own collectivist vision of the future would have created policies to benefit home ownership and a sense of propriety where now none exist.

No rational soul can think of a public good created by rent-dependent citizens, and yet we keep electing activists who cheer it on.

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Attorney: 150 cops are filing claims

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ATTORNEY: 150 COPS ARE FILING CLAIMS

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Highlight: Many officers have contacted him to begin disability paperwork after rioting, he says.

Body

Minneapolis police officers rattled by the unprecedented public unrest after the killing of ***George Floyd*** have filed for mental and physical disability claims at worrying levels, according to an attorney handling their cases.

Ron Meuser Jr., who held a news conference across the street from City Hall on Friday afternoon, said that some 150 Minneapolis police officers out of a sworn force of 850 have contacted him to start filing disability paperwork, a majority for symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD. Seventy-five of those officers have already left the force, and he expects many more to follow, he said.

"While law enforcement is a high-stress career, the last two months in Minneapolis have pushed many officers to their breaking point," said Meuser.

At least 13 officers were inside the Third Precinct building when it was ordered abandoned by city officials, Meuser said, and some of them wrote final notes and texts to loved ones while others said they would reserve their last bullet for themselves to avoid being beaten to death.

His numbers haven't been confirmed by city officials, and when asked about lower numbers reported at City Hall, Meuser said there may be bureaucratic reasons or paperwork delays with disability claims filed at the Public Employees Retirement Association that could account for the difference.

A city spokeswoman said the city has received 17 PTSD workers' compensation claims from officers over the past 30 days. Spokeswoman Sarah McKenzie said the officers don't have to tell the city when they submit an application for disability benefits through PERA.

A Minneapolis police spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Minneapolis police officers' union declined to comment. The state's workers' compensation statute was amended in 2013 to recognize PTSD as legitimate grounds for claiming benefits. The move made Minnesota one of a handful of states to include PTSD in the list of injuries that could result in a successful workers'

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compensation claim. And a modification to the law last year created a statutory presumption whereby if police officers develop PTSD, it's presumed to have developed because of their work.

To qualify for benefits due to PTSD, an officer must provide two medical reports attesting to their condition, one of which must come from a licensed medical doctor, according to Doug Anderson at PERA. The benefit continues until they are no longer considered disabled or until they reach retirement age. An officer who goes on disability for PTSD would get at least 60% of his or her salary until they retire or are no longer considered disabled, Anderson said.

Minneapolis City Council President Lisa Bender said last year's change in state law "is likely to result in more first-responders filing for PTSD and becoming eligible for long-term disability, which would be a cost to the city in a long-term fashion."

"There was concern or anticipation that there might be more coming and just a general concern about the cost to local governments, including Minneapolis, for this state law change that didn't include any financial support to cities who are bearing the cost of the requirement," Bender said.

Council Member Linea Palmisano, chairwoman of the council's budget committee, said these types of claims have been a "known issue," and the city has been working for two years to try to mitigate the effects of state law.

"This is difficult for cities like ours," Palmisano said. "It's also absolutely devastating for smaller cities."

Mayor Jacob Frey said that state law needs to reflect dedication to healing while cities need the resources to back it.

"In the meantime, I am committed to supporting those officers committed to carrying out their oath to serve and protect the people of Minneapolis during a challenging time for our city," he said.

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Fewer living in park than thought

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FEWER LIVING IN PARK THAN THOUGHT

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Highlight: Powderhorn survey finds 282 campers, well below the Park Board's estimate.

Body

State and Minneapolis officials on Friday said they're working to reduce the size of two encampments in Powderhorn Park, which they say are already significantly smaller than previously estimated.

The encampments on the north end of the park were formed after homeless residents were evicted from a hotel-turned-shelter nearby in the aftermath of the killing of *George Floyd*. A survey conducted by nonprofit Avivo counted 282 campers as of July 2, according to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

By counting tents and not individuals, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board overstated the number of campers, said parks spokeswoman Dawn Sommers. The board had based its estimates on a calculation of 1.5 people per tent; there were 560 tents in Powderhorn this week.

Avivo, which used state funding to conduct its survey over three days last week, found that most campers had an additional tent for their belongings, according to Minnesota Housing communications director Jill Mazullo. There were also volunteers staying at the park.

"It's really impossible to get a completely fail-safe, foolproof count at an encampment," said Margaret King, regional manager for unsheltered homelessness at the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness. "Just by nature, they're really dynamic environments where people come day by day."

Through the Avivo survey, state officials found that roughly half the people at the encampment had previously received homelessness services from Hennepin County. About 45% identify as Native American.

Different outreach workers serving youth, Native Americans and other groups are at the encampments daily looking to connect people with shelter or housing, King said. "Even though there are some shelter beds available every night ... it's still a very small number compared with the number of people that are left to survive outside," she said.

There are now encampments in about 35 park locations, including larger ones at Elliot, Peavey, Kenwood and Lyndale Farmstead parks, according to Park Board tent counts.

Fewer living in park than thought

Minneapolis City Council President Lisa Bender said about 100 encampments overall exist across the city, which makes it difficult to focus on Powderhorn Park. She disagreed with the Park Board's rejection of a resolution that could have limited the size of park encampments last week, saying large encampments can become unsafe and "impossible to reduce."

Next week, the Park Board will vote on a new resolution that would limit the number of encampments in parks to 20, with no more than 25 tents at each location. It would also create a temporary encampment permit that volunteers or other entities can apply for, making them responsible for day-to-day oversight of the camp.

Bender also criticized an executive order by Gov. Tim Walz that prohibited the clearing of encampments unless they pose a documented health and safety threat.

"If you are going to create a scenario where you have very large encampments ... you can't walk away and point back at the city and say, 'What are you going to do to shelter and house everyone?' " she said. "We are already pursuing dozens of strategies to shelter and house people, and we know that encampments create really crisis-level safety concerns."

In an e-mail, a spokesman for the governor said, "[We understand] that encampments of a certain size pose a public safety risk. ... That's why in April, Gov. Walz clarified his initial executive order to allow local governments to take action to improve safety. Our administration will continue to work with the Minneapolis Park Board, the city, and the county to find a solution."

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Park populations

Nonprofit Avivo's estimate of the number of homeless camping in Minneapolis parks is much lower than the city Park Board's.

Park, Tents

Powderhorn, 560

Kenwood, 20

Elliot, 17

Lyndale Farmstead, 15

Peavey, 15

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ARTICLE MCXXXIV. PICK SIX

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Pick Six is a half-dozen cool things in music, from two points of view.

Jim Anderson of Minneapolis:

1 James McMurtry, the Dakota. This was my last live show before the music world shut down. He was playing solo, demonstrating his superior guitar skills, especially on the 12-string. He is an outstanding songwriter, as well. If this is my last concert for a while, it was a great one.

2 Country Westerns, "Country Westerns." Singer-guitarist Joey Plunkett of Nashville reminds me a bit of Lucero's Ben Nichols, without quite as much gravel. A satisfying guitar-based album with well written songs and solid playing. An ideal band for the Turf Club; I hope it can open again.

3 Bob Dylan, "Rough and Rowdy Ways." Seems like everyone loves the new Dylan album, and they should. I think he learned something from singing all of those Sinatra-era songs, his delivery is smooth (sort of) on the quieter songs. But he can still groan on the blues numbers. Now we can all hope for another record.

Jon Bream of the Star Tribune:

1 Keedron Bryant, "I Just Wanna Live." After George Floyd was killed, the 12-year-old sang this song (written by his mother, Johnetta Bryant) a cappella. The video went viral, and Warner Bros. has released a new version, produced by Dem Jointz, with understated instrumentation, incorporating elements of hip-hop, jazz and spirituals. Arresting.

2 Killer Mike interview, Rolling Stone. The Run the Jewels rapper talks about protest, presidential politics, police (his father was a cop) and RTJ's potent new album. He keeps it real - in conversation and on the mic.

3 Jeannette Bayardelle and Austin Scott, "Make You Feel My Love" video. They both appear in the raved-about Broadway musical "Girl From the North Country," featuring Bob Dylan songs. This piece is reimagined from the show. It's presented as a socially distanced duet, a piano ballad with each pining, gorgeous-voiced singer in a different bucolic setting, perfect for these pandemic times.

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Special session renews hopes for those seeking state money

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SPECIAL SESSION RENEWS HOPES FOR THOSE SEEKING STATE MONEY

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Highlight: The city of Bemidji has a problem: firefighter training that used so-called "forever chemicals" has left the city's water supply so contaminated that it needs a new water treatment facility to make water safer for its 15,000 residents. City officials are seeking state funding for the \$16.5 million project, and crossing their fingers that a [...]

Body

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"We're anxious right now because we need to do this water treatment facility and we could not receive state assistance," City Manager Nate Mathews said. "We don't have a choice but to provide clean drinking water to our residents."

The water treatment facility is one of more than \$5 billion in infrastructure funding requests from stakeholders statewide that face uncertainty as a capital investment bill remains undone. Despite coronavirus relief and policing reform legislation shouldering aside attention to bonding during the regular and special sessions, some lawmakers say they're optimistic they can deliver an infrastructure package next week.

"Most of us couldn't say 'coronavirus' going into the session," said GOP state Sen. Dave Senjem. "The whole legislative session has changed from what it might normally be - the focus is much different."

Senjem, chairman of the capital investment committee, said work with committee members slowed considerably as the legislative process moved online to mitigate the spread of coronavirus at the Capitol.

"While that may be easy enough, it doesn't really afford the kind of conversations you need to have to make decisions on almost anything (and) I would say in this case especially a bonding bill," he said.

Special session renews hopes for those seeking state money

A bonding bill requires a three-fifths majority in both chambers to pass, and disagreements on the size of the bill contributed to the impasse. With an election later this year, lawmakers also have to consider how decisions can help or hurt them politically.

About a week after the regular session ended, ***George Floyd*** died at the hands of Minneapolis police, sparking protests and unrest worldwide. The subsequent calls for policing reform dominated the June special session, leaving infrastructure projects in limbo.

In Red Wing, city officials requested \$10.5 million to complete a rail grade separation project for a busy four-lane roadway that intersects the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Sturgeon Lake Road is the only public access point for tribal lands of the Prairie Island Indian Community, Xcel Energy's Nuclear Generating Plant and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam No. 3. Red Wing Mayor Sean Dowse said the road is a major public safety concern.

"You can imagine when emergency vehicles are coming from Red Wing to Prairie Island and if they encounter a train ... there's going to be delays of vital services," he said. "It just creates a barrier to emergency responders so we really want to get this done."

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, which serves more than 350,000 students, requested \$271.2 million for building maintenance and other campus-specific projects.

"Taking care of the infrastructure at our colleges and universities is very important for our students as well as the communities we serve," Minnesota State Chancellor Devinder Malhotra, said in a statement. "A bonding bill should be on the 'must do' list in a special session."

On Friday, Gov. Tim Walz convened the Legislature for a special session beginning Monday. Though Republican lawmakers in the House threatened to use a bonding bill as leverage to eliminate Walz's peacetime emergency powers, House and Senate leadership have agreed upon a \$1.35 billion bonding bill they hope to bring to the governor's desk by the end of the session.

Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent said she thinks \$1.35 billion isn't enough and the state missing a "huge opportunity to be more ambitious." But she said a bonding bill, as well as addressing policing reform and the economic fallout of COVID-19, remain a priority this special session.

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State's 1st Black-owned bookstore to open online

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[STATE'S 1ST BLACK-OWNED BOOKSTORE TO OPEN ONLINE](#)

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Highlight: Shop will carry books by African American writers.

Body

When she was a child, Dionne Sims couldn't stop reading.

"I used to go to the library and check out 12 books at a time, and my mom used to be like, 'How many times can I bring you to the library?'" Sims recalled.

She devoured books through middle and high school. But like many voracious readers, Sims' love for reading tapered off in college.

"When I got into college, the text that we were reading was so overwhelmingly dry and white. It felt like I never saw myself reflected in anything," Sims said. "That kind of took the passion out of it for me, where I felt very disconnected from literature. So, I didn't do a lot of reading for fun while I was in college."

Since graduating from the University of Minnesota and beginning a career in user experience design, Sims, 27, has returned to her old reading habits. Reading Tomi Adeyemi's "Children of Blood and Bone," made her remember how much she loved getting lost in a book.

A dream of opening a bookstore returned to her after [George Floyd](#) was killed by Minneapolis police on May 25.

During the weeks of racial reckoning that followed, many people looked for ways to learn about anti-racism.

Similarly, Sims was looking for ways to support Black people, and decided to look for books.

"I just ended up looking to see if there were any Black-owned bookstores. My intention, of course, wasn't to open one at the time. I was just kind of wondering where they were at, where the closest one is. I discovered that there was none in Minnesota, and that was when I made the tweet."

In Sims' viral tweet on June 15 she wrote that there are no Black-owned bookstores in the state, and that opening one had long been a dream.

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"It just absolutely took off, and I wasn't expecting it. But at the same time, it's such an amazing community of people around to me and it just felt really great to be supported in that way," Sims said.

Her store, called Black Garnet Books, will mostly stock books by Black and other diverse authors.

The books will primarily be adult and young adult, as St. Paul bookmobile Babycake's Book Stack already focuses on diverse children's books.

Crowdfunding for the store was set to launch July 10, and Sims says she hopes that online sales will follow shortly afterward on Bookshop.org, an online store that intentionally supports local bookstores.

The possibility of pop-up sales as well as a permanent physical space will depend on the success of the crowdfunding, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, Sims said.

"I'm trying to be really intentional about the timeline for this because with all the excitement it's very easy to just rush everything, and my plan for this bookstore is really to make sure that it's sustainable and that it can stay in the Twin Cities longer than previous Black-owned bookstores," Sims said.

Sims briefly had a partner in Black Garnet Books, Muna Abdulahi, who is no longer involved in the endeavor. She wished Abdulahi well in a post on the store's website on July 8.

Carrie Oby, executive director of the Midwest Independent Booksellers Association, based in Minneapolis, was in her role when the last Black-owned bookstore in Minnesota, Ancestry Books, came and went, closing in 2015.

Oby said the New York Times bestseller list, which has been filled with books by Black authors in recent weeks, bodes well for Sims' store.

"With the whole country and the whole world focusing on these issues, it's amazing. I think there really is a hunger and an eagerness to support Black-owned businesses and bookstores specifically because books are so important for opening people's minds and getting the right information out there," Oby said.

Black-owned bookstores continue to energize the independent bookstore landscape, which is going through a renaissance of its own with recent developments like Bookshop.org, said Oby.

"I think that a Black-owned bookstore, especially here in the Twin Cities, after the uprising and the protests, having this bookstore on the horizon, I think that's a really powerful statement," Oby said.

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St. Paul champion gymnast Sunisa Lee: 'It's been hard to stay positive. I'm trying'

ARTICLE MCXXXVII.

***ST. PAUL CHAMPION GYMNAST SUNISA LEE: 'IT'S BEEN
HARD TO STAY POSITIVE. I'M TRYING'***

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Byline: Dane Mizutani

Highlight: It's been a difficult year for Sunisa Lee and her family, but the St. Paul teenage gymnast who won a gold medal at the last World Championships still has her Olympic dreams within reach.

Body

In less than a year, Sunisa Lee's world has been completely turned upside down.

She became a household name last August with her stunning performance at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships, and did so while battling through indescribable turmoil.

In the days leading up to the national competition, her father John fell from a ladder while helping a friend trim a tree branch. He sustained a spinal cord injury that put him in the hospital and left him paralyzed from the chest down.

Somehow, the St. Paul gymnast bottled up her emotions and used them as fuel, taking first place on uneven bars and finishing as runner-up to the GOAT Simone Biles in the all-around.

That mental fortitude put Lee firmly on the map and positioned her to chase down her lifelong dream of qualifying for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. She will need more of the same moving forward amid the toughest year of her life.

"Sometimes it's hard to think this is real life," Lee said. "It's like the stuff in movies. You don't think it's ever going to happen and then it does. It's definitely tested my character."

As if her father's accident wasn't enough to deal with, Lee, 17, has been forced to battle through more adversity over the past few months.

She watched helplessly as the coronavirus pandemic postponed the 2020 Olympics for at least a year. She sat back as civil unrest spread across the Twin Cities in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s killing. She tried to be a rock for her family as her aunt and her uncle passed away a couple of weeks apart.

All the while Lee's safe haven was taken from her, too, as Midwest Gymnastics in Little Canada was shut down amid statewide restrictions.

St. Paul champion gymnast Sunisa Lee: 'It's been hard to stay positive. I'm trying'

"I've had to deal with a lot," Lee said. "There's just been so much negativity around the world. It's been hard to stay positive. I'm trying."

A few weeks ago, Lee injured her left ankle upon returning to the gym. She's currently in a walking boot and working with coach Jess Graba to figure out a plan for the next few months.

"It seems like it's been nonstop bad news," Graba said. "I think the hardest thing for her is staying motivated on a day-to-day basis when we aren't sure what's going to happen. We spent nearly 10 years planning for this. It's like everything was built around the 2020 Olympics, and then it all changed."

That's still hard for Lee to stomach, especially knowing the 2020 Olympics were supposed to start in a couple of weeks. "It's super weird," she said. "I was talking to my coaches and I was like, 'I could've been an Olympian right now.' It's hard to come to grips with that sometimes. I try not to think about it."

In the moments that she does, Lee remembers that everything she wants to accomplish is still in front of her. She remains among the best gymnasts in the world and knows she needs to start thinking about the Olympic Trials sooner rather than later.

"It's hard to motivate myself sometimes because I felt like I lost everything," Lee said. "It feels so much different than last year. I remember I was already panicking thinking about the Olympics because I knew it was coming up fast. Now it feels like they aren't coming anytime soon because everything keeps changing."

That's not at all the case, and Lee will likely have to follow a similar schedule if she wants to be ready for the Olympic Trials next year. That's something Graba has tried to hammer home while also making sure not to plan things too far in advance. He has kept benchmarks more general than usual with everything still up in the air.

"It's really hard because we don't want her to feel like she has to keep picking up the pieces," Graba said. "I want to try to avoid setting her up to have a big goal only to have that get taken away again. She's had enough stuff to deal with over the last year or so."

As tough as life has been, Lee is grateful for the time she got to spend with her family over the past few months. Her life is usually consumed by gymnastics, so it was nice to take a step back during such a tough time.

That said, Lee was thrilled to get back into the gym last month. She said it provided a sense of normalcy, allowing her to latch on to something familiar in a time surrounded by so many unknowns.

"I felt like she was a little lost," Graba said. "It's such a big portion of what she does every day, and all of a sudden everything just stopped. You could just see it as soon as she got back in the gym the first day and it seemed like there was a weight lifted off her shoulders. She felt like she could finally do something about everything that was going on."

As she continues to rehab her left ankle, Lee vowed to take it day by day and return stronger than ever. It's hard to bet against her at this point.

"It definitely hasn't been an easy journey," Lee said. "But if I make the Olympics then obviously it's going to be worth it."

St. Paul champion gymnast Sunisa Lee: 'It's been hard to stay positive. I'm trying'

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PROVING GROUND: THE MIDWEST REMAKES AMERICAN POLITICS

ARTICLE MCXXXVIII.

**PROVING GROUND: THE MIDWEST REMAKES AMERICAN
POLITICS**

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AN OCCASIONAL SERIES

Erika Weber, a 39-year-old mother of four from Lakeville, was pretty sure that come November she was going to vote once again for President Donald Trump. In line with her conservative lean, she overlooked the president's blustering style and overactive Twitter feed. As 2020 opened, she was generally pleased with his job performance.

Now she's not so sure.

The coronavirus pandemic put a damper on a once-booming U.S. economy. More recently, ***George Floyd's*** death left Americans of all kinds reckoning anew with issues of race. Weber was disappointed in Trump's response, including a Fourth of July speech at Mount Rushmore casting the protests surrounding Floyd's killing as an assault on America's culture and heritage.

"People were doing well," Weber said, watching two of her sons splash in Lake Marion in Dakota County. "Now, I will say it's harder for me. I feel like it's a way more stressful election this time than any one I've voted in before."

With four months until Election Day, suburban women like Weber find themselves once again a pivotal demographic in the battle between Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden. They are a focus of the campaigns in key Midwestern battleground states that helped Trump win in 2016, and which he needs to hold if he hopes to win re-election in 2020.

That includes Minnesota, a state that Trump narrowly lost in 2016, and one that he has personally vowed to flip in 2020. But across the state, as well as the nation, Trump appears to be facing a stiff headwinds in the suburbs, particularly among women.

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A Star Tribune Minnesota Poll in May found 63% of women statewide disapproved of Trump's performance as president. That came two months into the pandemic that upended the economy and daily life. It was an 8% increase in Trump's disapproval among Minnesota women in a February poll. The rise in disapproval was even bigger in the Twin Cities suburbs.

National polls also have shown Trump slipping with women, including white working-class women, among his most loyal supporters. While Hillary Clinton carried female voters in 2016, Trump won the votes of 53% of white women nationwide. Exit polls showed him with a 27-point edge among women without college degrees. But that margin shrank to a single-digit lead in a Washington Post/ABC News poll in late May. Support among college-educated women also has dropped, a June New York Times poll showed.

In 2018, female voters were key in delivering big suburban wins to Democrats in congressional races, including in Minnesota. Two of the biggest prizes were in races around the Twin Cities, where women were instrumental in helping Democratic U.S. Reps. Angie Craig and Dean Phillips unseat GOP incumbents in districts long held by Republicans.

This year, those same voters are poised to swing not just the presidency but to help decide the political alignment in both Congress and the Minnesota Legislature. If Trump's support continues to erode among suburban women, it could become increasingly difficult for Republicans to tip the state relying mainly on rural districts that have been their most reliable source of votes.

Presidential politics more than ever is a turnout game. Black voters, senior citizens, white men without college degrees, young evangelicals, women in the suburbs: All these groups can tip the scales one way or another. But given high turnout rates among female voters, especially well-educated women, the 2020 election has become a test for Trump's Republican Party as it tries to hold onto voters who have increasingly been moving toward Democrats.

"Democrats need the gender gap to be big and Republicans want to narrow the gender gap," said Kathryn Pearson, a University of Minnesota political scientist. "Suburban women is one of those routes."

Suburbs divided

Women across the seven-county Twin Cities area have always brought a multitude of experiences and views to the voting booth. Voting trends vary by community, race, marital status and education. Interviews with more than two dozen suburban women, political operatives and strategists reflect that diversity, revealing a range of concerns that weigh on this must-win slice of the electorate. But this year, Trump's singular rhetoric and unconventional approach to the presidency appear to be driving views across the political spectrum.

"He doesn't think before he speaks," lamented Robin Schaeppi, a 58-year-old day care provider from the east metro who backs Biden. "He's creating a divide in the country that I've never, ever seen in my whole adult life."

Darlynn Johnson shares those concerns. She voted for Trump in 2016. The 44-year-old from Coon Rapids found him "strong minded" and liked that he brought a business background to the role. But she's undecided this year. Johnson, like Weber, also has reservations about Biden.

"I thought it would be a lot different," Johnson said of Trump, as she waited to order corn dogs and curds at a fair stand in Anoka. "The negativity that he brings, the tone in his voice. Nobody's opinion matters, he bashes them."

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Sue Pickens also sees a fractured nation. But the retired school bus driver from Apple Valley doesn't think Trump is to blame. She got involved in GOP politics after 2016, saying she was "appalled at the way that he was so vilified" by critics.

"It pushed me to the point where I have to do something," she said. "I want to know in my heart that I did what I could."

Pickens, a fan of Trump's hard line on immigration and approach to trade, thinks voters should focus on actions not words. "He's getting things done," she said. "So in the end, who gives a rip what he put on Twitter?"

Like Pickens, Mika Pieper-White considers herself an independent. The 24-year-old engineer from Oakdale says she's fiscally conservative but counts women's and LGBT rights among her top issues. She gives Trump kudos for being a "great marketer," but thinks he's sold the country a false bill of goods.

After voting for Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson in 2016, Pieper-White is pivoting to Biden, whom she sees as a more strategic choice. "I should have felt it last election," she said as she watched her dog Nala play at a Woodbury park. "But I don't think anybody in my circle realized how much of a realistic chance Trump had."

New conversations

Many campaigns believe the way to win over suburban women - particularly white moms seen as swing voters - is through "kitchen table issues" that affect their families' lives. The economy, education and public safety loom large. Since 2016, gun laws, health care and abortion rights have newly re-energized women, especially on the political left.

But this year, the far-reaching impact of the coronavirus pandemic appears paramount.

A top concern for many moms, including Weber, is whether school classrooms reopen this fall and, if they do, what safety precautions are in place. Trump is pressing for schools to open, a prospect that worries many educators and parents.

At the same time, Pickens worries that business and community shutdowns enforced by state and local leaders ended up "destroying more lives" than they saved.

Karla Litch of Plymouth wants to see the president do more to control the virus spread. Her job as a flight attendant has been on hold. "We haven't even hit the iceberg yet," the 62-year-old said. "We don't have the leadership to really take care of what's going on."

Floyd's death and the unrest that followed have brought issues of racism and police brutality to the forefront of the presidential race. A number of Black women filed to run for the Legislature in suburban districts, including in Maple Grove and Woodbury. For them and many others, racial equity is a top priority.

GOP operatives, meanwhile, believe the civil unrest and calls to "***defund***" ***police*** will help them win back female suburban voters in November. Republican candidates already are making law and order a central theme. The issue played prominently in a recent Zoom meetup for roughly 80 female Trump supporters.

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Suburban women are around Minneapolis looking in and saying, 'Wow, I'm really glad I'm not living there right now. I'm glad I'm in the suburbs' and 'Lets keep the suburbs safe,' " said Kathy Tingelstad, a GOP activist from Andover who represented Anoka and Coon Rapid counties in the Legislature.

But calls for racial justice are mobilizing women on the other side of the political divide as well. Across the suburbs, women are participating in ***Black Lives Matter*** protests, using Facebook to lobby for policy changes and participating in book clubs focused on structural racism.

"People assume [our] focus is very limited and directly on our families and making sure we are secure in our homes. I think that's underestimating the size of our hearts and the focus that we have," said Anita Smithson, a progressive activist from Bloomington. "The moms and the suburban women I know care about everyone's kitchen table issues, not just their own."

'Can't take them for granted'

Given the stakes, both sides are aiming to shore up support from suburban women in the next four months.

"We can't take them for granted," said Mikki Murray, a GOP official focused on the east metro. "With the swing and change that took place with the last election, clearly we'd be foolish not to have some sort of targeted energy."

The Trump campaign, which hired a women's outreach coordinator here, is holding female-focused events in person and online. Amy Stretcher Burkes, 33, has attended several. The stay-at-home mom of two thinks polls fail to capture support for the president and the pre-pandemic economy.

"The silent majority is alive and well," she said. "I truly believe in it."

Democrats, meanwhile, hope to repeat the so-called "pink wave" of electoral participation and activism of 2018.

Diana Jones, a warehouse manager from Woodbury, was part of a surge of political engagement that year. Jones, who is Hispanic, said Trump's family separation policy for refugees motivated her to join her college-age daughter as a volunteer for Democrats. She plans to do even more this year. "She said, 'Mom, you have to have a voice as well,' " she recalled. "Everybody counts."

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TRUMP APPROVAL RATING BY GENDER

"Do you approve of Donald Trump's job performance as president?"

Jan. 2018 -- Women: 37%; Men: 54%

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Sept. 2018 -- Women: 33%; Men: 46%

Oct. 2019 -- Women: 37%; Men: 44%

Feb. 2020 -- Women: 40%; Men: 49%

May 2020 -- Women: 36%; Men: 55%

TRUMP APPROVAL RATING BY REGION

"Do you approve of Donald Trump's job performance as president?"

May 2020

S. Minn.: 56%

N. Minn.: 56%

Rest of T.C. suburbs: 46%

Henn./Ramsey cos.: 31%

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

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800 Minn. registered voters, +/-3.5% margin of error at each date of polling.

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Edina creates Black Lives Matter art exhibit

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[EDINA CREATES BLACK LIVES MATTER ART EXHIBIT](#)

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Shortly after the police killing of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis, Rebecca Sorensen drove through Edina and was heartened by the *Black Lives Matter* posters she saw in the windows of businesses at 50th and France.

A short time later she learned an Edina Realty agent had been fired after writing on Facebook that she had taken down many of the posters in the business district. So Sorensen, a member of Edina's Arts and Culture Commission, started organizing her own solution.

As a result, two dozen artists, both professionals and students, have created wooden signs with messages of inclusion and racial justice that will be placed in flowerpots along W. 50th Street.

The public art installation, called Seeds of Change, will be dedicated at noon Sunday at the fountain downtown. Mayor Jim Hovland plans to speak and Edina Realty will provide Popsicles and children's activities.

Artist Alexander Brooks Parker helped some of the students create their art pieces, which will be waterproofed so they can be displayed all summer.

Brooks Parker was approached by Sorensen, who had seen his art outside his wife's clothing store, Carole Bruns Couture, in Minneapolis. At 53, he has never had an official display of his artwork.

"I was a little surprised that Edina was doing this but very proud to be a part of it as an African American artist," he said. "Having teenagers involved was a great thing too - to let the youth express themselves right now."

Much of Brooks Parker's work for the installation includes images of Floyd with phrases like "Keep Justice in Your Heart." He's eager to see the pieces surrounded by the students' work.

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"It's such a powerful sentiment for those in Edina and the larger community," he said. "We've been segregated for so long. ... I believe if people take the time to look at it, it will be far reaching and show the necessity of us coming together."

Rachel Adegbenro, former president of Edina High School's Black Student Union, provided some of the art and involved other BSU students in the project. The group helped organize a ***Black Lives Matter*** march in Edina and a communitywide effort to collect donations for south Minneapolis in the wake of the riots.

Adegbenro said that while much of Edina doesn't look like her, she has been touched to see how many Edina residents support the project and want to understand more about the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement.

"I feel like in Edina, we're kind of in a bubble," she said. "I think this is a way to spread awareness and a way to get the conversation started here."

Sorensen said the project offers "messages of hope and inclusion and racial justice from all ages, with every facet of community life jumping in to help bring [it] to life."

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Theater couple creates a show to take on the road - or at least to the driveway

ARTICLE MCXL. **[THEATER COUPLE CREATES A SHOW TO TAKE ON THE ROAD -
OR AT LEAST TO THE DRIVEWAY](#)**

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Highlight: What do you do when you're a married theater couple quarantined in your house for months with your stage work shut down? You write and perform a play about it and you take it on the road. Um, make that take it to the driveway. Or a back yard. Husband and wife Jen Maren and [...]

Body

What do you do when you're a married theater couple quarantined in your house for months with your stage work shut down?

You write and perform a play about it and you take it on the road. Um, make that take it to the driveway. Or a back yard.

Husband and wife Jen Maren and Peter Simmons created "My Funny Quarantine" - a 30-minute performance featuring songs, storytelling, improv, pantomime and ... swordfighting - that shares a story of a couple at home together due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Maren and Simmons are performing it on request outdoors for neighborhood and family gatherings of 25 people or fewer.

If these were non-pandemic times, Maren would now be on stage for her sixth round as Marjorie Congdon Caldwell in History Theatre's "Glensheen." Simmons would be on stage at Park Square Theatre this month in "Holmes and Watson." (Both productions have been rescheduled for summer 2021.) They would also be working as part of the "Science Live Theatre" acting company at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Maren said they were on their way to their most successful year ever as a theater couple. When their performances shut down, she panicked.

"What can I do? What can Pete do?" she wondered as she lost sleep. She woke one morning and asked, "Pete, what can you do?"

Maybe they could perform together, Maren suggested. Simmons acts, plays guitar and has done street theater, including a stint at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival in the early 1980s. Maren acts and sings.

Simmons reacted the way he always does, he says: "No, that wouldn't work."

Maren says she reacted the way she always does. She kept quiet about it.

Theater couple creates a show to take on the road - or at least to the driveway

About four days later, she says, Simmons announced: "I wrote a play about a couple quarantined together."

A chat with the couple on the front porch of their St. Paul home is solid proof the dialogue for "My Funny Quarantine" is based in real life.

Like most married couples in conversation, they often continue one another's sentences, toss in a jab or inside joke.

Like most actors in conversation, they are witty and animated and, well, dramatic.

Maren and Simmons, who met during a show in 2011 and were married in 2014, call their two-person theater company Theatre Unmasked (and make fun of the spelling during their show, saying it proves they are "theater professionals").

Before the COVID-19 lockup, the most time they'd spent together - just the two of them - had been on vacations, Simmons says. Confined together 24/7, they did projects around their 1890s house, including adding an upstairs laundry room that doubles as a sound studio for voiceover work ... which has also become scarce during the coronavirus shutdown.

"Everything is gone," Maren says she worried. "What do I do?"

Creating "My Funny Quarantine" gave him purpose, Simmons says. "It's not underselling it to say for me, this was a lifesaver." He calls his wife the engine for ideas: "En-Jen".

"I have the idea, he makes it happen," Maren says.

[Electric bikes are a pandemic boon. We tried one of the best \(and priciest\). Need a pedal-push? Rentals offer chance to try out electric bikes. Friends of the Hennepin County Library's 24th Pen Pals season to feature five top authors. Minnesota native and fan favorite Janelle Pierzina returns to 'Big Brother' for the fourth time. There's no Irish Fest this year, but you can do a 'porch pour' on Saturday.](#) They knew the play had to appeal to families, since they're staging it outdoors. Their experience working with the acting company at the Science Museum helps there, Maren says. Science Museum performances are for kids and adults "with a lot of distractions around them," Simmons says.

But just as Theatre Unmasked was ready to take its tale to the driveway, the killing of ***George Floyd*** changed everything. Riots following Floyd's death hit two blocks from their home.

"We didn't want to be tone deaf," Simmons says. "We can't sugarcoat it. This is a play by, and about, white people."

After a respectful pause, Maren and Simmons decided to go ahead with the show, but acknowledge that problems cannot be ignored. Through July, they're donating half of their proceeds to ***Black Lives Matter*** and the Equal Justice Initiative.

There are no set fees for the show for now. Audience donations are accepted.

"We still also think there validity in some release from everything (through entertainment)," Maren says, "so you can come back and pick up the fight again."

Simmons also wrote Maren's one-woman play, "Live from New York! He's a Prom Date!", which ran at History Theatre in May 2019. It was based on a true story about Maren coming home from high school in

Theater couple creates a show to take on the road - or at least to the driveway

Red Wing in 1992 to find her mom had entered her to be on the "Sally Jessy Raphael" daytime talk show because Maren didn't have a prom date. They were flown to New York to appear on the show. Maren and Simmons say Theatre Unmasked may bring that story back.

From song parodies ("Wasting Away Again in My Corona-ville) to pantomime improv where Simmons acts out a story based on audience suggestions, "It's a psychological drama about people learning how to stay in love," he says.

So, how much of "My Funny Quarantine" is based on real life?

"There's some crossover," Simmons says, and Maren nods.

Let's just hope that doesn't include the swordfighting.

Want to bring the show to your back yard?

If you'd like to book Theatre Unmasked, you can schedule a performance by going to jenmaren.com/unmasked or call Theatre Unmasked at 612-644-6785. They ask for a minimum of 10 people and suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 per person. The maximum crowd allowed during COVID-19 restrictions is 25.

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Jen Maren and husband Pete Simmons air their differences with a swordfight, as they perform "My Funny Quarantine" in the alley behind their St. Paul home, Sunday, July 5, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Jen Maren and husband Pete Simmons of Theatre Unmasked on the porch of their St. Paul home. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Neighbors gather to watch Jen Maren and husband Pete Simmons perform "My Funny Quarantine" in the alley behind their St. Paul home, Sunday, July 5, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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As the world watched the civil rights uprising in Minneapolis after [George Floyd](#)'s death, some in the city were not surprised that it happened here. They had seen it before.

In July 1967, people angered by suspected police brutality took to the street on Plymouth Avenue, then one of the city's commercial strips. Three nights of arson and destruction drew hundreds of National Guard troops and added Minneapolis to the list of cities in the mid-1960s rocked by protests.

In the eyes of two activists of that era, Minnesota is still in denial about its own issues with [systemic racism](#).

Lifelong civil rights advocate Josie Johnson was an adviser to the mayor at the time, and hopes that the city's pain in 2020 will lead to real change.

"It was a hurtful moment to see this man murdered and yet I felt that perhaps his sacrifice would enlighten the world as to how our Black men can be treated without any worry on the part of the authority," Johnson said. "I had the feeling that perhaps [George Floyd](#)'s life had a historical and lasting help in the world seeing how Black men in America can be treated."

The state's unwillingness to confront racism and inequities is why "Minnesota is the Mississippi of the north," said Spike Moss, who, helped co-found The Way, a Black community center on Plymouth Avenue, in 1966.

"It's never just the incident that sparks it," Moss said. "The fuse is always there, we just need you to light it. We go to bed and we wake up in the same hell."

The spark on July 19, 1967, was the rough handling by Minneapolis police of two Black girls who were fighting over a wig, the Star Tribune reported at the time.

"The police were not gentle, but you can't be in separating two women," police Inspector Donald Dwyer said then.

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Police said Black youths set fires and threw rocks at law enforcement and shop windows of north Minneapolis businesses, most of them Jewish-owned at the time. Thirteen Black people were arrested after the first night of disturbances.

Black people were protesting in the street over more than just their grievances of police violence but lack of access to jobs, housing and other injustices based on the color of their skin, Johnson said.

During the 1967 protests, Johnson was an adviser to Mayor Arthur Naftalin and was urging him to understand why the Black community was rebelling.

She said Naftalin had a "deeper sense" than other mayors seeing disruption in their cities at that time on why there was anger and unrest in the Black community, even if Minneapolis wasn't perceived as having the same problems with race as Detroit or Newark, N.J.

"We were viewed as a different collection of people, and we too in Minnesota are having serious racial and equality issues and therefore there was a need to pay attention to that," Johnson said.

"We too needed to say that Black people in Minnesota are upset and angry and felt that denial of justice and equality too and we could identify what our brothers and sisters in other parts of the U.S. felt."

Moss said part of the reason Minnesota's problems on racism and discrimination were not more widely known at the time was because of the lack of local media coverage - including the Star Tribune's predecessors - and suppression of stories about how Black people and Native Americans were being discriminated against and brutalized.

He said The Way was unfairly blamed in the media for stoking trouble. It became harder for the center to secure funding after that.

After Floyd's death in May, he felt as if "finally" there was tangible evidence of the brutality the Black community had long spoken of and no one could deny it.

Rose Brewer, a professor of African American and African studies at the University of Minnesota, pointed out that while the 1967 uprising and the Floyd protests happened in different political and social moments, there's "certainly continuity" in what the Black community is fighting for.

Another difference is that Minnesota's inequalities were exposed during the Floyd protests in a way that had more reach than the 1967 protests. There was a "convergence of crises" with the coronavirus pandemic, people losing jobs, lack of access to health care and more, Brewer said.

"You have a whole period of instability and the fact that that police narrative has always been embedded in what catalyzes the Black community to respond," Brewer said. "It's just been so consistent over so long of a period of time I would say it should not be surprising to folks to make that connection between an earlier period that did catalyze a lot of what we are confronting today."

For Johnson, Floyd's death shows "the struggle is probably more evident" for how hard it's been to not only seek justice but force Minnesotans to see how the police can treat Black people.

As horrified as she is by what happened to Floyd, she is heartened that this time feels different.

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"Everything dealing with humans and policies has a time that finally is understood, is seen, is heard and it's when those times come that people are able to respond," Johnson said. "Minnesota's time finally came when people could actually associate the disadvantaged inequality and abuse of our people everywhere and acknowledge that, yes, we too need to be conscious of that and work on it."

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Body

Stung by budget constraints and growing calls for reimagining public safety since the killing of ***George Floyd***, Minneapolis police officials are considering sharp cutbacks to popular community-oriented programs like the Police Athletics League and procedural justice to avoid making cuts elsewhere.

At the same time, the department is facing staffing pressures. Since June, 35 officers have retired or been terminated and dozens more may soon be temporarily sidelined on medical furloughs. Officials worry the resulting shortages could affect the department's ability to adequately police the city amid rising crime.

Budget pressures come as the City Council pushes to shrink or radically restructure the MPD. The figure circulating around precinct houses and at downtown headquarters is that the department will have to cut \$8 million to \$13 million from its \$193.3 million budget. About 80% of the department's budget is tied up in salaries and benefits.

In Minneapolis, as elsewhere, calls to defund, or even abolish, the city's police force have grown since Floyd's death, which prompted nationwide protests over racial injustice and police brutality. Advocates say it only makes sense to divert some of the millions of public dollars given to police departments to social service agencies and community groups that focus on social issues - like mental health, housing, ***systemic racism*** and the opioid crisis - that help crime flourish.

With the recent departures, the number of MPD officers has fallen to about 825 - out of an authorized strength of 888 - which includes a class of 31 rookie officers who just hit the streets. But with the COVID-19 pandemic stretching the city's financial reserves, the MPD and other city departments face difficult choices.

MPD insiders say this will likely involve scaling back or disbanding the procedural justice and community engagement units, as well as the PAL program - which runs youth sports teams across the city - in order to preserve a more essential function: responding to 911 calls. If those units do fold, most of those officers would likely go back to patrolling the streets, joining school resource officers, who returned to working out of a squad car after the department lost its contract to work in city schools.

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Jamil Jackson, who consults for the city's Office of Violence Prevention, said he found the decision to cut programs like PAL "disappointing, but not surprising."

"Cutting community engagement and cutting the youth programs, which are supposed to be about preventing, that's asinine," said Jackson, who runs a mentoring program called Change Equals Opportunity. "Community engagement is what we're lacking in the most, if you ask me."

Those efforts have been complicated by a recent surge of gun violence as well as continued calls by some council members to disband the police force in favor of a transformative new public safety model.

On Thursday, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey announced cost-saving measures meant to help fill an estimated \$156 million budget hole left by the pandemic. He has signaled that he would seek to minimize cuts for police and other first responders, but he is likely to face stiff resistance from some council members, who may ask to drop the department down to the minimum staffing levels allowed under the city charter.

Shrinking departments

The "abolish the MPD movement" has been around for several years but was thrust into the mainstream only after Floyd's death. Similar debates have broken out in other U.S. cities, notably Los Angeles, where leaders voted last month to shrink the city's police force and cut \$150 million from its budget, and New York City, which went even further, cutting roughly 20% of its \$6 billion budget.

MPD backers say that any cuts would only hurt the crime-fighting abilities of the department, which a little over a decade ago boasted an authorized strength of 916 cops but has shrunk by 28 in the ensuing years, despite the city's growing population.

Instead of investing more in police, critics say money should be diverted to programs like the Cahoots, a nonprofit intervention program in Oregon that responds to mental health calls. Another widely cited model is Oakland's Ceasefire program, which targets violent offenders and has been credited with cutting the city's shootings and homicides nearly in half between 2012 and 2018 using a violence reduction strategy. Minneapolis has developed a similar program, Project L.I.F.E., which enlists police, ex-cons and relatives of shooting victims to try to reach youngsters who are most prone to committing or being victims of violence.

Most officers don't necessarily want to respond to calls involving mental health and domestic violence, for which they don't receive adequate training and which are inherently dangerous, says Minneapolis police Cmdr. Charlie Adams, who thinks it's symbolic of a broader social issue: As social service programs have been gutted over the years, police have been asked to take on a bigger role in dealing with the problems that result.

"We deal with everything that society doesn't want to deal with, and we're not trained to deal with it, but we're trying to figure out how to deal with it," he said. "They tell us, 'You guys have gotta make sure they stay away from the downtown businesses, you've gotta hide them, we don't want to deal with them' - then we become the bad guys."

The question of how many police officers Minneapolis needs has been raised many times. The city has long maintained around two officers for every 1,000 residents, a ratio that is far eclipsed by other major Upper Midwest cities like Detroit and Milwaukee but is higher than in places like Des Moines and Omaha. Minneapolis' ratio is about the same as St. Paul's. A Star Tribune analysis of FBI data found that in the

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decade between 2008 and 2017, the number of officers per capita dropped about 15% - a bigger decline than in other U.S. cities with similar populations and crime rates.

Options to consider

The city charter requires maintaining a police department and funding a force at a certain level based on the population; based on the latest census data, the city would only be required to have closer to 730 officers.

In some ways, Minneapolis has already moved toward downsizing its police force in recent years, notably with the expansion of its co-responder program, which partners officers with social workers on certain calls involving the mentally ill. In recent months, the council voted to reroute some police funding to the fledgling Office of Violence Prevention, and later some council members balked at applying for a federal loan to hire more officers.

Todd Foglesong, a professor at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, suggested that city officials might want to follow the example of the United Kingdom, where in 2010 the recession-ravaged government ordered all law enforcement agencies to cut their budgets by 20% over a decade while adopting reforms.

"First, many police departments tried to shift the demand for police services away by diverting noncritical, non-urgent calls for help to other agencies. Nearly all police chiefs acknowledged that the majority of 911 calls did not require a police response - or, as one chief put it, 'the armed authority of the state in your living room,'" Foglesong said.

Under a proposed charter amendment, five council members support the move to eliminate the requirement for a city-maintained police department and would instead create a new public safety department - which could include licensed peace officers, but wouldn't be required to do so. The city's Charter Commission faced a similar situation in the late 1980s, albeit from the other side, when then Council Member and former police officer Walt Dziedzic proposed amending the city charter to raise the staffing ratio to 2.35 officers per 1,000 residents. At the time, the force had 722 officers and crime was on the rise. But the measure was defeated.

Sam Sanchez, a longtime organizer with the reform group Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar, said he isn't in favor of abolishing the department but rather putting it under community control, which would allow citizens to have more of a say in policy decisions and make it easier to rid the force of problem officers.

"I'm glad people are thinking about change, but we don't need to reinforce the mayor and the council's power, we don't need to change the name of the department, we don't need a new department head," said Sanchez.

Adams, the police commander, says that potential cuts to MPD's community engagement efforts couldn't be coming at a worse time.

"So I mean, now we cut out all the engagement pieces, who does that hurt? It doesn't hurt anybody in southwest Minneapolis, right?" he said. "It hurts Little Earth. It hurts north Minneapolis, with all the programs that PAL provides there."

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Highlight: Delayed by pandemic and unrest, a Black-owned juice bar will welcome all.

Body

Catiesha Pierson's dream to own a juice bar by the time she turned 30 had almost come true when everything stopped.

Pierson signed the lease on a space in Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood in March, just a couple of months before her 30th birthday.

Interior walls still needed to be built and paperwork filled out when the coronavirus effectively shut down Minneapolis. When schools closed, she had to balance starting a business while supervising her 10-year-old son's schoolwork from home.

Then, unrest gripped the neighborhood where she lived and worked, after ***George Floyd*** was killed by police. The new business, called the Dripping Root, is located at 4002 Minnehaha Av. S., a little more than a mile from the fire-damaged Third Precinct.

"Everything in this neighborhood has been destroyed," said

Pierson. "I was super-worried. 'Oh my god, is my business going to end before it starts?' "

Her building was untouched, and now Pierson is closer to her goal of having a juice bar that welcomes "all races, all cultures," she said. "I see the Dripping Root as the rose left in the garden to bloom. It stayed there for a reason: because it was needed in the community."

In addition to healthy fruit and vegetable juices, Pierson will be serving "very Instagrammable" smoothie bowls, chia seed pudding and kombucha on tap when her juice bar opens later this summer.

A single mom, Pierson's road to entrepreneurship was long and winding. She went in and out of a career in collections for more than a decade, with stints as an interior designer and cosmetologist, toting her homemade fruit and vegetable blends to work with her all the while.

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"My heart was in juice, 24/7," she said. "I've always been intrigued by how certain foods benefit the body." By removing the fiber, the nutrients from fruit and vegetables are "more direct," she said. The body absorbs them "like a sponge."

But as much as she loved to drink cold-pressed juices, Pierson, who is Black, didn't feel comfortable going to many of the shops that sold them.

"There have been times that I've gone places, and I've been looked past. I didn't feel welcome there. My money didn't feel welcome there," she said, adding, "I don't think juice is a white thing."

Other shops lacked "spunk," she said. The drinks were grab-and-go, and there was little incentive to sit down, talk or share an experience.

She began selling her juice blends, with names like Greentox, Sunshine and Down to Earth, to her colleagues and followers on social media. She offered the 16-oz. bottles for \$10, and often delivered to customers throughout the metro area.

"She has delivered her delicious juice to me at my home, my workplace, my business, my baby daddy's," said Karmen Black, a longtime customer. Black describes Pierson's ginger shots as "magical" and credits them with helping her get over a bad cold. She's also done three-day cleanses where all she drank was Pierson's juices. "It completely resets your body," she said.

One of Pierson's earliest clients was the youth nonprofit Juxtaposition Arts in north Minneapolis, where Pierson had been a paid apprentice, mural artist and shoe designer during her teen years.

Her mentor Roger Cummings, one of the founders of Juxtaposition Arts, introduced Pierson's juices to the organization's operations staff. The steady business they provided allowed Pierson to figure out inventory, presentation, and, most important, to perfect the kind of customer service she longed for at other juice bars.

"Outside of her optimism, and her drive and her passion for health and wellness, I would say that she really cares about what people think about her and what she produces," Cummings said. "She's a passionate, committed person, and this is going to be an asset for the city."

After more than two years operating out of her home, Pierson was looking to expand. She explored selling at farmers markets, but realized she'd need to rent space in a commercial kitchen to keep pace with demand.

She was going on daily grocery runs and cramming her kitchen with produce. Often, she had to go from store to store to get what she needed. She had already gone through 10 personal juicers, and still could press only 60 bottles in a day.

She realized it was time to launch her own shop. She designed a logo, landed on a name and quit her job.

The name, Dripping Root, is a playful reference to a vegetable "literally getting the crap squeezed out of it," she said. "I always liked weird names," Pierson said, "because they stick with you."

While the name is playful, her vision is not.

"To have a place where nobody is going to get looked past," she said. "I think that's very important."

Help and hope

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Pierson's 30th birthday was May 27, but she didn't celebrate. Minneapolis was reeling from Floyd's death two days earlier, particularly Pierson's neighborhood, which was the scene of several nights of unrest.

As residents emerged each morning to clean, Pierson said, she was encouraged by neighbors, family and friends who were hopeful that her business could help bring the community back together.

"With everything that was happening in the city, we were seeing that there were people out there who really wanted to see a change," said Andrea Witt, Pierson's mother. "They were looking for bright and fresh, and people were giving money to rebuild. She was just trying to build."

Pierson wanted to establish her juice bar without taking out a small-business loan. But she still needed funds to complete the build-out and purchase a \$14,000 juicer. Witt launched a GoFundMe campaign to help her daughter over the finish line. It has now surpassed its \$70,000 goal.

"It all worked out exactly how it should have worked out," Pierson said. "There are a ton of people that want to see this here. It's still standing, and a ton of people support it. Strangers that want to see it thrive."

Her landlord gave her a break on rent for the months construction was stalled. Artists are contributing murals. The wall and floor tile work are being donated. Room & Board has offered to provide the furnishings.

"As a brand, we are strong believers in contributing to the success of the communities we are a part of, especially when there's a chance to support a woman-owned business," said Room & Board partnership marketing manager Dianna J. Bauer.

"I'm so happy it's coming together," Pierson said. "The amount of support I'm getting from all over - I don't even have words for it. I literally cry at the happiness."

Pierson views her own success within the context of history. "I got lucky," she said. "A long time ago, I wouldn't have been able to do this. I wouldn't have been free, I wouldn't have had rights, being a woman or being Black. So it's just amazing to be able to do it."

Another helper: her son, Ahliyas, who refers to himself as her "money counter," she said. "The only thing he doesn't know how to do is taxes."

Raising him alone while launching a business has been her biggest challenge, she said. "Your child is your life. You have to do everything for them. And this," she said, gesturing toward the empty storefront on Minnehaha Avenue, "is my second child."

Pierson is still waiting on her permit for construction, which has encountered delays while Minnesota's economy slowly reopens. For now, the space - just two blocks from where Pierson lives - is a blank slate. But to her, the trajectory is clear.

"I have a lot of personality, so my juice bar is going to have a lot of personality. It is going to be very welcoming, bright, relaxing. There will be a lot of art," she said.

It'll be grab-and-go to start, with curbside pickup and delivery. When she's ready to open to customers indoors, they'll find a cafe-like setting that encourages customers to linger.

Despite the setbacks and delays amid a pandemic and civil unrest, Pierson's dream is coming true.

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"My story is real," she said. "I am a Black woman. I am a single mom. All odds are literally supposed to be against me. And it's happening."

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A couple of weeks ago, I spent a weekend in a small town in Sligo.

Obviously I didn't physically travel there - COVID-19 is keeping me tied to my house most of the time, except for occasional trips to the grocery store. There will be no trips to Ireland, or anywhere, for a long time.

But when reading for pleasure these days, I travel: I am drawn to books with a strong sense of place, books that are set in cities or countries I love or would love to someday visit.

The book set in Sligo is called "Long Time No See," by the late Irish novelist and poet Dermot Healy. Published in 2011, it's told in first person by a teenage boy who has suffered a great trauma. He is waiting for the results of his Leaving Cert and spending his time doing odd jobs and working as a caregiver to his elderly uncle.

There is not much plot and not much action; the book is told primarily through dialogue. The reader figures out what is happening, and who the characters are, as the book unfolds.

I think I would have loved this book no matter when I read it, but it was particularly resonant now - it placed me thoroughly in this village, with its people, its grudges and affections, its history. The narrator is in pain, and without ever discussing it, the whole town is looking out for him.

Healy's novel is steeped in something I think we all want fervently now - a sense of benevolence and community.

This year - with the pandemic, and the protests, and the clamor for change - is changing the way some of us read, or at least changing what we want to read.

Me, I'm looking for reassurance that the world is still a good and safe place.

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Some people are using this crucial moment to delve into the difficult problems of race in America - problems that have existed forever, but have come to the forefront since the death of *George Floyd* while in police custody.

As Jenna Ross reported on these pages in June, requests at the local libraries and bookstores for books by people of color have gone way up. The titles topping the New York Times bestseller list are important books by writers of color, including Ta-Nehisi Coates, Michelle Obama, Ibram X. Kendi and Bakari Sellers.

Locally, "A Good Time for the Truth," a collection of essays by Minnesota writers of color, has been chosen as the second book for the One Book/ One Minnesota statewide reading club.

Meanwhile, some readers are seizing the long days to tackle huge books that have been on their to-be-read piles forever.

The Wall Street Journal reported recently that people are picking up books such as Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace," George Eliot's "Middlemarch" and Robert Caro's four-volume series on Lyndon Johnson.

"Americans have been so desperate for diversion they are reaching for fat literary works that taunted them from their bookshelves for years - the same ones many have falsely claimed at dinner parties to have read," the Journal reported. (This definitely sounds like a Wall Street Journal kind of dinner party to me.)

So what about you? Has COVID, or maybe the combination of COVID, protests and lockdown affected your choice of reading matter? Are you reaching for books you never thought you'd read - or books you figured you'd never get around to?

Write us at books@startribune.com and tell us know what you're reading, and why, to help you get through this complicated time. Please include your name and city, and I'll include your thoughts in a future column.

And in the meantime, if you're interested, Sligo is wonderful this time of year. Just ask Dermot Healy.

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Key Minneapolis-area business associations support the proposed police reforms of Mayor Jacob Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo.

At the same time, the groups' spokesman, Downtown Council CEO Steve Cramer, has warned Frey and the City Council that the riots following the death of [George Floyd](#) in police hands and subsequent calls of council members to "dismantle" or "defund" the police has led some businesses to plan to relocate.

"Virtually overnight the desirability of Minneapolis as a place to maintain or locate business ... was diminished," Cramer said in a letter to Frey that summarized a recent meeting with business representatives.

"While we see it as an absolute obligation to bring to your attention and the attention of council members to the economic impacts ... it's equally our obligation to be part of the effort to develop a better, more effective and just law enforcement and safety program for Minneapolis," he said in the letter.

The Downtown Council was joined by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association in drafting suggestions for police reform and public safety.

They disagree with council members who want to replace the police department with a department of "community safety and violence prevention," including a "law-enforcement services division" that would dilute the mayor's oversight of the police chief.

But Cramer said, "There will have to be police reforms. They must regain the trust of the community."

However, he said that the polarizing discussions among city management, council members and police union leadership "perpetuates that we are an unsafe city and in state of paralysis. We have to get behind [the chief's leadership] proposals."

Arradondo has tightened rules on use of body cameras and withdrawn from contract negotiations with the police union, which some say have protected bad-apple cops. He and Frey also support state legislation to

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outlaw chokeholds and strengthen the chief's ability to discipline officers by banning state arbitrators from reversing or reducing discipline imposed when an officer is demonstrated to have lied on a formal statement, engaged in "unreasonable force" or other egregious conduct.

There also is an ill-conceived rush by some to get the Minneapolis Charter Commission to place on the November ballot an overhaul of public safety before a full airing of issues and consequences.

The president of the police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, also has overstayed his welcome, says the business lobby. Under Kroll, say critics, the union became a shadow command of the department. "The membership needs to think [about] whether Kroll is the right leader to restore community trust," Cramer said.

The business groups support a strong police department as well as a "continuum of safety strategies."

Cramer, 30 years ago a moderate council member, subsequently ran one of the Twin Cities' largest affordable housing and employment-training nonprofits. He has perspective and experience. The Downtown Council, through its uniformed Downtown Improvement District (DID) ambassadors, assists citizens and alerts police to criminal activity.

The DID and partners also supplement police with trained street workers who deal with the homeless and mental-health issues. That frees cops for more dangerous crimes.

"We need a continuum of responses," Cramer said. "What scares people is the idea that ... there is an unwillingness to acknowledge that there must be a law-enforcement component to our public safety strategy."

The business organizations said in their statement on public safety: "There is an unmistakable and significant negative impact from the framing of a needed discussion about improving law enforcement ... as dismantling the police department. Without a clear understanding that policing services will be reinvented but not eliminated ... we can anticipate the desirability of Minneapolis as a community to live, visit, invest and create and maintain jobs will diminish.

"It is essential that we come together as a community to reimagine policing and public safety. Significantly improved law enforcement is needed and overdue component of an overall continuum of responses to maintain safety for all."

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Nonfiction crime stories, beyond the police blotter

ARTICLE MCXLVI. [NONFICTION CRIME STORIES, BEYOND THE POLICE BLOTTER](#)

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Byline: REID FORGRAVE; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: NONFICTION: Journalist Mark Bowden delves deep into the dark side with these six true stories about abuse and murder.

Body

We live in an age marked by tragedy: by the all-encompassing fears of the coronavirus pandemic, by [George Floyd](#)'s killing at the hands of Minneapolis police and the rage that fueled its aftermath, by the uncertainty of what the coming months might hold.

One reaction to continually being on edge is to engage in a literary escapism of sorts, to dive deep into books that avoid tragedy and either linger on life's superficialities or delve into matters of the heart and the soul but not matters of life and death.

Mark Bowden's latest anthology, "The Case of the Vanishing Blonde," is not that. To be sure, each of the six nonfiction stories goes beyond the police blotter and the court documents to dive into the darkness of human nature. One of his generation's masters of literary nonfiction, Bowden - best known for "Black Hawk Down," his account of the U.S. military's disastrous 1993 raid in Mogadishu to capture a Somali warlord - has focused on seeing the grays in what could be black-and-white crime tales between forces of good and evil. His subjects have included some of the worst actors in modern human history, such as Osama bin Laden and Pablo Escobar.

This new collection includes a story about a sexual assault at an Ivy League fraternity house, a story about a police detective investigating online sex crimes, and a story about a police detective convicted of murdering the wife of a former lover.

It's heavy stuff, but something about the way Bowden approaches these topics makes this book an unexpected salve during this age of anxiety.

It feels a little loathsome to refer to this book as a joy; after all, each story revolves around the worst moments in someone's life. But that's exactly what the book is: an absolute joy to read. Bowden's writing is a reminder that, in all the complexity of an age of upheaval, there is still good, and there is still evil, and the most interesting parts of humanity lie in the gulfs of gray in between.

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Take the opening story, "The Incident at Alpha Tau Omega," first published in 1983 in the Philadelphia Inquirer. The story of a campus sexual assault and its aftermath both seems ahead of its time and from a different era. Today, such stories get sorted into the MeToo hashtag, stripping them of nuance. But Bowden's groundbreaking piece is all nuance, and it leaves you wondering what the real moral of the story is.

Bowden's piece about online sex crimes, "why don't u tell me wht ur into," is equally disturbing. A sex-crime detective comes across a potential child sexual predator online; who is going to have any empathy for a potential predator? But Bowden's story delves into the uncertain line between fantasy and reality and the gray areas of entrapment.

Bowden's stories, three of which focus on a private detective named Ken Brennan who is straight out of central casting, do not all fit into the current political moment. He gives a voice to people you may reflexively despise, such as fraternity brothers who took advantage of a drunken classmate. You will not like all his heroes, and you will not despise all his villains. His stories make you think about life's grays.

Best of all? His stories are serious literary journalism, but they won't send you into despair like so much in today's world. You may feel a bit guilty for enjoying them, but Bowden's stories of humanity's darkness double as fast-paced mysteries, and it's easy to simply kick back and enjoy.

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The Case of the Vanishing Blonde

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State leaders look for options as Feds refuse to help rebuild

ARTICLE MCXLVII. **STATE LEADERS LOOK FOR OPTIONS AS FEDS REFUSE TO HELP REBUILD**

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Body

Denied federal aid to help rebuild burned-out, vandalized businesses in the wake of riots that followed **George Floyd**'s killing, Minnesota leaders pondered their next steps Saturday.

But it's not yet clear what other sources of funds they may tap.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on Friday denied Gov. Tim Walz's request for nearly \$16 million in aid to help rebuild and repair structures in Minneapolis and St. Paul, many of them left in ruins by the riots and fires that erupted during protests of Floyd's May 25 death while in Minneapolis police custody.

On July 2, Walz had asked President Donald Trump to declare a "major disaster" for the state of Minnesota. More than 1,500 buildings were damaged by fires, looting and vandalism, racking up more than \$500 million in damages,

according to Walz. The \$16 million would have been used to reimburse local governments for debris clearing, repair and rebuilding costs.

In a prepared statement, FEMA said Saturday that after "a thorough review," the agency determined "that the impact to public infrastructure is within the capabilities of the local and state governments to recover from."

On Saturday, Walz's spokesman, Teddy Tschann, said the governor had little to add to his Friday statement expressing disappointment with FEMA's denial. Tschann said Walz is considering appealing the decision, which he has 30 days to do.

The governor has been "exploring all options," to help rebuild, but those discussions are too preliminary to discuss, Tschann said.

Minneapolis' and St. Paul's mayors also expressed disappointment with the lack of federal help.

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"This decision is another sad reminder that Americans cannot look to this president's administration for support, even in our darkest hours," St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said through a spokesman.

"The people and businesses that make Minneapolis the cultural and economic engine for our state are hurting," Mayor Jacob Frey said in a prepared statement. "And with local government budgets already stretched thin by the pandemic, the need for compassion and support from the federal level could not be more critical."

Many small businesses and grocery stores, pharmacies and post offices were damaged during the unrest. In his letter to FEMA, Walz said what happened in the Twin Cities after Floyd's death was the second-most destructive incident of civil unrest in U.S. history, after the 1992 riots in Los Angeles.

The overwhelming majority of FEMA's disaster declarations follow natural events like hurricane, tornadoes and flooding.

While there are no recent examples of FEMA aiding cities hit by rioting, its response in 1992 to Los Angeles was a major counterexample. Within a week of the riots, President George H.W. Bush had declared Los Angeles a federal disaster area, and within a month the government began distributing \$638 million in assistance to the city, according to the New York Times. Adjusted for inflation, that's \$1.2 billion in today's dollars.

In 2015, however, FEMA, under the Obama administration, denied aid to the state of Maryland after rioting in Baltimore over the death of Freddie Gray, a Black man who died in police custody. Maryland appealed the decision and was again rejected.

In Minnesota, the Walz administration conducted a preliminary damage assessment riot that found nearly \$16 million of eligible damages related to fires. That led the state to request that amount.

Not every leader thought federal aid was a good idea. U.S. Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., sent a letter to Trump in response to Walz's request asking for a thorough review of the state's response to the unrest. "If the federal government is expected to assist in the clean-up of these unfortunate weeks, it has an obligation to every American - prior to the release of funding - to fully understand the events which allowed for this level of destruction to occur," Emmer wrote.

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Fired Minneapolis cops in George Floyd case want gag order lifted

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[FIRED MINNEAPOLIS COPS IN GEORGE FLOYD CASE WANT GAG ORDER LIFTED](#)

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Highlight: Attorneys for three former Minneapolis police officers who are charged in the death of ***George Floyd*** asked a judge Monday to lift a gag order in the case, saying prosecutors and public officials have already made comments that could prejudice a potential jury pool against their clients. Attorneys for ***Derek Chauvin*** and ***Tou Thao*** said [...]

Body

Attorneys for three former Minneapolis police officers who are charged in the death of ***George Floyd*** asked a judge Monday to lift a gag order in the case, saying prosecutors and public officials have already made comments that could prejudice a potential jury pool against their clients.

Attorneys for ***Derek Chauvin*** and ***Tou Thao*** said in court filings Monday that a gag order should not have been issued without a public hearing. ***Thomas Lane***'s attorney, Earl Gray - who made comments to the media the day before the gag order was issued last week - clarified that he said nothing that would have warranted the judge's order that bars the parties and attorneys from discussing the case.

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died pleading for air May 25 after Chauvin, a white police officer, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Thao and two other officers are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter.

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, said that while the court may have a legitimate interest in reducing pretrial publicity to avoid tainting a jury pool, in the last several weeks Chauvin has been called a murderer or killer. Nelson added that some public officials have referred to the case as a "murder."

Nelson argued that after more than six weeks of one side of the story, prosecutors are the only ones who have benefited from pretrial publicity.

On June 29, Judge Peter Cahill told all parties to avoid talking about the merits of the case, evidence and guilt or innocence. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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How Target kept its ads away from news on George Floyd, Minneapolis protests

ARTICLE MCXLIX. [HOW TARGET KEPT ITS ADS AWAY FROM NEWS ON GEORGE FLOYD, MINNEAPOLIS PROTESTS](#)

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Body

Target Corp. has played a prominent role in the events following [George Floyd](#)'s death; the chain's stores were damaged in the riots that followed, and executives were outspoken about calls for social justice afterward. But when it comes to news stories about the issue, the retailer has made an effort to keep its ads at arm's length.

The Wall Street Journal reports that Minneapolis-based Target (NYSE: TGT) was among companies putting news about Floyd - as well as others killed by police, such as Breonna Taylor in Louisville - [on advertising "blocklists" that keep its digital ads from appearing on news stories about the subjects](#). Cable channel MTV, owned by ViacomCBS Inc., has made similar moves.

A Target spokesman said the blocklist "does not discount the importance of reporting on topics like [Black Lives Matter](#) or the murder of [George Floyd](#). It's intended to acknowledge that the person consuming that content may not be receptive to a marketing message from a mass retailer like Target at that time."

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Blocklists have become more popular as major brands seek to avoid stories that might be about controversy or tragedy: "Bomb," "shooting," "immigration" and "Trump" have been widely used, the Journal notes. But they've become a problem for news sites, which wind up getting less revenue for their most-read stories. That's especially true in 2020, when stories about Covid-19 have also been added to blocklists.

One of Target's stores was badly damaged and looted during the riots that followed Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police. It plans to [reopen that store by the end of the year](#). In the wake of the protests, Target CEO Brian Cornell [joined other business leaders in calling for police reform](#), and the company [pledged \\$10 million](#) to support social justice and recovery efforts in the neighborhoods hurt most by the unrest.

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United, KC take a knee before kickoff

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Byline: JERRY ZGODA; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

After four months away, Minnesota United returned Sunday in its MLS is Back Tournament opener to a drastically changed world swept by not one, but two pandemics.

Loons starters acknowledged a world altered by *George Floyd's* death on Memorial Day by kneeling alongside their Sporting Kansas City counterparts for nearly 30 seconds before Sunday night's 2-1 victory at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

Floyd's death - a Black man killed by a white police officer who knelt on his neck for nearly 8 minutes - ignited worldwide protest and unrest and it motivated Black MLS players to form a "Black Players for Change" organization that suggested two initiatives adopted by the tournament's 24 remaining teams.

Minnesota United veteran defender Michael Boxall wore a black captain's armband - Ozzie Alonso didn't play because of a hamstring injury - in support of the *Black Lives Matter* movement. Floyd's name was printed prominently on Boxall's armband, and each Loons player wrote his own hand-written messages on a "MLS Unites" patch as well.

Minnesota United players changed jerseys - and messages - at halftime on a humid Florida summer night. Eight players wrote messages seeking justice for Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old EMT fatally shot eight times in March in her apartment after midnight by plainclothes police officers in Louisville, Ky., executing a no-knock search warrant.

Alonso wrote "End racism, we all bleed the same color" on his patch. Romain Metanire wrote "Am I Next?" and in French "Black and proud." Midfielder James Musa quoted Nelson Mandela, while Robin Lod and Chase Gasper both noted healthcare workers on the coronavirus pandemic's front lines.

"The time is always right to do what's right," Gasper wrote.

Jacori Hayes wrote "Dismantle *Systemic Racism*" on his first-half jersey and "Charge Breonna Taylor's killers" on his second-half jersey.

United, KC take a knee before kickoff

Hayes said this in a posting on the club's website about remembering Floyd: "I think we have to own up that this happened in our backyard. We're not using him as a mascot. We're just reminding people that, at least in our community back home in Minnesota, that this happened here and hopefully we can effect change - starting here - that can spread to the rest of the world."

Defender pursued

Minnesota United is pursuing left-side defender Bakaye Dibassy from France's Amiens club as well as the Mali national team, a source said, confirming European media reports. Amiens was just relegated from Ligue 1 to Ligue 2.

Dibassy, 30, can play left center back and left back. MLS' next transfer window begins Aug. 12, the day after the MLS is Back final. Center back is an area of need with two-time MLS Defender of the Year Ike Opara home in Minnesota injured and Brent Kallman suspended through the tournament's three-game group stage.

Safe at home

The club's watch party Sunday night was its first event for fans at Allianz Field since the league shut down March 12. Season-ticket holders and supporters scooped up 250 free tickets in advance within 15 minutes.

They sat masked and socially distanced in the north end and watched their team's tournament debut on the south end's big scoreboard screen.

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MOTHERS MARCH IN ST. PAUL FOR JUSTICE

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George Floyd called out for his mother 10 times during his encounter with Minneapolis police and as he struggled to breathe while officers pinned him to the ground.

On Sunday, moms from across the country took Floyd's pleas as a call to action and marched to the State Capitol in St. Paul, demanding justice for loved ones and accountability from police.

"It means a lot to me and my family to stand with other families to demand that they reopen all cases, because you see that there's a lot of corruption going on," said Greta Willis, who flew in from Baltimore in honor of her 14-year-old son, Kevin Cooper, who was shot and killed by police in front of her in her home on Aug. 12, 2006.

The National Mothers March Against Police Violence brought together more than 100 families in the U.S. who have lost a loved one to law enforcement officers, said organizers with Take a Knee Nation.

Mothers and widows united in that loss and the fight for justice sat in a truck flatbed leading a crowd of 1,000 protesters down St. Paul's University Avenue to the Capitol. Over megaphones and speakers, chants of "Love your ...!" were followed with "Mother!" as well as calls to prosecute the police involved in the deaths.

Philando Castile's mother, Valerie Castile, was dancing as she marched toward the Capitol, where she thanked the crowd for supporting the movement and all the mothers.

"This is what my community looks like. We are a community and we support all the families that are here," she said wearing a "Justice for Philando" face mask while flanked by families from Georgia, Florida, Colorado, New York, Ohio, Missouri, California and Maryland.

Willis said her teenage son was having an emotional breakdown when he was shot by an officer who was promoted and remains on the force today.

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"There needs to be accountability," she said. "If this didn't happen to ***George Floyd***, we wouldn't be at this point because the world could see the officer on his neck. In Kevin's case, we had no camera. But they didn't take my word, they took the officer's."

Maria E. Rosario-Rivera, the mother of 30-year-old Brian Quinones, was not at Sunday's march, but she was there in spirit while other members of her family helped organize the event.

Quinones was fatally shot by Richfield and Edina police officers last September. In February, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office said deadly force was justified and none of the officers involved would face charges.

Sobbing over the phone from her home in Puerto Rico, Rosario-Rivera said Quinones was her firstborn child. It hurt to see her son's name included in a long list of other victims of police violence at the Floyd memorial on 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis. She visited the site and was invited along with other family members to Floyd's funeral. She recently left Minnesota because she said her "heart can't hold it no more," but plans to return for the anniversary of her son's death.

"It's really hard for me to understand why the police do that to my son. That destroys me. I don't know what's going on in this world," she said. "From my heart, I got a feeling that things will change, but change takes time. It is sad that this has to happen. Nobody deserves to leave this world that way. God bless all the mothers being in these situations."

Her 13-year-old grandson, Cameron, reminds her of his late father, and she's proud of daughter-in-law Ashley Quinones' continuing fight for justice - most recently with a wrongful-death lawsuit. Ashley Quinones, founder of the Justice Squad, was one of several organizers of Sunday's march, along with Minnesota Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence, 10K Foundation, ***Black Lives Matter*** Chicago and Communities United Against Police Brutality.

The protest was one of many across the Twin Cities over the weekend, six weeks after Floyd died. Gun violence this summer has plagued Minneapolis, where 224 people have been shot in 2020, including 33 homicides. Last year, 269 people were shot in the city. The spike prompted the "Guns Down, Love Up" rally Friday. Organizers of the Mothers March held a retreat Saturday for families affected by police violence.

Activists are planning a march in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28 outside the Department of Justice to demand officials reopen cases involving police violence.

On Sunday, Ashley Williams held her 8-year-old son's hand as she marched. She said while she's been attending many protests the past month, this was the first one where she brought her son along.

"I'm out as much as possible marching every chance I get until changes are made that benefit us and that treat us Black people the same way that white people are treated in America," she said.

She said so many families were part of the Mothers March, and they only represent a fraction of those who lost a loved one to police violence. "If they're killing your family members, you can't trust them. There's no trust," she said.

"There should be no reason you have to march week after week after week after week letting people know our lives matter," she said.

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Four pro bono attorneys join Keith Ellison's prosecution team in George Floyd case

ARTICLE MCLII. [**FOUR PRO BONO ATTORNEYS JOIN KEITH ELLISON'S PROSECUTION TEAM IN GEORGE FLOYD CASE**](#)

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Body

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Ellison's team includes attorneys from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.

"I've put together an exceptional team with experience and expertise across many disciplines," he said in a statement. "We are united in our responsibility to pursue justice in this case."

[**UPDATE: Attorneys ask **George Floyd** judge to hold Ellison in contempt**](#)

The new attorneys are former acting U.S. Solicitor General Neal Katyal; Lola Velázquez-Aguilu, an attorney at Medtronic and former prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office for Minnesota; Jerry Blackwell, who last month won the [**first posthumous pardon in Minnesota**](#) for a man wrongly convicted in the aftermath of the lynching of three Black men in Duluth 100 years ago; and Steve Schleicher, a former federal prosecutor who led the prosecution of the man responsible for the kidnapping and murder of Jacob Wetterling.

Floyd died in Minneapolis police custody on May 25, after now-former officer [**Derek Chauvin**](#) kneeled on his neck for minutes, despite Floyd's pleas that he could not breathe.

Gov. Tim Walz announced on May 31 that [**Ellison would take the lead in prosecuting the case. Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case. Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during **George Floyd** aftermath in St. Paul, charges say. Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case. Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots. Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police**](#)

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Residency rules won't cure policing

ARTICLE MCLIII. **RESIDENCY RULES WON'T CURE POLICING**

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Highlight: Incentives are fine, but a mandate would hurt efforts to strengthen, diversify departments.

Body

In the aftermath of *George Floyd's* death, one of many police reforms under consideration is requiring officers to live in the cities they serve. In fact, the Minnesota Human Rights Department is looking at residency rules as part of its investigation of the *Minneapolis Police Department*.

Legislation introduced during the June special session included a measure that would allow cities to make residency mandatory for officers. While many provisions in the proposed bill are welcome, that particular change would be counterproductive.

Minneapolis has had experience with and without residency rules, and although there may be pluses, there's little evidence they make a significant difference. There are better ways to drive fundamental change in policing.

Just over 20 years ago, Minneapolis required officers to live in the city. But in 1999, the Legislature banned residency requirements. MPD says about 7% of its officers now live in Minneapolis. In St. Paul, 22% of sworn officers live in the city; the national average is 40%.

MPD officers live mostly in suburban areas, with some exceptions, and concentrate in Anoka, Andover, Elk River, St. Paul, St. Cloud and Hudson, Wis. The four officers charged in Floyd's killing are from Oakdale, St. Paul, Plymouth and Coon Rapids.

The idea behind residency rules is that officers who call a city home will be more personally invested in the city and therefore provide higher-quality service. But restricting hiring to only candidates living within Minneapolis ZIP codes would limit the pool of applicants department leaders have to choose from.

In recent years, police and city leaders have consistently told the Star Tribune Editorial Board that recruiting quality candidates is getting more difficult at the same time they are striving to bring more diversity to their departments. People choose homes and neighborhoods for a range of reasons, and a mandate would likely exclude good candidates.

When the Minneapolis City Council considered taking up a residency requirement in 2017, the group Communities United Against Police Brutality recommended against it, calling it a "distraction" from more

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significant reform. Overhauling police departments and changing laws to end practices such as no-knock warrants and chokeholds were more important steps, they argued. "Throughout our research, we have never encountered a shred of evidence that requiring or incentivizing police officers to live in the communities in which they work has any positive effect on the quality of policing," the group states in its reform recommendations.

Nevertheless, our view is that cities should consider taking reasonable steps to encourage officers to live within their borders. Voluntary incentives - such as mortgage deals, day-care assistance and bonus points on civil service exams - could be offered.

Being part of a neighborhood - on duty or off - can help foster community policing and help break down the us-vs.-them, occupation-force culture that too often harms police-community relations.

But in our view, encouraging rather than requiring residency is the best approach.

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National legal experts review 16-year-old's life sentence in Minneapolis murder of girl, 11

ARTICLE MCLIV. [**NATIONAL LEGAL EXPERTS REVIEW 16-YEAR-OLD'S LIFE SENTENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS MURDER OF GIRL, 11**](#)

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Highlight: An independent panel of national legal experts will review the conviction of an African American man sentenced as a teenager to life in prison for the murder of a little girl struck by a stray bullet in Minneapolis, Northwestern University's Center on Wrongful Convictions and the New York-based Innocence Project announced Monday. Myon Burrell, 34, [...]

Body

An independent panel of national legal experts will review the conviction of an African American man sentenced as a teenager to life in prison for the murder of a little girl struck by a stray bullet in Minneapolis, Northwestern University's Center on Wrongful Convictions and the New York-based Innocence Project announced Monday.

Myon Burrell, 34, has spent nearly two decades behind bars. His case captured widespread interest, first at the time of his 2002 arrest, and again this year after Sen. Amy Klobuchar touted it during her run for the U.S. presidency. She used it as an example of how - when top prosecutor in Hennepin County - she helped find justice for the African American community outraged by gun violence and the senseless death of Tyesha Edwards, an 11-year-old Black girl killed while doing homework at her dining-room table.

After the Associated Press and APM Reports highlighted flaws in the investigation that pointed to a possible wrongful conviction, Klobuchar called for a review, saying justice was not only about punishing the guilty but protecting the innocent. She and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office expressed support Monday for the new panel, which hopes to release its findings by the year's end. The senator has also said she would like to see the formation of a Conviction Integrity Unit and a Sentencing Review Board to look into other potentially flawed cases.

Barry Scheck, co-founder of the Innocence Project and one of the first proponents for Conviction Integrity Units nationwide, called the review of Burrell's case an important first step.

He and Laura Nirider - co-director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions, who led efforts to identify and select prospective panel members - will act as advisors as the team looks at the evidence that led to Burrell's conviction and the appropriateness of his sentence.

National legal experts review 16-year-old's life sentence in Minneapolis murder of girl, 11

"A conviction integrity review is a non-adversarial process that seeks cooperation from prosecutors, defenders and police," said Scheck, who is an expert in best practices in conviction integrity and will help guide the panel. "Best practices today include consideration of excessive sentences as well as a review of guilt or innocence and the fairness of the trial."

Nirider, a Minnesota native, who represents innocent juveniles and those widely considered to be wrongfully convicted, including Brendan Dassey, subject of the Netflix series "Making a Murderer," said the panel is filled with some of the country's top legal minds, including a former state attorney general, the leader of one of the first Conviction Integrity Units in the country, and the past president of the national Innocence Network.

The death of ***George Floyd*** - who was killed by police in May at a south Minneapolis corner store just three blocks from where Tyesha was shot - has put a spotlight on Minnesota and its long history of racial injustice.

Burrell, 16 at the time of Tyesha's killing, has steadfastly proclaimed his innocence saying he was not even at the scene.

A yearlong AP investigation found there was no hard evidence - no gun, fingerprints, DNA - linking him to the crime.

Surveillance tape that Burrell told police would clear him was never pulled from Cup Food, the same store that called the police on ***George Floyd*** for allegedly trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. Much of the state's case relied on jailhouse informants, several of whom have since recanted. And another man has admitted to the shooting, saying Burrell was not even present.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Offices said in a statement Monday it has been cooperating with Burrell's current attorney for nearly two years and will continue to be responsive to the panel's advisors.

Klobuchar, meanwhile, she has been advocating for a review for months.

"As I told Mr. Burrell's family earlier this year, if any injustice was done in the quest for justice for Tyesha Edwards, it must be addressed," she said in an emailed statement. "This investigation is an important step forward and I fully support the work of this distinguished panel." [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#) [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#) [Minneapolis man sentenced to 33 years in prison for sex-trafficking young women and girls out of massage parlor](#)

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BLACK DRIVER SAYS HE FEARED FOR LIFE**](#)

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"I could have been dead today," Strong said in his video.

Strong said all of the officers approached him with "their guns out," but Richfield police, one of the agencies involved in the traffic enforcement detail, said only one officer momentarily drew her gun, but she pointed at the ground and never at Strong. The department posted dashcam video of the stop Monday.

Once the officer determined Strong was compliant, she holstered her gun, police said. The officer discovered a different person had used Strong's name, resulting in an arrest warrant in his name, police said. Strong was released.

Police said the officers "regret the stress Mr. Strong felt."

Strong said in his video that his arrest "could have ended in a whole different route."

"Racial profiling is a thing," he said.

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Habitat for Humanity's ReStore reopens in New Brighton, Minneapolis

ARTICLE MCLVI. [**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S RESTORE REOPENS IN NEW BRIGHTON, MINNEAPOLIS**](#)

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"We're really excited about our new space and our increased ability to serve our customers and provide opportunities for our donors and volunteers," said Pete O'Keefe, ReStore Director.

The ReStore location in Minneapolis reopened June 16 after being closed because of COVID-19 and damage in the days after [**George Floyd**](#)'s death.

Chris Coleman, president and CEO of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, said he hopes the Minneapolis store will be an affordable resource for the Lake Street corridor as the community rebuilds from the protests after the killing of [**George Floyd**](#).

The ReStore is a discount home improvement outlet that is open to the public and sells new and like-new furniture, appliances and building materials. The inventory comes from donations from individuals and companies. The materials are sold to the public at discounted prices. The money from sales goes into building homes and supporting local families to buy their first home. [Trump's end run around Congress raises questions](#) [Business People: Sunday, Aug. 9](#) [Minnesota cities, counties scramble to keep businesses afloat by dishing out CARES Act grants](#) [As shops struggle with coronavirus restrictions, White Bear Lake closes street to help](#) [Trump orders more unemployment pay, a payroll tax deferral](#)

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MN Senate GOP leader says deal close on bonding, tax bills

ARTICLE MCLVII. [**MN SENATE GOP LEADER SAYS DEAL CLOSE ON BONDING, TAX BILLS**](#)

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Length: 278 words**Byline:** Steve Karnowski, Mohamed Ibrahim**Highlight:** Legislative leaders have agreed on most details of a public construction package and a tax bill, the Minnesota Senate's top Republican said Monday, while discussions are continuing on whether a compromise is possible on police accountability in response to the death of ***George Floyd***. Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said at a news conference that [...]**Body**

Legislative leaders have agreed on most details of a public construction package and a tax bill, the Minnesota Senate's top Republican said Monday, while discussions are continuing on whether a compromise is possible on police accountability in response to the death of ***George Floyd***.

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said at a news conference that his chamber would open the special session Monday with a vote to rescind the special powers that Democratic Gov. Tim Walz has used to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The Democratic-controlled House is expected to block that effort, as it did during last month's special session.

Gazelka said the Senate would then adjourn for about a week to give the House time to pass the public construction legislation, commonly known as a bonding bill, as well as a bill to conform the state's tax code with a federal tax break for new equipment purchases. The tax bill that would benefit farmers and small businesses in the Twin Cities that are rebuilding from the unrest that followed Floyd's death in Minneapolis police custody.

The bonding and tax bills must pass the House first.

Gazelka also said lawmakers should focus on less-controversial policing proposals that can pass both chambers of the divided Legislature. [Walz calls special session next week to consider 30-day extension of pandemic powers](#). [Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch.](#) [Voters, GOP lawmakers plan lawsuit over Walz's mask mandate at polling places](#). [State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding'](#). [Minnesota will close 2 prisons to prepare for budget shortfall. Other agencies face holes, too.](#)

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Postal Service will rebuild burned branch near Nicollet Ave., but will need Kmart store in the meantime

ARTICLE MCLVIII. **POSTAL SERVICE WILL REBUILD BURNED BRANCH NEAR NICOLLET AVE., BUT WILL NEED KMART STORE IN THE MEANTIME**

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The U.S. Postal Service plans to rebuild both of its South Minneapolis locations destroyed in riots that followed the police killing of ***George Floyd***.

In order to rebuild its station near Nicollet Avenue, the USPS needs a temporary location for a year or two during construction. The Postal Service and the city of Minneapolis have reached terms of a lease agreement to put the post office into the former Kmart store on Lake Street that city officials eventually want to tear down so they can reconnect Nicollet Avenue.

That Kmart store was scheduled to be demolished at the end of June. City officials - after years of efforts - finally [*acquired the store in 2017 for \\$8 million*](#). In March, the city paid \$9.1 million to [*terminate Kmart's lease*](#).

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City officials have never given a hard timeline for when Nicollet Avenue would be re-opened or what such a re-opening would look like (some are advocating for pedestrians, bicycles and buses only). The city said that despite the delayed demolition of the building, the USPS lease won't delay the re-opening of Nicollet.

"Approving this temporary lease, for up to a maximum of 24 months, does not negatively impact the City's plans for reopening Nicollet Ave. and redevelopment of the site," city staff wrote in a memo. "With community engagement, street design, and engineering not yet started and the lease terminating by July 31, 2022, there remains ample time to demolish the structure prior to any construction start."

The USPS, under terms that will be voted on by the City Council, will begin leasing 36,500 square feet starting on Aug. 1. It will pay the city \$30,400 a month, which is a rate of \$10 per square foot. The lease ends on Jan. 31, 2021, but the USPS can extend it in six month increments until July 31, 2022.

The Postal Service will pay for its own buildout and will also pay all utility bills, unless another tenant leases the other side of the space, according to the memo. The city will pay for property maintenance and snow removal, capped at \$365,000 annually.

Both the Lake Street Station, located at the corner of First Avenue and 31st Street, and the Minnehaha Station at 3033 27th Ave. S., are complete losses, said USPS spokeswoman Nicole Hill.

The USPS leased the Minnehaha Station before it was burned in the riots following the death of ***George Floyd*** in custody of Minneapolis Police. The city memo said the USPS will lease space in rebuilt Minnehaha Station.. Hill had no timeline on a rebuilding of the Minnehaha Station.

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Deals remain elusive as Minnesota special session approaches

ARTICLE MCLIX. **DEALS REMAIN ELUSIVE AS MINNESOTA SPECIAL SESSION APPROACHES**

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When Democratic Gov. Tim Walz formally called the special session Friday, he urged Republicans and Democrats to work together for deals on policing and infrastructure projects. "Our state had a trying few months, and we need the Legislature to rise to the occasion and get things done to help Minnesotans rebuild and recover," he said in a statement.

The challenge is akin to threading multiple moving needles because the issues are so interconnected, with different power centers competing. The various sides have kept talking since last month's session ended in partisan rancor.

But there isn't a lot of urgency to compromise just yet. That's because legislators could be back in another month anyway for yet another special session.

Here's a look at the key issues in play:

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

The House Democratic and Senate Republican majorities appeared to be far apart late last week on a package of police accountability measures in response to the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police on Memorial Day.

Democrats are still pushing for a sweeping slate proposed by the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus.

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Senate Republicans were willing to pass a more limited set of changes that included a ban on the use of chokeholds and requiring officers to intervene if they see a colleague using excessive force, but rejected several other Democratic proposals.

BONDING

A borrowing package to fund public construction projects across the state, known as a bonding bill, was at the top of the Legislature's agenda this year before the coronavirus crowded it out.

The bill has yet to recover its lost momentum, though leaders have agreed on a cap of \$1.35 billion that may include money for rebuilding parts of Minneapolis and St. Paul damaged in the unrest after Floyd's death.

Passing a bonding bill requires a three-fifths majority in each chamber. Getting that supermajority requires at least some House Republican and Senate Democratic votes. And that's where reaching deals gets really complicated.

In the House, Republican Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, of Crown, has softened on his earlier price for GOP votes: Walz giving up the emergency powers that he uses to respond to the pandemic. Daudt met with Walz staffers last week about his ideas for changing state statutes on emergency powers to give lawmakers more control, but reached no agreement.

And in the Senate, Democrats last week renewed their threat to withhold their votes unless Republicans agree to comprehensive policing accountability measures.

EMERGENCY POWERS

The governor first invoked his emergency powers during the regular session, which ended May 18. He can keep extending them in 30-day increments. But each time he does so he must summon lawmakers back so they get the chance to rescind his powers. That's why he had to call this special session.

Republican efforts to void his special authority failed last month, and will as long as Democrats hold the House. Walz presumably will have to call his third special session of 2020 next month if he intends to keep those powers.

WILD CARDS

Senate Republicans are already framing policing issues for the fall campaign with hearings on the damage that ensued amid the protests over Floyd's death. Democrats, meanwhile, announced an ad campaign Friday targeting potentially vulnerable Senate Republicans over policing. Democrats need a net gain of just two seats to take control of the Senate.

House Republicans announced Friday that they'll try to push legislation during the special session to give local school districts authority to decide for themselves whether to reopen as usual this fall, use distance learning again or some hybrid of the two models. GOP Rep. Sondra Erickson, of Princeton, said they're ready to try to force a floor fight.

It wasn't clear Friday how long this special session will last. While governors have the power to call lawmakers back, each chamber decides when to adjourn. [Walz calls special session next week to consider 30-day extension of pandemic powers](#). [Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch.](#) [Voters, GOP lawmakers plan lawsuit over Walz's mask mandate at polling places](#). [State Patrol](#)

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FEMA rejects Minnesota plea to help rebuild after riots

ARTICLE MCLX. [**FEMA REJECTS MINNESOTA PLEA TO HELP REBUILD AFTER RIOTS**](#)

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The federal government has turned down a request from Minnesota for aid to help rebuild following the riots that struck the Twin Cities in late May, saying the damage - estimated at \$500 million - is "within the capabilities of the local and state governments."

Minnesota Public Radio [has a report on the decision](#), which turned aside a request from Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, [who earlier this month had asked](#) President Donald Trump to declare a "major disaster" in the area, due to extensive impacts to public infrastructure, and said that more than \$15 million of the damage could be eligible for federal reimbursement.

Hundreds of businesses were burned or looted during several nights of widespread unrest that erupted following the death of [George Floyd](#) during an arrest by Minneapolis police officers. (The four officers have since been fired and [are facing charges](#).) Fires also wrecked two U.S. Post Office branches [and a Minneapolis police precinct](#).

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Walz's office said the governor was disappointed in FEMA's rejection. "As we navigate one of the most difficult periods in our state's history, we look for support from our federal government to help us through," spokesperson Teddy Tschann said in a statement.

The Star Tribune [also has a report](#), noting that the federal government has stepped in before to help cities rebuild after civil unrest. After the 1992 riots in Los Angeles, which did an estimated \$1 billion in damage, President George H.W. Bush declared the city a federal disaster area and began distributing more than \$638 million in assistance within a month.

But this time, Minneapolis and St. Paul are even having trouble winning support from their own state. The state Legislature couldn't reach a deal during an emergency session to distribute existing federal aid, though Walz has called for [another special session to begin this week](#).

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Midtown Global Market to celebrate reopening Saturday after months of turbulence

ARTICLE MCLXI. [MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET TO CELEBRATE REOPENING
SATURDAY AFTER MONTHS OF TURBULENCE](#)

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Midtown Global Market hosts a grand reopening celebration Saturday after a turbulent few months for both the market and the dozens of restaurant and retail vendors who call the former Sears building on East Lake Street home.

First came the pandemic, which forced the market to lock its doors to the public in mid-March as non-essential businesses across the state shuttered to slow the spread of Covid-19. Some businesses pivoted to carryout and delivery, while others remain closed.

Then came the unrest that tore down Lake Street after the police killing of ***George Floyd*** on Memorial Day. The market building sustained some damage - a few broken doors and windows - while some of its neighbors on Lake Street and Chicago Avenue were damaged or destroyed by fire.

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Roughly a week later, market leaders chose to terminate the lease of Minneapolis-based Holy Land Brand Inc., which operated a deli, grocery store and butcher counter in the market. The decision was made after the company came under fire for years-old racist social media posts by the founder's daughter.

It will be a long road back to normal for the market, which is facing a shortfall in its annual operating budget that could top \$600,000, according to Renay Dossman, executive director in the Twin Cities for Neighborhood Development Center, one of two nonprofits that own and manage Midtown Global Market. That shortfall is largely due to NDC agreeing to reduce or defer rent payments for market vendors.

Dossman said half or more of the market's vendors are currently open, but many are still struggling with the loss of walk-up business from workers at Allina Health's corporate offices, which are also located inside the Midtown Exchange. Like office workers across the state and country, many are telecommuting during the pandemic, and it could be months until they return. She said some market vendors generated as much as 25% to 50% of their business from Allina workers.

"We just can't rely on Allina to come back and save us," Dossman said, adding that the multiple challenges facing the market are forcing leaders to "get creative."

They've been helping restaurant vendors improve their online presence to boost carryout and delivery orders, and Dossman said they're exploring options for creating an online marketplace for retail vendors.

"We don't only want them to survive in this, we want them to thrive during this time and when this is over," she said.

Like other restaurant and retail spaces in Minnesota, the Midtown Global Market is currently limited to 50% of capacity to slow the spread of Covid-19. Even then, some patrons aren't comfortable lingering inside, so market leaders are working with Minneapolis-based Ryan Cos., the building's owner, to add more outdoor seating.

Midtown Global Market Mend is a GoFundMe campaign aiming to raise \$250,000 for businesses inside the market as well as neighboring businesses damaged or destroyed in the unrest. The campaign had raised over \$150,000 as of mid-July, and Dossman said each Midtown Global Market vendor recently received a \$2,000 check.

Dossman said the focus now is on bringing customers back. New businesses could help.

She said multiple parties have expressed interest in the former Holy Land space. And the market has a signed letter of intent with Midtown Eye Care to take another space. Midtown Eye Care's former Chicago Avenue building was one of those destroyed during the unrest.

Dossman said the market is working on a Minnesota State Fair-themed event for later in the summer. The market's restaurant vendors won't be taking turns in a Midtown Global Market-themed booth since the Great Minnesota Get Together was cancelled by the pandemic.

"We're going to bring the State Fair to the market and showcase a lot of the business owners and entrepreneurs who have participated in the State Fair over the year," she said.

The grand reopening celebration runs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and will feature drawings for Midtown Global Market gift certificates and other prizes.

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Mpls. man arrested in Chicago in pregnant woman's fatal shooting

ARTICLE MCLXII. [**MPLS. MAN ARRESTED IN CHICAGO IN PREGNANT WOMAN'S FATAL SHOOTING**](#)

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Body

A Minneapolis man charged with fatally shooting a woman who was pregnant with their child has been arrested in Chicago, authorities said.

Zachary V. Robinson, 27, was charged last week in Hennepin County District Court with second-degree murder, second-degree assault and being a felon in possession of a firearm in connection with the July 5 shooting of Leneesha H. Columbus, 27.

Robinson was arrested with the help of the recently formed Twin Cities Violent Crime Task Force, said Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder. The effort involves state and federal law enforcement across a dozen agencies and comes in response to a spike in gun violence and other crimes in the months since **George Floyd**'s death in Minneapolis.

Columbus was shot while sitting in an SUV near the memorial to Floyd, who died on May 25 while being detained by police.

Columbus was taken to HCMC, where she gave birth that night before she was pronounced dead from a gunshot wound to her upper torso. Bystanders had pulled her out of the shot-up SUV and did what they could to try to save her, according to the charges.

Witnesses saw Columbus in the stopped SUV at E. 37th Street and S. Chicago Avenue arguing with Robinson before three shots were fired, according to the complaint. The vehicle traveled one block before coming to a halt.

The baby was in critical condition, according to charging documents filed Wednesday.

A nationwide warrant was issued for Robinson's arrest.

Robinson has a long and violent criminal history in Hennepin County. He's been convicted on five counts of assault in connection with two cases, and he has cases pending on other assault and firearms possession cases.

Mpls. man arrested in Chicago in pregnant woman's fatal shooting

Authorities in Minneapolis said Robinson is in Illinois awaiting transport back to Minnesota.

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 857 words**Byline:** NEAL ST. ANTHONY; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Hospitality on hold // Hotels can only wait for guests to return as restrictions ease.**Body**

Baheru Haile is a veteran of the idled hotel industry.

Haile, 61, has worked just about every job over the past 20 years at Sheraton-branded hotels, including night auditor, front desk and shuttle driver. He isn't optimistic about returning to work soon.

"I want to work and I like hospitality," said Haile, who emigrated from Ethiopia in 1979 and earned degrees in international relations and economics at the University of Minnesota. "I enjoy talking with people who I see year after year, while driving the shuttle. I have made many friends."

Haile and other employees at the former Sheraton Midtown Hotel, near the Allina Health headquarters in south Minneapolis, were laid off in February when a new owner took over the hotel. In March, the employees were told to clean out their lockers and that they would have to apply for their old jobs. Haile did. And he's heard nothing.

Jay Patel, a local hotel operator, acquired the hotel in February for \$8 million from a Qatar-based investment group that had paid about \$10 million in 2016, according to Hennepin County records. The deal closed just before

the coronavirus outbreak disrupted travel and lodging.

Patel briefly arranged for the former Sheraton Midtown to house homeless people after the protests over the May 25 killing of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis. But he ended the arrangement in June after a drug overdose and the trashing of the hotel.

Haile spent some of his free time working with his kids on school in the spring, and volunteering with his YMCA and an agency that settles immigrants. He has a mortgage and other expenses that won't be covered by state unemployment benefits. The \$600 weekly federal stimulus payments to idled workers expire this month.

"I have good work experience," said the married father of two. "I'm looking for work."

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And his search will transcend the hard-hit hospitality business.

With business travel waylaid, conventions canceled and professional sports postponed, Twin Cities hotel occupancy has fallen from about 70% last summer to about 10% this summer, Tanya Pierson, managing director of hotel consulting firm HVS told the Star Tribune earlier this month. Hotels are bleeding money.

At least one big hotel operator has been pushing the administration of Gov. Tim Walz - without success so far - to allow hotels to expand meeting occupancy from 25% to 50%.

Doug Greene is managing director of Florida-based Haberhill, which owns several hotels including the downtown Hyatt Regency and Hilton, which are the biggest in the Twin Cities with nearly 1,500 rooms in aggregate. About 800 of the 850 workers who make base wages of \$13 to \$16 an hour are idled, said Greene. The company has helped with health benefits, gift cards and helping file for government benefits.

Greene said Haberhill's Marriott St. Louis Grand downtown flagship is proving that well-run hotels can safely host meetings of up to 50% of capacity using protocols also practiced by Hyatt, Hilton and other major hotels.

"Your governor doesn't understand what Hilton, Hyatt and Marriott are doing," Greene said. "We can space. We're not doing buffets. We're constantly cleaning. The meeting planners understand."

Steve Grove, Minnesota commissioner of employment and economic development, told Greene in late June that the Walz administration wouldn't budge in July from hotel restrictions on meeting rooms beyond 25% capacity and 250 people in the room.

"I'm frustrated," Greene said. "We've got groups in the fall that may start canceling."

The Hyatt Regency had 3.7% occupancy in June and \$78,000 in revenue, Greene said. Last June, it was 85% occupied and grossed \$5.5 million. The Hilton dropped to \$176,000 in revenue last month from \$5.8 million a year ago.

More months like this spell a significant 2020 loss for two hotels that have generated positive annual cash flow of about \$30 million on an investment of \$300 million-plus by the Haberhill partners and their lenders.

A spokesman for Grove said that despite meetings with Greene and other hospitality executives, state leaders have yet to decide on when to move to the next phase of opening the Minnesota economy that would allow for increased capacities.

Walz has taken a cautious approach in light of spikes in coronavirus in Texas, Florida and Arizona. Those states were in the vanguard of opening businesses more fully in recent months.

Jim Graves, the Minneapolis-based hotel owner and manager, doesn't like draining money or idling employees.

"But the science and virus dictate," he said. "I think most people want to play it safe. I don't think Walz or anybody can turn the clock back. Our occupancy is ticking up a bit. There's more corporate travel, particularly medical-related travel.

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"Our airport hotel occupancy is around 30%. But our downtown properties are fighting to maintain 10%. There's no Twins or Guthrie or Orchestra Hall. Little vacation travel. Nothing is going on downtown. The earliest we're coming back may be the first quarter of 2021. And that depends on a vaccination."

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Q&A: Dr. Andrew Olson on the front lines at Bethesda Hospital's COVID facility in St. Paul

ARTICLE MCLXIV. [**Q&A: DR. ANDREW OLSON ON THE FRONT LINES AT BETHESDA HOSPITAL'S COVID FACILITY IN ST. PAUL**](#)

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Body

When M Health Fairview converted [*Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul into a 90-bed COVID facility*](#), Dr. Andrew Olson was on the front lines.

Olson is a director of hospital medicine at the University of Minnesota and an associate professor of medicine and pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

Since March, he's also been one of the medical directors at Bethesda, providing direct patient care and helping set facility-wide policy.

The following interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

It sounds like your job is a bit intense.

It is intense, but it is probably the most positive healthcare working environment I've ever been in. There are people who signed up saying, "I want to be on the frontlines of this thing. Put me in." I love it there. It's an incredibly positive environment. None of us are happy this happened, but that said, I've never been prouder of anything in my professional career. We're doing OK in Minnesota, and we're all really proud of that.

What are you doing differently today than four months ago?

In February, or even in March, nobody was an expert in COVID. When something evolves this fast, we have to harness a lot of different resources in order to get the information we need to provide the best care we can for our patients. When this started, there were no protocols. The decision was made to standardize care and decrease unnecessary variation. I really believe keeping COVID patients together in one location works. If you're able to run your non-COVID hospitals at normal volumes, or close to it, that helps everybody. It's allowed us to have the majority of COVID patients at one or two sites and standardize care.

Q&A: Dr. Andrew Olson on the front lines at Bethesda Hospital's COVID facility in St. Paul

What do you mean by standardized care?

For instance, we learned that where you are in the course of your treatment is really important. It says whether you are on the upswing or getting worse. "This patient is 10 days in, they might be getting better. This patient is four days in, they might be getting worse." So we added that into our standard note template for 100 percent of our patients. These patients get blood clots at a very high rate, so we added blood thinners, to treat our patients more aggressively with anticoagulants than we normally would.

What else has COVID taught us?

Health disparities are not new. This thing has shined a light on that in a big way. Superimposed on the death of George Floyd, it's a time to have reckoning as a healthcare system and say, Can we do the right thing for these communities? ... This is the time when I hope we start to address some of the fundamental inequities.

What else has changed in four months?

In February, March, we were all really scared. There were horror stories coming out of Italy and New York about healthcare professionals getting COVID. But bravery does not mean not being scared. It means leaning into it despite being scared. We actually feel really, really safe. There's no mystery - every patient has COVID, and our healthcare provider "getting sick rate" is really low. It's about wearing a mask all the time at work, washing your hands. A couple times, when my mask was tearing, somebody handed me a new mask. Doing the simple things right is really important. We're double checking and triple checking each other. The highest risk isn't from patient to provider. It's when providers let their guard down with each other. We sit apart at lunch, even. You can't let your guard down ever with this, and it's about supporting each other in doing so.

We've heard of some unusual symptoms, such as painful toe inflammation, or "COVID toe." Is that something you're seeing?

We have not seen that a ton. That has been described in children, and certainly we are seeing some multi-vascular inflammatory changes. But in the hospital, (what we're seeing is) respiratory failure.

Things are changing fast on the drug front. The federal Food and Drug Administration no longer supports giving hydroxychloroquine to COVID patients. When did Bethesda Hospital stop administering the drug?

We never used this to a significant degree in our system. Patients were asking for it. The president was telling people to take it. But I'm very proud that we as a system said, 'We are going to follow evidence-based medicine, and follow the practices we know how to do.' This is the first modern pandemic, and we are in the information age. Patients, providers, they're all consuming massive amounts of information on the news and through social media. And there's good information and bad information out there.

There's certainly a lot to take in.

We had to make changes that sometimes surprised us. Recently, we had to get stakeholders together very quickly and make a decision that we would encourage the use of Dexamethasone (a hormonal steroid that fights inflammation) in selected patients. There's no silver bullet for treating this. Yeah, Dexamethasone helps. Remdesivir helps. But the mainstay of treatment is good standard supportive care. What do we know how to do? Monitoring patients' fluid levels, preventing blood clots - none of those things are new. But they're terribly important. The most important thing is doing the work we know how to do and doing it well.

Q&A: Dr. Andrew Olson on the front lines at Bethesda Hospital's COVID facility in St. Paul

[Sunday coronavirus update: 9 more MN deaths, 806 more infections. Minnesota cities, counties scramble to keep businesses afloat by dishing out CARES Act grants. As shops struggle with coronavirus restrictions, White Bear Lake closes street to help. Health officials say these MN districts can reopen schools. So, why won't they? Rescheduled, postponed or canceled? Here's the status of all the major Twin Cities summer concerts.](#)

Graphic

Dr. Andrew Olson

Nurses gather in one of the wards at Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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ARTICLE MCLXV. **READERS WRITE DON'T BOTCH ROUND TWO**

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LEGISLATURE

The Minnesota Legislature reconvenes for another special session Monday and this time, Minnesotans need the Senate majority to step up to the plate.

Last time around, with all eyes on our state after the killing of **George Floyd** at the hands of police, the House rose to the occasion and passed meaningful police accountability legislation. Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka set an arbitrary deadline and managed to adjourn the session without having to give these issues serious consideration.

Minnesotans are united across race and geography on the need for serious reform. This is not just a Twin Cities problem; in the past five years, 60% of the state's deadly-force encounters with law enforcement occurred in greater Minnesota.

Each week in the congregation I serve, we hear that all people are created in the image of God and endowed with intrinsic human dignity, a message that is fundamentally at odds with the white supremacy upon which America's systems and institutions are built. Racism is America's original sin and dismantling it requires our singular focus.

The Minnesota Senate has another chance to get this right. This time, I hope they will stay in session and keep doing their job until they get the job done. The world is watching.

Javen Swanson, St. Paul

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An apology is in order. Gazelka and House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt were critical of Gov. Tim Walz's stay-at-home and closure orders - to the point of wanting to impede other, unrelated legislation. Soon after, other states (Texas, Florida) did what Gazelka and Daudt were advocating for and opened their states. These are the very states that are now seeing spikes in new cases every day. Seems to me the caution the governor was urging has paid off for Minnesota.

Once again we see (almost every day) the ability to grab headlines is very different than leadership.

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Scott Barsuhn, Minneapolis

OIL PIPELINES

Keep Line 3 from crumbling

There is a big difference between headlines and the reality of what matters.

Instead of putting pressure" on it, the recent court decisions about pipelines does more to show how Line 3 is different, better and ready to go to bring jobs and hope to Minnesota ("Three pipeline setbacks in two days turn heat up on Minnesota project," July 7).

After again voting to approve it, last month Public Utilities Commissioner John Tuma said that "this permit will be viewed as the gold standard for petroleum infrastructure replacement." That's because the Line 3 project is the most studied project in Minnesota's history.

Minnesota has already completed the review being ordered for the other projects. The Star Tribune Editorial Board last year said the PUC's process "was rigorous and exhaustive." It went on to say that "Minnesota must take responsibility for its energy needs. A new Line 3 should be seen as a transition that will take more oil off rail cars while the state and nation wean themselves off fossil-fuel sources."

PUC Commissioner Katie Sieben said, "A new pipeline with thicker and safer materials, constructed with up-to-date safety standards by skilled laborers operating under prevailing wage laws is a better outcome than leaving an old pipeline that again was ordered by federal consent decree to seek replacement."

When you look at the facts, Line 3 makes even more sense. That's why I and 42 other northern Minnesota mayors support this project. As the Star Tribune Editorial Board said last year, "Walz and the Commerce Department should drop the court challenge and allow the project to proceed."

Dylan Goudge, Clearbrook, Minn.

The writer is mayor of Clearbrook.

DAIRY MARKET

Virus exposed what was already there

It's hard to look at the "Support Dairy, Dairy Strong" signs dotting our rural communities in northeast Wisconsin without wincing in pain. While recognizing the well-meaning efforts of those believing campaigns like this one will alleviate ongoing dairy woes, we must not fall into a mind-set in believing gulping down a few extra glasses of milk on "Milk Mondays" (or any other days of the week, for that matter), or eating more cheese will take a bite into the already 1.4-billion-pound cheese surplus that the United States has currently. It's time to recognize that what ails dairy in its demise is a systematic, inside job.

Ben Brancel, former Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection secretary, and former Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker did their parts in the troubled dairy crisis, in their push and promotion of the "30/20 plan" - a plan to flood the market with 30 billion pounds of milk by 2020.

Brancel vanished off the landscape, along with many of Wisconsin's small dairies that were already struggling to survive. Small farmers remained true to their farmer allegiance, despite the writing on the wall.

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As small farms failed, farmer suicide rates skyrocketed, with farmer suicides in the U.S. almost double the national average by May 2019.

One needn't look further than the vertical integration that has already taken place in the pork, beef and poultry industries to understand that dairy is just following suit with the rest of the U.S. food production in its consolidation. The pandemic exposed our supply chain vulnerability and the true threats when our food supply is in the hands of a few corporate monopolized giants.

The pandemic has set the table. The choice is ours. Real change must occur in our communities that can once again recognize the value of our small farmers and the true food security they bring to our rural communities and beyond. We need to put our support into a strong food system that again values people, animals, our land and natural resources and does not leave our farmers and our farming communities behind.

Nancy Utesch, Kewaunee, Wis.

LOCAL STORES

Thanks to a neighborhood gem

It is in these exceptional times that ordinary people doing extraordinary things should not go unnoticed.

I have become friends with Tarig "Tally" Mohamed at the Phoenix Market in St. Paul over the last 14 years. He is more than the man behind the counter; he truly cares about the people who come into his store. He has on more than one occasion paid for my groceries. I always pay him back, but how many store owners do you know who will do that?

We took for granted the neighborhood convenience store and the employees we saw while filling up on coffee and fuel on our way to work. All that changed when the country went into lockdown and the silent, deadly coronavirus settled in.

While we were safe in our homes, the C-store operators and employees had to navigate a whole new way of doing business. Being deemed "essential" because they sold food and fuel, stores stayed open, employees kept their jobs and new heroes emerged. Owners and employees are now greeting customers with gloved hands and masked faces and speaking through plexiglass screens. Owners are raising wages and employees are leaving loved ones at home to serve us when there are few places to turn.

I want to thank my friend Tally at the Phoenix Market for keeping the lights on and having warm meals and cold drinks in a neighborhood that lacks both.

Mary Carlson, St. Paul

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Media seek video footage in Floyd case

ARTICLE MCLXVI. [**MEDIA SEEK VIDEO FOOTAGE IN FLOYD CASE**](#)

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Highlight: It can be viewed only by appointment at the courthouse, not recorded.

Body

A coalition of local and national media companies, including the Star Tribune, filed a motion Monday chastising the court for withholding two body-camera videos recorded by police officers the night **George Floyd** was killed, and called for their immediate release.

Attorney Earl Gray filed two body-worn camera (BWC) videos in court about a week ago as evidence supporting his motion to dismiss the charges against his client, **Thomas Lane**, making it public data, according to state law.

The court's insistence that the videos be viewed by appointment only in the Hennepin County Government Center downtown violates state laws governing public records, court rules and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the motion argued.

"The Media Coalition requests that the Court ... immediately make the BWC [body-worn camera] footage available for copying by the press and public so that it may be widely viewed not just by those who have the time and wherewithal to visit the courthouse during a global pandemic but by all members of the public concerned about the administration of justice in one of the most important, and most-watched cases, this State - perhaps this country - has ever seen," said the motion written by attorneys Leita Walker and Emmy Parsons.

The media coalition also includes American Public Media, which owns Minnesota Public Radio; the Associated Press; CBS Broadcasting Inc.; Dow Jones & Co., publisher of the Wall Street Journal; Hubbard Broadcasting, which owns KSTP-TV; and the New York Times Co., among others.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill, who is presiding over the cases against four former Minneapolis police officers charged in Floyd's death, is making the videos viewable from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Wednesday.

"Attendees must store their electronic devices while in the room, and no video or audio recording will be allowed," said the court website.

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The footage was recorded by Lane and ***J. Alexander Kueng***, rookies whose attorneys have argued that they were deferring to officer ***Derek Chauvin***, a 19-year veteran, as they pressed on Floyd while he lay handcuffed, stomach-down in the street complaining he couldn't breathe.

The videos' release would lend more context and accuracy to transcripts of the videos released last week that contradicted each other, according to the coalition's motion.

"Reporting is hamstrung by the inadequacy of the transcripts ..." the motion said. "... The transcripts appear to have obvious errors."

The court has not identified "extraordinary circumstances" to limit the videos' release, and the court is compelled by rules to hold a public hearing before taking such action, the motion said.

"There is no reason to believe that making the BWC footage itself easily accessible to the press and public would materially impact the fairness of trial," the motion said. "... As days of unrest in the Twin Cities showed, it is vitally important that the public have full confidence in the process and outcome of this criminal prosecution."

The coalition asked to argue its case in court next Tuesday.

Gray has also said the public should see the videos so people don't "cherry-pick" information about the case. A bystander recorded and publicly broadcast video of Floyd's death, which did not capture Lane or Kueng, who were obscured behind a squad car.

Lane was holding onto Floyd's feet and Kueng was holding onto his back while ***Chauvin knelt*** on his neck for nearly eight minutes as bystanders pleaded with the officers to stop.

Former officer ***Tou Thao*** controlled the bystanders and rebuffed their concerns. The killing of Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, set off days of protests across the world.

Chauvin is charged with one count each of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Kueng, Lane and Thao are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

The former officers' trial or trials are set for next March.

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George Floyd family filing civil suit against Minneapolis, police

ARTICLE MCLXVII. [**GEORGE FLOYD FAMILY FILING CIVIL SUIT AGAINST MINNEAPOLIS, POLICE**](#)

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Florida-based civil rights attorney Ben Crump and co-counsel Antonio Romanucci, who are both representing the Floyd family, are set to announce details of the lawsuit at a Wednesday morning news conference in Minneapolis, according to a Tuesday news release.

The impending civil suit comes less than two months after Floyd died in Minneapolis on May 25, when Minneapolis Police former-officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who is white, knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as he cried out that he couldn't breathe. As Floyd, who was Black, grew unresponsive under Chauvin's knee, three other Minneapolis police former-officers present at the scene - ***Thomas Lane***, ***Tou Thao*** and ***J Alexander Kueng*** - did not intervene.

Chauvin has been charged with murder and manslaughter, and Lane, Thao and Kueng have been charged with aiding and abetting murder. All four former officers' trial dates have been set for March.

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Attorneys for 4 fired officers object to gag order

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ATTORNEYS FOR 4 FIRED OFFICERS OBJECT TO GAG ORDER

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The attorneys for four ex-Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of George Floyd are asking a judge to rescind a gag order issued last week prohibiting attorneys and others from discussing the case.

Eric Nelson, who represents Derek Chauvin, filed a motion Monday arguing that Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill's gag order violates Chauvin's state and federal constitutional rights to free speech and a public trial.

Attorneys Thomas Plunkett, Robert Paule and Earl Gray, who are representing the three other former officers charged in the case, also filed motions Monday to vacate the order.

"Given the global extent and tenor of pretrial publicity in this case, halting the flow of any information from Mr. Chauvin, through his counsel - before even a single statement has been made - to the public is more likely to prejudice the jury pool (to the extent that it has not already) than to prevent a taint," Nelson wrote. "The Court's order effectively allows the repeated and unmitigated condemnation of a criminal defendant by nonparty public officials and celebrities."

Nelson also criticized the media, public officials and others for contributing to the "overwhelming pretrial publicity damning Mr. Chauvin."

Cahill issued the order Thursday after Gray and Plunkett spoke to the Star Tribune about their clients.

"The court finds that continuing pretrial publicity in this case by the attorneys involved will increase the risk of tainting a potential jury pool and will impair all parties' right to a fair trial," Cahill wrote in his order, which covered "all parties, attorneys, their employees, agents or independent contractors working on their behalf."

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Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for planting his knee on the neck of Floyd, 46, for nearly eight minutes, leading to his death on May 25.

Chauvin's former colleagues *J. Alexander Kueng*, *Thomas Lane* and *Tou Thao* are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

Gray filed a motion last week to dismiss the case against Lane, and said the court should allow the public to view two body camera videos he filed with the motion. Plunkett said he was considering a similar motion for Kueng.

Nelson and Paule did not comment.

Gray wrote in his Monday motion that he was trying to explain the motion and videos to media.

"Nothing defense counsel filed or said warrants this Court to issue a Gag Order," Gray wrote.

The court did not make the body camera videos available for viewing when Gray filed his motion; it later announced that the videos would be publicly viewable at the courthouse on Wednesday.

Plunkett said in his motion that he was contacted by roughly a dozen media outlets about Gray's motion, and that media reports were "incomplete and tainted" because the court did not make the videos immediately available.

"The public narrative is being driven by the Court's denial of access to publicly filed exhibits which has caused a piecemeal release of information that unfairly portrays the evidence," argued Plunkett.

Cahill's order prohibited defense attorneys and the prosecution, which is being led by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office with assistance from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, from divulging "opinions, strategies, plans or potential evidence" to the media or general public.

Nelson, Paule and Plunkett rebuked public officials including Attorney General Keith Ellison, Gov. Tim Walz, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Minneapolis police Chief Medaria Arradondo and others for speaking publicly about the case before the judge issued the gag order.

"For more than a month, the press, popular figures, high ranking politicians, and the attorney leading this prosecution [Ellison] - as well as his councilman son - have all rendered their verdicts in this case and on the most public stages possible," Nelson wrote. "And they have all deemed the Defendant guilty."

Nelson argued that the judge inappropriately issued the order without citing legal authority or convening a hearing on the matter, depriving Chauvin of his constitutional right to due process.

Cahill cited a Minnesota court rule in issuing the order. Nelson, Paule and Plunkett argued that the rule required a motion and court hearing.

Plunkett also called for the immediate release of the body camera videos, accusing the court of withholding public data by "delay and limitation."

Evidence submitted in court is public data under the Minnesota Data Practices Act.

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Nelson noted that he has not spoken to the media about the case and that Chauvin should not be penalized for other attorneys' actions. Paule also argued that his client's case should not be affected by others' statements.

"If anything, the gag order should apply only to the State and county prosecutors, who have enjoyed a lengthy, unrestricted media honeymoon, during which to comment and posit and discuss this case at length - likely in violation of their ethical duties," Nelson wrote.

Gag orders are highly unusual in Minnesota, but have been used in the past.

Also on Monday, Ellison announced that he appointed four veteran attorneys as special assistant attorney generals on the Floyd case. The attorneys are working pro bono.

"Out of respect for Judge Cahill's gag order, I will say simply that I've put together an exceptional team with experience and expertise across many disciplines," Ellison said in a written statement.

The attorneys are Neal Katyal, former acting Solicitor General and former Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States; Lola Velázquez-Aguilu, an attorney at Medtronic and former prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office; Jerry Blackwell, a trial attorney who won the state's first posthumous pardon for Max Mason, a Black man wrongly convicted of rape 100 years ago; and Steven L. Schleicher, a former prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office who led the successful prosecution of Jacob Wetterling's kidnapper and killer.

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Attorneys ask George Floyd judge to hold AG Keith Ellison in contempt

ARTICLE MCLXIX. [**ATTORNEYS ASK GEORGE FLOYD JUDGE TO HOLD AG KEITH ELLISON IN CONTEMPT**](#)

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Highlight: Attorneys for two former Minneapolis police officers charged in *George Floyd*'s death are asking a judge to hold Attorney General Keith Ellison in contempt for violating a gag order. The attorneys for *Tou Thao* and *Thomas Lane* took issue Tuesday with a news release from Ellison on Monday announcing that four "seasoned attorneys" would be [...]

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The attorneys for *Tou Thao* and *Thomas Lane* took issue Tuesday with a news release from Ellison on Monday announcing that [four "seasoned attorneys" would be helping his office prosecute](#) the case for free.

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, said the release violated Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill's gag order and amounted to "an obvious statement to the public that these 'super stars' believe that our clients are guilty."

Cahill said in issuing the gag order last week that continuing pretrial publicity in the case would increase the risk of tainting the potential jury pool and "will impair all parties' right to a fair trial."

The judge has also warned that the trial might be moved out of the county if public officials, attorneys and family members didn't stop speaking out about the case.

Ellison's office declined comment. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Minneapolis cops required to report de-escalation efforts

ARTICLE MCLXX. [MINNEAPOLIS COPS REQUIRED TO REPORT DE-ESCALATION EFFORTS](#)

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The [Minneapolis Police Department](#) is changing its policy on reporting use of force incidents to require that officers document their attempts to de-escalate a situation in all incidents, whether or not they end with force being used, the mayor and police chief announced Tuesday.

The change, announced amid calls for widespread police reforms following the May 25 death of [George Floyd](#), is designed to place a greater emphasis on de-escalation and curb excessive use of force, Mayor Jacob Frey said in a statement. Besides requiring that officers report de-escalation attempts, the new policy expands requirements for reporting use of force incidents across the board and orders that officers provide more detail.

"These comprehensive reporting requirements will help reinforce de-escalation as the first resort, increase accountability where de-escalation is an after-thought, and provide improved data to head off problematic interactions before they happen," Frey said.

The changes take effect Friday.

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died after [Derek Chauvin](#), a white police officer, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin is charged with murder and manslaughter, and three other officers are charged with aiding and abetting. All four officers were fired.

Floyd's death sparked protests in Minneapolis and beyond and led to calls for an end to police brutality and racial inequities.

Frey and Chief Medaria Arradondo have said they're committed to deep structural change in the police department, but they oppose abolishing it entirely. The announcement on the policy change came a day

Minneapolis cops required to report de-escalation efforts

before the city's charter commission planned to take public comment on a City Council proposal to dismantle the department and replace it with a new agency that has a more holistic approach.

It also came as Ben Crump, an attorney for members of Floyd's family, announced he will file a lawsuit against the city and police officers on Wednesday.

Frey and Arradondo said Tuesday that the new policy raises department standards for use of force documentation, reporting and the notification of supervisors.

Prior to the new policy, there were no reporting requirements for techniques such as arm bars, wrist locks, drawing a firearm or using handcuffs, they said. Now, officers will be required to outline their attempts to de-escalate a situation, and provide written rationale that describes the force used and why that level of force was used.

Officers will also be required to document if there was an injury, and if medical aid was given and by whom. And officers using authorized takedown techniques or chemical agents will also now be required to follow the same documentation and reporting requirements, as well as tell a supervisor.

Arradondo said the new changes will "play a key role in our efforts in building trust and legitimacy with all those we serve." [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Long fight over names hits home

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The Washington football team announced that it is scrapping its Redskins nickname, nearly three decades after the first major protest of the moniker and logo decried as racist during the 1992 Super Bowl in Minneapolis.

American Indian leaders and some of their longtime allies held a news conference on Monday afternoon at the American Indian Center in south Minneapolis to celebrate a victory many felt was long overdue.

"***Black lives matter*** and Indian lives matter" said Clyde Bellecourt, a national leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM), who helped organize the 1992 Super Bowl march with his late brother Vernon Bellecourt, the first president of the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media. In the end, he said, the Washington team capitulated because "money matters."

"Dan Snyder [Washington's owner] has succumbed to pressures put by FedEx, PepsiCo, Nike and all the sponsors," said David Glass, now president of the national coalition.

The news media that descended on the Metrodome in January 1992 to cover the Super Bowl were puzzled at the thousands of demonstrators gathered on the plaza to protest the contending Redskins' nickname as racist.

"What's it all about?" asked Andy Rooney, at that time a famous pundit for "60 Minutes" who came to see Washington play the Buffalo Bills. When a reporter explained the reason, Rooney pronounced it "silly."

Washington, one of the oldest teams in the NFL, did not announce a new name Monday but said it was being reviewed. "Today, we are announcing we will be retiring the Redskins name and logo upon completion of this review," the statement said. The decision to abandon the name after nearly 90 years came just 10 days after the team said it would reconsider the name. Snyder had stridently defended the name for years.

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Snyder said the new name, when it is chosen, would "take into account not only the proud tradition and history of the franchise but also input from our alumni, the organization, sponsors, the National Football League and the local community it is proud to represent on and off the field."

At the end of June, some of the team's biggest sponsors, including FedEx, Nike and Pepsi, received letters from investors who called on the companies to cut their ties with the team.

On July 2, FedEx, which pays about \$8 million a year to have its name on the team's stadium in Landover, Md., told the Redskins in a letter that if the team did not change its name, FedEx would ask that its name be taken off the stadium at the end of the season.

The decision to change the name of one of the country's most valuable professional sports franchises comes after hundreds of universities and schools have abandoned team names and mascots with Native American symbols.

Professional teams like the Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL and the Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians of Major League Baseball have resisted changing their names and logos, although the Indians dropped the mascot Chief Wahoo last year and recently said they would review the team name.

Although the Redskins are a Washington, D.C. football team, there were reasons the fight over its mascot was ignited in Minnesota.

AIM was founded in Minneapolis 50 years ago to protest inequality and police misconduct, but it soon expanded into a range of other areas including education, child welfare and team mascots.

"The American Indian Movement was really central to this [protest over the Redskins' name]," said David Zirin, sports editor of the Nation magazine. "They were the folks who put mascots at the center of the fight for Native American liberation. They saw fighting mascots as part of fighting for humanity. Over the years, whenever Washington came to Minnesota, they had demonstrations."

American Indians represent 1.6 % of Minnesota's population, but AIM helped infuse a sensitivity in local residents and leaders to Native American issues. And despite the relatively small numbers of American Indians here, the numbers are far greater than the Indian population of Washington, D.C. which is .006 %.

The reaction Monday from AIM's supporters who stood alongside the group during the 30-year fight was emotional. "We didn't give in and didn't turn around," said Spike Moss, a Black civil rights activist who joined Bellecourt at the news conference. "It's hard to look up to Clyde and not tear up," he said.

"Today is a really good day and I am honored to be here," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, Minnesota's first American Indian in her position. "... There are many more teams left to go," she said.

"Every time the Washington team came here, it has brought our community together," said Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, secretary-treasurer of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. "There's still a long way to go."

Tyrone Terrill, secretary of the national coalition, said he thought he'd never see the day the team would drop the mascot, but now his group must press on to get the other teams to change their names.

Over the course of the past three decades, a number of prominent Minnesota politicians have weighed in against the Redskins name, and on Monday they expressed satisfaction that it is being dropped.

Long fight over names hits home

"We are now in a moment in America in which society and the marketplace will no longer tolerate, let alone reward, blatant racism," Fourth District congresswoman Betty McCollum said in a statement. "The decision ...is long overdue, but nonetheless welcome."

Calling the nickname "racist and offensive," former Gov. Mark Dayton said, "It's very unfortunate it has taken a terrible tragedy like the murder of George Floyd to force this issue on the Washington management."

"I think it's the right thing to do [to change the name] provided they lose to the Vikings," said former Gov. Arne Carlson.

Former Gov. Jesse Ventura marched in several local demonstrations against the name and could not be reached for comment Monday, but told a reporter a few days ago that the nickname evoked images of genocide. "***Black lives matter*** and so do red ones," he said.

"How would the players of the NFL feel if they did an expansion to Birmingham, Ala., and they named 'em the Birmingham Slaves? Do you think that'd fly? I don't. And it shouldn't. This is the same thing."

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The New York Times and Star Tribune staff writer Jennifer Brooks contributed to this report.

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Protest in Pennsylvania after cop uses knee to restrain man

ARTICLE MCLXXII. [**PROTEST IN PENNSYLVANIA AFTER COP USES KNEE TO RESTRAIN MAN**](#)

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ALLENTOWN, Pa. - Activists against police brutality expressed outrage and demanded accountability Monday after video emerged over the weekend of an officer placing his knee on a man's head and neck area outside a Pennsylvania hospital.

Allentown police released a much longer surveillance video of the incident that showed the officer putting his knee on the man's head and neck area twice while he was being restrained a few steps from the emergency room entrance - the first time for eight seconds, the second for 20 seconds.

The man appeared to be "suffering from a medical, mental health or drug and alcohol crisis," police said in a statement late Monday.

Police violated their own policy against neck restraints when an officer used his knee to bear down on the man's head, activists said, while the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania called it an illegal use of force.

Hundreds of people marched in downtown Allentown on Monday night, calling for the officer to be fired and police funds to be reallocated to education, mental health and other social services.

"These police officers should not have been restraining him. He needed help," said Maegan Llerena of Make the Road Pennsylvania, an advocacy group. "Not even two months after *George Floyd* was murdered in Minneapolis, there was a knee on the neck of a man in front of a hospital. What is that? Can someone explain that to me?"

Police launched an internal probe.

The videotaped incident occurred nearly seven weeks after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into the neck of Floyd, a Black man, for nearly eight minutes. Floyd's death in police custody sparked global protests over police brutality and racial injustice.

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"I can't believe this is really happening now, and here," said Justan Parker, founder of Allentown-based ***Black Lives Matter*** to Lehigh Valley.

The group issued a list of demands, including the release of any police bodycam video of the incident, the suspension of the officers involved, the name and condition of the man, the establishment of a regional criminal justice review board and a reallocation of police funding.

The brief bystander video, shot from a passing vehicle and posted on social media, shows Allentown officers restraining the man on the ground outside the emergency room of the Sacred Heart Campus of St. Luke's Hospital. An officer had his elbow on the man's neck before switching to a knee to hold him down while other officers restrained his arms.

In the soundless, 9:38 surveillance video, released late Monday, the man can be seen staggering on the street and sidewalk, vomiting several times and stopping in the driveway of the ER.

Two of the three officers at the scene approached the man after several minutes and attempted to place him into handcuffs, and the man appeared to resist. One of the officers swept the man's leg to bring him to the ground. Shortly after, the other officer put his knee on the man's head and neck.

An earlier police statement said the man had begun to yell and spit at officers and hospital staff, adding the man was "noncompliant which required officers to restrain" him. The surveillance video shows a hospital staffer placing what police called a "breathable spit mask" over the man's head, which is used to protect staff, officers and others from contact with bodily fluids.

The man was treated at the hospital and released, police said.

The ACLU criticized the police explanation.

The police department's "appalling excuse for an officer illegally placing his knee on a man's neck is that he was in mental distress and being 'non-compliant,'" the group tweeted in reaction to the shorter bystander video. "Police should NOT be first responders to those in a mental health crisis."

Attorney Benjamin Crump, who represents Floyd's family, tweeted the bystander video, writing that the restraint used by the unidentified officer is "exactly what led to #GeorgeFloyd's death." Crump demanded the officer's name.

Police have not released the name or race of any individuals seen in the video. Community advocates said they were trying to identify the man in the video to offer support.

"During a health crisis, whatever it was, when he should've been given support, instead he was criminalized and he received a knee to his neck," said Hasshan Batts, executive director of Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley, an Allentown community group.

Police said their internal investigation is moving swiftly. The Lehigh County district attorney's office assigned two detectives to the internal probe and planned to issue findings later this week.

"Our investigation is ongoing, and as we uncover additional information we're trying to release that as we can," Assistant Police Chief Bill Lake said.

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Though Allentown police wear body cameras, Lake declined to say Monday whether police video of the incident exists.

A St. Luke's spokesperson said the hospital has turned its own video over to police. [Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during **George Floyd** aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Lynx will begin July 26 against Connecticut

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LYNX WILL BEGIN JULY 26 AGAINST CONNECTICUT

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Body

The Lynx should have a very good idea about where their 2020 season is going very early.

The Lynx open the season Sunday, July 26, at 11 a.m. against Connecticut, a nationally televised game on ESPN that will be part of the network's season-opening weekend coverage. In the league opener on July 25, No. 1 pick Sabrina Ionescu and the New York Liberty will face Breanna Stewart and the Seattle Storm in a nationally televised game.

For the Lynx, it will be the start of a difficult first week of play in a shortened, 22-game season in which every game will have more importance attached to it. They will play Seattle on July 28, Chicago on July 30 and the Sun again on Aug. 1.

The season is taking place at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., without fans in attendance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be three games a day.

The 22-game slate includes two games against each of the other 11 teams in the league. The games will come rapid-fire, though the Lynx never play on back-to-back days.

The two games vs. Connecticut will give Minnesota native Rachel Banham a good look early at her former team.

Other highlights: The Lynx play the Los Angeles Sparks - and former Lynx great Seimone Augustus - for the first time on Aug. 9. Two days later the Lynx play defending champion Washington. Their first game against traditional rival Phoenix comes Aug. 21. The Lynx's regular season concludes against Indiana on Sept. 12.

The Lynx have eight nationally televised games: three on ESPN or ESPN2 and five more on CBS Sports Network.

All games on the opening weekend will be dedicated to the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement.

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"This 2020 WNBA season will truly be one unlike any other, and we're looking forward to using our collective platform to highlight the tremendous athletes in the WNBA as well as their advocacy for social change," WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

2020 LYNX SCHEDULE

All games at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., with designated home teams.

JULY-AUGUST

26, Connecticut (ESPN), 11 am

28, at Seattle (CBSSN), 9 pm

30, Chicago, 7 pm

1, at Connecticut, 3 pm

5, at New York (CBSSN), 6 pm

7, Indiana, 5 pm

9, at Los Angeles (ESPN2), 6 pm

11, Washington, 5 pm

13, at Las Vegas (ESPN2), 8 pm

15, New York (CBSSN), 5 pm

19, Dallas, 8 pm

21, at Phoenix (CBSSN), 9 pm

23, Atlanta, 3 pm

26, Los Angeles (CBSSN), 7 pm

28, at Atlanta, 6 pm

30, Phoenix, 5 pm

SEPTEMBER

2, at Chicago, 6 pm

4, at Dallas, 7 pm

6, Seattle, 5 pm

8, at Washington, 7 pm

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10, Las Vegas, 7 pm

12, at Indiana, 5 pm

Note: FOX Sports North will announce its TV games at a later date

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Gov. Walz to appeal federal decision rejecting disaster aid for Twin Cities following riots

ARTICLE MCLXXIV.

GOV. WALZ TO APPEAL FEDERAL DECISION REJECTING DISASTER AID FOR TWIN CITIES FOLLOWING RIOTS

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Highlight: Gov. Tim Walz on Tuesday said he plans to appeal a federal decision rejecting Minnesota's request for disaster aid to help rebuild following arson fires and looting following the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd***. Walz said he was disappointed in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision, as it had helped fund rebuilding efforts following [...]

Body

Gov. Tim Walz on Tuesday said he plans to appeal a federal decision rejecting Minnesota's request for disaster aid to help rebuild following arson fires and looting following the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd***.

Walz said he was disappointed in the [*Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision*](#), as it had helped fund rebuilding efforts following other episodes of civil unrest around the country. And he said he would ask the agency to review its decision and appeal to Vice President Mike Pence for his help.

"That fact of the matter is that we had a catastrophe in Minneapolis that was precipitated by the police killing of ***George Floyd***," Walz said. "Folks took to the streets and, again, I think we know many of them from Minnesota but not necessarily from the Twin Cities area. We are committed to rebuilding these areas as vibrantly as we possibly can."

Walz earlier this month wrote to the Trump administration noting that there were more than \$15 million in damage and cleanup costs in Minneapolis and St. Paul that could qualify for federal reimbursement. More than 1,500 businesses were damaged or destroyed during the riots that lasted several days.

And initial estimates indicate the total damage could exceed \$500 million, the second-highest reported damage resulting from civil unrest in the nation's history behind the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

Republican lawmakers expressed approval for the Trump administration's decision not to grant the disaster aid to the Twin Cities.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, on Twitter said local leaders "willfully allowed Minneapolis to burn & then blamed the police whom they demonized." Cruz said he planned to file legislation putting local governments on the hook for private property damage if they withhold police protection.

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And U.S. Rep. Tom Emmer, a Republican who represents Minnesota's 6th District, in a letter didn't support or oppose the request but called on the federal government to launch an investigation into state and local response to the riots in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Walz on Tuesday said he was frustrated to see lawmakers celebrate the federal government's decision not to grant the disaster request.

"There appeared to be some happiness among some legislators that the federal government denied that or the idea that why should the rest of Minnesota pay for Minneapolis? And that is the wrong road to go down," Walz said. "We're there for one another."

The state has 30 days from the date of FEMA's rejection to file an appeal. [Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during **George Floyd** aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Police apologize for man's arrest

ARTICLE MCLXXV. [**POLICE APOLOGIZE FOR MAN'S ARREST**](#)

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A Black man said thoughts of *George Floyd's* fatal police encounter went through his head as he sat in the back of a squad car last week in Bloomington after three white officers pulled him over and approached him briefly with a gun drawn.

Darius Strong posted a video on Facebook soon after the encounter saying "I could have been dead today" during what began as a traffic stop along Old Shakopee Road. "Just remember ... anything can happen to us, man, especially Black bodies ... Black people, Black men. ... Racial profiling is a thing."

Police released Strong after they realized they had the wrong man, and on Saturday night the Richfield Police Department issued an apology on Facebook saying he was victim of an "unfortunate case of mistaken identity."

On Monday, Richfield police released squad car dashcam footage that showed a cordial encounter for the entire 14-minute stop Friday afternoon between the officers and Strong, who questioned why he was being arrested before police realized their mistake, apologized and let him go.

Strong, 30, of Burnsville, said after watching the police video that he had a faulty recollection "because I had so much fear in me" when he contended in a Facebook video soon after the encounter that all the officers had their guns drawn.

"My mind was so jumbled," he added. "I just wanted people to know how frightened I was."

The discrepancies between Strong's initial account and the dashcam video prompted the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association to caution citizens against mischaracterizing interactions with police.

"There are clear differences between Mr. Strong's earlier Facebook video and both the officer report and [Monday's] released dash camera video," Association Executive Director Brian Peters said in a statement. "Based on the video evidence released, Mr. Strong was treated with respect, and the officers followed all of their trainings and procedures."

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Strong's public account of his detention by police comes at a time of intense scrutiny of police encounters, particularly involving Black men. The police killing of Floyd during a routine arrest created weeks of protests and has prompted Minneapolis city officials to look at a dramatic rethinking of the Police Department and the best way to ensure public safety.

Richfield police released squad dashboard camera video Monday in an effort "to promote transparency" about the speeding stop led by one of their officers as part of a state traffic enforcement campaign.

The video showed that Strong was calm, albeit surprised, when told he was wanted for felony check forgery and about to be taken to jail. At the same time, Richfield officer Amanda Johnson and the others remained polite throughout and apologetic once the mistaken identity was cleared up.

"Shoot," Johnson said while reviewing the warrant information as Strong sat behind her. "This might be the wrong guy. ... Yep, exact same name."

Another officer retrieved Strong's identification from the car as he gave police his Social Security number and said he doesn't write checks.

"That guy has a tattoo on his neck," Johnson said in reference to the actual at-large felony suspect.

"So sorry," she said to Strong.

He replied: "I appreciate your kindness."

"You are free to go," she said. "I am sorry. ... Have a better day."

Richfield Police Lt. Brad Drayna said the video showed that "it was a very cordial encounter. It was a very professional traffic stop."

Drayna said that despite the check accurately showing that Strong had a warrant out for his arrest in connection with a 2019 speeding ticket, Johnson chose let him drive off because she "felt sorry for putting him in the back of her squad car." She also didn't cite him for going more than 15 mph over the 35 mph limit, Drayna said.

Strong, a prominent figure in the Twin Cities dance community, is a performer, choreographer and instructor who was awarded a \$40,000 Jerome Foundation fellowship last year. The fiancé and father of a 1-year-old who lives in Burnsville said in his video that all of the officers approached his car with "their guns out. [I] stuck my hands out the damn car."

However, video showed only Johnson with her gun out and down at her side. She put it back in the holster once she arrived at his driver's window.

Addressing why Johnson had her gun drawn, the Richfield police statement explained that it's justified because of "the high-risk nature of arresting individuals with felony-level warrants."

Once cuffed and in the back of the squad car, Strong's posting continued, "I'm shaking. ... I don't know what they gonna do to me when this door closes. ... George Floyd came to my head, I ain't gonna lie. He came to my head thinking about ... when they put him in the back and they was doing all kinds of things to him."

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He said he questioned the officers about why - as he contended - they had their guns drawn, and was told he was under arrest and would have his vehicle towed because he was wanted for check forgery. However, the video didn't reveal any question like that from Strong.

"Once again, *George Floyd* popped into my head," his Facebook posting recounted.

Floyd, unarmed and handcuffed, died while in police detention on May 25 at a south Minneapolis intersection. Police were called there on a store clerk's suspicion that Floyd was trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill.

Once confirmed that Strong was not a wanted felon, the tow truck was canceled about 12 minutes after the stop began, according to emergency dispatch audio, and police let him out of the squad car and took off the handcuffs.

"A Black man traveling in these suburban communities ... it could have ended in a whole different route," Strong said in his posting.

The police statement noted that "this was no doubt a stressful and emotional experience for Mr. Strong. While they were doing their jobs based on what they knew at the time of the traffic stop, officers regret the stress Mr. Strong felt."

The statement added that all three departments will "make sure Mr. Strong's record is cleared and will continue to have important conversations in our communities regarding police-citizen encounters and how they need to reflect the best of all involved."

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A TROUBLED BLOCK CALLS FOR HELP

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[A TROUBLED BLOCK CALLS FOR HELP](#)

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Until recently, Iglan Ahmed hadn't seriously considered moving from the 2900 block of S. 18th Avenue.

But when a 12-year-old boy shoved a handgun in her face during a robbery attempt outside her south Minneapolis home, the mother of eight decided that she'd had enough.

"I'm scared for my life," Ahmed said of the troubled block just north of Lake Street, which she says has turned into a haven for drug dealing and prostitution. "If no one is doing anything, there's no way for me to live in this neighborhood."

Ahmed and her neighbors say the block has become even less of a priority for police and City Hall after the unrest that followed ***George Floyd***'s death in police custody, leading to calls to reimagine policing in the city. They say it's one reason the area stands out as the city's most notorious open-air drug market. And while some sympathize with the long-term goals of the "Defund MPD" movement, they say they're facing a number of other issues that require more immediate attention.

Like the surrounding East Phillips neighborhood - which is 84% people of color - the block is home to many working-class families from Latin America and East Africa.

Drugs, gangs and prostitution have long been prevalent, and last month the area was battered by rioting and looting that spread through the South Side after Floyd died. Located in the Third Precinct, East Phillips also saw violent crime jump about 16% in the decade between 2010 and 2019.

Ahmed and others say the block feels isolated from E. Lake Street, the area's main commercial drag. But it's far from quiet, with dealers openly peddling bags of marijuana and heroin in the middle of the street, day and night. Vehicles pull up like customers at a drive-through, with drug users sometimes getting high in front yards and porches. The stench of urine is overpowering in some places. And employees of a nearby day-care center start each day by sweeping their playground for used syringes and condoms that may have been dumped there the night before.

A TROUBLED BLOCK CALLS FOR HELP

"Before everything with George Floyd, we had been calling the police and asking for their help, but unfortunately the only thing that the Police Department was willing to do or able to do was just driving down the block to say, 'You've gotta keep moving,' " said Jeremy Gray, a block captain.

Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder said police are aware of the ongoing crime and have added patrols and been in contact with neighbors.

"The MPD has long supported neighborhood watch and neighborhood watch patrols for those who wish to do it," he said.

In an e-mail to residents, Kali Pliego, a crime prevention specialist for the Third Precinct, said she was "sincerely concerned" after visiting the block recently and promised to station a mobile police camera nearby when one came available.

"Status quo is not serving your families justice," Pliego wrote. "I want to help, but am not in the position to be able to offer more police resources at the moment. 911 calls will be answered, but temporarily, we cannot count on directed patrols or other proactive measures."

What sometimes gets lost in the post-Floyd conversation around policing is that communities blighted by poverty and neglect are also often deprived of "effective policing," said criminologist Rod Brunson.

"It's not an either-or: It's the combination of under- and over-policing that occurs simultaneously that undermines police effectiveness and police legitimacy," said Brunson, a professor at Northeastern University's school of criminology and criminal justice, noting that "extreme calls for abolishing police altogether" would prove "dire" for people in high-crime areas.

On the day of the attempted robbery, Ahmed said she was sitting in her car behind her house and glanced up to find two youngsters armed with handguns. They demanded she hand over her car keys and wallet. One of the youths stuck a gun in her face as he tried to grab Ahmed's phone, letting off a shot in the air that startled her. Ahmed wasn't injured, but she says the episode left her shaken.

Council Member Alondra Cano, who represents the area, said that she is "equally unsatisfied with the current system" of policing that has alienated residents while failing to put a dent in the area's problems. For years, she says, the department's focus was on cracking down on low-level offenses like public urination while allowing more serious crimes to flourish. Cano, who has supported dismantling the Police Department, says a harm-reduction approach is needed to address the area's problems.

"It's been really frustrating for me in that MPD hasn't been able to deliver results on that front," she said.

But neighbors said that Cano has been equally unresponsive to their pleas for help, and that calls to her office often go unreturned.

Minneapolis may yet serve as a national model for a new approach to public safety, but not if it doesn't first "protect its most vulnerable citizens," according to Sarah Lageson, an assistant professor at the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Newark.

Like her neighbors, Devika Ghai sees the block's problems as a symptom of general neglect by city leaders, but she isn't convinced that more police are the answer. After Floyd's death, she said, much of the country woke up to the reality that its "Black and brown" citizens have long known: a public safety system that has touted justice for all but rarely delivered.

A TROUBLED BLOCK CALLS FOR HELP

"There just isn't any political will to address any fundamental issues here, which is people don't have housing, people don't have dignified employment and people are criminalized over and over again, so people end up in criminalized industries," Ghai said. "I think the problem is that there've been so few alternatives for so long."

After months of frustration, some residents have banded together to take back the block. They set up private WhatsApp groups to share photos and videos of illegal activity and later began round-the-clock monitoring while wearing yellow T-shirts that read "Neighborhood Watch" on the front and "Security" on the back. Some started carrying guns. Then in the past few days, they blocked off both ends of the street with metal barriers and garbage bins filled with concrete to cut down on speeders who used to fly down the block.

Since then, neighbors say they've enjoyed their first stretch of quiet nights in months, but some doubt the uneasy calm can last long without help from police or Cano.

Residents say that some police officers have shown an interest in their plight, like the sergeant who helped defuse a tense standoff Wednesday between locals and a city worker, who showed up to remove the fencing. The sergeant eventually negotiated an agreement that allowed residents to keep the barriers up, so long as they could guarantee a path for ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

Abdi Hassan, who works for the state Pollution Control Agency, says things got so bad that some neighbors were afraid to use their front doors out of fear of being harassed by dealers, who seem emboldened by the lack of police presence. A few weeks ago, Hassan said he decided to move his wife and two young kids into his mother's house in the south suburbs.

"We told them about the encampment and the drugs and the vacant house," said Hassan, adding that he's left numerous messages with Cano about an abandoned house on the block that seems to attract trouble, to no avail. "Cops don't help, nobody helps - we don't know where to go."

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Vacant Kmart could be a temporary post office

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VACANT KMART COULD BE A TEMPORARY POST OFFICE

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Body

Minneapolis officials on Tuesday will consider leasing the vacant Kmart store on Lake Street to the U.S. Postal Service for use as a temporary post office.

Two post offices near Lake Street were destroyed in the unrest following the death of ***George Floyd***. The post office owns the property at 110 E. 31st St., on which it plans to rebuild, and will renew a lease at 3033 S. 27th Av. once that site is reconstructed, according to a city memo.

The Postal Service needs a temporary location during the 12 to 24 months it will take to rebuild, the memo said. A mobile truck has been deployed in the Kmart parking lot at 10 W. Lake St. over the past month to help fill the void for south Minneapolis customers.

The Kmart was already scheduled to shutter by June 30 after the city bought out its lease, but the riots following the May 25 police killing of ***George Floyd*** accelerated its closure.

The lease agreement with the city calls for the Postal Service to pay \$30,416 a month in rent beginning Aug. 1. The city-owned property has been eyed for redevelopment, but the memo states the temporary arrangement won't affect those plans.

The Postal Service needs a loading dock and about 184 parking spaces for employees, delivery vehicles and customers. Costs to prepare the site will be covered by the Postal Service, but the city will pay for outdoor property maintenance, such as snow removal, and for maintaining building systems. These costs will be capped at \$365,000 annually.

The City Council's Business, Inspections & Zoning Committee will consider the matter on Tuesday. Postal Service officials were not immediately available for comment Monday.

JANET MOORE

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Vacant Kmart could be a temporary post office

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Veterans make push for special courts

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VETERANS MAKE PUSH FOR SPECIAL COURTS

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When Tony Miller returned to Minnesota in 2008 after two tours in Iraq, the Army veteran wasn't right. Military buddies were dying by suicide. He didn't like how his antipsychotic medications made him feel, so he smoked marijuana instead. He was filled with anger, and he vented that anger as a bouncer at a Twin Cities hockey pub. When a bar patron acted out, Miller could beat him up.

It was 2015 when Miller was arrested on drug charges. His attorney helped get him into veterans court, a new concept in Hennepin County that helped give veterans a second chance. Instead of prison, the alternative court instituted another plan. Miller had to stay sober and keep regular therapy appointments at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, where he worked through his traumatic experiences in Iraq. Five years later, Miller, 37 and living in Bloomington, is about to start at the University of St. Thomas to get his master's social work. After graduation, he wants to do counseling work at the VA.

Now Miller's anger is directed at state politicians. For two years in a row, legislation to expand veterans courts throughout greater Minnesota has stalled in the Republican-controlled Senate. In a last-ditch effort to get it passed this year, veterans organizations are increasing pressure on legislators to pass a bill during this week's special session.

The partisan politics that has stalled the bill is "a slap in the face to veterans," Miller said. "I pray that this will pass." But he also realizes "coronavirus is completely overshadowing every other issue we have."

Gov. Tim Walz called this week's special session to extend the COVID-19 peacetime emergency order by 30 days, and he has urged the Legislature to pass a "robust" capital investment package as well as police reform and assistance for businesses hurt by civil unrest following *George Floyd's* death in May.

Veterans advocates frame the bill as fitting into this moment, since it is both an alternative form of criminal justice and a cost-saver as COVID-19 has ravaged state finances.

Veterans make push for special courts

The Veterans Restorative Justice Act hasn't made it out of committee in the Senate during the past two legislative sessions, despite legislators on both sides claiming to support the bill that would keep veterans who have committed lower-level criminal offenses out of prison.

The fiscal note attached to the legislation says that had the bill been enacted at the end of the 2019 session, the state would already have saved \$422,000 by lower incarceration costs, and \$1.3 million by June 2021.

"It costs the state's taxpayers money every day this bill does not pass," said Tommy Johnson, a veterans advocate with the VFW Post in Hopkins.

Parties differ on why the bill has yet to pass.

Republicans say it's a simple question of the Legislature being overwhelmed with COVID-19 concerns. Republican Sen. Roger Chamberlain, R-Lino Lakes, a military veteran, who says he supports the bill, believes it would have passed this session if it weren't for COVID-19 and George Floyd's killing. This week's limited, narrow special session is not the time for a bill like this, he said.

"That's not what this special session is going to be," said Chamberlain, who added he will support the bill in 2021. "There's always next year."

But DFL politicians claim partisan politics is preventing a bipartisan bill supported by national veterans organizations from immediately passing.

"In the 10 years I've been in the Legislature, this was the worst session for political partisanship I've ever seen," said Sen. Jerry Newton, DFL-Coon Rapids, the ranking minority member of the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Committee. "But generally with issues regarding veterans, that doesn't happen."

This version of the bill would be limited to veterans with service-related disorders facing low-level felony charges (no more severe than a level 7 criminal offense), and only if the defendant claims the offense was connected to military service. In 2019, 6% of offenders incarcerated in a Minnesota correctional facility self-reported that they were veterans.

For Jeff Johnson, a 70-year-old retired Army major from Shoreview, every day the Legislature waits is a mistake.

Johnson credits the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and the veterans court for saving his life. Johnson had been bedridden and sick for six years - back and balance issues, nerve surgeries, stress - when in 2017 he called 911, intending to commit "suicide by cop." Instead, deputies shot him with nonlethal beanbags. Veterans court directed him to an inpatient treatment program at the St. Cloud VA Health Care System. He now feels better than any time in his adult life.

"This bill has been up twice," Johnson said. "It's been a political football enough."

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[\\$1.35 BILLION BONDING BILL, TAX CUTS ADVANCE AT MINNESOTA CAPITOL](#)

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Highlight: The Minnesota Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday advanced a public jobs and projects bill complete with \$1.35 billion in plans to update wastewater infrastructure, rebuild roads and bridges and fund improvements to university classrooms and labs. On a 18-10 party-line vote, Democrats on the panel passed the proposal that came with an attachment to [...]

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On a 18-10 party-line vote, Democrats on the panel passed the proposal that came with an attachment to conform the state's tax code with federal tax laws, ending a disparity that forced small business owners and farmers to immediately pay income taxes for the financial gain they saw after trading in equipment or machinery.

Republicans on the committee objected to the combination of two major pieces of legislation, calling the plan a "huge garbage bill" and said they weren't involved in the deal's crafting. Their objection signals likely trouble ahead as the bill moves to the House floor.

A supermajority in each chamber would have to approve the bill to greenlight the state's issuing of bonds to fund the projects. And that means Republicans who hold a minority in the House and Democrats who hold a minority in the Senate hold a key role in deciding whether a bonding bill could advance.

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, D-Brooklyn Park, and Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, on Monday said they'd come [close to brokering a deal on the bonding and tax bill](#) that could win over majority caucuses in each chamber. But the minority caucus leaders said they weren't in those discussions and weren't ready to approve the bill.

"Members, this bill's not going anywhere. You don't have the votes to pass it," Rep. Greg Davids, R-Preston, said. "It's becoming a huge garbage bill."

\$1.35 billion bonding bill, tax cuts advance at Minnesota Capitol

Despite the protests from GOP lawmakers on the committee, Democrats said the bill was critical to creating jobs and boosting the state's economy after the COVID-19 pandemic, state response and civil unrest following ***George Floyd***'s death cratered Minnesota's economic outlook.

"This is what people around the state are looking for; not excuses," House Tax Committee Chair Paul Marquart, D-Dilworth, said. "We have an excellent chance right now to give our economy a boost in really fragile times."

The [*package includes \\$1.35 billion*](#) in general obligation bonds, \$300 million in trunk highway bonds, \$147 million in appropriation bonds and \$38 million cash. The full \$1.8 billion proposal will pay for a variety of construction, transportation, housing and infrastructure projects around the state that legislators say could bring online more than 27,000 jobs.

The Public Facilities Authority would receive the largest chunk of general obligation bonds: \$254 million, set to be split among municipal governments whose time is running out to replace or repair aging wastewater infrastructure. The state Department of Transportation would spend the most out of any agency on infrastructure construction and improvements - \$323 million - but would take out \$300 million in trunk highway bonds to do it.

The 180-page bill also recommends \$150 million to the state Department of Employment and Economic Development, \$96 million to the Department of Natural Resources, \$82 million to Minnesota State colleges and universities, \$80 million to the Metropolitan Council, \$75 million to the University of Minnesota, \$50 million to the Department of Public Safety, \$44 million to the Department of Corrections, and more.

Members of the panel, both Democrats and Republicans, voiced concerns about taking out another \$300 million in trunk highway bonds. And Republicans said they hadn't been adequately consulted in crafting the bill.

The House panel also advanced to the floor a \$58 million supplemental state budget complete with funding for overtime payments for corrections officers, payments for State Patrol members deployed to monitor the civil unrest in the Twin Cities following Floyd's death, boost funding to personal care attendants and families on the Minnesota Family Investment Program, test rape kits and increase funding for veteran suicide and homelessness prevention initiatives.

The additional spending was offset by freezes in state hiring.

And a slate of proposed criminal justice and police accountability reforms again cleared the committee, with Democrats supporting them and Republicans opposing them. Marquart voted with Republicans in opposition. Negotiations on policing law changes failed in a June special session. [*Walz calls special session next week to consider 30-day extension of pandemic powers. Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch. Voters, GOP lawmakers plan lawsuit over Walz's mask mandate at polling places. State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding'. Minnesota will close 2 prisons to prepare for budget shortfall. Other agencies face holes, too.*](#)

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Ackerberg renames Lake Calhoun Center

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The Lake Calhoun Center office building is getting a new name, joining a move away from the Calhoun moniker by several property owners in the area.

Owner Ackerberg, which also has its headquarters in the building on the north end of Bde Maka Ska, announced it would change the name to Lakeside Center.

In 2018, the state of Minnesota, at the request of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, renamed Lake Calhoun as Bde Maka Ska. John C. Calhoun was vice president of the United States from 1825 to 1832 and later a U.S. Senator. He was one of the foremost defenders of slavery.

"While it's important to not erase history as there are so many critical lessons to be learned, we also can no longer be connected with an individual whose views on equality and humanity are rooted in ignorance." Ackerberg CEO Stuart Ackerberg said in a news release.

Ackerberg renames Lake Calhoun Center

The movement away from the Calhoun name has come in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police. Other prominent buildings have also ditched the Calhoun name in recent months, including [Calhoun Square](#) and [Calhoun Beach Club](#).

In February, St. Louis Park-based Bader Development quietly renamed Calhoun Towers at 3430 List Place to West Lake Quarter, according to a company spokesperson.

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 3C**Length:** 659 words**Byline:** MICHAEL RAND; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** This regretful chapter is finally closed**Body**

Washington's NFL team announced Monday that it is getting rid of its offensive and racist Redskins nickname - a move that feels entirely in the moment, entirely decades too late and entirely like it would never happen, all at the same time.

The moment, of course, is a collective and wholly necessary re-evaluation of race, history and privilege being undertaken in this country (and really this world) - much of it touched off after the Memorial Day killing of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis.

Since the economy is often a driver when it comes to elevating a collective consciousness beyond mere thought, this particular moment also came to bear with hundreds of billions of dollars at stake and Washington's football organization under pressure to act.

The timing? Well, I remember circulating a petition - along with my longtime best friend, who is Native American - while we were in junior high school that asked for support in changing the "Redskins" nickname of Grand Forks Central, the high school we were going to attend in a couple of years.

I'm fairly sure we created the petition on our own, on a typewriter, and went door to door asking people to sign. I'm not entirely sure what we did with the signatures or how many we got. I remember one woman calling me "Paleface." And I remember that a couple of years later Grand Forks Central did, in fact, change the nickname - eventually to Knights.

That was more than a quarter-century ago. There was plenty of resistance, plenty of false equivalence, plenty of insistence that the nickname was an honor and not a slur. And yes, there were a lot of "Redskins Forever" shirts and caps made, many of which are probably now gathering dust in Grand Forks basements - the same ones, perhaps, that also still contain remnants of the University of North Dakota's "Fighting Sioux" logo and nickname, retired eight years ago.

So it is absurd to think a process undertaken a generation ago by a high school in a state not known for its bastion of liberal viewpoints is now just being started by the most visible professional sports team in our nation's capital.

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But here we are: At a place we so obviously should have arrived a long time ago but one team owner Daniel Snyder promised just seven years ago would NEVER arrive.

Should an organization get to take a victory lap for finally doing the right thing decades too late after being backed into a financial corner? Nope.

We can acknowledge this is better than not doing it. That's about it. But hold your applause, and feel free to keep your arms folded.

Because we also had better acknowledge this: A lot of us accepted the nickname as part of the NFL, even if it made us uncomfortable. And in that way, a lot of us are complicit. I know I've held my nose and used it in things I've written or said - accepting the status quo. And I sure never circulated or signed any petitions to get rid of it, even if that's what I believed was right.

Racism is not merely the problem of the afflicted or the truly vile. It persists when those of us who know better and believe we think better don't speak and act against it. And in that way it is everyone's problem.

Along those lines, gestures like toppling statues and removing nicknames are notable, but they are not nearly enough. This is a signpost, not an endpoint when it comes to the work that must be done - and undone - as all of us in positions of privilege grapple with the world around us that has largely been created for our benefit and with our implied consent.

Racism is so ingrained in society that it often masquerades as normal. More of us need to be more consistent and true allies in the fight against it - recognizing that racism is not a moment but a system.

The fact that Washington changing its racist nickname in 2020 still registers as a surprise and a major event should tell us a lot about how long the journey ahead still is.

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LAWMAKERS CLASH OVER POWERS

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 929 words**Byline:** JESSIE VAN BERKEL; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Disagreement about Walz's extension threatens action on infrastructure spending**Body**

Minnesota lawmakers returned to the State Capitol on Monday hoping to resolve continuing partisan differences on police accountability, a major public works package and several tax and spending measures.

But first they faced off over Gov. Tim Walz's decision to extend his emergency powers for another 30 days to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, a move that prompted the second legislative session of the summer, just four months ahead of the November elections.

As expected, the Republican-led Senate quickly passed a resolution to rescind the DFL governor's emergency powers, which have become entangled in negotiations over police reform and a massive infrastructure borrowing package. The vote was 36-31, with only one lawmaker, DFL Sen. Kent Eken, DFL-Twin Valley, crossing party lines.

The DFL-controlled House is unlikely to follow suit, leaving Walz's pandemic decrees intact at least through the middle of August.

Democratic House Speaker Melissa Hortman said she believes the governor's emergency powers are critical as COVID-19 cases rise nationally, a trend that has prompted intensifying national debates about face masks and opening schools in the fall.

Minnesota Republicans argued that even as the pandemic continues, the state of emergency passed.

"The emergency part of the pandemic is over," said Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, contending that the state acted quickly during the onset of the virus and now has the needed precautions in place.

But Hortman pointed to the spike in Southern states like Texas, where refrigerated trucks are needed to store bodies because morgues are at capacity. "We have to very seriously consider what it could be in the future for Minnesotans," she said. "So the emergency is in no respects over."

Walz characterized the COVID-19 pandemic as an evolving emergency.

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"The peacetime emergency has provided us tools to save lives and mitigate the devastating impacts of this pandemic," he said in a statement Monday extending his emergency powers. "As cases skyrocket in other states, we can't let our guard down now."

Every state but Wisconsin has some type of ongoing emergency order to deal with COVID-19, according to National Governors Association data from July 1.

The disagreement over emergency powers continues to threaten action on the infrastructure financing package known as the bonding bill. Long-term state borrowing requires supermajorities in both chambers to pass. GOP House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt has said his caucus will withhold its support for the bonding bill unless Walz relinquishes his emergency powers. That has put him at odds with both Gazelka and Hortman, who say the two issues should not be linked.

Hortman said she pressed Daudt again on the bonding bill Monday morning, but added, "I don't think he's there yet." Daudt made no public comment on the bill Monday.

Legislators are considering more than \$1.8 billion in borrowing and spending to support state and local repair and improvement projects, Hortman said. That includes \$1.35 billion in general obligation bonds, \$300 million in highway bonds, \$147 million in appropriation bonds - \$100 million of which would be used for housing - and another \$38 million in cash.

Bonding discussions also are tied to deal for a GOP tax relief bill for farmers and businesses, as well as to a \$58 million spending package that includes some of Democrats' supplemental spending priorities.

While legislative leaders said they are close to a deal on bonding, they remain deep in negotiations over police reforms. Lawmakers on both sides proposed a slate of police accountability measures following the Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd on May 25, an incident that sparked global protests and a national examination of race and social justice.

While a special session in June failed to produce any agreement, lawmakers on both sides said they are still talking, though largely out of public view.

"We have not stopped working on that since the end of last special session," Gazelka said. "It feels like there's real progress that has been happening there."

Among the more contentious proposals are new statewide use-of-force regulations, a plan to spend \$15 million on alternatives to policing, new arbitration rules for officers facing dismissal, and reforms to the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training. Both Hortman and Gazelka declined to specify particular areas where they have made progress or struck agreements since the last special session ended on June 20.

Gazelka said legislative leaders will continue closed-door negotiations, with the full Senate not planning to reconvene until Wednesday or next Monday, depending on action in the House. Meanwhile, House Democrats planned to advance police reform and bonding proposals in the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday.

Discussions of Walz's emergency powers Monday often centered on reopening Minnesota schools in the next school year. Walz has said he will make a decision about schools on July 27. Republican senators said

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they want schools to reopen and allow local school boards and administrators to make decisions about how to manage COVID-19.

"Some members seem to think that one person has somehow the ability to understand what 300 school districts face," Sen. Carla Nelson, R-Rochester, said.

Democrats also expressed a desire to open schools. "But we have to do it a way that's safe," said Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, DFL-Woodbury, noting that the needed precautions could be expensive and complicated.

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George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death

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GEORGE FLOYD'S FAMILY SUES MINNEAPOLIS OFFICERS CHARGED IN HIS DEATH

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Highlight: *George Floyd*'s family filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the city of Minneapolis and the four police officers charged in his death, alleging the officers violated Floyd's rights when they restrained him and that the city allowed a culture of excessive force, racism and impunity to flourish in its police force. The civil rights lawsuit, filed [...]

Body

George Floyd's family filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the city of Minneapolis and the four police officers charged in his death, alleging the officers violated Floyd's rights when they restrained him and that the city allowed a culture of excessive force, racism and impunity to flourish in its police force.

The civil rights lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Minnesota, was announced by attorney Ben Crump and other lawyers representing Floyd's family members. It seeks compensatory and special damages in an amount to be determined by a jury. It also asks for a receiver to be appointed to ensure that the city properly trains and supervises officers in the future.

"This complaint shows what we have said all along, that Mr. Floyd died because the weight of the entire *Minneapolis Police Department* was on his neck," Crump said in a statement. "The City of Minneapolis has a history of policies, procedures and deliberate indifference that violates the rights of arrestees, particularly Black men, and highlights the need for officer training and discipline."

Crump said the lawsuit seeks to set a precedent "that makes it financially prohibitive for police to wrongfully kill marginalized people - especially Black people - in the future."

Mayor Jacob Frey's office said he couldn't comment on pending litigation. Interim City Attorney Erik Nilsson said the city is reviewing the lawsuit and will respond to it.

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after *Derek Chauvin*, a white police officer, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Three other officers at the scene - *Tou Thao*, *Thomas Lane* and J. Kueng - are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. They have been fired from the police department.

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The lawsuit came on the same day that a court allowed public viewing by appointment of video from the body cameras of Lane and Kueng. A coalition of news organizations and attorneys for Lane and Kueng have been advocating to make the videos public, saying they would provide a more complete picture of what happened. The judge hasn't said why he's not allowing the video to be disseminated more widely.

The lawsuit takes issue with police policies and training. It says that even though neck restraints can be deadly, the police department allowed them to be used in situations in which deadly force wasn't warranted.

After Floyd's death, Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said the type of restraint Chauvin had used wasn't authorized, and the department banned chokeholds and neck restraints in the days following Floyd's death.

The lawsuit also contends that the city acted with "deliberate indifference" when it came to allowing police to use excessive force. It says the city ratified practices that allowed officers to treat Black community members differently and it fostered a culture in which officers weren't penalized for bad actions.

"It really is about trying to change the culture and behavior of policing," Crump said at a news conference. "We would have hope that ***George Floyd*** did not have to sacrifice his life to bring about these changes. But now we are here, and we are at a tipping point."

The families of victims of other high-profile police shootings have received high payouts in Minnesota.

Last year, Minneapolis agreed to pay \$20 million to the family of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, an unarmed woman who was shot by an officer after she called 911 to report hearing a possible crime happening behind her home. The settlement came three days after the officer, Mohamed Noor, was convicted of murdering her and is believed to be the largest payout ever stemming from police violence in Minnesota.

At the time, Frey cited Noor's unprecedented conviction and his failure to identify a threat before he used deadly force as reasons for the large settlement.

The mother of Philando Castile, a black motorist killed by an officer in 2016, reached a nearly \$3 million settlement with the suburb of St. Anthony, which employed Jeronimo Yanez, who was acquitted of manslaughter and other charges. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

Graphic

A combination of booking photos of former Minneapolis police officers ***Derek Chauvin***, center, ***Tou Thao***, right, ***Thomas Lane***, top left, and ***J Alexander Kueng***, lower left. (Courtesy of Hennepin County sheriff's office)

Crump wears a face mask with the words "Where's the love?" after announcing the filing of a civil lawsuit. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

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LAWYERS ACCUSE ELLISON OF CONTEMPT

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Attorneys representing two former Minneapolis police officers charged with killing **George Floyd** accused Attorney General Keith Ellison of contempt of court: One asked him to be sanctioned and the other called for his arrest.

Earl Gray, who is representing **Thomas Lane**, and Robert Paule, who is representing **Tou Thao**, filed separate motions Tuesday objecting to Ellison issuing a news release Monday about the case after Judge Peter Cahill issued a gag order prohibiting either side from discussing such matters.

Ellison announced Monday that he had appointed four veteran attorneys as special assistant attorneys general on the Floyd case and listed their professional accomplishments.

"Ellison should be jailed along with" his spokesman John Stiles, Gray wrote. "There is no reason to announce that these so called 'super stars' are joining the prosecution and that they're doing it for free. It is an obvious statement to the public that these 'super stars' believe that our clients are guilty."

Tensions between the prosecution and defense have been escalating for more than a month as Ellison and several public officials spoke out about the killing of Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man who died May 25 after former officer **Derek Chauvin knelt** on his neck for nearly 8 minutes while Floyd said he couldn't breathe.

"We have no response," Ellison's office said in a written statement Tuesday.

Paule and Gray asked to be heard about the issue at a yet-to-be determined hearing.

"Defendant ... respectfully moves the Court for an order holding Keith Ellison ... in contempt of court and ordering sanctions as a result of his actions," read Paule's motion.

The judge is unlikely to sanction or have Ellison and Stiles arrested, said Joseph Daly, professor emeritus at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. He'll likely issue a warning or clarify his gag order, Daly added.

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"Judges do not like to sanction lawyers unless their conduct is outrageous," he said. "This gag order is unclear."

Ellison's office is leading the prosecution of Chauvin, Thao, Lane and former officer **J. Alexander Kueng** with assistance from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

Ellison sent out his news release Monday after some of the defense attorneys filed motions earlier that day objecting to the order and protesting prior remarks made by Ellison and other public officials.

"Out of respect for Judge Cahill's gag order, I will say simply that I've put together an exceptional team with experience and expertise across many disciplines," Ellison said in the news release.

In his motion, Gray said Ellison's move was intentional.

"Further proof that the news release was done to influence the public is that it was released by John Stiles, who, according to Google, is a chief strategy officer and builds reputations and brands," Gray's motion said.

Cahill issued his order last week prohibiting attorneys from publicly divulging "opinions, strategies, plans or potential evidence."

All four former officers' attorneys filed motions Monday objecting to the order.

Their separate motions argued that the order violated constitutional rights to due process, free speech and a fair trial, and that it unfairly penalized the defense after prosecutors and public officials had spent weeks criticizing the former officers' actions.

Cahill warned at a June hearing that remarks from public officials, attorneys and others were threatening to prompt the court to move the trial or trials to another county because of the possibility of biasing potential jurors.

Chauvin is charged with one count each of second-degree murder, third-degree manslaughter and second-degree manslaughter. The other three are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who is representing the Floyd family, planned to hold a news conference Wednesday morning in front of the federal courthouse in Minneapolis to announce a lawsuit against the city of Minneapolis and the officers involved. Details of the lawsuit were not disclosed.

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'I'm not a bad guy': Police video captures a distraught George Floyd

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'I'M NOT A BAD GUY': POLICE VIDEO CAPTURES A DISTRAUGHT GEORGE FLOYD

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Highlight: The footage, which has been blocked from publication by a judge, shows a panicked and fearful Floyd pleading with officers in the minutes before his death.

Body

Body-camera footage made public Wednesday from two Minneapolis police officers involved in ***George Floyd's*** arrest captured a panicked and fearful Floyd pleading with the officers in the minutes before his death, saying "I'm not a bad guy!" as they tried to wrestle him into a squad car.

"I'm not that kind of guy," Floyd says as he struggles against the officers. "I just had COVID, man, I don't want to go back to that." An onlooker pleads with Floyd to stop struggling, saying, "You can't win!" Floyd replies, "I don't want to win!"

A few minutes later, with Floyd now facedown on the street, the cameras record his fading voice, still occasionally saying, "***I can't breathe***" before he goes still.

Though transcripts of the footage were released earlier, the video itself is the fullest public view yet of Floyd's interaction with the officers who were later charged in his death. It also captures an apparent lack of urgency to render aid to Floyd for long minutes after he stopped moving.

The recordings from Officers ***Thomas Lane*** and J. Kueng are part of the criminal case against them and two other officers in Floyd's May 25 death. ***Derek Chauvin***, who held his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes, is charged with second-degree murder. Lane, Kueng and another officer, ***Tou Thao***, are charged with aiding and abetting. All four officers were fired the day after Floyd died.

Journalists and members of the public were allowed to view the footage Wednesday by appointment. Judge Peter Cahill, without explanation, has declined to allow publication of the video.

The footage shows the officers' view of a death already widely seen on a bystander's cellphone video, which set off tumultuous protests in Minneapolis that quickly spread around the world and sparked a national reckoning on race and policing.

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Floyd appears distraught from the moment officers ask him to step out of his vehicle near a south Minneapolis corner grocery, where he was suspected of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill. When Floyd did not immediately display his hands, Lane pulled his gun, leading Floyd to say he had been shot before.

Floyd's hands are soon handcuffed behind his back, and he grows more anxious, telling the officers that he's claustrophobic and pleading with them not to put him in the back of a squad car.

In the struggle, Floyd loses a shoe. What appears to be Chauvin's chest-mounted body camera winds up underneath the squad car, and Floyd eventually winds up on the pavement with the officers holding him down.

Chauvin and Kueng each grip one of Floyd's handcuffed hands to hold them in position behind his back, with Kueng's knee appearing to press on Floyd's bottom or just below. Lane is at Floyd's feet.

The officers sound clinical as the minutes tick by. "I think he's passing out," one officer says. "You guys all right, though?" someone asks. "Yeah - good so far," says one. Another - apparently Lane - says: "My knee might be a little scratched, but I'll survive." Kueng reaches out with a free hand to pull a pebble from the police SUV's tire tread and toss it to the street.

Lane did not sound particularly worried the first time he asked Chauvin whether they should roll Floyd on his side and suggested that Floyd might be in delirium. People in the crowd can be heard expressing fear for Floyd's condition, asking whether he had a pulse and was breathing.

A couple of minutes later, Lane sounds a bit more concerned when he asks again about rolling Floyd onto his side. The officers go quiet but show no apparent urgency as Kueng checks for a pulse and says he cannot find one.

Lane's camera shows him following an unresponsive Floyd on a stretcher into an ambulance, where EMTs instructed him to perform CPR. The video shows Lane performing constant chest compressions by hand with no visible results.

The ambulance parks a few blocks away from the store for several minutes while Lane and the EMTs work on Floyd, rather than heading straight to the hospital, even though they all know that Floyd is in full cardiac arrest, as indicated by dispatcher audio.

Christine Hill, a spokeswoman for Hennepin County Medical Center, the hospital that provided the ambulance, said she could not talk specifically about Floyd's treatment because of medical privacy restrictions. But she said it is not unusual for paramedics to load a patient into an ambulance and move to a more secure location as they provide life-saving care.

A coalition of news organizations and attorneys for Lane and Kueng have said the court should allow the body-camera footage to be copied and published to provide a more complete picture of what happened when Floyd was taken into custody.

The viewing of the video took place on the same day Floyd family attorney Ben Crump was announcing a lawsuit against the city and the police officers involved in his death.

The body camera videos and transcripts were filed in court last week by Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, as part of a request to have Lane's case dismissed. Gray said at the time that he wanted the videos to be made public,

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telling the Star Tribune that they would show the "whole picture." Gray said the bystander video shows just the last piece of what happened and "is not fair."

Gray's request highlighted portions of the body camera video that show Floyd "actively resisting and acting erratic" with officers. It also noted Floyd's "request" to be put on the ground. Gray also argued that Lane did not have a clear view of what Chauvin was doing.

Kueng's attorney, Tom Plunkett, has also asked that the video be made public.

Associated Press Writer Amy Forliti contributed to this report. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Police union leaders tell MN Senate: City leaders 'failed Minneapolis'

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POLICE UNION LEADERS TELL MN SENATE: CITY LEADERS 'FAILED MINNEAPOLIS'

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Highlight: Union leaders representing fellow Minneapolis police officers on Wednesday said officers were prepared to give their lives to protect the city's Third Police Precinct before it was set ablaze in May, but police leaders told them to stand down and let demonstrators take it. The officers told Minnesota senators about their experiences responding to the [...]

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The officers told Minnesota senators about their experiences responding to the arsons and looting in Minneapolis that followed large protests after ***George Floyd***'s death while in police custody. They said extreme dips in morale are having profound impacts among their ranks.

The hearing was the latest held by a joint Minnesota Senate panel tasked with probing the damage that followed Floyd's death.

And in a four-hour hearing that focused on protesters' occupation of freeways and the police response to civil unrest in the Twin Cities, Republican lawmakers said they would bring legislation increasing penalties for demonstrating on freeways and call for answers from state and local leaders who they felt were responsible for the destruction.

Democrats on the panel, meanwhile, said lawmakers should focus on the issue that fueled civil unrest: the death of Floyd after now-former officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on his neck.

Minneapolis Officer Rich Walker Sr. condemned Chauvin's actions and said the bad acts of a handful of officers shouldn't ruin the reputation of an entire department.

"The truth is the leaders of Minneapolis failed Minneapolis," Walker said. "We would've gave the ultimate sacrifice before we gave up our building."

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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said last month that he would "note that the governor has repeatedly stated no city could have handled a crisis of this magnitude without support from other jurisdictions, and the full mobilization of the Minnesota National Guard was necessary."

Officers had riot gear, but the Minneapolis police union said officers were asked not to wear it so as to not inflame tensions. And that caused injuries as demonstrators lobbed bottles, rocks and other projectiles, according to the union.

"We could've defended that precinct, we could've defended that part of Lake Street if we had the resources," said Sgt. Anna Hedberg, who, along with Walker, are Minneapolis Police Federation directors.

The Department of Public Safety last week told the panel that the state was preparing to activate hundreds of National Guard members to assist officers in Minneapolis. But efforts to scale up forces to the extent necessary took days.

The state took control of the situation in Minneapolis on May 29, deploying more than 7,000 National Guard members, the largest operation since World War II.

The panel also took testimony Wednesday about hundreds of demonstrators spilling onto freeways on May 31.

State Patrol Col. Matt Langer said troopers went into "triage" mode that day as two protests at U.S. Bank Stadium and the Capitol grew in size. They, along with the Department of Transportation, moved to close highways before the planned time of 8 p.m. to prevent dangerous situations for demonstrators or drivers.

"Whenever there's a breach of the freeway by a group that wishes to demonstrate or protest that is a harrowing experience as traffic safety officials," Langer said. "... We're quite concerned that someone is going to get hurt."

That almost happened May 31, when a [truck driver nearly drove into a crowd of protesters](#) on Interstate 35W in Minneapolis. He said he didn't intend to, but found himself confused on a highway that he didn't understand was closed.

Republicans on the panel said they would bring forth stiffer penalties for demonstrators that enter roadways.

"People are ... absolutely sick and tired of this," said Sen. David Senjem, R-Rochester. "I think we need to look at some consequences or we're going to have this on a repeated basis."

But Democrats said lawmakers should instead look to what is fueling the unrest.

"They took to the streets because they wanted their actions to be heard by Minnesotans," said Sen. Melissa Franzen, D-Edina. "... How do we avoid another killing of a Black man? Because that actually happened on a public street by a public servant." [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Statue of Black protester replaces toppled UK slave trader

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[STATUE OF BLACK PROTESTER REPLACES TOPPLED UK SLAVE TRADER](#)

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Highlight: LONDON (AP) - An artist has erected a statue of a ***Black Lives Matter*** protester atop the plinth in the English city of Bristol formerly occupied by a statue of a slave trader.

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LONDON (AP) - An artist has erected a statue of a ***Black Lives Matter*** protester atop the plinth in the English city of Bristol formerly occupied by a statue of a slave trader.

Marc Quinn created the life-size resin and steel likeness of Jen Reid, a protester photographed standing on the plinth after demonstrators pulled down the statue of Edward Colston and dumped it in Bristol's harbor on June 7.

The statue, titled "[A Surge of Power \(Jen Reid\)](#)" was erected before dawn on Wednesday without approval from city officials.

Reid, who came to inspect her likeness, said "it's something that fills me with pride."

"I think it's amazing," she said. "It looks like it belongs there. It looks like it's been there forever."

Colston was a 17th-century trader who made a fortune transporting enslaved Africans across the Atlantic to the Americas on Bristol-based ships. His money funded schools and charities in Bristol, 120 miles (195 kilometers) southwest of London.

The toppling of his statue was part of a worldwide reckoning with racism and slavery sparked by the death of a Black American man, ***George Floyd***, at the hands of police in Minneapolis in May.

Quinn, one of Britain's best-known sculptors, said Reid had "created the sculpture when she stood on the plinth and raised her arm in the air. Now we're crystallizing it."

City authorities fished the Colston statue out of the harbor and say it will be placed in a museum, along with placards from the ***Black Lives Matter*** demonstration.

Bristol Mayor Marvin Rees cast doubt on whether the new statue would be allowed to stay, noting that it "was the work and decision of a London-based artist."

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"The future of the plinth and what is installed on it must be decided by the people of Bristol," he said in a statement.

"This will be critical to building a city that is home to those who are elated at the statue being pulled down, those who sympathize with its removal but are dismayed at how it happened and those who feel that in its removal, they've lost a piece of the Bristol they know, and therefore themselves."

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MPD makes revisions to use-of-force policy

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[MPD MAKES REVISIONS TO USE-OF-FORCE POLICY](#)

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Byline: JOHN REINAN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: De-escalation will be the goal along with more detailed reporting.

Body

The *Minneapolis Police Department* said Tuesday that it's changing its use-of-force policy to encourage officers to try to de-escalate intense situations and hold them accountable when force or weapons are used.

For the first time, officers will be required to document how they tried to de-escalate situations in every report they submit.

Officers also must report why they decided to use force and explain why they used a particular level of force.

The new orders issued Tuesday by Police Chief Medaria Arradondo are the latest in a series of reforms being implemented after *George Floyd*'s death in May.

"This change will instill a stronger emphasis on de-escalation and help effectively curb excessive use of force by ensuring our officers center de-escalation in any and all interactions between officers and the community," Mayor Jacob Frey said in a statement. "These comprehensive reporting requirements will help reinforce de-escalation as the first resort."

The new policies also require officers to report whenever they draw a gun - as well as an additional report whenever they point a gun at anyone or use chemical agents.

Officers also must report whenever they handcuff a suspect, use pressure points and "joint manipulation." When police do use force against a citizen, they will be required to use the code word "force" in their report.

"As the MPD continues to professionalize our service and make necessary reforms, these new changes in policy, strengthening de-escalation and use of force reporting will play a key role in our efforts in building trust and legitimacy with all those we serve," Arradondo said.

The department has been under pressure to make changes since Floyd died on May 25 after an officer knelt on his neck and three other officers failed to intervene.

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A supermajority of the City Council pledged to disband the department, a move Frey has opposed, saying he wants to improve the department's procedures and culture. Darwin Forsyth, a spokesman for the mayor, said the de-escalation policy is designed to make officers think about it on a regular basis.

"It's one piece of the puzzle of making de-escalation more a part of the culture," he said.

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READERS WRITE OUR ASSIGNMENT: RETURNING SAFELY

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BACK TO SCHOOL

President Donald Trump is loudly proclaiming that students across the nation must return to the classroom this fall. So why is he, like Republicans in the Minnesota Senate, not actually doing the work to make that happen?

We all know that school courses have prerequisites. You can't take calculus if you've not passed algebra. No advanced-placement literature without English grammar. And you can't put kids back in the classroom if you haven't controlled that pesky little coronavirus. And, according to scientists - the folks who have studied this - we can control the virus if we all do some really easy things: wash our hands often, stay at least 6 feet away from others and wear a mask.

And that's where my Republican friends (not all of them, just leaders like Trump, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka and others) draw the line, stomp their feet and cry, "My freedom!"

Sadly, these folks think that they can take calculus without passing algebra and beat the virus without personal responsibility. And many of these privileged folks may have been allowed to take some shortcuts. According to his niece, Trump himself got into college by hiring a smart person to take an exam in his place. But the coronavirus stands tall at the door to the school, allowing no shortcuts.

So you want your kids to go back to school? Do your homework. Wear a mask. Or be prepared for virtual classes until we have a vaccine. It's not up to your local school board. It's up to you and whether you are responsible enough to do your part.

Bruce Anderson, St. Cloud, Minn.

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It is important to be safe; it is also important to be logically consistent and fair across generations. While no activities are without significant risk during this pandemic, increasing amounts of data are consistently showing that children not only have a vastly lower risk of significant illness, but are also less prone to spreading SARS-CoV-2. When taking that emerging data in combination with the established data that

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decreased access to schooling has profound harms that last for decades, any curtailing of in-person public school access at a time when any businesses or adult activities that were not deemed "essential" during the initial, statewide stay-at-home order are open would simply be inappropriate. While modifications such as having children wear masks and frequently practice hand hygiene would be reasonable, to limit school in the absence of a full return to shelter-in-place would be either an acknowledgment that our society does not truly value children and their future, or that decisions are being driven by cognitive errors such as identifiable victim effect, present bias and omission bias rather than being driven by data and logical consistency.

Jeffrey Nowak, Edina

The writer is a physician.

VOTING

Receive ballot, fill out, return. Easy.

Justin Clark's July 13 editorial counterpoint attacks mail-in voting, a moot issue in Minnesota as mail-in voting is not an option except in a limited number of small precincts ("Mail-in voting would undermine election integrity," Opinion Exchange). Here is my smooth experience in what we do have: no-excuse absentee voting.

A month ago, I submitted an online request to the office of the secretary of state's official elections website, mnvotes.org. On that request I'd needed to include my driver's license number and sign a statement attesting to my eligibility to vote. My ballot arrived in the mail a week or two later.

On July 4th I sat at my kitchen table and voted in our primary election. No need to wear a mask. No risk of contracting COVID-19. No witness needed as I was already a registered voter. Then I mailed my ballot, no postage required, on my morning walk. Five days later I went again to mnvotes.org to check my ballot's status. The website told me that my "ballot was accepted on July 8, 2020, and will be counted."

As for that "I Voted" sticker Clark mentioned - it came with my ballot packet.

Evelyn Solo, North Mankato, Minn.

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The debate continues about vote-by-mail without much, if any, attention to a very obvious alternative. There is currently one location for early voting in person in Minneapolis, located on East Hennepin Avenue. The city of Minneapolis has 49 recreation centers, according to its park website. Open four of these in convenient locations around the city. If the volunteer pool is limited, open these in-person locations on Fridays and Saturdays. Voters can drop off their absentee ballot or vote in person.

Dan Gunderson, Minneapolis

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I live a couple of blocks from the early voting center at 980 East Hennepin Av. I've lived here since 1991. I've had to correct directions for Minneapolis residents, bus drivers, cabdrivers (remember those?) and all

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the others who confuse Hennepin Avenue South with East Hennepin Avenue. (That would be about a mile and a half off, give or take.)

I think the current announcement about the early voting center and all future announcements must include a simple map.

This could be as little as a thumbnail inset including the Mississippi to the left of the map, an abbreviated "East Henn." with a named cross street and a big star or arrow over the correct address.

Thanks for making early voting work well!

Emilie Quast, Minneapolis

POLICING

Encourage the good in officers

While thinking about policing and the urgent need for reform/transformation, a memory surfaced.

In 1989, my son, who struggled with mental illness, came for a weekend in Farmington where I was pastor of a small church. Unfortunately, he became stressed and decompensated - lost it - and it manifested as anger at me. When it escalated into threats to harm me, to take my life, I called the police. The officer handled it well, quietly asking my son how he felt and suggesting they go to the station. My son agreed. The officer later drove him back to his metro group home. The next day a man came to see me in my office - it was the officer in plain clothes. On his day off he came to see how I was doing, and said he was concerned about me - still brings tears to my eyes.

Is there a way to nuance our momentum for change in policing? In my subsequent work in restorative justice, I discovered a police force that facilitated restorative dialogue between victims and offenders, and I recall the push for community policing, having officers get to know the people on their beat, to be seen as part of the community and a genuine resource.

What happened to these initiatives? Let's bring them back and cultivate those caring instincts!

Jean Greenwood, Minneapolis

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We see in "A troubled block calls for help" (July 14) that everyone regardless of their socioeconomic status desires basic safety. It is shameful that local residents must put up their own physical barriers and work shifts to keep trouble out. This is a fundamental responsibility of local government - the Minneapolis City Council and the ***Minneapolis Police Department***. In the wake of the ***George Floyd*** tragedy, local officials have traded their mission with calls for defunding and dismantling the police. It is ironic that Council Member Alondra Cano, a supporter of defunding MPD, cannot answer her constituents' calls for a solution. Where is her "harm reduction" plan? Aren't you embarrassed that residents have taken action on their own for self-preservation? This is a failure of elected activists who are more interested in their "woke" status than keeping residents safe.

Minneapolis residents must wake up to the pathway the City Council has chosen. If not, I see more neighborhood barricades appearing in the near future.

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Joseph Polunc, Cologne, Minn.

The writer is a retired law enforcement officer.

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Wisconsin duo wants stiffer penalties for wrecking statues

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Highlight: MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Two Wisconsin legislators introduced a bill Wednesday that would make defacing or destroying statues a felony after protesters ripped down a sculpture of abolitionist Col. Hans Christian Heg and a statue embodying the state's "Forward" motto at the state Capitol last month.

Body

By TODD RICHMOND

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Two Wisconsin legislators introduced a bill Wednesday that would make defacing or destroying statues a felony after protesters ripped down a sculpture of abolitionist Col. Hans Christian Heg and a statue embodying the state's "Forward" motto at the state Capitol last month.

Republican Rep. Rob Hutton and Democratic Sen. Tim Carpenter - who was physically attacked by protesters during the violence - co-authored the bill. It would make damaging or defacing any structure, plaque, statue, painting or other monument of historical significance on public property or maintained by a government entity a felony punishable by up to three-and-a-half years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

"While debates about issues and historical individuals are important and productive in a civilized society, wanton destruction of important history is unacceptable," Hutton said in a statement. "If there is merit for the removal of public statues and monuments, discussions should be had within the structure of the appropriate government body, with open and civil feedback from the public."

The bill's future looks uncertain. Legislators are busy on the campaign trail this summer and aren't expected to return to Madison until the next two-year session begins in January. Aides to Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald didn't immediately respond to messages.

Heg was a Norwegian immigrant who became an outspoken abolitionist, serving in the 15th Wisconsin Regiment during the Civil War. He was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863. A statue of him, funded by donations from the Norwegian Society of American, had stood outside the state Capitol since 1926.

Protesters tore down the statue, ripped off its head and dumped it in a nearby lake during a wild night of protests against **police racism** June 23. The protesters also tore down a statue on the opposite side of the

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Capitol that represented the "Forward" motto as a woman pointing to the horizon. That statue was first installed 125 years ago but was replaced with a bronze replica in 1998.

That same night, protesters attacked Carpenter as he watched the demonstration. The senator can be seen on cellphone video collapsing on the Capitol lawn after the beating.

The protest was one of a series of demonstrations that shook downtown Madison after the death of ***George Floyd***, a handcuffed Black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer used his knee to pin Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. The June 23 violence in Madison erupted after police arrested a black protester who was walking into businesses while talking into a megaphone and wielding a baseball bat.

Why protesters targeted two statues with no racist history remains a question. Some said they attacked the statues because they present a false reality of racial equality in Wisconsin.

The state Department of Administration hasn't released damage estimates for the statues. The state Capitol and Executive Residence Board, which approves repairs at the Capitol and governor's mansion, plans to discuss reinstalling the statues during a meeting Monday. [Wisconsin Dells water park closes for season after coronavirus sickens 2 employees](#) [GOP leader wants Wisconsin Senate to strike down mask order](#) [Wisconsin's Democratic governor endorses Biden for president](#) [Wisconsin Republicans 'stand ready' to kill governor's mask requirement](#) [Wisconsin governor orders masks statewide amid virus surge](#)

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A time to reimagine' housing

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The triple threat of COVID-19, *systemic racism* and a struggling economy has added new layers of complexity to the challenge of creating safe and affordable housing in the Twin Cities and beyond.

As part of a Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce webinar Wednesday morning, a panel of Twin Cities housing and development experts made a case for a more holistic approach to affordable housing, and looked at it through the lens of employment, racial justice, and shaking up the status quo.

The panelists were Julie Gugin, president of the Minnesota Homeownership Center; MayKao Y. Hang, vice president and founding dean of the Morrison Family College of Health at the University of St. Thomas; and DeAngelos Svenkeson, founder and CEO of NEOO Partners, a local urban planning and real estate consulting firm. Ellen Sahli, president of the Minnesota Housing Fund, moderated the discussion.

Touching on the fallout from the pandemic, Sahli cited a recent report that said nearly a third of all U.S. households did not make their full housing payments in July. Nineteen percent missed their entire payments, while 13% made only partial payments, she said.

“The foundation for housing is shaky for millions of Americans. And in the midst of a pandemic, our region experienced the murder of *George Floyd* and the civil unrest that showed in stark terms the disparities that our region and our country face,” she said.

One challenge: Mortgage delinquency rates doubled in the Twin Cities in April, even as “many, many folks lack adequate savings to see them through a crisis,” Gugin said.

Communities of color are particularly hard-hit. Citing a New York Times article, Svenkeson noted that roughly 41% of African-American small businesses in the U.S. are “on the brink of failure due to the impacts of COVID.”

“I think right now, our region needs to think really big about how to rebuild and we cannot rebuild the status quo,” he added. “Our status quo didn't work for people of color in this region. And this is an opportunity now to reimagine.”

A time to reimagine housing

For her part, Gugin said “deep-seated systemic and racist practices” related to housing have not gone away. Redlining and predatory lending practices are traditional barriers that “still exist to a degree, and we need to figure out how to dismantle that,” she said.

Panelists called on the private sector to provide living wage jobs so people are better able to afford safe and quality shelter, and for local communities to create a diverse housing stock, even in the face of “not-in-my-backyard” sentiment.

Oftentimes, local opposition to affordable housing projects is “coded,” said Hang.

“Not-in-my-backyard activities are not necessarily so much sometimes related to poverty. They're related to race, because people don't want individuals who are different moving into their middle-class or suburban neighborhoods,” she said.

“What has resulted is a pattern of a lot of spatial, social and racial segregation in Minnesota. And I think that's bad for us as a society because it makes us less economically productive. There's also a body of evidence now that shows when you have investments in place a lot of that investment is housing that actually the quality of life will improve,” Hang said.

The good news: Resources are available to homeowners who are falling behind on their payments, Gugin said. And unlike the Great Recession, when home prices plummeted and many homeowners owed more than their home was worth, people are in a better position to sell their homes now if they need to, she said.

“What we want consumers to understand is you don't have to sell your property that there might be other options for you,” Gugin added. “We’re concerned, quite frankly, about scams, cash deals, people knocking on your door saying, ‘We can give you cash for your property and you can get out from under your COVID financial crisis.’ If consumers really want to stay in their house, they need to know that there are options that can help them that don’t involve these sorts of needless sales.”

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American Indians see change coming

ARTICLE MCXCII. [**AMERICAN INDIANS SEE CHANGE COMING**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 6A**Length:** 639 words**Highlight:** Two important decisions herald change for the better.**Body**

A football team finally discards a despised and derogatory name, and the U.S. Supreme Court unexpectedly holds Congress to account for promises more than a century old. These two decisions, one symbolic, one legal, should provide some genuine hope that despite so many challenges, society is capable of positive change.

The first reform may seem inconsequential to some. The Washington Redskins, after decades of pressure, have renounced a nickname that has long been a pejorative for American Indians. The team did so not out of altruism, but because corporate sponsors applied the ultimate pressure - potential loss of revenue. Corporations are far more sensitive to public opinion than politicians, it would seem, and have wound up helping to lead change on LGBTQ issues, climate, ***Black Lives Matter*** and now this. FedEx threatened to pull its name from the team's stadium because it considered the name at odds with its values. Nike pulled team gear from its online stores. These firms recognized that public sentiment has changed on these issues and will no longer tolerate offensive denigration of some groups.

The other decision, that of the Supreme Court in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, is nothing short of historic. Justice Neil Gorsuch, writing for the court, opened his opinion with stirring words: "At the end of the Trail of Tears was a promise." What followed was a decision that at long last holds the U.S. to treaties long forgotten by many. Gorsuch said the eastern half of Oklahoma, given to the Creek tribe in return for its ceding other land in an 1833 treaty, was in fact theirs. "Today we are asked whether the land these treaties promised remains an Indian reservation for purposes of federal criminal law. Because Congress has not said otherwise, we hold the government to its word."

An avowed textualist, Gorsuch said that while such a decision might be uncomfortable for some, "wishes don't make for laws, and saving the political branches the embarrassment of disestablishing a reservation is not one of our constitutionally assigned prerogatives." Only Congress, he said, can divest a reservation of its land.

Tim Johnson, a professor at the University of Minnesota and national expert on Supreme Court decisions, said the decision is a strong affirmation of the power of treaties and a major victory for Indian tribes in Oklahoma and across the country. The case itself deals with the issue of whether the state or federal

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government should have tried a Jimcy McGirt, a Seminole man, for crimes on Muscogee Creek treaty lands. Gorsuch's decision, Johnson said, looks at the criminal jurisdiction issue, deciding in favor of federal jurisdiction, but then goes broader, to an acknowledgment of U.S. treaty responsibilities that he said lawyers will be studying for years.

There could, he said, be implications for Minnesota, where tribes have clashed with government officials and communities over a variety of issues, including fishing rights and, most recently, whether the Line 3 oil pipeline could run through historic treaty land.

"It remains to be seen how broadly this will be interpreted," Johnson said, but "this would seem to give pretty broad rights to tribes across the U.S."

Taken together, the recent developments are "two harbingers that show we are in an era of real change," Johnson said in an interview with an editorial writer.

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, an Ojibwe, said she never thought she would see the Redskins name dropped in her lifetime. Then, she told an editorial writer, she read the opening line of the Gorsuch decision, which she found so powerful that as she read it, "I held my breath."

In a sentiment that should find broad support, Flanagan said that "I hope and pray these two decisions will continue to lead to more change," and result in a society where "people are seen, heard and valued."

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Mpls. spent \$152K for security for 3 council members

ARTICLE MCXCIII. [**MPLS. SPENT \\$152K FOR SECURITY FOR 3 COUNCIL MEMBERS**](#)

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Body

The city of Minneapolis spent \$152,400 to provide private security for three City Council members, a higher amount than a previous estimate.

The city provided security coverage for Council Members Alondra Cano and Phillipe Cunningham and Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins after they received threats, a colleague said.

The security came from two companies: Aegis and BelCom. One of the contracts was signed June 7, the day the council members and six of their colleagues promised to "begin the process of ending" the *Minneapolis Police Department*.

City spokeswoman Sarah McKenzie said services ended June 29.

Because they did not surpass \$175,000 in spending, the contracts did not need to be preapproved by the City Council during a public meeting, the city has said.

LIZ NAVRATIL

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Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect

ARTICLE MCXCIV. [POLICE ASSOCIATION: OFFICERS WHO DETAINED MAN IN MISTAKEN ID TREATED HIM WITH RESPECT](#)

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Highlight: The largest association representing Minnesota public safety officers says a man mistakenly detained in Bloomington was treated with respect during the incident. Darrius Strong - a choreographer, dancer and dance instructor - posted a video online Friday, saying, "I could have been dead today" after the traffic stop. He said there were four squads that [...]

Body

The largest association representing Minnesota public safety officers says a man [mistakenly detained in Bloomington](#) was treated with respect during the incident.

Darrius Strong - a choreographer, dancer and dance instructor - posted a video online Friday, saying, "I could have been dead today" after the traffic stop. He said there were four squads that pulled up "and they all (brought) their guns out."

But Brian Peters, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association executive director, said there were "clear differences" between what Strong said in his video and what squad camera footage showed.

"The law enforcement officers who serve their communities conducted the traffic and felony-level warrant stop to keep the public safe, and should be commended for their service and integrity," Peters said, adding the officers did not have "all their guns out."

"Misstatements about police behavior are particularly unfortunate during this time of heightened sensitivities."

The Bloomington, Edina and Richfield Police Departments issued apologies to Strong in a statement. They were conducting traffic enforcement when a Richfield officer pulled over Strong for speeding.

The officer saw the registered owner had a felony arrest warrant, but soon after she "discovered a different person falsely used Mr. Strong's name during a previous police encounter that resulted in an arrest warrant being issued in his name," according to the police statement.

Before that discovery, during the initial traffic stop, the officer momentarily drew her firearm and pointed it at the ground. Police said the other officers did not draw their guns.

Police association: Officers who detained man in mistaken ID treated him with respect

Strong was handcuffed and put in the back of a squad car before the officer determined he wasn't the subject of the warrant and he was released.

On Monday, Richfield police released dash cam footage and Bloomington police released body camera footage.

Strong responded in a Facebook video, saying he recorded his initial video right after he was detained and he was traumatized - which he said he still is. He said he had not taken the time to look his video over and listen to it before posting it.

"I was emotional in the video," he said. "I'm not discrediting my video ... because that was real. ... I went through some trauma in my body. ... Facts may be not lined up with the video."

When police stopped him, Strong said he was thinking about ***George Floyd***, who died in Minneapolis police custody.

"Anything can happen to us, man, especially as ... Black men," he said.

The owner of Elevé Performing Arts Center, where Strong was coming from on Friday after teaching dance classes, has started a petition at bit.ly/StrongPetition to the Bloomington mayor and city council, "asking for clarity on the protocol used for this traffic stop." [*Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case*](#) [*Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say*](#) [*Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case*](#) [*Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots*](#) [*Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police*](#)

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St. Anthony City Council rejects teen's Philando Castile mural, but she vows to keep fighting

ARTICLE MCXCV. **[ST. ANTHONY CITY COUNCIL REJECTS TEEN'S PHILANDO CASTILE MURAL, BUT SHE VOWS TO KEEP FIGHTING](#)**

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Highlight: Saying it would set a problematic precedent, the St. Anthony City Council on Tuesday voted against allowing a local high school student to create a mural of Philando Castile on the city council building. In a 4-1 majority, council members told Semhar Solomon that green-lighting her mural would open the door for other residents to [...]

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Saying it would set a problematic precedent, the St. Anthony City Council on Tuesday voted against allowing a local high school student to create a mural of Philando Castile on the city council building.

In a 4-1 majority, council members told Semhar Solomon that green-lighting her mural would open the door for other residents to try to honor other individuals or ideas on city property, which has historically been kept neutral.

Some also felt that her location for the mural - on the south side of City Hall next to the police department, was an affront to officers who have made progress since their former colleague, Jeronimo Yanez, fatally shot Castile during a traffic stop in 2016 and they didn't need a daily reminder of the incident, according to comments made by council members Jan Jenson, Thomas Randle and Mayor Randy Stille.

They also voiced concern that the mural would further divide the first-ring suburb, not unite it around a call to end racial injustice as supporters suggested at the meeting.

The council members said they were open to considering a mural elsewhere in the city.

Council member Bernard Walker, a Black man, cast the lone vote in support of the mural. He said Castile's place in the community's history was unique and therefore a mural honoring him would stand apart from other residents seeking city property as a means of expression.

He also dismissed the notion that it should be squashed because it could create division.

"I ask who is causing division? Those who are creating the mural or those who oppose it," Walker asked his colleagues. "Restricting smoking in buildings was divisive. Wearing seat belts was divisive. Slavery was ... divisive. ... Pretty much any call to justice will lead those not interested in justice to oppose it, thus causing division."

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Council member Randle, who voted against the mural, is also Black.

While she so far has yet to get her mural, Solomon has been successful in igniting conversation about race relations in her predominantly white community, which has been one of her aims since ***George Floyd*** died in Minneapolis police custody on Memorial Day.

Long privately passionate about racial injustices and police brutality - Solomon went to her first protest after Castile died four years ago - the soon-to-be St. Anthony High School senior said she didn't have the confidence to speak up until she saw people across the country protesting Floyd's death.

"It took really knowing that people have my back, knowing that it's not just the Black community, for me to (have the confidence) to take initiative," Solomon said recently.

She joined in the protests that followed in Minneapolis, and organized an ongoing supply donation drive in St. Anthony that benefits organizations in need across the metro.

She also hosted a rally for Castile on the anniversary of his death, July 6. Solomon was planning for that when she mentioned her mural idea to Castile's mom, Valerie.

When Valerie Castile told her "she wanted her son's face everywhere," Solomon said she felt energized to make sure it became as reality.

"St. Anthony has yet to commemorate (Castile's) life in the past four years and sure, everyone's heads turned for a moment, but that shouldn't have been all that happened," Solomon said. "This is an opportunity to unite our community through art. Honoring someone's life that our police department took is the least we can do."

Growing up Black in St. Anthony has been challenging, Solomon said, adding that she believes there is a lot of racism baked into the way the city and school district operate.

Castile's death epitomized it in the worst way, she continued, adding that she doesn't believe her city has taken meaningful steps to honor his life or change since.

During the meeting Tuesday, city council member Jenson rattled off changes the city has made since Castile's death. He cited body cameras, requiring implicit bias training for officers and adopting protocols outlined in former President Barack Obama's 21st Century Policing report.

Yanez was fired by St. Anthony following the fatal shooting, and was charged with manslaughter and reckless discharge of a firearm. He was subsequently acquitted.

Solomon said she aims to keep pushing the city to tackle hard topics, and says she won't rest until her mural finds a wall in her city.

"This feels really out of the norm for (St. Anthony), but hopefully it will be for the good," she said. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Police looking for dozens who looted Lululemon on St. Paul's Grand Ave. during Floyd unrest

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Highlight: After dozens of people looted a high-end athletic wear company's store on St. Paul's Grand Avenue, police released surveillance photos Wednesday and asked for the public's help to identify suspects. During civil unrest after the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody, various businesses were vandalized and set ablaze in St. Paul on May [...]

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During civil unrest after the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody, various businesses were vandalized and set ablaze in St. Paul on May 28 and May 29.

Someone used a baseball bat to shatter the front door of Lululemon on Grand Avenue and Victoria Street at 11:45 p.m. on May 28.

"Soon after, dozens of people stepped, stumbled, crashed and crawled their way through the door and over shards of glass," St. Paul police said in a statement on Wednesday. "Then they ransacked the store for whatever they could carry."

At least 30 people were involved and a significant amount of merchandise was stolen, worth tens of thousands of dollars, according to Steve Linders, a St. Paul police spokesman.

Investigators have been gathering evidence and looking for suspects in various cases of arson and burglary. Several people have been arrested.

In the Lululemon case, prosecutors have charged a 24-year-old St. Paul woman with felony burglary.

While others seen in photos and surveillance video from Lululemon were wearing masks, the woman was not and police identified her by a tattoo visible on her neck and upper part of her chest. Police found her selling Lululemon clothing online under the pseudonym "LilBaby Snow," according to a criminal complaint.

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Police stopped the woman and a man in a sport-utility vehicle and found several items of Lululemon clothing with security tags still attached. During a search warrant, more than 100 items of Lululemon clothing were found in the man's bedroom; many still had security tags and were on hangers unique to the Grand Avenue store, the complaint said.

Surveillance photos from the Lululemon burglary can be viewed on the police department website at bit.ly/LululemonSuspects. Police are asking anyone with information to contact them at 651-266-5900 or SPPD-CUITF@ci.stpaul.mn.us. [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#) [Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case](#) [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#) [Minneapolis man sentenced to 33 years in prison for sex-trafficking young women and girls out of massage parlor](#)

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Highlight: It's the first Minneapolis public hearing on budget revisions this year since *George Floyd*'s killing.

Body

Dozens of people on Tuesday night asked Minneapolis' elected officials to cut more money from the city's Police Department, as they readjust this year's budget for the first major time since *George Floyd* was killed.

The majority of speakers who called in to the City Council's budget committee hearing asked the city to cut \$45 million from the Police Department's \$193 million budget.

"I don't know why we would continue to fund the Police Department the way we have, as they continue to murder our Black and brown brothers and sisters," said Hunta Williams, a member of the city's Transgender Equity Council. Williams added later: "We're watching. We have our eyes on you."

Reclaim the Block and the Black Visions Collective encouraged people to advocate for the \$45 million cut. Lex Horan, with Reclaim the Block, said they reviewed the department's budget to identify areas that "are not directly linked to community safety," such as the mounted patrol, an activities league and special operations and intelligence. They are also calling for a roughly 30% cut in the precinct and patrol budgets.

One of the only people who didn't advocate for cuts was the leader of a downtown business organization.

"Tonight, I would urge you not to make sudden and significant changes to the mayor's recommended and revised MPD budget until and unless concrete alternatives ... have been established," said Steve Cramer, president and CEO of the Minneapolis Downtown Council.

The public hearing Tuesday set the tone for a series of budget talks as city leaders work first to revise this year's budget and then to approve next year's.

Minneapolis leaders hope by the end of July to cut \$156 million from this year's \$1.6 billion budget as they grapple with revenue losses because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Mayor Jacob Frey has said he hopes to save larger questions about the future of policing for the 2021 budget process, which kicks off next month.

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Earlier this year, city officials approved the first phase of budget cuts, which the city estimates would save \$58 million by freezing most hiring, putting a temporary hold on wage increases and making cuts from city contracts. That total includes \$8.6 million in cuts from the Police Department, according to the city.

Last week, Frey offered a proposal that would plug the remaining \$98 million hole by relying on cash reserves, implementing furloughs for some employees and laying off up to 40 workers.

The mayor's proposal also relies on a series of budgetary transfers. It includes, for example, a \$6 million "rollback" for some housing programs, but also seeks to add \$4 million from a housing board established in the 1980s.

The mayor's office said it is trying to keep intact programs that provide "immediate service to residents with greatest needs" and programs that allow the city to qualify for additional funding.

This second phase of cuts, as proposed by the mayor, calls for a \$50,000 reduction in the Police Department, specifically from its timekeeping and employee-management system, and the system that tracks transactions in pawnshops and secondhand stores.

Many of the people who spoke Tuesday focused on that \$50,000 figure as they asked for greater cuts and instead more investments in housing.

Many of them asked City Council members to fulfill a pledge nine of them made in Powderhorn Park last month, when they promised to work toward ending the Police Department.

The city's next public hearing on the budget is July 22.

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\$10M to replace Third Precinct site

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[\\$10M TO REPLACE THIRD PRECINCT SITE](#)

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Highlight: Walz will appeal FEMA's denial of disaster aid after the riots and Floyd killing.

Body

Replacing the Third Precinct police station in south Minneapolis will cost an estimated \$10 million, according to figures showing the damage to public infrastructure during the riots after the police killing of [George Floyd](#).

The figures, shared Monday by Hennepin County, are the first valuations of the damage to the police station, which was looted and torched by protesters after officers abandoned their post May 28. The city is estimating \$13.8 million in losses, damages and overtime costs related to fires in the days after Floyd was arrested and killed.

The city provided the estimates to Gov. Tim Walz, who requested \$16 million in disaster aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) earlier this month. The agency denied the request, and Walz on Tuesday said he planned to appeal the decision.

"It's not all that unusual that this was denied," he said. "I wish they would take another look at it, and I think we can make a good case."

In addition to the \$10 million to replace the Third Precinct, the city estimated an additional \$289,000 to replace 911 equipment inside, \$225,000 for cleanup, and \$5,000 for "paper shredding services," according to documents. It also tallied more than \$1 million in related overtime costs for services and police, fire and public works employees.

City officials could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

The future of the precinct is unclear; Council Member Alondra Cano, who represents the area, has said she does not support rebuilding on that site.

The precinct had gained a reputation over the years for the aggressive policing conducted by its officers.

\$10M to replace Third Precinct site

Hennepin County estimated \$5.7 million in damages to its facilities related to the fires, according to documents. Most of that was sustained at its properties on Lake Street near the Third Precinct, including \$3.6 million for East Lake Library, \$943,200 for East Lake Clinic and \$500,000 for the South Hennepin County Human Service Center.

Under federal law, FEMA can provide financial assistance for cities to recover from natural disasters as well as fires, regardless of their cause. The county and city compiled the damage caused by the fires set during the riots and sent them to the state.

"It's an estimate," said Eric Waage, the emergency management director for Hennepin County. "There is enough stuff going on here that we have clearly met or exceeded our threshold" for federal aid.

In his letter to President Donald Trump asking for financial assistance, Walz said the uprising following Floyd's killing was the "second most destructive incident of civil unrest in United States history" after the Los Angeles riots in 1992.

Los Angeles received federal aid from FEMA following those riots; other cities that have been the site of major riots since have not.

Walz said he would try to talk to Vice President Mike Pence about the need for federal aid.

"I'm disappointed they didn't do it. We are committed to rebuilding these areas as vibrantly as we possibly can," he said.

If Trump rejects Walz's appeal, Minnesota statute indicates that a majority of the recovery costs for public infrastructure would fall on the state, Waage said.

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Berkeley moves toward removing police from traffic stops

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Highlight: SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - After hours of emotional public testimony and a middle-of-the-night vote by Berkeley leaders, the progressive California city is moving forward with a novel proposal to replace police with unarmed civilians during traffic stops in a bid to curtail racial profiling.

Body

By JANIE HAR

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - After hours of emotional public testimony and a middle-of-the-night vote by Berkeley leaders, the progressive California city is moving forward with a novel proposal to replace police with unarmed civilians during traffic stops in a bid to curtail racial profiling.

The City Council early Wednesday approved a police reform proposal that calls for a public committee to hash out details of a new Berkeley Police Department that would not respond to calls involving people experiencing homelessness or mental illness. The committee also would pursue creating a separate department to handle transportation planning and enforcing parking and traffic laws.

The council voted for the committee to find ways to eventually cut the Police Department's budget by half and approved an analysis of police calls and spending.

A tired but excited Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin said he doesn't expect a new transportation department overnight because conversations will be hard and detailed with complicated logistics to figure out. But he said communities of color in his city feel targeted by police and that needs to change.

"There may be situations where police do need to intervene, and so we need to look at all that," he said. "We need to look at if we do move traffic enforcement out of the Police Department, what does that relationship look like and how will police officers work in coordination with unarmed traffic enforcement personnel?"

It's believed the plan to separate traffic enforcement from police is the first of its kind in the U.S. and comes as many cities seek broad public safety reforms, including reducing law enforcement budgets, following the May 25 death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police. Fans of the proposal cheered its passage even as some called for greater cuts to police.

Berkeley moves toward removing police from traffic stops

It could take months, even years, to create a new department, but police and other law enforcement experts rebuked the idea as dangerous, not only for traffic safety but for the people tasked with pulling over drivers, who they say can be dangerous.

"I think what Berkeley is doing is nuts," said Mark Cronin, a director with the Los Angeles Police Protective League, a union for officers. "I think it's a big social experiment. I think it's going to fail and it's not going to take long for, unfortunately, traffic collisions, fatalities to increase exponentially."

Cronin, a former traffic officer, said cities can't rely on unattended traffic signals or camera lights to catch bad drivers and that people are needed to educate motorists on safe driving. But those people also need backup and the authority to arrest should they encounter a driver who is intoxicated, armed and fleeing a crime, or wanted on other charges.

"Traffic stops are one of the most unpredictable and therefore dangerous duties of law enforcement. There is no such thing as a routine traffic stop and to perform them effectively and safely takes months of police training in and outside of an academy," said Frank Merenda, a former New York City Police Department captain who is an assistant professor of criminal justice at Marist College.

Philip Stinson, a criminal justice professor at Bowling Green State University, called the idea an "overly simplistic plan that could have deadly consequences for unarmed traffic enforcement officers."

Nine U.S. police officers were killed during traffic stops so far this year, according to data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. Six were shot, and three were struck by vehicles.

Numerous studies have shown Black drivers are much more likely to be stopped by police than whites for minor traffic infractions, and the results sometimes can be deadly for the driver.

Philando Castile, for example, was fatally shot after the 32-year-old was stopped for a broken tail light in 2016 in Minnesota. Sandra Bland, 28, died in a jail cell three days after being stopped for failing to signal when changing lanes in Texas in 2015.

The largely affluent and progressive San Francisco suburb of 120,000 has led the country on environmental, cultural and equity issues but still has lopsided traffic stop figures.

A 2018 report by the Center for Policing Equity, a research and advocacy group based in Los Angeles, found that Black and Latino drivers were stopped by Berkeley police at higher rates than whites.

Data analyses by the Stanford Open Policing Project at Stanford University also found that Black and Latino drivers were searched far more often than whites, but the searches turned up fewer drugs, guns and other contraband.

Berkeley police issued a statement Wednesday saying the department would work with the community "to determine how we can best evolve to accomplish our mission of safeguarding our community."

Police unions for Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose issued a statement opposing the proposal. The Berkeley police union did not respond to requests for comment this week.

Arreguin, the mayor, said creating a new department is a phase-two development that's at least a year away and would likely involve making changes to state law.

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Traffic stops can be dangerous and require extensive training, said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a research organization that promotes best practices in policing. He also recognizes fairness and profiling are issues for law enforcement.

"At the end of the day, policymakers would have to ask themselves if this change accomplished their intended goals," he said.

Graphic

A Berkeley police vehicle waits at a stop light near graffiti calling for the defunding of the Berkeley police department on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, in Berkeley, Calif. The city of Berkeley moved forward Wednesday with a proposal to eliminate police from conducting traffic stops and instead use unarmed civilian city workers as part of a broad overhaul of law enforcement. The City Council also set a goal of cutting the police budget by 50%. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)

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Foundations form new racial justice coalition

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More than 20 foundations and philanthropic organizations across Minnesota - from Target in Minneapolis to Blandin in Grand Rapids - are backing a new coalition aiming to reform philanthropy, denounce racism and raise \$25 million for Black-led nonprofits and advocacy groups.

The coalition, announced Tuesday, is in response to the death of ***George Floyd***, 46, at the hands of Minneapolis police on May 25, sparking calls for racial justice.

Minnesota's strong philanthropic and nonprofit sector has its own problems with racial inequities. A majority of its employees are white, especially in leadership, and Black-led initiatives and nonprofits are largely underfunded.

"What are we doing in our systems to perpetuate harmful practices and how can we transform ourselves in order to transform society?" said Lulete Mola, vice president of community impact at the Women's Foundation of Minnesota and one of three leaders of the group. "What we have been doing so far alone has not been working."

The coalition, called the Philanthropic Collective to Combat Anti-Blackness & Realize Racial Justice, is also led by Chanda Smith Baker, senior vice president of community impact at the Minneapolis Foundation, and Repa Mekha, CEO at Nexus Community Partners.

It aims to raise \$25 million for its Black-Led Movement Fund, which will be housed at Nexus Community Partners in St. Paul. Black Visions, a Minnesota organization, will help determine how funds will be distributed.

"We believe that fund really symbolizes a transfer of power, if you will, a transfer of resources to Black communities to decide for ourselves where we think we need investments," Mola said.

The coalition wants foundations to sign on to a statement on the sector's role in anti-racism work and help establish policies to address anti-Blackness and racial justice. Those could include how decisions are made about grants that support general operations and changing decisions over hiring employees or naming board members, who are often white.

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Philanthropy, Mekha added, can create change through the millions of dollars it gives and uniting in a collective voice.

"I think it has called on philanthropy to be bold in a different kind of way," he added of Floyd's death. "The energy behind [the coalition] is greater than anything I've seen in philanthropy in my life."

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Lake Street Council distributes first \$2.8M to damaged businesses

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The Lake Street Council has distributed \$2.8 million in grants to businesses in the Lake Street corridor that were damaged in the civil unrest following the killing of **George Floyd**, it announced Wednesday.

The grants were distributed to 175 businesses in south Minneapolis. Eighty-six percent of those businesses are owned by people who are Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) or immigrants, while 81% have fewer than 10 employees. The grants were open to any organizations on or near Lake Street with 100 or fewer employees and less than \$3 million in annual revenue.

It's the first tranche of cash distributed by the Lake Street Council, which has received \$8.86 million in donations in the weeks since the violence, as of Wednesday. About 70,000 individuals have donated to the nonprofit.

The grants were capped at \$25,000 and are intended to help many of the businesses on Lake Street reopen as soon as possible by helping to fund building repairs, replace inventories and other needs. Nearly two-

Lake Street Council distributes first \$2.8M to damaged businesses

thirds of the businesses that applied for grants hadn't reopened at the time they applied, said Allison Sharkey, the Lake Street Council's executive director.

"The Lake Street Council's first round of funding helps to provide a valuable lifeline for BIPOC and immigrant-owned businesses at an extremely fragile time. My sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to the Lake Street Council's leadership and team for making sure the funding quickly reached the most at-risk businesses," said Nasibu Sareva, the executive director of the African Development Center, in a statement.

The Lake Street Council is planning a second round of \$1 million for other businesses that fit that same criteria. Future rounds beyond that are planned to help businesses that suffered greater damage, like those that completely lost their storefronts due to arson.

"If your place completely burned down, \$25,000 isn't going to do it," she said.

To help with distributing the funds, the council [hired four contractors](#) last month in addition to its full-time staff of five. It's also receiving pro bono legal and accounting help, Sharkey said.

Much like [organizations in North Minneapolis](#), the Lake Street Council is starting to grow worried about land speculators. While she hasn't yet heard about any businesses that don't plan to return to Lake Street, some businesses have started to receive low-ball offers for their property. There are still hard decisions ahead, she said, and more money will be needed to keep control of Lake Street in the community.

Sharkey has her eyes on the latest special session of the Minnesota Legislature for additional relief funding. That funding would be especially welcome since the [federal government denied](#) Minnesota's request for disaster funding.

It's a frustrating decision, and one that goes against the precedent of President George H.W. Bush authorized \$638 million to Los Angeles after that city experienced rioting in 1992, Sharkey said.

"While I'm not surprised necessarily, I'm really disappointed. It's pretty devastating not to be able to count on federal support," she said.

On the positive side, people from outside the neighborhood haven't stayed away from Lake Street. There's been a great deal of support not just from South Minneapolis, but from people across the state and country, Sharkey said.

"We've been pretty blown away by the number of people who are coming to check it out, to see and understand better. People are interested in coming back," she said. "We hope that when they come, they stop and spend some money."

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Letters: Follow the statistics - and free Minnesota

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Highlight: I realize that bearing the responsibility of the welfare of the citizens of the state of Minnesota is significant, yet Gov. Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health have a dismal batting average when it comes to projecting and administrating the Covid response. On March 25, in his stay-at-home announcement, Gov. Walz spoke of 74,000 dying. [...]

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On March 25, in his [stay-at-home announcement, Gov. Walz](#), spoke of 74,000 dying.

In April, the "team" projected a total 12-month fatality rate of 22,000. Model version 3.0 released on May 13 projected total 12-month Minnesota fatalities of 29,000. All of this, it seems, reminiscent of "Pin the tail on the donkey."

Yes, with more testing we are discovering far more people who carry the virus - yet many are asymptomatic, and the number of people who require hospitalization - and, more importantly, the number of Covid-related deaths - are significantly down.

Yet Gov. Walz and his administration continue to strangle our Minnesota commerce, trade and private lives. There are many families, businesses, and corporations that will never recover.

Gov. Walz should - as has been repeated ad nauseam - follow the science, better yet, follow the actual statistics - free Minnesota and her citizens.

Chad Crow, Woodbury

One of the reasons so many people move to Woodbury is our parks and open spaces. Back when the Valley Creek Park was purchased by the city, protecting this land was the priority. The property was purchased through a Metro Greenway Grant from the Minnesota DNR to "provide opportunities for corridors for wildlife movement and ecological connections between natural areas" and the Land and Water Legacy Grant, "Through the Land and Water Legacy Program, the county works with landowners and organizations

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to purchase land to keep in natural condition." Nowhere is the Miller barn mentioned as a reason to purchase this property ("[Is this barn worth saving](#)," July 13).

When the property was purchased the argument given for using tax payer dollars to purchase this property was about protecting this parcel from development. What the parks department and the heritage society has laid out in its plans is a highly developed park. At the time of purchase the city argued this: "Protecting this parcel from development is critical to maintaining the Valley Creek Trout Stream as one of the last few viable trout streams within the Metropolitan Area."

If the city decides to keep the Miller barn and move forward with the current concept plan it will be clearing and removing vegetation, dredging, grading, excavating, transporting and filling land as well as paving and adding additional impervious surface cover.

All the wildlife that lives on this property will be affected. Currently there are deer, frogs, turtles, snakes, pheasants, turkey, woodpeckers, great horned owls, hawks, coyote, red tailed fox, and these are just a few of the animals I have seen myself.

Very little of Woodbury remains as it existed prior to settlement. As a result of human activities such as farming and development, most of Woodbury's native vegetation has been altered or replaced. Important native vegetation still exists in the Valley Creek Park; its native prairie, oak savanna and wetland are home to some of the rarest native plant communities in Minnesota.

Maintaining the natural ecosystem in the Valley Creek Park should be the city's priority. Taking the focus away from protecting the land's natural resources and instead building a barn and a 75-car parking lot and multiple paved trails and a park as large as Madison Place strips Valley Creek Park of all of its value to current and future generations. The Miller barn should be thoughtfully removed and instead the city should create a park and trail system where all of Woodbury can enjoy the wonders of nature for years to come.

Megan Samuel, Woodbury

It's quite the coincidence that not long before ***George Floyd***'s death my wife had passed on to me her copy of Melvin Whitfield Carter Jr.'s autobiography, "[Diesel Heart](#)." My wife is an avid reader and sometimes passes books on to me that she thinks I will enjoy. I did read the book and feel it has a lot to say to all of us today.

In this turbulent time, where police departments are being scrutinized and we hear one side talking about a few "bad apples," and the other side saying defund the police, it was extraordinary to read a black officer's account of his 28 years with the St. Paul Police Department. Now I know his time as a cop (1976-2005), was a different era, but given the continued frequency of race-related events involving the police today, I think this book must still be relevant. I end here with several quotes, which only scratch the surface of what the whole book delivers. Quotes that hopefully can help illuminate where police and community leaders can focus their attention as they work to improve our police departments:

"The police workplace proved to be hostile, vicious, racist and violent. More amazing was how badly cops treated each other." (p. 180)

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"Besides, for a Black officer, 'proving himself' meant acting like a white officer while policing Blacks - in effect, prioritizing blue loyalty over his humanity and betraying his Black identity. Since I never would have chosen police work had it not been for the community-driven, class-action lawsuit, I was always aware that I, more than anyone else, had a debt to repay. Deep community hadn't gone through all that long hard work for me to come on and cosign the traditional insensitive okeydoke! My task was to help curve the arc of justice for change." (p.184)

"A hard-nosed Black cop was the last thing Black folks needed." (p. 191)

"As a one-man squad, I could only count on backup when about three certain white officers were on shift. Some guys called for backup at parking meter violations. But I'd get dispatched to violent domestics, some of the most dangerous calls we had, and be all alone." (p. 194)

"Meanwhile, my personnel file overflowed with thank-you letters from citizens.... (T)he department ... quit putting them in my file. I was told thank-you letters fit in the category of 'public relations' instead of true police work." (p.217)

"Connecting with a citizen's humanity was my thing, but even beyond virtue, it was also a survival tactic. ... The flip side was I couldn't allow a fellow African American to attempt to manipulate me with the term Brother." (p. 225)

"Come to find out, policing white people is infinitely easier than policing Blacks. White people believe in the law and trust the police because both always work on their behalf. Blacks have always had an entirely different experience. They have never had the protection guaranteed by the Constitution, never enjoyed the presumption of innocence, never trusted the police." (p. 226)

"It was ironic that many of the citizens whom cops labeled 'a-holes' had been my dear friends for years." (p. 227)

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Mpls. begins debate over charter Minneapolis police and the future

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Body

The next few weeks will be crucial for the future of policing in Minneapolis.

In the weeks since *George Floyd's* death, some people have pushed to abolish the Police Department. Others have advocated scaling it back and boosting investments in violence prevention and mental health programs.

Up for consideration now is an attempt by some City Council members to change the city's charter to eliminate the requirement to have a police department. Here's what we know about the proposal.

Q: Why are we talking about changing the city charter?

Floyd's killing added new urgency to a longstanding argument about how to reform a police department that disproportionately uses force on people of color, especially those who are Black.

Some have called for the department to be abolished, and nine City Council members promised to "begin the process of ending" the MPD.

The city charter presents an obstacle. It currently requires the City Council to "fund a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident."

Based on the latest census data, that amounts to roughly 730 police employees. The department currently has about 825 officers, though it's authorized to employ more.

Q: Why does that requirement exist?

A: Some version of the requirement has existed since at least the early 1960s. In 1961, voters agreed overwhelmingly to earmark some tax revenue for police and set a rate of 1.7 officers for every 1,000 residents.

Supporters pitched the proposal as a way to add 150 officers to the force, bringing it to roughly 800. The measure was supported by the police union, as well as some local union leaders and business groups.

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The precise language has changed some over the years, but the overarching idea of requiring a minimum number of police has remained.

Q: What change is the city considering now?

A: Five City Council members - Jeremiah Ellison, Alondra Cano, Steve Fletcher, Cam Gordon and Council President Lisa Bender - wrote a charter amendment to remove the requirement to maintain a police department. In its place, the city would be required to create a Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention, which would seek to promote a "holistic, public health-oriented approach" to safety.

It would also remove the language that says the mayor has "complete power" over the Police Department, and gives the City Council some additional authority.

Q: Would there still be police if the charter is amended?

A: Unclear. The proposal as it's currently written says that the City Council "may maintain" a Division of Law Enforcement Services, which would include "licensed peace officers."

Asked during a public meeting why they made that division optional, Council Members Gordon and Fletcher said they wanted to ensure that future city leaders have some flexibility if new models for public safety arise.

If the measure passes in its current form, decisions about police staffing would be made by the mayor and City Council in separate processes.

Bender, in a public meeting earlier this month, said she can say "with relative confidence that the consensus of the [current] council would be that there needs to be some level of peace officers in the new division."

Q: How would this change happen?

A: The proposal is before the Charter Commission, a group of court-appointed volunteers entrusted with overseeing the city's constitution.

Commissioners must review the matter and give a recommendation to approve it or reject it, or offer an alternative.

The matter then heads back to the City Council, which is not bound by the Charter Commission's recommendation.

It would eventually need to be approved by voters.

Q: How do people feel about the proposal?

A: It's too early to get a complete picture. The city has received more than 5,000 public comments.

Mayor Jacob Frey blasted the proposal, saying he believes it's too vague and voters deserve more clarity.

Some groups calling for the Police Department to be abolished have said they fear it still leaves open the possibility that a law enforcement officer could helm the new department.

Q: Why is this happening so quickly?

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A: There is an Aug. 21 deadline for adding items to the November ballot.

The council members who wrote the amendment have said they believe the charter needs to change quickly so they can embark on an honest conversation about overhauling public safety in the city.

Opponents have said they fear the process, which would normally unfold over several months, is happening too fast. The Charter Commission could take a full 150 days to review the proposal, preventing it from getting on the ballot this year. If the commission bypasses that deadline, the measure could still go on the 2021 ballot.

Q: Do they really need to change the charter?

A: If they want to completely eliminate the Police Department, council members would need to work with the public to change the charter.

The City Council could, in the interim, try to drop the force down to the minimum required levels. Many will be watching to see if they try that as they revise the 2020 budget and work on the 2021 budget.

Q: Are there any other proposals?

A: Two charter commissioners have floated their own ideas.

Commissioner Greg Abbott suggested running a two-year pilot program before switching to a wider public safety department. Commissioner Al Giraud-Isaacson suggested creating one community safety department and a separate law enforcement department, with a minimum staffing requirement set at roughly half the current level.

Q: How can I offer my public comments?

A: The Charter Commission will hold two virtual public hearings on the council's proposal.

The first will start at 5 p.m. Wednesday. The second will start at 6 p.m. July 21. They can be viewed at Comcast Channel 14 or 799; CenturyLink Channel 8001 or 8501; or at www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council-tv/.

People who wish to submit public comment can visit www2.minneapolismn.gov or call 311 for help.

People who want to speak during the hearings can sign up online via the city's website.

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Bodycam: Cop drew gun at start

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Body

Body camera footage showed that police gave ***George Floyd*** no explanation for why they were questioning him before former Minneapolis police officer ***Thomas Lane*** pointed a gun, swore at him and forced him out of his vehicle.

The court made footage captured by Lane and fellow fired officer ***J. Alexander Kueng*** publicly viewable Wednesday by appointment. The videos showed that Floyd immediately grew terrified and cried as he told Lane he hadn't done anything, and that paramedics who arrived at the scene appeared unhurried after taking his pulse while he lay unresponsive in the street.

They drew strong reactions from some members of the public who viewed them.

"It was horrifying," said civil rights attorney and activist Nekima Levy Armstrong. "They did not treat ***George Floyd*** as if he was human from the moment they approached the vehicle - holding him at gunpoint, not listening to him, not taking his concerns seriously."

Lane, Kueng and ***Tou Thao*** are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death while he was under arrest on May 25 at E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue.

Another fired officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, is charged with second-degree murder, third-murder and second-degree manslaughter for planting his knee into Floyd's neck, even as Floyd pleaded to breathe.

The videos showed that neither Lane nor Kueng told Floyd or his two passengers why they were being investigated until about six minutes after the encounter began and after Floyd had been handcuffed.

Prosecutors have said ***Chauvin knelt*** on Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes, but Kueng's video showed that it was about 9 minutes and 30 seconds.

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, filed the two videos in court last week along with a motion to dismiss the charges against his client. Gray has argued that Lane was a rookie working at the direction of Chauvin, a 19-year veteran.

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Lane twice asked about turning the 46-year-old Floyd from his stomach onto his side after Floyd complained that he couldn't breathe, but was rebuffed by Chauvin.

Lane also got into an ambulance and performed CPR, Gray has argued.

Lane was the first officer to engage with Floyd, and did not inform him that he was being investigated on suspicion of using a fake \$20 bill at Cup Foods.

Floyd repeatedly said "please" and asked what was going on. "I didn't do nothing," Floyd said about two minutes into the video, holding his left hand in the air as he sat in the driver's seat of a car.

"Put your [expletive] hands up right now!" Lane yelled while aiming a gun at Floyd. "Let me see your other hand."

Location of hands

The videos, which had a limited vantage point, showed that Floyd began crying about two minutes into Lane's video and was reluctant to exit his car after Lane offered no explanation for the investigation.

Floyd was also reluctant to enter the squad car after Kueng had informed him about the report of a fake bill. He did not appear to fight back or flee.

According to the videos and corresponding transcripts: Lane and his partner, Kueng, were the first to arrive about 8:08 p.m. A store manager told them someone used a fake bill and directed them to a blue Mercedes SUV outside.

Floyd was in the driver's seat with his back turned to the rolled up window; he pivoted toward Lane.

"Oh!" Floyd said.

About 1 minute and 38 seconds into Lane's video, the car's windows reflected Lane holding up his gun in his right hand, pointing it toward Floyd.

"Hey, man, I'm sorry!" Floyd said, opening the car door.

"Stay in the car," Lane said.

At 1 minute and 44 seconds in Lane's video, Lane pushed the car door farther open with his left hand while pointing his gun at Floyd and ordering him to "put your [expletive] hands up."

"All right," said a visibly distraught Floyd. "What I do though? What we do, Mr. Officer?"

Floyd forced from car

Lane reached his left hand into the car and placed it on top of Floyd's left hand and part of his head. Lane began to reholster his gun about the same time.

About 2 minutes and 37 seconds into Lane's video, Lane placed his left hand on Floyd's hands and his right hand on Floyd's back inside the car and tugged on him slightly. Floyd was in tears and begged him not to shoot. Floyd was eventually removed from the vehicle. Kueng and Lane handcuffed him, with Lane twisting Floyd's right arm up at a sharp angle.

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Kueng walked Floyd away from the SUV while Lane spoke to Floyd's two passengers, a man and a woman who were standing on the sidewalk. About 6 minutes into Lane's video, he told the woman they were investigating a fake bill.

About six minutes into Kueng's video, he informed Floyd about the investigation while the two are standing apart from the others.

"We're here because it sounds like you gave a fake bill to the individuals in there," he said after getting a name and birth date from Floyd, who appears to have calmed slightly. Kueng then stood him up and Floyd again began to panic, begging them not to place him in the squad.

Chauvin kneels on neck

Lane and Kueng struggled for about three minutes to get Floyd into the back of their squad.

Floyd, who told them he was claustrophobic and pleaded with them to stop, fell sideways into the car on the rear driver's side after Kueng pressed one hand on his chest and the other on his head.

Lane tried to pull Floyd in from the rear passenger side.

Floyd wheezed, telling them he just had COVID and couldn't breathe. He eventually fell out of the passenger door. By that time Chauvin and Thao were at the scene.

About 11 minutes into Lane's video, Lane grabbed Floyd's leg and helped Chauvin and Kueng flip Floyd from his back onto his stomach in the street.

The bodycam video and video recorded by a bystander showed Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck while Floyd said he couldn't breathe, called out "mama" several times and warned that he was going to die. Bystanders also pleaded with the officers to stop. Lane's video showed that he asked twice about rolling Floyd onto his side, but did not appear to express urgency or fear in his voice.

About 16 minutes into Lane's video Floyd stopped talking and appeared unresponsive. His last words were: "Come on, man. ... They killed me. They killed me. **I can't breathe. I can't breathe.** Oh! Ah! Ah! Please, please, please."

Kueng checked Floyd's pulse, couldn't find one and appeared to move back and stopped holding onto Floyd. Chauvin and Lane continued restraining Floyd for about three minutes until paramedics arrived.

Paramedics unhurried

About 19 minutes and 40 seconds into Lane's video, a paramedic arrived and took Floyd's pulse at his neck. The paramedic walked away without a sense of urgency before Floyd was loaded onto a stretcher, still unresponsive and handcuffed.

About three minutes after the ambulance arrived, a paramedic in the back of the ambulance took Floyd's pulse and instructed Lane, who was on board, to begin CPR as Lane explained what happened.

Floyd was pronounced dead at HCMC at 9:25 p.m.

Joseph Malinao, 25, a former EMT who has local police officer friends, watched the videos because he wanted an objective look at what transpired.

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The videos were difficult to watch, he said, adding that he came away feeling that Chauvin was the only one who should face charges. However, Malinao was struck by how quickly the situation escalated.

"It's baffling to pull the gun that quick over a forgery charge," he said of Lane's initial contact with Floyd. "That set the tone for the whole interaction."

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Floyd family sues city, officers

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Attorneys for the family of ***George Floyd*** sued the city of Minneapolis and the four officers involved in his death Wednesday, vowing to send a message that the police training and practices that target Black people and led to his killing must no longer be tolerated in the United States.

"This is a teachable moment for America," said attorney Ben Crump, standing outside the U.S. Courthouse in downtown Minneapolis.

While not specifying how much the family will seek in compensation, Crump said, "This is an unprecedented case, and with this lawsuit we seek to set a precedent that makes it financially prohibitive for police to wrongfully kill marginalized people - especially Black people - in the future."

Crump said that how the city leaders react to the demands put forth by the Floyd family lawyers will have consequences. "Their political legacy will be defined by how they respond," he said.

City Attorney Erik Nilsson said in a statement that "***George Floyd***'s death is a tragedy.

The city is reviewing the lawsuit filed by his family and will be responding to it. Criminal charges are pending against four Minneapolis police officers, and it's very important that the criminal case proceed without interference."

A spokesman for the Police Officers' Federation of Minneapolis said the union is declining to comment about the suit.

Floyd died May 25 after officer ***Derek Chauvin*** pinned his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes as Floyd, who was handcuffed, cried out that he couldn't breathe and bystanders pleaded with Chauvin to stop.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Three other officers at the scene - ***Tou Thao***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***J. Alexander Kueng*** - are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All have been fired.

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The federal suit accuses the officers of a "reckless disregard" for Floyd's civil rights.

"This complaint shows what we have said all along, that Mr. Floyd died because the weight of the entire **Minneapolis Police Department** was on his neck," Crump said in a statement. "The city of Minneapolis has a history of policies, procedures and deliberate indifference that violates the rights of arrestees, particularly Black men, and highlights the need for officer training and discipline."

The suit contends that the officers used deadly force in non-deadly circumstances.

It also alleges that the department engaged in a culture of "warrior-style" or "killology" training, failed to terminate dangerous officers and fostered a culture of racism, leading to a violation of Floyd's civil rights.

In April 2019, Mayor Jacob Frey announced he was banning officers from receiving "fear-based" training. In defiance of the mayor, the police union quickly countered that it was partnering with a national police organization to offer free "warrior-style" training.

On Tuesday, the Police Department said it is changing its use-of-force policy to encourage officers to de-escalate tense situations and hold them accountable when force or weapons are used. Officers will now be required to document how they tried to de-escalate situations, why they decided to use force and why they chose a specific level of force.

The suit lists other litigation over allegations of police brutality by Minneapolis officers, and cites the 2010 death of David Smith, who was killed by two Minneapolis police officers at the downtown YMCA when they subdued him by placing a knee on his back for more than 4 minutes. That death was ruled a homicide by the Medical Examiner's Office, and his family settled the case for \$3 million. Jeff Storms, one of the Minneapolis attorneys in that case, is now one of the lawyers representing the Floyd family.

"The Floyd family deserves justice for the inhumane way in which officers with the **Minneapolis Police Department** killed Mr. Floyd," said attorney L. Chris Stewart, who is also working on the case. "The city has a responsibility to acknowledge the history and practices of excessive force and impunity with its police force, as well as shortfalls in officer training and discipline."

Said Stewart: "He was literally tortured to death."

'Turn a blind eye'

The 40-page lawsuit recounts how officers Lane and Kueng were dispatched to Cup Foods at 38th and Chicago at 8 p.m. on May 25 in response to a call that Floyd had engaged in potential fraud, "a nonviolent offense," for allegedly trying to pass a phony \$20 bill.

The suit says Floyd was unarmed and did not resist, yet was handcuffed. Chauvin and Kueng arrived and after Floyd said he was claustrophobic when they tried to put him in a squad car, Lane suggested that the other officers put him in a "maximal restraint technique," placing him face down on the street with the left side of his face pressed against the pavement.

Lane and Kueng knelt on Floyd's back and legs and twisted his arms to the side of his body while "Chauvin drove his left knee in the back of Mr. Floyd's neck."

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Floyd begged the officers to stop, saying, "Tell my kids I love them. I'm dead," and repeatedly groaning, "***I can't breathe***," the suit said. The officers held him in the position even as onlookers said Floyd was bleeding from the nose and begged the officers to get off him.

Lane suggested to the other officers that Floyd be rolled onto his side, stating, "I am worried about excited delirium or whatever." Chauvin responded, "That's why we have him on his stomach," which the suit alleges was contrary to national law enforcement best practices. "No officer attempted to move from Mr. Floyd's body or roll him onto his side," the suit says.

When an onlooker approached officer Thao and urged him to check Floyd's pulse, Thao responded, "Don't do drugs, guys."

The suit said that when another onlooker identified as a health care professional with the city's health department asked officers to check Floyd's pulse, Thao told her to "get on the sidewalk."

The suit alleges that the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** trained officers that a "neck restraint" was an authorized form of non-deadly force and that a "chokehold" was a form of deadly force capable of causing serious bodily injury and/or death. The department trained officers that a proper neck restraint required the officer to "[c]ompress veins, arteries, nerves & muscles of the neck," although adding that serious bodily injury or death can result, the suit said.

The suit also says that since 2012, neck restraints and holds were used by Minneapolis police officers on 428 people, 14% of whom lost consciousness. Training materials offered to officers in 2014, including Chauvin and Thao, depict an officer placing a knee on the neck of an arrestee who is handcuffed in a prone position, the suit said.

It said the department failed to provide officers with proper policy guidance and training on how to observe and attend to the medical needs of arrestees subjected to neck restraints.

The suit contends that it has long been known that people placed in a prone position should be on their side as soon as they are secure, but "as of 2012, officers were not provided official training on the dangers of positional or mechanical asphyxia associated with prone restraint" despite the "well-known risk of death."

The suit singles out police union President Bob Kroll, who it alleges had a "white power" logo on a jacket, encouraged officers to "behave aggressively" and has high influence in the department yet has not been disciplined or fired. Kroll has previously denied that he wore such a logo. The suit also said that Chauvin and Thao had enough complaints on their record that they should have been fired before Floyd's death.

The suit also said the department "tolerated, permitted, failed to correct, promoted or ratified a number of customs, patterns or practices that condoned and required officers to turn a blind eye to and not intervene with the use of excessive force by MPD officers."

Similar suits rarely go to trial

Suits against police officers over wrongful death rarely go to trial in Minnesota as city officials worry that a jury could award even more money than a settlement. Payouts involving police encounters have varied widely in recent years in Minneapolis and a nearby suburb; some have been huge.

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In 2019, the excessive-force lawsuit by the family of the Justine Ruszczyk Damond, who was white, was settled for \$20 million, the largest in the city's history. An unarmed Damond was shot in the alley behind her southwest Minneapolis home by the now-imprisoned officer, Mohamed Noor.

Also last year, the family of Jamar Clark, a young Black man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police in 2015, reached a \$200,000 settlement with the city. It came months after the City Council rejected a previous offer as too low.

The mother of Philando Castile, a Black motorist killed by a St. Anthony police officer in 2016, has reached a nearly \$3 million settlement with the city that employed the former officer, Jeronimo Yanez, who was acquitted of manslaughter.

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Fox's Harris Faulkner is used to people making presumptions

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Body

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) - As a Black journalist who works at Fox News Channel, Harris Faulkner is accustomed to people who presume to know where she stands on issues.

She's motivated more than bothered by that.

"When anybody looks at you and looks at your position and think they know who you are, you have the advantage of being able to surprise them," said Faulkner, centerpiece of two weekday hours at Fox and host of a special on America's racial reckoning that airs at 10 p.m. Eastern on Sunday.

Faulkner is the most prominent Black personality at Fox as moderator on "Outnumbered" at noon each weekday, reaching an audience that is overwhelmingly white and conservative during a season of racial unrest over police brutality and calls for a more equitable society.

She sees it as an opportunity to involve them in a conversation they're not often part of.

"To be Black and on the air at Fox News presents a greater challenge than if you're working on any other traditional news network," said Roland S. Martin, host of the digital news show "Unfiltered." "It is difficult. It is a minefield you have to walk."

Faulkner schooled President Donald Trump on racial issues in an interview that earned her plaudits last month. She also sometimes asks questions on "Outnumbered" that hew closely to a conservative line.

The 54-year-old Faulkner's father is a former U.S. Army officer who passed on a love of country to his daughter despite experiencing the segregated South. "He used to tell me, 'I'd rather fight for what I believe in and know that America will catch up and get through the struggle than fight for any other nation on Earth.'" she said.

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She worked local news jobs in Greenville, N.C., Kansas City and Minneapolis, joining Fox News in 2005.

Faulkner met Byron Pitts, co-anchor of ABC News' "Nightline," when they both covered the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

"She's a very smart journalist," Pitts said. "She's the real deal ... I respect her."

What Faulkner seeks, both Sunday and on "Outnumbered," is to discuss issues brought up in the wake of **George Floyd**'s death from many vantage points.

Faulkner knows that police treatment of Blacks is an issue; she's been pulled over for "driving while Black." At the same time, she holds deep respect for civil servants like police.

"Funding of police is a conversation that needs to have everybody at the table, not just the people shouting in the streets," Faulkner said.

When discussing **Black Lives Matter** in an interview with The Associated Press, Faulkner brings up violence in cities like Chicago, killings of children and wonders why demonstrators aren't marching in the streets to protest Black-on-Black crime.

Many supporters of the movement consider that a deflection, akin to answering **Black Lives Matter** with "**all lives matter**." Of course, **all lives matter**, they say. The point is to draw attention to times when officials with a duty to serve and protect seem to value Black lives less.

Told that no one is arguing that the lives of young people caught up in street violence don't matter, Faulkner said, "But nobody is saying they do, and that's the problem."

In her view, "everybody's race counts.

"My husband is white," she said. "His faith is Judaism. When we talk about these issues, we don't get into a discussion of how my life matters more than his, or his life matters more than mine. We get at it from, 'how do we both rise in this situation?'"

When Joe Biden told a radio host in May that "you ain't Black" if you can't figure out whether to support him or Trump for president - a remark the Democrat quickly apologized for - it drew an unusually personal response from Faulkner. She publicly said that Biden's statement was hurtful.

"It especially hit home to me because I am in a biracial community in my home," she said, "and talking about somebody's blackness based on how they think or how they look is insulting. And it keeps us back as people of color."

Trump retweeted her statement about Biden, adding that she was "a great American."

One moment from "Outnumbered" last year became fodder for discussion on Martin's show. Jessica Tarlov, usually the lone Democrat on "Outnumbered" was listing racist incidents involving Trump when Faulkner interrupted with a plea for civility. It led to questions about whether she's as hard on Trump on the topic of race as she was on Biden.

Tarlov, in an interview, said she did not think Faulkner cut her off or that it should be viewed that she was protecting Trump. "We're all human and things hit us in certain ways," she said.

Fox's Harris Faulkner is used to people making presumptions

Faulkner recalled being tough on the air about how Trump initially responded to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico in 2017.

"It's in that moment," she said. "I can't speak to every single moment, but when it hits me, I'm as hard as can be."

Tarlov said she had no idea who Faulkner supported for president in 2016, despite working with her for three years.

Asked whether she supported Trump, Faulkner said people can think whatever they want. "I don't discuss how I vote with anybody," she said. "I'm a journalist. We shouldn't do that. Some do. But I'm not proselytizing any particular point of view, faith or otherwise, and if they want to think what they think, go right ahead."

She added, "I challenge anybody to guess where I'm coming from. And, in fact, if they have answers, can they tell me?"

When Faulkner teamed with Bill Hemmer in the spring for a coronavirus town hall with Trump, they were criticized for going soft. But that wasn't the case when Faulkner sat down with Trump in June during the protests following Floyd's death.

When Trump appeared to question some of Abraham Lincoln's achievements, Faulkner responded, "Well, we are free, Mr. President."

And when she asked about Trump's tweeting, "when the looting starts, the shooting starts," Faulkner came prepared with an explanation of where the phrase originated and why many found it disturbing.

That showed the importance of having an African American journalist with presence do the interview, Martin said.

"Guess what?" he said. "Maria Bartiromo wouldn't have done that. Sean Hannity wouldn't have done that. Laura Ingraham wouldn't have done that."

Bill Grueskin, a Columbia University journalism professor, praised Faulkner in Columbia Journalism Review. He wrote that "she was neither antagonistic nor admiring. She put herself into the interview, framed in her roles as a Black woman and parent, in a way that journalists rarely do with her skill and care."

While you could argue that Faulkner could have pressed harder on some questions, "Trump usually gets more defensive," Grueskin wrote. "Faulkner's methodical approach has its own power."

Faulkner said her role is not to play "gotcha," but to listen to the president's answers and follow up.

"It doesn't bother me that people assume," she said. "But it is an opportunity to show them. You don't know until you watch and listen."

This story has been corrected to show Faulkner is 54, not 56. [Minnesota native and fan favorite Janelle Pierzina returns to 'Big Brother' for the fourth time](#) [Noontime anchor Ali Lucia has left WCCO after her husband was promoted to new job in Chicago](#) [Regis Philbin, television personality and host, dies at](#)

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On Monday, May 25, a Minneapolis police officer knelt on the neck of ***George Floyd***, suffocating him to death while he called for his mother and said, "***I can't breathe.***" Three other officers did nothing to save his life. ***George Floyd*** joined Justine Ruszczuk Damond, Thurman Blevins, Travis Jordan, Mario Benjamin and Chiasher Fong Vue as the sixth person to be killed by a Minneapolis police officer in the last three years and many more in the years preceding, including Jamar Clark and Terrance Franklin.

In the days that followed Floyd's death, thousands of Minneapolis residents took to the streets during a global pandemic to demand fundamental, structural change to the way we provide public safety. The city has received hundreds of complaints about police behavior during that time, and is cooperating with a lawsuit filed by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights investigating patterns of racial discrimination within the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** over the past decade.

In neighborhoods, our communities are facing an uptick in gun violence that needs addressing now.

As members of the Minneapolis City Council, we have the responsibility to address the persistent failures in our policing system and to propose the best possible solutions for safety, including investments in proven strategies to prevent violence. Meaningful change requires a common-sense amendment to the city charter, which we unanimously forwarded to the Charter Commission. We urge them to let Minneapolis residents vote on the amendment this fall.

In every corner of Minneapolis, our constituents want to live in communities where they feel safe and their lives are valued - particularly by city employees who are hired to protect them. Across Minneapolis, we are united by our aspiration for a city where all of us can live stable, healthy lives in communities where people of color, particularly Black community members, are not unjustly targeted, harassed or murdered by public

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servants. We care about each other and deserve to have our tax dollars used to achieve the results our community is worthy of.

Mayors, police chiefs and councils have attempted reform under the current city charter for decades and, despite good-faith effort, accomplished too little. They did not prevent the death of *George Floyd*. At the same time, the number of officers on the force alone has not made a measurable difference in the rise or fall in violent crime, even as millions more dollars each year are poured into the department. On top of the \$193 million annual MPD budget, the city has paid more than \$24 million in settlements related to police use of force in the past three years.

We can and we must be the generation of Minneapolis residents that creates a just, effective and sustainable approach to public safety. With an amended city charter, we can deploy a full range of solutions to community safety, building on proven successes and drawing on concrete lessons from Minneapolis neighborhoods and models from other cities, including investments in crisis workers, mental health professionals and mediation services instead of armed police. Inaction on the charter restricts what solutions we can consider, prescribes a "police-centric" approach to safety, and limits our leverage with the police union.

The City Council proposed this charter amendment with consensus - and compromise. It replaces the charter-mandated Police Department with a Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention, broadening the scope of safety and violence prevention solutions while allowing for the option of a police force in a Division of Law Enforcement Services. The new department would report to the mayor and City Council - like every other department in our city government. Its director would have non-law-enforcement experience. And, like every other city department, there would be a clear, publicly transparent way to make policy and direct staff.

Once the charter amendment passes, our city will have the flexibility to build on multiple efforts already underway to improve public safety. This includes scaling up the work of the City's Office of Violence Prevention and applying data-driven lessons from our 911 Workgroup to improve how we respond to emergency calls. Most important, we have started a process of citywide community engagement to reimagine how our city budget and policies can improve safety and better align with the values we share - a process promising that we'll think bigger than our current charter allows.

We believe the people of Minneapolis are ready to seize the historic opportunity of shedding the systems that have failed us and embracing the profound responsibility of transforming the ways we protect one another and keep each other safe.

We have a duty to work toward true solutions. Minneapolis residents deserve to move forward together and exercise their democratic power. The city charter belongs to the people of Minneapolis. We urge the Charter Commission to let the people of Minneapolis vote.

The authors are members of the Minneapolis City Council. Jeremiah Ellison represents the Fifth Ward; Lisa Bender represents the 10th Ward and is council president; Alondra Cano represents the Ninth Ward; Cam Gordon represents the Second Ward; and Steve Fletcher represents the Third Ward.

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Minneapolis police union leaders say they felt abandoned

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Highlight: In Senate hearings, Republicans focus on lawlessness in aftermath of Floyd killing.

Body

Minneapolis police union leaders told state senators Wednesday they felt abandoned by city leaders during the civil unrest in May that followed the death of [**George Floyd**](#), a Black man killed in police custody.

"This needs to be talked about. These officers need to be defended," Minneapolis Police Sgt. Anna Hedberg said as she described watching the city's Third Precinct police station burn.

Two Republican-led Senate committees on Wednesday held the last in a series of hearings focused on the lawlessness of the protests and the responses of city and state leaders, which have come under sharp criticism from President Donald Trump and state GOP leaders.

Three Minneapolis Police Federation board members told legislators that city and state leadership failed by not sending in other law enforcement agencies earlier to help Minneapolis police.

Officer Rich Walker said "politics got in the way" of the response of city and state officials. He described being demoralized watching the Third Precinct building being abandoned, overrun by protesters and set ablaze on May 28, three nights after Floyd's death.

Walker, who is Black, said union members told him around noon that day that the department was giving up the Third Precinct. He went to pick up equipment and described the scene of police employees unplugging computers and taking down pictures. "That is the straw that broke our department's back," he said.

Hedberg, Walker and Federation Vice President Sgt. Sherral Schmidt, who also testified Wednesday, have previously condemned the actions of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Gov. Tim Walz during the several nights of rioting, arson and vandalism that accompanied peaceful protests sparked by Floyd's death.

Frey said in a statement Wednesday that if he had ordered police to remain at the precinct, there would have been hand-to-hand combat, injuries or worse. "So instead, we prioritized de-escalation at the Third Precinct by reducing the number of officers outside the building and reallocating them to neighborhoods and

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community that badly needed the support," he said.

A spokesman for Walz on Wednesday defended the governor's actions on the night the Minneapolis police station was set ablaze, which occurred several hours before the State Patrol and the National Guard arrived at the station.

"The only decision Governor Walz made involving the 3rd Precinct was the mission he ordered to reclaim the building early Friday morning after it was abandoned Thursday night," spokesman Teddy Tschann said in a statement, noting that the governor assumed operational control of the situation after the police station was lost.

In past media interviews, the police union leaders have been joined by police union President Lt. Bob Kroll, who did not participate in Wednesday's hearing.

In a "CBS This Morning" interview last month, Kroll called the cellphone video that showed ex-officer ***Derek Chauvin*** kneeling on Floyd's neck "horrific." But he denied there was ***systemic racism*** on the force. Kroll, long a controversial figure, took the stage at a Minneapolis rally with Trump in October, drawing criticism for pulling the union into partisan politics. He also has been a staunch supporter of the rights of officers accused of misconduct.

The Senate hearing took place as Republican and DFL lawmakers are in talks to forge a package of police reforms in response to Floyd's death and the deaths of other Black Minnesotans at the hands of police. Some Democrats have criticized the GOP's focus on local leaders' response to the civil unrest rather than the police actions that prompted it.

Sen. Melisa Franzen, DFL-Edina, said the Senate hearings have given only one side of the story. They neither addressed how Floyd died nor the need to tackle structural racism and police reform, she said. She also lamented the absence of witnesses who could address those issues.

Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, said he reached out to DFL legislators to suggest local community members to testify. "I was not given any names," he said.

Earlier Senate hearings have been largely focused on property damage and other criminal behavior during riots. Meanwhile, several hearings in the DFL-led House since Floyd's death have centered on police accountability proposals.

While legislators seek an agreement in the ongoing special session, the Minneapolis City Council is considering a plan to end the current Police Department and replace it with what they are calling a "holistic, public health-oriented approach" to safety.

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General Mills CEO talks lessons learned six tumultuous months into 2020

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General Mills Inc. Chairman and CEO Jeff Harmening said lessons from its China-based businesses helped the company prepare for its Covid-19 response back home.

Harmening said the Golden Valley-based company, which operates a chain of Häagen-Dazs ice cream shops and a frozen dumpling business in China, transitioned office employees there to remote work "almost immediately" when the country became ground zero for the outbreak of a pandemic caused by a new coronavirus earlier this year. It started doing temperature checks at its Chinese manufacturing facilities and required employees to wear masks and practice social distancing early on, "without a single case of Covid-19," he said.

"We (learned we) actually could do business during a pandemic ... but we had to act a little bit differently," he said, adding that a General Mills pandemic taskforce was helping to coordinate the company's global response by early February.

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Harmening made the comments Wednesday afternoon in an online conversation hosted by Consumer Brands Association, an Arlington, Virginia-based trade association for the food industry. The web conference was part of the CPG Speaks series of talks with leaders in the consumer packaged goods industry.

Net sales for General Mills (NYSE: GIS) were up 21% to \$5 billion for the company's most recent fiscal year, which closed May 31. A primary driver of the increase was consumers eating more meals at home during the pandemic.

"It sounds trite, but people have really found the kitchen is the heart of the home," Harmening said.

He predicted the company would hang onto some but not all of those sales as consumer demand returns closer to pre-pandemic levels. Still, he said he expects at-home consumption will remain elevated as the economy recovers from a recession and massive job losses prompted by the pandemic.

Harmening said the global health crisis highlighted the importance of the food processing industry, deemed essential during the pandemic. And the company's workforce felt it.

"People are enormously proud of what we've been able to do," he said, noting that 98% of the company's manufacturing and logistics workforce reported for duty every day - a higher rate than before the pandemic.

Meanwhile, office employees adjusted to a new work-from-home reality. The shift meant fewer internal meetings and a greater focus on meeting the day-to-day needs of employees and consumers, Harmening said.

"As a result, we have moved faster than probably we ever have before," he said.

The conversation also touched on the police killing of ***George Floyd*** on Memorial Day, which took place on a Minneapolis street corner just 20 miles from the company's suburban headquarters. Floyd's death sparked a global reckoning over police violence and the effects of ***systemic racism***.

"It opened my eyes to the systematic changes we have to make in policing and education and healthcare. There's a lot of work ahead of us," Harmening said, pledging that General Mills will "be part of the solution."

Harmening said the company prides itself on its inclusivity efforts and will share best practices with its industry peers. But it's also a time to listen and collaborate with others, he added.

"We're in it for the long haul, but we also realize we need to get some quick wins," he said.

Harmening said one thing General Mills can do is make sure its supplier base represents as diverse a population as possible.

"Nothing gets people out of the current system like economic justice," he said.

Asked what he learned about leading a global company through the tumultuous first six months of 2020, Harmening said the experience underlined the importance of clear communication.

"It's important to keep everybody on the same page, especially in times of great uncertainty," Harmening said.

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NATIONAL HISTORY

Americans are slipping into a social and political whirlpool. Crowds rush about with ropes and paint to pass judgment on our history with no apparent idea of its complexities. Government, corporate America, entertainment and the academy have followed along with unseemly ease. And under it all, free speech has become socially perilous if it does not conform to the trends of the moment. This tyranny of mindlessness, unchecked, promises to drown all human rights as it did in the French Revolution.

The French Revolution began with "liberty, equality, fraternity" and ended with the Terror as the mob indiscriminately guillotined. Now the ***Black Lives Matter*** revolution is beginning to adopt the chant "toxic, racist, colonialist" while invoking an intellectual "Terror" even to the toppling of statues of Thomas Jefferson and Christopher Columbus. Elsewhere Washington, Ulysses Grant and numerous other historically impure actors are toppled. This parallel should alert us to the mischief potential of mob-thought.

We have never been a perfect people. Nor have we ever been an especially evil people as trendy revisionist historians assert. What makes us unique is our commitment and dedication to the process of obtaining liberty and justice for all. Jefferson said it, Abraham Lincoln said it, and our constitutional amendments say it. The essential thing is the process, and it defines American exceptionalism set in motion by the framers.

Good people of courage everywhere need to discard the slogans of the moment, call out the taint of the mob for what it is and have a meaningful conversation on the history and ideals of the American political process. The action that follows would certainly reflect more wisdom and efficacy than President Donald Trump's tweets or the mob's rampaging.

Louis Lavoie, Plymouth

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In conversations about race in America, the voices of white supremacy have sometimes used bullhorns and sometimes used dog whistles. Concerning the debate about removal of Confederate monuments and renaming military bases, the subtlety of dog whistles has been abandoned and the bullhorns are blaring. Those who decry renaming these bases and decommissioning these monuments as attempts to "erase our

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history" and "defame our heroes" are quite clearly not speaking to all of us. And they quite clearly do not care.

Most of the monuments at issue were erected between 1890 and 1950 and many of the military bases named in the World War II era. It was the era of Jim Crow and in many cases the decisions to honor leaders of the Confederacy, who seceded from the Union in order to preserve and expand the institution of slavery, were openly acknowledged to have been made in furtherance of white supremacist ideology. In any event, with no exception of which I am aware, the Confederate "heroes" were not honored despite their support for the institution of slavery but because of it. Treason to the United States was not, for these men, a blot on their records but their principal claim to fame.

The Civil War ended over 150 years ago. The Confederacy, and its goal to preserve and expand slavery, lost. The price paid for the Union victory should never be forgotten, and the men whose treason exacted that price should never be honored. They belong on the ash heap of history and cannot be consigned there too quickly.

Brian Kidwell, Bloomington

AMENDMENT

Reform education even earlier

I applaud the effort Neel Kashkari and Alan Page are making for an amendment to have all of our kids get a quality public education ("Education amendment is even more relevant," Opinion Exchange, July 14). But in addition to the K-12 experience, all should have the benefits of a quality pre-K experience. The rationale being, this foundation will ensure they are ready to learn and be take full advantage of their next 13 years. The evidence is quite clear: Those with a quality pre-K experience are less likely to drop out of school, be a teenage parent or have anything to do with the criminal justice system. What they will do is graduate from high school, obtain postsecondary education and become a part of the skilled workforce we need.

Bud Hayden, Minneapolis

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Kashkari and Page ask in their commentary, "What is an adequate education system?" I have to ask them, what is a quality education system?

The lead character in Robert Pirsig's novel "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" was a high school teacher who was asked by another teacher, "Are you teaching quality?" Contemplation of this question led him to madness - what is quality? And in order to dig deeper in the values of the question the character embarked on a long cross-country motorcycle journey that again ended in madness. Quality is not something you can define in legal terms but is an objective term that can only be answered when considered alongside one's personal values. Quality in Edina is not the same as quality in south Minneapolis or Blue Earth or in the Arrowhead. Changing the Constitution to use the term "quality" will just open a slew of lawsuits as legal experts go down the long road to insanity trying to define quality.

Richard Crose, Bloomington

ILHAN OMAR

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We gave her a shot, but no more

It was quite a surprise to open my newspaper on Monday morning and see the claim that the campaign of Antone Melton-Meaux is supported by big-dollar Donald Trump supporters ("Big money is behind challenges to Omar," Opinion Exchange, July 13.) My wife and I are among the donors to Melton-Meaux's campaign. We have never given a dime to any Republican candidate or cause in our lives, but we donated to Paul Wellstone, Walter Mondale, John Kerry, Barack Obama, Tina Smith, Amy Klobuchar, Marion Greene, Al Franken, R.T. Rybak and Lisa Goodman, among others. Our support includes the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Planned Parenthood, Simpson Housing, People Incorporated and the Page Education Foundation - hardly a list of Republican favorites. We donated to the campaign to defeat the marriage amendment that would have denied the right to marry whomever one chooses.

There is a reason why Rep. Ilhan Omar has drawn a stiff challenge, and it is not because she takes progressive positions, or because she is a woman, or because she is a Muslim, or because she immigrated from Somalia. I voted for Omar in 2018. She lost my vote when she took the coward's path and voted "present" rather than condemning the Armenian genocide. She lost my vote by being absent from the House while never missing a chance to get in front of a TV camera. She lost my vote by never communicating to me except in e-mails asking for money. I want a representative, not a publicity seeker. Omar was sent to Congress to represent her whole district, not just herself and her pet causes. She had her chance, but now I'm with Melton-Meaux.

Kent B. Hanson, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Letters: Federal help for riot repair is prudent and fair

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Highlight: In response to the letter "A heavy burden, but Minnesotans should pay the price for riot repair," July 12, how is this situation not like that of L.A. civil unrest in 1992 following the beating of Rodney King, after which federal disaster aid was provided to support rebuilding efforts? The civil uprising that followed the [...]

Body

In response to the letter "[*A heavy burden, but Minnesotans should pay the price for riot repair.*](#)" July 12, how is this situation not like that of L.A. civil unrest in 1992 following the beating of Rodney King, after which federal disaster aid was provided to support rebuilding efforts?

The civil uprising that followed the murder of ***George Floyd*** was the result of anger of countrywide systemic injustice. Public safety, economic, education and judicial systems are still unequal and unfair toward people of color. The murder of Floyd was the spark that led to the largest movement ever in the U.S. with estimates of 15 million to 26 million people having taken to the streets to protest racial injustice. Part of that movement led to significant property damage. And you want a single elected official to bear all responsibility for cleaning up the aftermath?

You argue to punish Gov. Walz for his demonstrably quick response (compare the week of unrest in the Twin Cities to the "long hot summer of '67" in Detroit). This endless cultural insistence of "punishment" is getting us nowhere - not in our criminal justice system and not in our political sphere. Rather than your emphasis of inflicting more pain on our state (and in a pandemic!?), why don't we argue for the same support L.A. received in '92?

It's true that vital cultural and commercial corridors in Minneapolis and Saint Paul unfairly bore the brunt of justified anger at injustice. I invite you to the ***George Floyd*** Memorial at 38th and Chicago Avenue to learn more. Let's be honest that anger at injustice had been building for some time in this country, and an event in any American city could have sparked the fire.

At the end of the day, because these businesses need help, because we as Americans pride ourselves on rising to the occasion, and because racial injustice is systemic to our country, it is prudent, fair, and in the American ethos for the federal government to provide assistance to the affected businesses.

Katie Jones, Minneapolis

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Finally a voice of reason. The article about Dr. Andrew Olson during the Covid crisis (["Doctor discusses being on the front lines of virus,"](#) July 13) was positive and hopeful.

Not buying into hype and supporting patients with good old Minnesota medicine should be the norm. Sounds like he and his teams take the professional caring approach to support each other and to heal the sick - a basic rule that still works.

Heidi Knegendorf, River Falls, Wis

As a 16-year downtown St. Paul home owner I have watched and suffered the deterioration of all of the amenities that made downtown a place worth living.

First to go was the Atrium above Town Square, too hard to manage and control. Then Rice Park became a panhandler's patio with not a shaded bench free for any but the belligerently indigent. The reading rooms in the splendid Central Library, reeked of the negligently unwashed, the public computers are porno outlets for the unashamed.

Then light rail construction impacted negatively many business, and once it was up and running, it was within a year a dangerous and dirty, poor transportation choice. Scofflaws openly avoided paying, transit police were intimidated into passive non-enforcement, blatant smokers, coercive beggars and the rude and foulmouthed abused and annoyed other riders.

The Midway, our convenient shopping center, became so bad with purse snatchers, carjacking and local gunfire that even the Walmart gave up a profitable store unworth the attendant costs in security and loss prevention.

The skyway system, our year-round indoor neighborhood, is unsafe and not a single bench along its five miles where a tired person could sit, for fear they become couches for the belligerent. Six years of asking for a coordinated camera system has produced endless excuses and thousands of wasted tax dollars on unavailable and unread studies and assessments while "litterbug lane" above the central light-rail station has become an intimidating street casino and smoking lounge.

The renovation work in Rice Park drove the beggars and blighters onto the Kellogg Boulevard esplanade where they hold court still, and now that downtown jewel, our "central park," Mears, is a litter-ridden public toilet dominated by the unmannered and unruly, and unmasked.

Who is in charge of this City? Why do we elect the foolish and inept ... for more bike lanes?

Thomas Dunne, St. Paul

Turns out Minnesota already has a law concerning face masks. Minnesota Statute 609.735 makes it a misdemeanor offense to wear a face covering in public, except for a few narrow exceptions.

Why would elected officials order residents to commit a misdemeanor?

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Rethinking restaurants

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In a fascinating online discussion (find the video at tinyurl.com/ycd6mu7m), four top Twin Cities chefs - Gavin Kaysen, Ann Kim, Jamie Malone and Justin Sutherland - shared their fears and hopes for their businesses, the Twin Cities dining scene and their industry. Here's a summary (edited for brevity) of some of their primary talking points.

On running a restaurant during the pandemic

Justin Sutherland: It has been a crazy busy last few months. A constant pivot, reinventing every day, trying to figure out how we navigate this world that's new every day.

We closed some restaurants, relocated the Handsome Hog [in St. Paul] in order to build an outdoor space and go from 66 seats to 300 seats so we can properly distance.

Our biggest effort was doing a lot of community and charity efforts, trying to keep as much of our staff employed [as possible].

Jamie Malone: We started at Grand Cafe [in Minneapolis] with takeaway food, and it started to become clear to me that if we increased our business in that way we would have to increase the people in our space. That would have meant cramming too many of our staff members together, when so much

was unknown.

Essentially we decided to make meal kits that we could create with just our core people on the team, with staggered shifts, and keeping people spaced out. We also wanted to focus on keeping the group together.

Working in restaurants is a very challenging job, but we receive so much gratification from other parts of what we do: making people happy, making things beautiful. So we really wanted to focus on making things that fulfilled ourselves.

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Gavin Kaysen: Bellecour [in Wayzata] has only been open for a week, so I don't have a ton of data. In the summertime we would normally do 300 to 400 people on a Saturday night. Now we're doing 100 to 120. That won't fly for long.

I'm asking myself, "Does the brand stay open to stay open?" I don't have a great answer just because I don't have enough data yet, but in the next three weeks I will have that data to really understand what sort of pivots we need to take.

What happens when it's cold? What do we do when we can't sit outside anymore? That changes the game for everybody.

Ann Kim: I feel a little crazy for even saying that I'm opening up a new restaurant [Sooki & Mimi in Minneapolis] in the middle of a global pandemic. To be honest, a couple weeks into the closure of restaurants we did think about walking away from it.

There are lots of challenges in this profession, but then to try and do it in the middle of a pandemic, when every day is uncertain and unknown - you try to accommodate everyone. People are looking to you for answers, and deep inside, you don't have any. Your guess is as good as anybody else's.

Yes, we thought about it, but we realized the missings that would come from walking away from it were far greater than actually forging ahead. I decided to put on my big girl pants and just say, "We're going to do this. We're going to make this happen."

Instead of feeling sorry for myself and scared, I decided to look at this as an opportunity for some great change, and to look at this as a new restaurant not in a middle of a pandemic but in a new renaissance for restaurants.

We're really exploring how we can lean into these challenges in uncertain times to really create something beautiful, joyous, special and surprising, because that's why I got into it and I don't want to lose touch with that. This industry is too dang hard to not have that at the end. I'm in the business of making people happy and to bring some joy and beauty into people's lives, and I'm committed to doing that with the new restaurant and the existing restaurants. I'm not going to quit yet. But I've been tempted. Many times.

Looking to the future

Sutherland on the restaurant industry's racial and gender diversity: I think the gender inequality and race inequality in restaurant staffing has been prevalent for forever, and it's just been very unspoken.

I think COVID compounded the *George Floyd* incidents. Then *George Floyd* kind of compounded COVID. It all just kind of exploded into this social unrest that things needed to change on many levels, from the way restaurants were run, from our business plans, to our hiring practices, to discrimination in gender, sexual orientation and race.

We get to choose how we deal with it and what our new role is going to be in the new beginnings. I think we're all taking it very seriously and trying to be as active and vocal as we can, whether it's making changes in our own restaurants, to being out there marching on the street.

Whatever your role is, I think everybody realizes the restaurant industry is a very big part of it. We are a social gathering place, and that place needs to be equal for everybody.

Rethinking restaurants

Malone on a flat service fee instead of tipping: It's been something that has needed to happen for a long time and this really nudges it along and gives us an opportunity to have fresh conversations with guests about why we are making these changes. We're able to be vulnerable with our guests and say, "Yeah, our businesses are really teetering - and it wasn't exactly great before, either."

[The service charge] evens out the disparities among our staff. As business owners, [it] just gives us a little bit more control of being able to run our business in a sustainable way.

Kaysen on the industry's next generation: The consumer is not 100 percent safe and ready to go out to eat. I respect that, but I can't tell my landlords that.

Restaurants won't ever look the same again, they will never look the way they looked on March 15th.

We're realizing that our generation now has a responsibility, more than anything else, to change the way that we have been able to do business, to make it better for the future generation.

We might not necessarily see what that looks like, but that's going to have to be OK. We're still going to have to make the sacrifice to do it and to do it right and to make sure that it lives, frankly, beyond any of our restaurants.

Help for restaurants

Kaysen on assistance for the hospitality industry: They [the federal government] have not done enough. Period. They have failed tremendously, and they continue to fail on a daily basis.

At the end of the day, there's really no way that restaurants will be saved unless the federal government steps in and helps us out. At saverestaurants.com is an amazing report that basically breaks down what a stimulus fund would mean for restaurants. One in four jobs lost were in the restaurant and hospitality industries, and those jobs are not coming back.

This is not us going out and saying, "Put money into our hands because we need it." It's pure survival. We will not be around. The restaurant community as you know it will be gone. Everything about the vibrant hospitality scene will literally be wiped away in less than 10 months if that doesn't happen. It's not an exaggeration. I'm not trying to scare people. It's just an extinction that will happen.

Sutherland on the need for a federal stimulus: Remember how many other industries are so closely tied into the restaurant industry. The supply chain that is attached to it is insane - from farming to trucking - there are so many jobs that are reliant on restaurants to survive. If we go away, a lot is going to fall down with it.

Kim on supporting your favorite restaurants: One thing that humans are capable of right now is to be compassionate. Please, I know we're all scared, but if you are making judgments before you really have full understanding of what we're going through, it's just the adage that your grandma told you: Think before you speak.

If people are making statements, or reacting toward business decisions that we're making, I try and flip it around and say, "Their fear must be greater than mine," and mine is really great right now. I try to respond with compassion, and I ask the same from our guests.

Rethinking restaurants

Kaysen on gift cards: The gift card idea is a really great idea, but it's also sort of a deferment of bankruptcy. All of that money is going into the bank accounts at that time, but when we actually need it is when we don't want you to necessarily use it.

That was a tough message for any restaurateur to get a hold of and say, "Slow down, don't buy \$5,000 worth of gift cards right now, buy \$5,000 worth of takeout food." Let's do the transaction today, and be done with it versus in the future.

The emotional side

Kim on managing fear: In March we thought, "OK, I can deal with a couple of weeks, maybe I can deal with a couple of months." Now we're at four months, and there is really no end in sight.

We're trying to manage fear because everybody is so scared. I'm scared. Being a leader and being strong, the only time I can break down is in the corner of my bedroom, and crying on the shoulder of my business partner and husband, and he understands.

A mentor of mine asked, "Ann, how much of your day, in percentages, is ruled by fear, and what percentage is ruled by love?" And I said, "90 percent fear, and 10 percent love."

That's a horrible place to be, because when you live and work in fear, you limit yourself to possibility. I didn't come into this business 10 years ago, having never been in it, by saying, "Oh, yeah, the possibilities are 10 percent." I came into it thinking, "The possibilities are 110 percent. I can do anything."

So I'm really trying hard to change that percentage around, to make decisions based in love and possibility and not fear.

Malone on adapting to uncertainty: In the same way that we all wake up not knowing, our guests are feeling the same. Every day is emotionally different.

You have different data about how you want to decide to live your life. There's no way for us to anticipate what the demand is, so you can't decide, "Does staying closed give me a slower burn rate of the money I have left in the bank?" or "Do I have a lower burn rate if stay open?"

If you're open and have to close and then reopen and close, there's a point where you can't keep doing that. You also can't do that to your staff. You can't give them that up and down and back and forth.

Sutherland on vulnerability: It's been ingrained in our industry to always project success, to always make people think that our restaurants are doing great or we were doing great personally, when a lot of times that wasn't the case. That comes from competitiveness and the built-in egos that come with the industry.

[The pandemic] has allowed us to be more vulnerable, to be open and honest, to ask for help and say, "We're all kind of screwed right now." But in all of us being screwed, it allows us to all come together, and realize that we're all experiencing the same thing, and it gives us the opportunity to - hopefully together - build something better.

The vulnerability, it's been refreshing to see that, to be like, "Oh, I'm not the only one who has cried myself to sleep because I don't know if I'm going to open my restaurant tomorrow."

Self-care

Rethinking restaurants

Kim on how she starts her day: One thing that my husband and I started every morning is a ritual of just starting the day with positivity.

Usually we'd start off the day with the paper - the Star Tribune, the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times - but it was all the same regurgitated bad news in a different way.

We just said, "We can't do this anymore. We have to start with the positive." So each of us says five things that we're really grateful for, and then we meditate together. That's actually helped quite a bit.

Sutherland on reducing stress: We've all been so deeply rooted in our careers and our restaurants, which we all still are; we love them. But it's been a good opportunity to realize there's more - and there has always been more - and just reconnecting with the things around me that are important. Taking walks, going to the gym, taking vitamins, allowing yourself some room to breathe and just taking a little pressure off yourself. Because none of this we can control, and everybody is going through it together. So it allows you to take a deep breath, and roll with the punches, while trying to do better.

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Thursday coronavirus update: Hospitalizations and deaths level off, but communities of color disproportionately impacted

ARTICLE MCCXIII. **THURSDAY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS LEVEL OFF, BUT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED**

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Highlight: While hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19 in Minnesota continue to level off, minority communities continue to be disproportionately affected. COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths are largely more widespread among Black, Hispanic, Native American and Asian communities compared to white people, according to a weekly report released by the Minnesota Department of Health on Thursday. State [...]

Body

While hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19 in Minnesota continue to level off, minority communities continue to be disproportionately affected.

COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths are largely more widespread among Black, Hispanic, Native American and Asian communities compared to white people, according to a weekly report released by the Minnesota Department of Health on Thursday.

State health officials have stated that *communities of color are being vastly more impacted by the virus* due to *systemic racism*, not because of biological reasons. , such as jobs that don't allow them to work from home and living conditions.

Because people of color and Native Americans experience inequities in income, housing and employment, they are also disproportionately susceptible to multiple health issues and chronic conditions, such as asthma, heart disease and diabetes, the Minnesota Department of Health has said. Underlying health conditions can increase people's risk of becoming sicker from COVID-19.

The hospitalization rate for Black people with COVID-19 is 313 per 100,000 people in Minnesota - that's more than 12 times higher than the rate for white people, which is 25 per 100,000.

For Hispanic people in Minnesota, the hospitalization rate is 311 per 100,000, followed by Native American and Asian people, who have hospitalization rates of 213 per 100,000 and 175 per 100,000, respectively.

Most of the people who have died from COVID-19 in Minnesota have been white - 1,224 - but the death rate of 23 per 100,000 people is less than other populations. By contrast, the death rate for the Native

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American community is more than seven times higher than the white population and the highest among various races and ethnicities.

Thirty people who were Native American have died from COVID-19, which is a rate of 168 per 100,000 people. There have been 149 Black people who died, a rate of 106 per 100,000.

THURSDAY'S REPORTED CASES AND DEATHS

The death toll in Minnesota from COVID-19 reached 1,526 on Thursday, with an additional eight deaths.

State officials reported another 611 confirmed infections, increasing Minnesota's total number of cases to 44,347. Thursday's results come from nearly 15,000 tests.

Thursday's reported deaths included four people who were residents of long-term care or assisted living centers.

Of the state's total deaths since March, 1,179 were long-term care or assisted living center residents.

HOW ARE PATIENTS DOING? There were 38,290 patients Thursday who no longer need to be isolated because they have recovered enough. This is an increase from 38,179 Wednesday. There were 249 patients with COVID-19 in Minnesota hospitals, down from 254 the day before. Of those patients in hospitals, 103 were in intensive care, down from 106 Wednesday. **WHO IS GETTING SICK?** Number of health care workers with COVID-19: 4,232 The age group with the most infections is 20- to 29-year-olds, with 10,275 cases. The age group with the most deaths is 80- to 89-year-olds, with 518 deaths. [US tops 5 million confirmed virus cases, to Europe's alarm](#) [Communities of color have increased exposure risks to the virus in their daily lives](#) [Virtual fundraising is a jackpot for some nonprofits. For others, it's a financial blow.](#) [Israeli jeweler makes a \\$1.5m gold coronavirus mask](#) [Sunday coronavirus update: 9 more MN deaths, 806 more infections](#) [Minnesota cities, counties scramble to keep businesses afloat by dishing out CARES Act grants](#)

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Inclusive city taproom closes

ARTICLE MCCXIV. [INCLUSIVE CITY TAPROOM CLOSES](#)

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Section: TASTE; Pg. 3T**Length:** 260 words**Byline:** SHARYN JACKSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Body**

ONE Fermentary & Taproom in Minneapolis' North Loop has closed "indefinitely to weigh our future options," according to a post on Instagram.

The brewpub opened at 618 N. 5th St. in November 2019, with a mission of fostering inclusivity in craft beer culture.

The closing comes after the public departure of head brewer Ramsey Louder, one of the company's founders and the first Black co-owner of a Minneapolis brewery. Louder and several employees of color resigned over a disagreement about when to reopen after the police killing of [George Floyd](#), he told the Star Tribune.

Louder said he and co-owner Sally Schmidt differed on the right time to reopen the taproom.

The brewpub's future remains up in the air. "We are looking at all our options and have no definitive plans," Schmidt told the Star Tribune.

In St. Paul, a recently shuttered restaurant won't be staying dark for long. Mexican street food concept Elotes is taking over the former In Bloom, which anchors Keg and Case Market (928 W. 7th St., St. Paul). Look for a late summer opening.

Brian and Sarah Ingram, owners of Hope Breakfast Bar (1 S. Leech St., St. Paul) and the forthcoming the Gnome (498 Selby Av., St. Paul), have taken over the soaring former In Bloom space with a 20-foot wood-burning hearth, perfect for wood-fired meats - plus "wet tacos, lava rock bowls, tin-can nachos."

"Top Chef" star Justin Sutherland is collaborating on the menu at Elotes as well as the Gnome.

Staff writer Zoë Jackson contributed to this report. Read full reviews and other restaurant news at startribune.com/dining.

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Lake Harriet Art Shanty Projects canceled for 2021

ARTICLE MCCXV. [**LAKE HARRIET ART SHANTY PROJECTS CANCELED FOR 2021**](#)

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Length: 332 words**Byline:** Kathy Berdan**Highlight:** COVID-19 has put the freeze on Art Shanty Projects. Organizers announced Thursday that the event - which turns fish houses into art installations and puts them out on a frozen lake in Minnesota in January and February - has been canceled for 2021. In an email, Art Shanty Projects organizers said the decision was made [...]**Body**

COVID-19 has put the freeze on Art Shanty Projects. Organizers announced Thursday that the event - which turns fish houses into art installations and puts them out on a frozen lake in Minnesota in January and February - has been canceled for 2021.

In an email, Art Shanty Projects organizers said the decision was made for the safety of the artists, staff and visitors. The small enclosed structures are not conducive to social distancing and there is no running water for hand-washing on site. The staff is also looking at its operations in the wake of racial discussions following the death of [George Floyd](#). "We recognize our responsibility as a white-led organization to assess our own structures and programming and to continue to work toward a more equitable organization," the email said.

The Art Shanty Projects began in 2004 and called Plymouth's Medicine Lake home until 2012. In 2014, it relocated to White Bear Lake for a couple of years and then moved to Lake Harriet (Bde Unma).

The event was wildly successful during Super Bowl festivities in 2018. Art Shanties took a year off in 2019 and returned in early 2020. Organizers said a change in the event layout, with one main entrance, helped raise \$63,000 in donations on the ice.

The annual budget is nearly \$160,000, according to the email, which stated: "While public health is the motivating factor in making our decision to cancel, money factors into the timing of this decision, knowing that there is a financial risk in continuing to prepare for a program that in all likelihood could get canceled eventually due to an expected spike in COVID-19." [Mike Lynch's Skywatch: A meteor-shower-planet-peppered sky. Rescheduled, postponed or canceled? Here's the status of all the major Twin Cities summer concerts.](#) [Literary calendar: Megan Collins reads from 'Behind the Red Door,' more](#) [Readers and Writers: Carolyn Holbrook testifies in 'memoir linked by essays'](#) [Need a pedal-push? Rentals offer chance to try out electric bikes](#)

Lake Harriet Art Shanty Projects canceled for 2021

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Lake Street Council gives out its first grants

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Body

The Lake Street Council has distributed its first grants from a fund to help businesses destroyed in riots at the end of May along the popular south Minneapolis corridor.

The nonprofit announced Wednesday that it's given \$2.8 million to 175 businesses and nonprofits that were damaged or gutted in fires and riots after [George Floyd](#) died May 25 at the hands of Minneapolis police. Each recipient got up to \$25,000.

The Lake Street Council has been flooded with donations, raising more than \$8 million from more than 70,000 people or organizations since starting the fund just over a month ago - one of the small Minneapolis nonprofits suddenly inundated by millions of dollars in donations.

The grants are a "critical first step," Allison Sharkey, council executive director, said in a statement, adding that it will likely take five to 10 years to fully recover from the damage done in just a few days in June. Most of the businesses that received the first grants are owned by people of color, including Black, American Indian and immigrant owners, and most are small businesses with fewer than 10 employees.

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Mpls. will trim number of park encampments

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MPLS. WILL TRIM NUMBER OF PARK ENCAMPMENTS

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Body

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on Wednesday night voted to limit the homeless tent camps that have sprung up across the city's parks, including the two sprawling encampments in Powderhorn Park.

The unanimous vote sets boundaries to a previous resolution passed by parks leaders a month ago that allowed the homeless to stay overnight in parks in response to the growing Powderhorn encampments. The Park Board will designate a select number of parks for encampments and disband any others that are not permitted.

Before Wednesday's vote, dozens of residents complained at the Park Board meeting about the homeless encampments, arguing the parks had become dangerous for visitors, surrounding neighbors and the campers themselves. They said they had become the site of constant drug use, violence and other illicit behavior.

They also noted significant issues at Powderhorn, where sexual assaults, fights and at least one shooting have been reported in recent weeks. Volunteers have scaled back their presence in the eastern camp and begun moving out some residents to other parks.

Commissioner Londel French, who has become a constant presence at the Powderhorn encampments, said the board "may have bitten off a little bit more than we can chew" by allowing the tent camps.

"Everybody decided to write these folks off, and we tried to do the right thing. Lord knows I tried, the neighbors tried, volunteers tried," he said. "But now we have a situation where people aren't safe. And that bothers me."

Wednesday's approved resolution will limit encampments to 20 designated parks and 25 tents. Volunteers, nonprofit organizations and other entities would have to apply for a temporary permit to legalize an encampment; those without permits would be disbanded.

It was still unclear Wednesday what parks would be designated "refuge sites," and when people would need to start moving out of larger encampments. Board President Jono Cowgill said parks staff would follow several guidelines when selecting sites, including proximity to playgrounds and schools and making sure there was proper distance between tents to stave off potential coronavirus contagion.

Mpls. will trim number of park encampments

Other commissioners were skeptical of how well the plan would work and where homeless residents would go. Commissioner Brad Bourn said it seemed unenforceable and reneging on a promise.

"Some of these encampment residents really relied on President Cowgill's and the board's word that we're providing a safe space for them," he said. "Less than 20 days later, we're telling them you don't have to go home - because you don't have one - but you can't stay here."

Under the amended resolution, Park Board Superintendent Al Bangoura would also be able to limit or close encampments that pose a documented risk to safety under Gov. Tim Walz's executive order declared during the coronavirus pandemic.

Homeless residents have consolidated their encampments over time. While tents were seen at more than 40 parks in the past, they are now at about 30, according to the Park Board's latest count. The Powderhorn sites have also shrunk from a high of 560 tents last week to 310, according to the board.

Parks officials reiterated the need for additional help from the state and other agencies to house park dwellers and provide them resources. Employees have collected hundreds of syringes at the encampments and at times have been threatened by campers.

"Staff has expressed a grave concern for their safety," Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Barrick said. "The morale continues to be low, and these challenges are not helping it."

Many of those who initially migrated to Powderhorn Park were evicted from a former Sheraton hotel that volunteers had turned into a shelter in the wake of the police killing of *George Floyd*.

The encampments have since been the site of a string of violent incidents, including reported sexual assaults, vandalized cars and most recently a shooting at the western encampment.

Residents who spoke out at Wednesday's meeting said the sites had grown out of control and that the Park Board, while well-intentioned, was not equipped to help the homeless.

Sheila Delaney had volunteered at the Powderhorn encampments and before that at the former Sheraton shelter. At the meeting, she said she was afraid for her safety and was severing ties with the volunteer group in charge.

"[The Park Board] made a very reasonable assumption that the jurisdictions that have statutory responsibility for caring for the unsheltered would come in and do their job," she said. "They didn't, and here we are."

Powderhorn volunteer Kat Eng said others have helped pack up tents at the encampments and driven people to other parks. Volunteers have pulled back their round-the-clock presence at the eastern encampment and are now providing only food, water and other basic services.

"We really have been asking over and over when will any responsible government agency be able to provide some sort of actual solution to people living unsheltered in Minneapolis parks," Eng said.

One resident who lives across the street from Powderhorn Park said the Park Board needs to find a humane way to disband the encampment.

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"Everybody's lives have been disrupted," said Bethann Barankovich, who has lived by the park for 25 years.
"We have no recourse. We feel hopeless and despaired."

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Black Lives Matter signs stolen and damaged, Roseville police say. Dead raccoons left near others.

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ROSEVILLE POLICE SAY. DEAD RACCOONS LEFT NEAR OTHERS.](#)**

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Highlight: Roseville police are asking the public for help identifying suspects involved in several bias-motivated crimes that have occurred in the past several weeks. Police say the incidents involved criminal activity targeting a resident's ***Black Lives Matter*** and other social justice signs, which were damaged or stolen. Investigators are currently seeking to identify a male and [...]

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Police say the incidents involved criminal activity targeting a resident's ***Black Lives Matter*** and other social justice signs, which were damaged or stolen.

Investigators are currently seeking to identify a male and female who stole signs on the evening of June 19. Photos show the pair getting into a black Dodge pickup truck with what looks to be an exercise machine in its bed.

There have also been four separate reports of dead raccoons being placed in nearby areas, the latest of which happened the morning of July 12 when a dead raccoon was found nailed to a utility post on County Road B.

Police identified a 55-year-old male in a June 25 incident who admitted he damaged a sign because he thought it was offensive. The Roseville resident was charged with misdemeanor criminal damage to property, and detectives are continuing to investigate whether he was involved in any of the related crimes.

Detectives ask that anyone with information call the Roseville Police Department at 651-792-7008 or submit a tip online at <http://www.cityofroseville.com/3194/Crime-Tips>. [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#). [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#). [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#). [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#). [Minneapolis man sentenced to 33 years in prison for sex-trafficking young women and girls out of massage parlor](#)

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Graphic

Roseville police are trying to identify a male and female who stole signs on the evening of June 19, 2020.
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St. Olaf grads craft a potent Black anthem

ARTICLE MCCXIX. [**ST. OLAF GRADS CRAFT A POTENT BLACK ANTHEM**](#)

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Highlight: Inspired by [**George Floyd**](#), they call for "A Big Change."

Body

They met in a St. Olaf College dorm, played in a band together at school parties and ended up as educators in Phoenix. Now Herb Ronnell and Pat Devon have teamed up on a powerful, timely new single, "A Big Change."

Inspired by the death of [**George Floyd**](#) in Minneapolis, Ronnell and Devon wanted to create a positive song that celebrated Blackness and addressed racial injustice.

"I always call Herb 'the Melody Man,' " Devon said of pianist-singer Ronnell. "He played some music on the piano, and in typical fashion, he will hum and scat and sing jibber-jabber, and I'll put words to the sound. With how close this resonated with us with [**George Floyd**](#), there was a lot of energy there, a lot of passion, a lot of sadness. This one happened quick."

Ronnell's melody weaves in an echo of "The Star-Spangled Banner" as he sits at a grand piano crooning in his sweet, hopeful tenor, "I know, I know a big change is coming."

Rapper Devon drops a few verses about appreciating the value of work, needing leaders to lead and bringing cops to justice. And the two musicians weave in snippets of a recent fiery speech from Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas.

Imagine John Legend collaborating with Common, only with a smaller budget.

The Floyd incident shook Devon, who graduated from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis and used to get his haircut around the corner from 38th Street and Chicago Avenue, where Floyd was pinned to the ground by police officers and took his final breaths.

"It rang so close to home," Devon said. "It was very surreal to think that me, my brother, my cousins, we could have very well been in that barber chair that day of the [**George Floyd**](#) chaos."

Two weeks ago, Devon and his wife visited that "sacred space" in Minneapolis. "It was wild to think

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that these blocks where I used to hang out with my friends, this is where it all took place."

Ronnell felt an indirect connection to Floyd as well, since he used to salsa dance at Conga Latin Bistro in northeast Minneapolis, where Floyd later worked as a bouncer.

Even though he grew up mostly in Houston, Devon - Patrick Devon Bass - had siblings who went to St. Olaf and Carleton colleges in Northfield. After graduating, he taught English at Minneapolis North High and Osseo Learning Center before heading to Arizona, where he is now an assistant principal in the Mesa school district.

Ronnell - Herbert Ronnell Washington - is from Phoenix, where a high school music teacher recommended the music program at St. Olaf. After earning his degree, he headed back to the Sun Belt, where he has been affiliated with the Phoenix Boys Choir (he was once a member) for seven years, the past year as artistic director.

At St. Olaf in the '00s, Ronnell and Devon were members of a band called Fellas & A Lady, which they describe as having a "pre-Black Eyed Peas" sound. Since they ended up in Arizona, the two pals occasionally get together and make music. They've worked with Jordin Sparks and Tori Kelly.

Devon - who has had a series of stage names including Ice Daddy and Platinum Pat - has released one solo album, "Vintage Vibes from the Vault + Volume Won," with another one, "Where We Going Next," in the works.

Ronnell and Devon made a video of "A Big Change" in the Great Hall where the Phoenix Boys Choir performs. To add a Minneapolis touch, Devon wore a Rhymesayers hoodie in the clip while Ronnell sat at a grand piano in his quilted jacket.

"It's not flashy," Ronnell said of the video. "And it's black and white to represent where we are today.

"We want to be heard and continue the dialogue that ***Black Lives Matter***. Once the riots and protests stop, then it's easy to get back to no change happening in the country."

"A Big Change" is available only on YouTube, not on any streaming services.

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READERS WRITE All this, and now nudity?

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Body

MINNEAPOLIS' TRAJECTORY

Oh, Minneapolis.

How far you have fallen. I don't see a future with you anymore. It's not me, it's you.

You've let yourself go. From the weed- and trash-infested Hiawatha Corridor whose trees haven't been pruned all year, to the ugly, overgrown brush that lines our freeways, to graffitied buildings, burgeoning homeless encampments and newly decimated miles of street front, to public nudity about to become legal ("City parks may allow all to go topless," July 16), violent crime night and day, "no go" areas and no leadership to address any of it. Just yard signs, an "imagined" better future and no concrete plans.

Have you no decency? No pride?

I'm glad that I am no longer raising children here.

This isn't going to fix itself.

Are you familiar with Newton's first law of motion?

"An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by an unbalanced force."

Minneapolis, you are in a downward spiral and unless acted upon by another, redirecting force, you'll be a wasteland, inappropriate for families, void of stable businesses, jobs, safety and quality of life.

I used to defend you. I used to love living here, was proud of our City of Lakes, but now ...

I am angry, weary, saddened and repulsed by what you have become.

Deanna Noethe, Minneapolis

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READERS WRITE All this, and now nudity?

To paraphrase the late Charlie Daniels, Golden Valley police and Minneapolis Park Police must have thought Paula Chesley was "a thoroughly dangerous woman." According to the article Thursday regarding the Park Board's policy on nudity, "five or six police officers approached her" while she was reading and topless in a secluded part of Theodore Wirth Park. Does it really take that many police officers to cite a partly nude woman? Or was there some juvenile thrillseeking on part of the police? Good grief!

Another beachgoer, Krissy Calbert, who is Black and was possibly targeted, was cited for being topless the same day, July 10. She was informed that a drone had spotted her topless at the beach. Were her civil rights violated? Where is Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison? Where is the ACLU? Whenever I see Golden Valley or Minneapolis Park Police vehicles, I have never seen a female officer or Black officer inside. One or two police officers citing these women would have sufficed. Do Minneapolis and Golden Valley taxpayers need to support this waste of police time and scarce funds?

Wayne Dokken, Robbinsdale

POLICING IN MINNEAPOLIS

This 'plan,' this mystery - this is not leadership

In reading the remarkably lame commentary from five Minneapolis City Council members ("Our case for changing the charter, July 16), I thought of a time when I interviewed several World War II Medal of Honor recipients for a writing project I was doing. One of Capt. Matt Urban's soldiers said to me that the greatest thing he could say about Matt was that he "always led from up front."

Our City Council members seem to want to take a different approach by asking us to take the lead in voting on the charter. Their article is full of generalities and bromides such as: "flexibility to build," "to reimagine," "to think bigger," "to move forward," and to "seize the historic opportunity." This is all presented without any semblance of a plan. Folks, tell us what you are going to do. Be specific. Then, maybe we will follow your lead. But in the spirit of Matt Urban you have to get up in the front first.

Richard A. Young, Minneapolis

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I was surprised by the print headline "Most want cop funding cuts now" (local section, July 15, 2020) and the way it misrepresented the story that followed. I read the headline and thought the paper must have conducted a poll of Minneapolis residents. Instead, I found the story that followed reported on a city budget committee hearing where "the majority of speakers" (no specific numbers) asked the city to cut \$45 million from the city's Police Department. Readers don't even know how many people spoke.

I haven't made up my mind on whether cutting the department's funding is the best way to bring accountability to the Minneapolis police, but I found the headline misleading and the story woefully lacking in details. As a former small-town newspaper publisher, I know the power that headlines carry.

Dana Schroeder, Minneapolis

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As a fellow human, I genuinely feel for the stress the individual MPD cops are feeling. We are all upset over all that is happening. And that is good. We should be upset.

READERS WRITE All this, and now nudity?

This is also a time for introspection. We the citizens of Minneapolis have let you down by allowing poor training that does not equip you to confront everything you see one a daily basis. We have allowed this to go on too long.

But I would hope that you would take some time for introspection as well ("Minneapolis police union leaders say they felt abandoned," July 16). You have consistently voted for leadership that routinely shows nothing but contempt for the people of Minneapolis. You are quoted as saying that you cannot live in Minneapolis because you fear for your beautiful children. Really? That is so appalling on so many levels. You have participated in the protection of bad cops. And then you wonder why we can't see what good guys you are?

Think how much better and more fulfilling your job would be if you actually had the trust of the community. It has to start with you. Be the change you want to see.

Alice Johnson, Minneapolis

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Recently I read for the second time about the *Minneapolis Police Department*'s change in use-of-force policy "encouraging" officers to de-escalate tense situations ("MPD makes revisions to use-of-force policy," July 15). Going forward, police will now have to document how they tried to de-escalate a situation and why, after trying to de-escalate, they reverted to the use of force. They will also be required to explain why they chose a particular level of force during the interaction.

I understand that issues of law enforcement in a community are not simplistic. I (white suburban woman) have had positive interactions with police officers where I live. But the fact that any police department is just now requiring (encouraging?) this level of accountability in its officers, in regards to possibly inflicting physical and emotional harm upon citizens in the community it serves, is really just stunning.

Mary G. Alberts, Eden Prairie

CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS

My, how they've endured?

It was a pleasant surprise to learn recently that Secretary of Defense Mark Esper has called for culturally divisive symbols, including the Confederate battle flag, to be removed from U.S. military bases and installations. It was an unpleasant surprise to learn that a Confederate flag has been on display in any fashion at our bases and installations and requires such an action. My, we have a lot of work to do.

Meg Luhrs, St. Croix Falls

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House committee advances bill to assist Twin Cities businesses damaged in George Floyd unrest

ARTICLE MCCXXI. **[HOUSE COMMITTEE ADVANCES BILL TO ASSIST TWIN CITIES
BUSINESSES DAMAGED IN GEORGE FLOYD UNREST](#)**

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Byline: Sarah Mearhoff

Highlight: Minnesota lawmakers in the House are on their way to passing a bill to help small businesses rebuild after the recent civil unrest, but it may hit a wall in the Republican-controlled Senate. At a Friday hearing, the House's Democratic-controlled Jobs and Economic Development Finance Division passed a measure to establish a loan and grant [...]

Body

Minnesota lawmakers in the House are on their way to passing a bill to help small businesses rebuild after the recent civil unrest, but it may hit a wall in the Republican-controlled Senate.

At a Friday hearing, the House's Democratic-controlled Jobs and Economic Development Finance Division passed a measure to establish a loan and grant program to help rebuild small businesses damaged or destroyed in the civil unrest following the death of ***George Floyd*** on May 25. The bill specifically designates some dollars to go to neighborhoods in the Twin Cities that saw the most damage.

Democrats at Friday's hearing said the assistance is crucial for the survival of small businesses, particularly those in minority neighborhoods, such as on St. Paul's University Avenue and Minneapolis' Lake Street. Without help, those businesses - and later on, residents of those neighborhoods - could be pushed out through the process of gentrification, they warned.

Rep. Barb Haley, R-Red Wing, said Friday that legislative Republicans have been trying to negotiate with Democrats on a way to help affected small businesses, who have seen "staggering" damages.

"It's fundamentally very important for the entire state to see both the areas in Minneapolis and St. Paul rebuild and have safety and also have commerce for those neighborhoods," she said.

But with the bill's provisions, Haley said Republicans are still at an impasse. The bill uses money from the state's general fund, to which Haley said Republicans will not agree as the state faces a deficit due to economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

Republicans also oppose money in the bill specifically designated for the Twin Cities.

Rep. Hodan Hassan, DFL-Minneapolis, asked if a natural disaster such as a tornado struck rural Minnesota, would legislators representing those districts be questioning what pot of money to use to rebuild.

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"And when we talk about Lake Street, West Broadway and University Avenue, we're talking about Black, brown and Indigenous communities, people that our system have intentionally left behind for many, many years," she added.

The committee ultimately passed the bill by a 9-6 vote. It still requires House floor passage, and Senate committee and floor passage before it would make it to Gov. Tim Walz's desk. [Walz calls special session next week to consider 30-day extension of pandemic powers](#) [Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch.](#) [Voters, GOP lawmakers plan lawsuit over Walz's mask mandate at polling places](#) [State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding'](#) [Minnesota will close 2 prisons to prepare for budget shortfall. Other agencies face holes, too.](#)

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Metro home sales defy recession

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METRO HOME SALES DEFY RECESSION

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1A**Length:** 964 words**Byline:** JIM BUCHTA; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** After two sluggish months, buyers return in force while 30-year mortgage rates hit record low.**Body**

June was one of the best on record for home sellers in the Twin Cities, according to new monthly sales data. Last month, buyers signed 6,819 purchase agreements, 6% more than last year and the most during any June in nearly two decades, according to a monthly sales report from the Minneapolis Area Realtors.

That gain was fueled in part by pent-up demand from April and May, a topsy-turvy spring market when sales declined by double-digits amid a prolonged government shutdown and metro-wide protests following the death of *George Floyd* in Minneapolis.

"I call it 'displaced demand,' where sales activity is shifted into later months," said David Arbit, Minneapolis Area Realtors' director of research. "Record-low mortgage rates are a big motivator, especially for first-time buyers who are payment sensitive."

Mortgage rates have been declining incrementally all spring, helping offset rising home prices spurred in part by a lack of inventory. On Thursday, Freddie Mac said the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.98%. It's the first time rates have fallen below 3% and the lowest rate in the survey's 50-year history dating back to 1971.

Motivated by low rates, buyers are competing for a dwindling number of listings. New listings have been declining for the past three months with buyers outpacing sellers in some parts of the metro area and in certain price ranges.

At the current sales pace there were enough listings on the market to last less than two months during June across all price ranges (a balanced market has five to six months of supply), but the availability of listings varies dramatically by price range. For houses priced at more than \$1 million, for example, there were enough listings to last more than 11 months.

In Minneapolis and St. Paul, fewer homes hit the market during June compared with last year, but the new listings were a slight increase from May. In all suburbs, new listings during June were down from last year and the previous month.

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During June, sellers got nearly 100% of their original asking price across the metro area, causing the median price of all closings to hit \$305,000. That tied a record high set in March and up more than 5% year-over-year.

Pending sales in all areas of the metro area increased during June from the previous month and last year except in Minneapolis, where pending sales declined slightly in June compared with June 2019.

Home buying in the Twin Cities typically peaks in late summer, then tapers as kids return to school and temperatures drop, but an abundance of multiple offers suggests that there are plenty of willing and able buyers who will keep shopping well into fall. But with economic headwinds looming and the threat of a winter wave of coronavirus infections, it's unclear how long the housing market will retain its resilience.

"As of right now, I don't see any signs of the market slowing down," said Kathy Borys of Coldwell Banker Realty. "The unknown is how the election will affect the market. I think that is more of an unknown than the stability of the market in the Twin Cities."

Borys expects the market to remain strong well into fall, especially in inner-ring suburbs such as St. Anthony, where Dustin and Alisa Gingerich were recently both buyers and sellers. With three kids, they'd outgrown the two-bedroom house they bought in 2008 before starting a family. With mortgage rates low and houses in their neighborhood selling quickly, they decided it was a good time to make a move.

Just after Easter they started shopping for a bigger house in the same city so their kids wouldn't have to change schools. They quickly found one they both wanted. They toured it the day it went on the market and made a full-price offer the same day. After touring it again the next morning they upped their offer, which was one of four bids on the house, by \$11,000 and the sellers accepted.

Though their options as buyers were limited, Alisa Gingerich said being a seller in this market was far more difficult than being a buyer in part because of their emotional connection to their midcentury-modern house and their fear that it wouldn't be perfect enough for the market.

They listed the 2,120-square-foot house in late June for \$309,000 and on the first night had two showings and at least 10 scheduled for the next day. The first person who toured the house made an offer for nearly 10% more than they were asking. Though they could have waited for a potentially higher offer from those scheduled to see it the next day, they canceled those showings and took the offer.

The decision to sell to the first person who looked at their house was made in part because the buyer had such an appreciation for the house's unusual features, including an original Thermador oven and vintage bathroom tiles, Gingerich said,

"This gentleman was the perfect buyer for the home," she said. "I'm sure that made some folks mad, but we had to do what's right for us."

Jim Buchta · 612-673-7376

HOME SALES RISE

Pending home sales in the Twin Cities rose 16.3% in June from the previous month.

June 2020: 6,856

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(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Source: Minneapolis Area Realtors

NEW LISTINGS LAG BEHIND

Data on new home listings each week between February and the start of July show the dramatic slowdown in the real estate market during the pandemic lockdown and also a drop in listings, especially in Minneapolis, during the week of protests following the killing of **George Floyd**. Listings appear to be rebounding after the typically slow July 4th holiday week.

Weeks beginning:

July 5, 2019: 2,259

July 5, 2020: 1,684

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Note: For the weeks beginning Feb. 2, 2020, or the sixth week of the year, and the corresponding weeks of 2019.

Source: Minneapolis Area Realtors

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100 push Minnetonka schools to take stand against racism

ARTICLE MCCXXIII.

100 PUSH MINNETONKA SCHOOLS TO TAKE STAND AGAINST RACISM

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Byline: ERIC ROPER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: The district is "sweeping racial issues under the rug," one student said.

Body

A group of public school students and supporters rallied Thursday night to urge the Minnetonka School District to confront racism and improve diversity.

About 100 people gathered outside the district's headquarters to support changes that would include hiring more teachers of color, giving staffers diversity training, adopting a less "Eurocentric" curriculum and banning hate symbols in school dress codes.

The rally, hosted by the group Minnetonka Coalition for Equitable Education, stemmed in part from a Change.org petition criticizing the district's handling of race. It has garnered about 4,800 signatures so far.

"Minnetonka has a culture of often sweeping racial issues under the rug in order to avoid talking about them," said Lena Pak, an incoming senior at Minnetonka High School. "This results in uneducated white students that make [Black, Indigenous and people of color] feel unwelcome or unsafe and creates inequitable learning."

Rally attendees held signs reading "Make Tonka Anti-Racist," "Equality = excellence" and "Anti-racist curriculum now." Originally the group had planned to make a presentation to the district's Committee for Student Belonging, but speakers said the meeting was moved online as a result of the rally.

Incoming high school junior Jinhyoung Bang, who launched the petition, teared up as she addressed the crowd. "I really wasn't expecting this many people to be here," she said. "But I'm really thankful."

Bang recounted being told, "Go back to the rice fields" by another student on the bus during one of her first days at Minnetonka Middle School East. When she was in seventh grade, a fellow student remarked that she was "his personal calculator."

"I don't blame my naïve and uneducated peers for their words. I know that they come from a place of ignorance and years of conditioning," Bang said. "I blame the school system that did nothing to educate

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them about the harm of their words and continue to let incidents like mine [happen] to other Black, Indigenous students of color."

Bang said she was inspired to write the petition after the May 25 killing of *George Floyd* while in Minneapolis police custody and the subsequent conversations about race.

"I knew that the changes being implemented nationwide could also be implemented within Minnetonka," Bang said.

Incoming high school senior Ahlaam Abdulwali said she has encountered Islamophobia and racism at Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts. During a discussion of religion and Islam, for example, a Minnetonka student told her, "I'm glad that you're one of the good terrorists."

"I've overheard kids saying the N-word more times than I can count," Abdulwali said. "I've seen kids write the Confederate flag more times than I can count."

Abdulwali said her rigorous courseload already makes school mentally taxing. But she realized after Floyd's death how regular "micro-aggressions" take a further toll on her mental health - and that other students are experiencing the same thing.

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Action is essential at the State Capitol

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[ACTION IS ESSENTIAL AT THE STATE CAPITOL](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 6A**Length:** 594 words**Highlight:** Police reform, bonding bill, federal aid are top priorities.**Body**

As negotiations continue at the Minnesota Legislature, there are welcome signs that leaders may be nearing the kind of compromise that produces movement - and solutions.

Minnesota's job market is slowly recovering - the jobless rate fell to 8.6% in June, down from just under 10% the month before. That, we think, is a testament to the slow, steady reopening Minnesota has undertaken, and the safety measures it's maintained to combat the global pandemic. Still, hundreds of thousands remain out of work, and the path of the virus is uncertain.

Minnesotans need the bonding bill still under debate at the Legislature. The version in the works now would amount to \$1.8 billion for infrastructure improvements from a variety of sources. That would go a long way toward providing a boost not just to the economy overall, but to the construction industry, which continues to lag.

DFL Speaker Melissa Hortman and Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka have a working agreement, but the sticking point remains House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, whose insistence on first ending Gov. Tim Walz' emergency powers has blocked progress since before the regular session ended in May. Hortman, in talking to an editorial writer, noted that 55 U.S. states and territories are under emergency powers so that leaders can act swiftly against COVID-19. "We have great agreement among three of the caucuses," she said.

There also appears to have been movement on a police accountability package, badly needed to bring some uniformity and trust to law enforcement work across the state. "The tough part is getting the details and the language, but it does feel like there's been progress there," Gazelka said at a recent news conference. Given the civil unrest following the death of ***George Floyd***, it is unthinkable that this session would end without the passage of significant police accountability measures that reflect a variety of community voices.

That unrest left its mark on the Twin Cities, and major restoration efforts are underway. It is disheartening that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) rejected a request for a modest \$16 million in disaster relief. Minnesotans were ill-served by U.S. Rep. Tom Emmer's decision to withhold support for such relief. The Sixth District congressman, who also is head of the National Republican Campaign

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Committee, sent a letter to President Donald Trump seeking an investigation into state officials' handling of the unrest.

As U.S. Rep. Dean Phillips, a Democrat representing the Third District, noted in an interview with an editorial writer, Minnesota is a net contributor to the federal coffers. "The few times we make a request for assistance should be given full consideration and this wasn't," he said.

Gov. Tim Walz is planning to appeal FEMA's decision, but Phillips said that without unified support among the delegation, that may fail as well. "The core question here," he said, "is will this fall only on Minnesota taxpayers, or on a federal government that we have been supporting for decades?"

We urge Emmer to reconsider and spare Minnesotans from having to bear the full burden of recovery. Postmortems can follow, but aid should not be contingent on that.

Minnesota lawmakers, despite having failed to reach agreements in the regular session and the first special session, can hit reset by moving ahead and finishing their work. If at some point they want to end the governor's emergency powers, they first should prove to Minnesotans that they can bridge differences and act swiftly to meet the state's needs.

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Hiker raises awareness one step at a time

ARTICLE MCCXXV.

HIKER RAISES AWARENESS ONE STEP AT A TIME

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Byline: BOB TIMMONS; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: North Shore opens Atlanta woman to the possibilities.

Body

Crystal Gail Welcome will tangle with rocks and roots, tough climbs and relentless bugs on her thru-hike attempt on the North Shore. Yet overcoming racial injustice toward Black Americans, such as herself, and other people of color - that, she says, is the real work.

The Atlanta woman is more than a third of the way through the 310 miles of the Superior Hiking Trail. Far from the urban backdrop of so many uprisings in the wake of *George Floyd's* tragic death, northern Minnesota is an ideal landscape for her message of social change, she said. Maybe more receptive, too.

Welcome said some media, across platforms, highlight "the worst" of the protests and responses to them to the detriment of peaceful, positive demonstrations of all manner.

"I know there are people standing up for justice in other ways. And I am, like, 'Wait, I can do that. This is what I do: I hike,' " said Welcome, 39. "This is one way I can stand up for justice and know that it is meaningful."

Minnesota's most popular long-distance trail is an apropos spot, she said. Floyd died in the custody of police just a few hours away. On July 4, Welcome's march began. She was joined by several others who'd heard about her hike and her cause. Day 1 began at 8:46 a.m. at the trail's southern terminus on the Wisconsin border near Carlton, Minn. She hiked for 8.46 miles.

The trail's iconic blue blazes - markers that tell hikers they are on the right path - also drew in Welcome. Blue is associated with police - "boys in blue," she said - but in this context, blue amounts to a bridge, not a wedge.

"Hiking this blue blaze is a way of saying, 'Look, nature hasn't let us down.' Hiking this blue blaze is a reminder that not everything that's blue is bad," said Welcome while camping Tuesday morning between Castle Danger and Gooseberry Falls.

Finding her place

Hiker raises awareness one step at a time

While standing for change, Welcome is Up North for personal healing, too.

In remission from a rare brain disease called intracranial hypertension, Welcome attempted a thru-hike in 2016 of the Pacific Crest Trail. She had to drop out for health reasons after 600 miles, leaving her depressed, inactive and seeking some light. Her next steps were the fuel for the moment she's in.

Welcome heard about a nonprofit in California called People of the Global Majority in the Outdoors, Nature, and the Environment (PGM ONE). She'd found her people - and her voice - and was given a scholarship to attend a summit that steered her toward adventure therapy and the healing power of nature.

She recently graduated from Prescott College in Arizona with a master's of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies, in adventure therapy and education. Because of the pandemic, she finished her last semester online and has spent the last year in Minnesota with her partner, Demi Kapler, in Longville, Minn. Kapler is interim camp director at the YMCA's Camp Olson in Longville. The two met at Prescott. Kapler said she plans to thru-hike the trail in support after Welcome finishes.

On the trail (and off), Welcome said the kindnesses by hikers and others have eased her concerns as a person of color moving through northern Minnesota. She has issues of trust around white people - endemic, she said, to the Black experience - that extend beyond social justice to environmental equity, too. She cited the 2014 water crisis in Flint, Mich., where residents were exposed to high levels of lead and other contaminants.

"There are just so many ways we've been failed. So in order for us to find a place in nature that feels safe and healing, we have to have that outside of nature, too. The two just go hand in hand," she said.

In posts about her hike on a site called The Trek, Welcome said strangers haven't failed her thus far. "I have met many SHT trail angels who have helped me in various ways: meeting me on the trail, taking me to the store, and dropping me off at the same trail. A group showing up in solidarity to ensure safe passage through a non-friendly private section of the trail."

One of those strangers was Jane Kaiser of Duluth, who invited Welcome to camp in her yard and checked in on her well-being down the path. The two connected for ice cream.

Another woman, named Lil, was unaware of Welcome's purpose for hiking, but asked if she could join. They stuck together for two days. Lil gave her extra socks.

"People are actually caring about me as an individual and what I am doing," said Welcome, with a hint of relief and acceptance.

A Duluth welcome

Tom O'Rourke had read about Welcome's hike. The trail passes through Hartley Nature Center in Duluth, where he is executive director. He was prepared to meet her and welcome her. They hiked the section through the center, and Welcome used O'Rourke's nearby "Thoreauvian" cabin overnight to get out of stormy weather.

More than anything, O'Rourke said, he looked forward to listening to Welcome. He said the two bonded over their shared love of wild places and books.

Hiker raises awareness one step at a time

"It was interesting to hear her perspective as a person of color, engaging in these activities that are sort of white-dominated spaces," he added. "It was great to listen to her and to learn from her."

O'Rourke said they also bonded over similar past outdoors roles, with different experiences. Both worked at summer camps. "Hearing how her experience was different working camps in a given summer as the only person of color on the entire staff. I think she is bringing voice to important conversations that the outdoors community has to have and should have," he said.

Welcome came upon a lady's slipper on her first day. Seeing the orchid open to summer was symbolic, she wrote in an update July 8:

"Like flowers such as the Lady Slipper, social justice movements sometimes need time to bloom. And like the beauty of the flowers, these movements can bring about deep and lasting change."

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VIRTUAL EVENTS

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virtual events

Mu-tini Hour: RE:Plays

Friday: Theater Mu's livestreamed Mu-tini Hour pairs playwrights from the Black and Asian communities to confront social issues in the wake of [George Floyd](#)'s death. It features three brand-new plays, including a science-fiction piece by Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay and Harry Waters Jr. called "Life Sounds," as well as a piece co-written by Alayna Barnes and Katie Ka Vang, and another by Ifrah Mansour and Xiaolu Wang. (7-8:30 p.m. Fri. Free, theatermu.org/mutini-hour.)

SHEILA REGAN

Roots, Rock & Deep Blues Fest

Saturday: It won't be the usual daylong, multistage, sweaty marathon, but the 10th annual RRDB will offer a nice sampling of the festival's potent mix. Prerecorded performances of R&B piano legend Cornbread Harris and TexaSotan Americana rocker Mary Cutrufello will precede a livestreamed set by Duluth's pummeling blues howlers the Black-Eyed Snakes, led by Low's Alan Sparhawk. (5-10 p.m. Sat. \$10 via crowdcast.io or thehookmpls.com.)

CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER

Turn Turn Turn

Saturday: The Parkway Theater launches a livestreaming series with a new folk-rock trio. Featuring Adam Levy (the Honeydogs), Savannah Smith and Barb Brynstad, Turn Turn Turn dropped a well-crafted album, "Can't Go Back," last month. The summery, harmony-loving record filled with cold, hard truths evokes, at turns, the Byrds, the Beatles and the Mamas & the Papas. Brian Oake, former master of the airwaves, will interview the group. (8 p.m. Sat. \$15, theparkwaytheater.com.)

JON BREAM

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Media band together to fight Floyd case gag rule

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[MEDIA BAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT FLOYD CASE GAG RULE](#)

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Byline: CHAO XIONG; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Coalition contends Judge Cahill's order overreached, violated First Amendment.

Body

A coalition of local and national media companies is challenging a judge's gag order that prohibits attorneys and several others from discussing the cases against four former police officers charged in the killing of [George Floyd](#).

The group, which includes the Star Tribune; Minnesota Public Radio; the Associated Press; local TV stations WCCO, KMSP, KARE and KSTP; and the New York Times Co., among others, filed a motion Friday asking that the gag order be vacated.

"The Court's Order in these cases threatens to prevent the press and the public from obtaining meaningful information related to these highly newsworthy prosecutions from a wide - and overly broad - range of interested parties," said the motion by coalition attorneys Leita Walker and Emmy Parsons.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill issued the order last week, a day after some of the former officers' attorneys spoke to the media about their cases.

"The court finds that continuing pretrial publicity in this case by the attorneys involved will increase the risk of tainting a potential jury pool and will impair all parties' right to a fair trial," Cahill wrote, adding that it covers "all parties, attorneys, their employees, agents or independent contractors working on their behalf."

The matter quickly snowballed into accusations of constitutional violations by the judge and calls by defense attorneys to arrest and sanction Attorney General Keith Ellison, who is leading the prosecution, for allegedly violating the order.

The coalition's motion argued that the order overreached and violated the First Amendment. It could be interpreted to cover "thousands" of people, including every employee of the state and Hennepin County, the motion said.

"[George Floyd](#)'s death catapulted [Black Lives Matter](#) into one of the largest movements in this country's history and spurred important conversations on a number of topics that arguably 'relate' to these

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prosecutions," the motion said. "For that reason alone, the Order is overbroad. ... The Order can be read to restrict the speech of a breathtaking number of people."

Cahill did not list by name or occupation which "agents" or parties were covered in his order. A local legal scholar and a longtime defense attorney have said they believed it would apply to several city and state officials, including Gov. Tim Walz.

The coalition's motion argued that the order could delay the government's communication to the public about efforts to address public safety, racial equity and police reform.

"The Order thus threatens the right of the press and the public to engage in important dialogue with a wide range of people on a broad range of topics that could be viewed as 'related' to these prosecutions," the motion said.

The coalition said state case law allows the court to impose gag orders "only when necessary to ensure a fair trial" but that they should be "narrowly tailored" and based on "an articulated, specific harm."

The coalition will argue its case in court on Tuesday.

On Monday, the attorneys for all four former Minneapolis officers - **Derek Chauvin**, **J. Alexander Kueng**, **Thomas Lane** and **Tou Thao** - filed separate motions asking that Cahill's order be vacated.

Their motions argued that the order violated constitutional rights to due process, free speech and a fair trial, and that it unfairly penalized the defense after prosecutors and public officials had spent weeks criticizing the former officers' actions.

Later Monday, Ellison issued a news release announcing that he had appointed four veteran attorneys as special assistant attorneys general on the Floyd case and listed their professional accomplishments.

Attorneys Earl Gray, who is representing Lane, and Robert Paule, who is representing Thao, filed separate motions Tuesday objecting to Ellison's news release. Gray called for his arrest. Paule asked that he be sanctioned.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Prosecutors said he knelt on Floyd's neck on May 25 for nearly 8 minutes, but Kueng's body-worn camera video, shown to the media and public Wednesday, indicated it lasted about 9 minutes and 30 seconds. Ellison's office declined to address the time discrepancy, citing the gag order.

Kueng, Lane and Thao are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

Police were investigating allegations that Floyd had used a fake \$20 bill at a local convenience store. They held him down as he lay handcuffed, stomach-down in the street. Floyd complained several times that he couldn't breathe and warned them that he was going to die before he became unresponsive.

Bystanders also called for the officers to stop; one of them recorded and publicly shared video of the incident.

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Police budget cuts proposed

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POLICE BUDGET CUTS PROPOSED

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Minneapolis City Council members on Friday pitched their first substantial budget cuts to the Police Department following *George Floyd's* death - and signaled that additional changes are in the works.

The proposals, which together total just over \$600,000, are far from final. They must survive another public hearing, additional council votes and review by the mayor.

If ultimately approved, the revisions would fall far short of the \$45 million that some activists have asked the city to cut from the *Minneapolis Police Department's* \$193 million budget. Other residents have said they want the city to maintain the department's budget, or even increase it.

The city is trying to cut roughly \$156 million from its \$1.6 billion budget as it tries to compensate for the financial losses that came from the coronavirus pandemic.

Last week, Mayor Jacob Frey proposed relying on cash reserves, some furloughs, up to 40 layoffs and a series of budgetary transfers to plug the budget hole.

The city said it had already cut roughly \$8.6 million from the Police Department's budget when it implemented a citywide hiring and wage freeze. Frey suggested cutting only \$50,000 more, from a timekeeping system and the system that tracks pawnshop transactions.

During a public meeting Friday, council members got their first chance to offer revisions. Members Cam Gordon and Alondra Cano both pitched cuts to the Police Depart

ment's budget.

One measure, introduced by Cano, would move \$500,000 from the Police Department to the city's Office of Violence Prevention.

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Gordon suggested cutting a combined \$105,000 from the police budget to fund a Health Department program helping people with AIDS or HIV, a program designed to promote "healthy living" in low-income housing, and a youth program in Cedar-Riverside.

Some of the moves, the council members said, were designed to offset cuts or transfers that Frey initially proposed.

On almost every one of the police proposals, Council Member Linea Palmisano was the sole vote against them. Council Member Lisa Goodman also voted against the measure to transfer \$500,000 out of the police budget.

Palmisano, the budget committee chairwoman, said that roughly 80% of the Police Department's budget goes toward salaries, and she feared the proposals would likely require staff cuts. She, as well as the city's budget office and the police chief, raised concerns about the lack of detail on where the money would come from.

"It just doesn't sound responsible and transparent ... to do these kinds of blanket cuts," she said during the meeting.

Council Member Phillipe Cunningham pushed back on that idea, noting that department heads have discretion to shuffle money even after council approves the budget.

Another public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday. Council members will be able to offer additional revisions, and the budget is tentatively set for a final vote on Friday.

Other proposals are likely to emerge. Cunningham expressed interest in a program that would seek to reduce violence with conflict mediators. Council Member Jeremiah Ellison signaled he's keeping a close eye on the size of the force. Council Member Steve Fletcher said the Police Department "operates on an island" and doesn't interact enough with the rest of city government.

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Rosario: Judge in George Floyd case has his work cut out for him

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ROSARIO: JUDGE IN GEORGE FLOYD CASE HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM

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Highlight: I don't envy Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill. I'm talking here about the judge presiding over the upcoming trial - or trials - of the four former Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of ***George Floyd***. The former defense attorney and prosecutor who served as deputy chief to former Hennepin County Attorney Amy [...]

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I don't envy Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill. I'm talking here about the judge presiding over the upcoming trial - or trials - of the four former Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of ***George Floyd***.

The former defense attorney and prosecutor who served as deputy chief to former Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar is working hard to exert some pretrial control over an event and case that have already drawn national and global attention unlike any other in recent Minnesota history. High-profile trial proceedings of this magnitude are such an administrative and managerial challenge for courts that the National Center for State Courts and other judicial entities created a [website](#) to help jurists handle such cases.

The murder trial involving ***Derek Chauvin***, the since-fired officer seen on video kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes that fateful day in May two months ago, is at least a year away from taking place.

A decision to jointly or separately try the defendants, notwithstanding potential pleas, possible COVID-19-related or other significant developments in the coming months, could further postpone proceedings.

But Cahill's attempts to assure due process and rein in pretrial publicity have raised some eyebrows as well as questions of whether he's overstepping his authority or unduly restricting free speech.

It was surprisingly Cahill, not the defense, who first warned of a potential change of venue last month if public officials, attorneys and even family members continued to speak publicly about the case.

"What they're doing is endangering the right to a fair trial. They need to understand that," Cahill said at one of the first hearings in the case last month.

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A change-of-venue request, which is rarely granted, most often comes from defense lawyers who feel there is no way their client can get a fair trial in the jurisdiction where the alleged crime took place. That request could come later from one if not all four defense attorneys, perhaps emboldened by Judge Cahill's pretrial comments.

Frankly, given that the whole world knows about it and has opinions of what transpired, the only place I suggest they move it to would be the eastern Amazon rain forest where the Awá - people who mostly have never had contact with the outside world - reside.

Yet there is an abundance of cases that prove finding capable jurors in a locale where a notorious alleged crime took place is hardly impossible.

"The court would opine that the standard isn't whether people have heard, or even formed an opinion on the case, but rather can potential jurors be open-minded enough to put their thoughts and feelings aside, listen to the evidence, follow the court's jury instructions and deliver a verdict based upon the law, and not personal animus," notes criminal defense attorney J. Anthony Torres.

Torres represented Robert Guevara, who was tried for murder in connection with the still-unsolved disappearance of Corrine Erstad, a 5-year-old Inver Grove Heights girl who disappeared in June 1992 without a trace. Her body has never been found.

The Dakota County trial judge denied Torres' request for a change of venue. At that time, one could not find a more unpopular and publicly despised trial defendant than Guevara. Yet he was ultimately acquitted of the charges by the jury.

Still, "unlike Guevara, however, this case has become extremely political and transparency is tantamount," Torres added in an email. "The court may consider any appearance of injustice occurring to either side before closing the door to a change of venue."

[Will Bunch: From 9/11 to Portland, it was inevitable 'Homeland Security' would be turned on the American people](#) [Leah Mirakhor: How James Baldwin spoke to immigrants like me](#) [Soucheray: Trust us, the Minneapolis Council said. We don't, said the Charter Commission.](#) [Ross Marchand: No more billionaire bailouts](#) [Kyle, Spencer, Kulas: We love St. Paul. Here's how to help](#) It bears mention here that Earl Gray, attorney for **Thomas Lane**, one of the two rookie cops charged with aiding and abetting unintentional murder in the Floyd case, also represented former St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez and unsuccessfully sought a change of venue from Ramsey County.

Yanez underwent a murder trial for fatally shooting St. Paul public school worker Philando Castile during a traffic stop in Falcon Heights four years ago - another high-profile incident that became known worldwide. A jury [acquitted Yanez.](#)

In the Floyd case, Cahill's other notable decision was to impose a gag order earlier this month preventing defense attorneys, the prosecution, trial defendants, public officials and connected "parties" from speaking publicly about any aspect of the ongoing cases. No question Cahill, for that matter any other jurist, might try to muzzle the news media, family members and others if he could. But the law and practicality are not on his side.

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In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Nebraska trial judge's decision to impose a gag order on the news media from covering a murder trial before a jury was selected was a form of prior restraint in violation of the First Amendment right of freedom of the press.

In his majority opinion, Chief Justice Warren Burger, a St. Paul native and polio survivor who worked on a crew that built the Robert Street bridge, noted that pretrial publicity does not inevitably guarantee an unfair trial.

As a result, jurists in some high-profile cases have tailored gag orders to target those they feel they have some authority over: trial lawyers who are deemed "officers of the court."

Not surprisingly, defense lawyers in the Floyd case vehemently objected to Cahill's decision.

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, pointed out that the gag rule violates his client's right to free speech, if not also that of the lawyers and others involved in the case.

"Given the global extent and tenor of pretrial publicity in this case, halting the flow of any information from Mr. Chauvin, through his counsel - before even a single statement has been made - to the public is more likely to prejudice the jury pool than to prevent a taint," Nelson wrote in his court memo. "The Court's order effectively allows the repeated and unmitigated condemnation of a criminal defendant by nonparty public officials and celebrities."

The lawyers are dead right, according to Erwin Chemerinsky, a noted legal scholar and dean of the University of California's Berkeley Law school.

In 1997, Chemerinsky penned an influential, 22-page [argument](#) that such gag orders are "virtually always unconstitutional."

Citing numerous high-profile "trial of the century" cases that ended in acquittals, Chemerinsky notes such judicial gag orders rely on the false and largely unproven assumptions that publicity jeopardizes a fair trial and that public statements by trial attorneys and others "cause or exacerbate that harm."

Chemerinsky is as resolute as ever, 23 years later, about his stance on such gag orders.

"I don't think they do anything to lead to a fair trial or prevent a biased jury," Chemerinsky noted in an email. "Judges like them because it keeps lawyers from 'trying their case in the press.' But I don't think that should be the judges' concern (other than ensuring the impartiality of the jury). A sense of decorum is not a reason for a prior restraint. And gag orders are a form of a prior restraint."

Cahill also rejected a request by media outlets as well as defense lawyers to allow televised proceedings of pretrial hearings in the Floyd case, though he left open the possibility of reconsidering his decision at trial. Given Minnesota courts are in the dark ages when it comes to electronic media access to proceedings, a change of heart is as likely as me winning the Powerball while getting hit by lightning.

The judge has also restricted the copying and publication of police body-camera video evidence in the case in apparent violation of state public data laws. [Soucheray: Trust us, the Minneapolis Council said. We don't, said the Charter Commission.](#) [Kyle, Spencer, Kulas: We love St. Paul. Here's how to help Banaian, Schmitz: Are 4-year degrees oversold? Not at all, even in the liberal arts.](#) [Caryn M. Sullivan: Can we agree](#)

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[or disagree, or agree to disagree - and listen along the way? Soucheray: And our ability to reason is swept away](#)

Again, I don't envy the man. The last thing he probably wants is to be regarded like another Lance Ito, the judge in the infamous O.J. Simpson case who was criticized for not imposing a gag order and allowing the notorious trial to be televised. But the main factor deciding that case wasn't pretrial publicity or cameras in the courtroom. It was, in the end, one side convincing a jury there was reasonable doubt, even if that verdict was outlandishly the wrong one in the eyes of many trial observers.

Stay tuned.

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1 in 4 Mpls. cops seeks disability

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The continued surge of Minneapolis police officers seeking disability benefits after the ***George Floyd*** unrest is heightening concerns of a police staffing shortage amid a wave of violent crime.

Ron Meuser Jr., the lawyer handling the claims, said his office met with an additional 43 Minneapolis cops this week who have retained him. That's in addition to the estimated 150 officers who Meuser said at a July 10 news conference had retained him. And it brings the total closer to 200 now, out of a sworn force of about 850.

Meuser said most of the officers starting the disability paperwork leave their jobs fairly quickly on a medical leave. The disability claims process can take up to six months.

He said his office has "dozens and dozens" of more appointments with officers scheduled for next week. "The curve has not flattened," Meuser said. "We are signing up a staggering number of officers every day right now."

The increase in officers seeking to file disability claims comes as the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** (MPD) faces unprecedented public criticism following the police killing of ***George Floyd***, an unarmed Black man, in May. The City Council has advanced a plan that could end the police department and replace it with a broader community safety department that may or may not have licensed peace officers. Voters would have to approve the change.

Meanwhile, the city has been rocked by an explosion of gun violence.

Meuser said he thinks the city faces a significant police staffing shortage. The vast majority of officers retaining him are seasoned veterans, he said, averaging about 48 years old with at least 20 years of experience. The majority of the duty-related disability claims are for symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, related to the Floyd unrest.

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The stress is cumulative, he said. The unrest and hostility unleashed by the death of Floyd aggravated conditions that officers have experienced for a long time and muscled through, he said. "It further impaired their ability to cope."

According to city spokeswoman Sarah McKenzie, there is no legal obligation for an officer to notify the MPD that they are submitting an application for disability benefits with the Public Employees Retirement Association, which administers the benefits plans. So the MPD does not necessarily know which officers on a temporary medical leave are seeking long-term disability. The process requires two medical reports confirming the condition, one of which must come from a licensed medical doctor.

Meuser dismissed the idea he could be drumming up business by being public about the deluge.

"I have plenty of money," he said. "If anything, the rate at which we're taking on these officers is putting a great deal of stress on me and my staff."

A spokeswoman for the city said that as of Friday, 111 MPD officers are on some type of medical leave, including 40 PTSD claims filed since May 26.

When asked about the loss of so many officers and how the MPD was coping, police spokesman John Elder said: "Staff will be moved to areas necessary to meet the primary goal of law enforcement, public safety."

Mayor Jacob Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo took up the staffing issue at Friday's City Council meeting. They confirmed that 65 officers have left the force so far this year for various reasons. The normal attrition rate is about 45 officers per year. Disability claims, however, are difficult to track, Arradondo said, because "they kind of filter in" from outside the department.

"There is also a level of people who are just going on leave in some form," Frey noted. "That also raises a flag as to whether that individual might ultimately leave in some other form, like more completely. Those wouldn't necessarily be included in the numbers that we just shared."

"It is also happening at the fire department, but the numbers are definitely higher at MPD," Frey said.

The departures add a new layer to an already contentious debate about how to reshape policing following Floyd's death, and they are factoring into the city's budget talks.

Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, during a different public meeting, noted that the MPD is currently budgeted for 888 officers but isn't likely to hit its full strength this year. He said he hopes the city will work to "right-size" the department's force and budget and consider making more investments in violence prevention.

"As we're seeing people losing faith in our ... current public safety system, as we're seeing communities needing support because of the increase in violent crime, we're also seeing, quite frankly, our police force express a deep resentment of our city and abandoning our city," Ellison said. "We're seeing that in the form of officers either resigning or, you know, making claims of harm that they themselves caused and taking advantage of that."

Council Member Linea Palmisano asked him to confirm whether he was referring to the PTSD claims.

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"I was referring generally to the fact that we do have officers for whatever reason, and it's not my place to say what that reason is, but we do have officers who are rushing to find their way out of their obligation to our constituents in a myriad of ways," Ellison said.

Palmisano cautioned against attributing motives to the departures and said MPD officials have assured her that officers are continuing to respond to calls. Council Member Andrew Johnson added that he wanted to encourage city workers who might be experiencing PTSD symptoms to seek help if needed.

In a separate meeting earlier this week, Arradondo cautioned against making major cuts to the force while they're struggling to rein in shootings. He noted that not all the remaining officers are available to respond to 911 calls. Some, like the chief, hold supervisory roles that require administrative work. Others, such as detectives, focus on investigating crimes after they occur.

In response to council members' questions about the adequacy of street patrols, Arradondo said the department is reorganizing units to get resources where they are needed. For example, more officers are being shifted to precincts from 911 call center work they had been doing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It really has to be an all-hands-on-deck approach," he said.

Meuser said neither the city nor the police department has contacted him about the surge in officers seeking disability benefits.

Sgt. Sherral Schmidt, vice president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, the police union, said the union hasn't been tracking the officers starting the disability claim process, but has no reason to dispute Meuser's numbers. She said she knows that "a fair number" of officers have taken personal leaves since the unrest.

Losing 200 to 250 officers would have "a really detrimental effect on our police department and how they provide services," she said.

At last week's news conference, Meuser said that at least 13 officers were inside the Third Precinct building when Frey ordered them to evacuate. Some wrote farewells to loved ones and others told him that they were saving a bullet for themselves.

"Those are all true stories," Schmidt said, adding that she was told there were 54 officers left in the station. "I met with a cop last week ... who broke down in tears and said 'My department left me in there to die.' What do you say to that?"

"Morale is probably the lowest I've ever seen it in my almost 23 years in the department," she said. "Cops are fearful they're going to show up one day and they're not going to have a job. It's affecting them and their families greatly."

When asked if the wave of disability claims could be a form of work slowdown, Schmidt called that an "absolutely ridiculous claim."

MPD officers have been accused of staging work slowdowns before. In 2016, North Side officers were accused of a work slowdown after intense public criticism officers faced for the 2015 shooting death of Jamar Clark.

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Twins to review contract with Mpls. police

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The Minnesota Twins announced Friday that they will be taking a fresh look at their ballpark security arrangements with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***.

Though the division champions said in a statement that no changes are expected this season - when fans won't be allowed in Target Field - they added that they were re-evaluating the team's relationship with the police following the officer-involved death of ***George Floyd***, which triggered nationwide riots in protest of police brutality. Four ex-officers have been charged in Floyd's death.

Most local professional sports teams use MPD for stadium and arena security.

For this year's shortened 60-game season, the Twins said they will continue to hire off-duty Minneapolis officers to help team security personnel.

"We have seen firsthand that there are individual officers within the MPD that are committed to creating a policing culture of accountability, respect, empathy and fairness," according to the statement.

For the 2021 season, however, the team said it will decide on security staffers "based on authentic progress toward significant reform within the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** and/or a community-embraced public safety model."

The statement said that the team encourages Minneapolis city leaders to be "tenacious" in advancing racial equality, and concluded: "There is no place for racism,

inequality or injustice in our community."

In a statement, MPD said it was "pleased and honored" to continue protecting fans during Twins games and that it acknowledged "the need for true reform and transformational change creating a new MPD with key stakeholders" such as the Twins.

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The statement from the Twins said team officials had been in touch with Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arrandondo and praised him for "his integrity, ability and desire to create systemic change."

The Vikings issued a statement Friday saying they need to ponder the issues involved before making any decisions.

Last month, Minnesota Lynx general manager and coach Cheryl Reeve pledged during a conference call to keep social justice issues on the front burner as the WNBA prepares to start its season.

Reeve noted the work done by star forward Maya Moore to free a convicted prisoner, and talked about the news that former Lynx guard Renee Montgomery has taken a year off to work on social issues.

"This is at the forefront of our minds," Reeve said. "Playing basketball is what we do. The other part of us is wanting to make the world a better place for everybody."

Reeve said that she'd be in favor of dropping police for added security but said the team may not have the authority to do that since Target Center - where the Lynx and the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves play - is owned and operated by the city.

Shortly after Floyd's death, University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel said the school was cutting some ties with city police, including contracting off-duty security for football games, concerts and ceremonies. Minneapolis Public Schools officials terminated a \$1.15 million annual contract with the city to have police serve as school resource officers.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board also severed its relationship with MPD, directing Superintendent Al Bangoura to stop using police for park-sanctioned events and to block officers from responding to nonviolent calls. Commissioners agreed to create a new green uniform for Park Police to distinguish them from city police.

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ABSOLUTELY NOTHING GETS SETTLED IN DRAW

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Highlight: The teams are also locked in a tie atop Group D.

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Minnesota United played 90-plus minutes and well past midnight local time in 86-degree heat, all for a hard point earned with a scoreless draw against Real Salt Lake in MLS is Back tournament play late Friday night in Orlando.

"It's the first time I started a game on a Friday and finished it on a Saturday," Loons coach Adrian Heath said by video conference call afterward. "So that's a new one."

The Loons and RSL each are 1-0-1 in tournament play after Friday's 10:30 p.m. kickoff Orlando time. Minnesota United now is 3-0-1 in MLS standings after two victories to start the season in March, Sunday's 2-1 comeback victory over Sporting Kansas City in stoppage time and Friday's draw.

"Overall, if you said to me after four games of the season we'd have 10 points, it has been a good start," Heath said. "I would have settled for this before we started the tournament, for sure."

The Loons welcomed defensive midfielder and team captain Ozzie Alonso back after he missed Sunday's tournament opener injured. With him back, they started better, controlled the ball more and had better of the chances all night.

"It didn't surprise me we controlled more of the possession because we've got somebody who's outstanding at doing that," Heath said.

Midfielder Robin Lod had two of their best, hitting the post in stoppage time just before halftime after Alonso did the work with a long run and pass. Real Salt Lake keeper Zac MacMath reached low with his left hand to stop Lod's left-footed shot - his dominant one - after a run into the 18-yard box in the 50th minute.

Lod has scored one goal in 14 games since he joined the club last summer.

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"Obviously, he's a bit frustrated because he worked really hard to get himself in that position," Heath said. "If he keeps working as hard as he is and training as hard as he is, his goal will be around the corner for sure."

The Loons also got starting striker Luis Amarilla back in a limited role after he walked off the field Sunday fewer than 10 minutes before kickoff after he tweaked his groin in warmups.

Amarilla was a second-half sub who entered in the 67th minute and played to the end on a night when big Aaron Schoenfeld started at striker instead.

"He didn't feel as though he could have gone 90 [minutes]," Heath said. "It was important to give him some time to get his body going again. I don't want to burden him too much and give him too many minutes, but I think it was important to get some time on the field...This sets him up nice for the Colorado game."

The Loons will advance to the tournament knockout round of 16 if they beat Colorado in their third and final Group D game on Wednesday.

"A point was a fair result tonight," Loons goalkeeper Tyler Miller said. "At the end of the day, we control our destiny going forward. We know what we have to do Wednesday to advance."

Uruguayan teenager Thomas Chacon was a halftime sub in the heat and humidity for Kevin Molino and he traded prime scoring chances with Real Salt Lake's Sam Johnson, either one of which could have won the game for his team in the game's final minutes.

MacMath deflected Chacon's attempted chip shot over the goal and Johnson completed a long run without the ball that he finished by just missing wide a chance to convert a long pass into the winning goal.

Heath said Friday that Chacon would soon get his chance. A young designated player who hadn't play a game since he started at Houston last September not long after he was acquired.

"We're going to need all these players," Heath said. "I don't think people who are not here quite understand how difficult these conditions are to be playing, with the humidity, etc. And the fact we've had four months off, people don't seem to recognize that as much as they should."

"Thomas showed little glimpse of what he can do. He will be better for that. I can't remember the last time Thomas was on the field. It has been a long time for him. He'll benefit from the 45 minutes."

Real Salt Lake star Albert Rusnak left the game in the 33rd minute after he went down in a heap not once, but twice because of a leg injury. He is a teammate with Loons midfielder Jan Gregus on Slovakia's national team.

The teams' starters briefly knelt in protest before Friday's game, a statement in support of ***Black Lives Matter*** and MLS players' Black Players for Change movements. Alonso wore the captain's armband with ***George Floyd***'s name printed on it after Michael Boxall wore it as captain.

The Star Tribune will not be traveling to Florida this month for MLS, NBA and WNBA coverage. This article was written using the television broadcast and video interviews before and/or after the game.

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Council calls racism health crisis

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COUNCIL CALLS RACISM HEALTH CRISIS

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The Minneapolis City Council declared racism a public health emergency in the city Friday, vowing to allocate funding and other resources to "name, reverse, and repair the harm done" to people of color in the city.

The resolution was unanimously approved nearly two months after ***George Floyd***, a Black man, was killed by Minneapolis police while in custody in south Minneapolis. Days after his death, Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins called on the council to define racism as a public health crisis.

During a committee meeting last week, Jenkins said Floyd's killing, Black people's vulnerability to the coronavirus and racial gaps in homeownership are issues that have "been deeply agreed upon that at the core is racism."

"How do we begin to address and end racism?" Jenkins asked. "I think the first step in that process is through naming that as an issue."

The resolution, sponsored by Jenkins and Council Member Phillippe Cunningham, listed multiple ways the city would work to reduce the impact of racism on its residents.

Its racial advisory committee would review the city charter and other policies. It would "establish a long-term sustainable source" of funding to increase developmental programming for youth of color.

It would also put together an annual report detailing the health of residents of color.

The resolution included recommended reforms to criminal justice and public safety, such as arresting people only for violent "and other major" crimes and dismissing cash bail.

It also directed future funding toward small businesses and housing to make land more affordable and "reverse and repair the harm experienced" by residents of color.

"***Systemic racism*** is among the greatest long-term threats our city and nation are facing, and the last two months have made that reality painfully clear," Mayor Jacob Frey said in a statement. "For Minneapolis to

Council calls racism health crisis

be a place where everyone can live and thrive, we must recognize this crisis for what it is and approach policymaking with the urgency it deserves."

Disparities between white and Black residents in Minnesota are stark, according to a 2019 Star Tribune analysis of U.S. census data.

Black people in the state have higher rates of poverty and unemployment and lower rates of homeownership.

About 60% of use-of-force incidents by Minneapolis police since 2008 were against Black people, even though they only make up about 20% of the city, a Star Tribune analysis found. State data have shown that Black residents and other people of color run disproportionate risks related to the coronavirus, including death and hospitalization.

"We have to specifically name racism if we are ever going to move from standing in awe of the consequences of racial disparities to actually conquering and eliminating them," Cunningham said last week.

The city's declaration Friday came on the heels of a similar resolution enacted by a divided Hennepin County Board late last month.

That resolution, sponsored by Commissioners Angela Conley and Irene Fernando, included several directives to reduce racial disparities in housing, health care, education and other sectors.

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The YMCA is reopening fitness and child care centers across the Twin Cities and western Wisconsin, but closures of programs this spring from the COVID-19 pandemic caused revenue at one of Minnesota's largest nonprofits to drop by 30% so far this year.

The YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities - the third-largest YMCA in the U.S. - closed two-thirds of its camps and fitness and child care centers during the outbreak.

Some of its 82,000 members canceled or paused memberships or stopped child care when buildings closed from March to June. As a result, the YMCA furloughed 90% of its 6,700 employees, and top leaders have taken salary cuts.

Now, as 18 facilities have slowly reopened at 25% capacity, the organization is hoping money starts to flow in as they also look for new ways to drum up donations and grants. The YMCA normally draws \$168 million in revenue a year.

"The Y will continue to meet these challenges, embrace them," CEO Glen Gunderson said. "We're really focused on arriving at a new reality, not returning to normal or returning to a new normal."

Minnesota's nonprofit sector has been especially hit hard by the pandemic since many nonprofits were forced to close programs and events that bring in a bulk of their revenue, leading to mass furloughs, layoffs and other cuts.

Unlike a lot of smaller nonprofits, the YMCA also has \$30 million in debt in public financing bonds for building projects such as the opening of the Douglas Dayton YMCA facility at Gaviidae Commons in downtown Minneapolis. Moody's Investors Service recently downgraded the rating on the bonds "based on an expected deterioration" of finances after declining membership and revenue.

The nonprofit dipped into its reserves to cover budget gaps, according to Moody's statement, but Y leaders have "responded forcefully to the unprecedented revenue declines."

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"Revenue has fallen significantly," said Karen Larson, the YMCA's chief finance and administrative officer. "How this all shakes out in the end here as we're back up and running has yet to be seen. But we feel there are challenges ahead and there's opportunity ahead."

YMCA officials said the change won't affect the organization's current finances unless they pursue additional financing.

"Obviously recovery from COVID for all organizations is going to take some time," Larson said.

Starting in March, the COVID-19 pandemic closed gyms and child care centers across Minnesota.

The Y - which has 30 locations in the metro, southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin - started live online fitness programs and created a virtual or phone well-being service for senior citizens. By June 10, the YMCA started reopening facilities, and another seven sites, including the Douglas Dayton YMCA, are slated to reopen by Aug. 3.

Day camps, summer programs and family camps are running with modified programs to allow for social distancing, but overnight and wilderness camps were canceled.

During the pandemic, the organization also has expanded other efforts such as helping provide food to people in need, partnering with other nonprofits - Loaves & Fishes in Minneapolis and the Sheridan Story in Roseville - to distribute free food at Y sites.

The Y also has boosted racial equity work, which Gunderson said is even more important after the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police in May. Gunderson said the Y is continuing to look for more community partnerships to increase the number of people the YMCA serves and find ways to boost donations.

"We have a strong organization that's had an amazing legacy," Gunderson said. "And the Y has always reinvented itself to serve what the present needs were."

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Midtown Market celebrates reopening

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MIDTOWN MARKET CELEBRATES REOPENING

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 878 words**Byline:** SHARYN JACKSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Despite the pandemic, riots and scandal, the international food hall is ready to welcome back customers.**Body**

The pandemic wasn't the only thing that spelled a tumultuous first half of the year for the Midtown Global Market.

The E. Lake Street international food hall was already struggling under a state-ordered shutdown of indoor dining and a loss of customers this past spring. Then, unrest after the police killing of *George Floyd* set many neighboring businesses ablaze. Windows and doors to the market were smashed; some tenants' stands were ransacked.

As vendors and management were picking up the pieces, next came scandal. The market terminated the lease of one of its first and largest tenants, Holy Land, after racist social media posts by the CEO's daughter surfaced online.

With its grand reopening on Saturday, Midtown Global Market hopes to send a message that the market - and the area - is on the rebound.

"The last couple months have been really difficult, not just for the neighborhood, but for the whole corridor," said Earlsworth "Baba" Letang, who monitors businesses and sales at the market for the Neighborhood Development Center, a nonprofit that co-owns the market with the Cultural Wellness Center.

"We wanted to do something to bring them back to the area, to celebrate in a safe way," Letang said. "Yes, it is safe."

Visitors to the reopening, which runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will find more than 30 restaurants, grocery stores and retailers open for business, despite some plywood boards that remain up. Drummers and dancers will perform. A "Passport to Food and Fun" offers discounts and information about the 16 countries that market businesses represent.

Guests can travel one-way in the market, ambassadors will be handing out masks, and hand sanitizer will be stationed throughout.

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The market, which opened in 2006 in the former Sears building, now the Midtown Exchange, didn't fully shut down when the pandemic first took root in Minnesota.

Three grocery stores stayed open for business and many restaurants launched curbside pickup and delivery to weather the statewide stay-at-home order. Gradually more restaurant vendors relaunched in June, but "traffic is obviously still not where it used to be," Letang said. The market's primary customer base used to come from another tenant in the building, Allina Health. Many employees have been working from home.

With sales down, and rent relief for vendors, the market is facing about a \$500,000 budget deficit. A

GoFundMe to support the vendors and repair damage from the riots has brought in almost \$155,000 so far.

The market also launched Meals for Medics, an initiative that pays for meals from market vendors and sends them to health care workers at nearby Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

In addition to the loss of Holy Land, which had one of the largest footprints in the market, a handful of other businesses have left in the past few months. Letang said he is fielding offers to take over Holy Land's space and that some Lake Street businesses lost to fire are considering moving into the market.

Letang credits the building's security team, as well as its condo residents, for protecting the market during the nights of unrest on Lake Street. He and other managers stayed up night after night, texting one another and monitoring the destruction to the market's neighbors.

"This is about the future of small business owners," he said. "It was hard to sleep, knowing that anything would happen to the market."

Since it first opened, Midtown Global Market has served as a hub for emerging businesses, many of them owned by immigrants, as a reflection of the neighborhood.

"When you look at the history of Lake Street, immigrants have always played a very significant role in the development of this area," Letang said. "To know there is a public market where they can continue to have their business and follow their dreams, it's a very good thing for them."

Tabota Seyon had opened her market stand, InfusedLife Plant Based Eatery, in January 2020. Not long afterward, workers in the building began staying home.

"It felt strange, worrying about myself and everyone else," Seyon said. "Did they lose their job? Did they get sick?"

She took the next few months as an opportunity to revamp her health food menu. "My business was intended for the sole purpose of helping the community heal," she said. "I think that was what I was put here to do."

Manny Gonzalez moved to the United States in 1999 from Mexico City, and launched the sandwich shop Manny's Tortas. When the market opened in 2006, he relocated there, and has been an anchor for the market ever since.

The first months of 2020 have been crushing for his business, he said.

A federal paycheck protection loan has kept him afloat through COVID-19. But then his space was vandalized, and his computer and the tablets he uses for delivery services were stolen.

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"They just made a big mess, but we can replace that," he said. "I'm thankful nothing more than that happened."

The grand reopening is symbolic, he said.

"It's going to bring a little normalcy back to the area, and hopefully we come back even stronger than before," Gonzalez said. "The neighborhood has been very supportive. I can't wait till we start seeing more people around here."

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Pick Six is a half-dozen cool things in music, from two points of view.

Chris Uggen of Shoreview:

1 "Gritty Gals of Rock 'n' Blues." It's WDGY's feel-good Sunday morning radio show, which recently celebrated Fanny, the criminally underrated 1970s rockers, with well-chosen songs and well-researched commentary.

2 Cory Wong, "Live at First Ave." This captures the wonderful sound and sweet vibe of his joyous live set from 2019. He's also sharing videos of backstage scenes and new music like his cover of the Beatles' "Blackbird."

3 Livestream from Willie's American Guitars in St. Paul. You don't have to be a guitar geek to enjoy the live sets and mini-lessons from masters like Pat Donohue, or Nate Westgor's fun and informative discourses on vintage gear on Facebook.

Jon Bream of the Star Tribune:

1 Amber Woodhouse, "A Message From One of Your Black Friends" video. The Nashville guitarist/singer was visiting her parents in her hometown of Minneapolis when George Floyd died. She wrote a poem, "Exhausted," at her parents' house and adapted it into this chilling performance-art piece. "Exhausted from a president that doesn't care about us," she declaims, throwing white powder over her body.

2 Booker T. Jones publishes an online directory of Black-owned businesses. At 75, the Rock Hall of Famer isn't leaving his house to protest during the pandemic, but he's contributing by compiling a directory of Black-owned businesses that do e-commerce. potatohole.com

3 Lady A vs. the Group Formerly Known as Lady Antebellum. Seattle blues singer Anita White has been performing as Lady A for two decades, and the suddenly woke country trio changed its name this summer to Lady A, a trademark they obtained in 2011. The two acts tried to work out an agreement; the Black indie

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singer asked for \$10 million (half for charity) from the big stars, who in turn sued her. She has been rightfully speaking up. So has social media, with one Twitter pundit calling the band Lady AntiBLM.

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Post office will lease Lake St. Kmart; others want in, too

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**POST OFFICE WILL LEASE LAKE ST. KMART; OTHERS WANT
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Body

Minneapolis is poised to temporarily lease out part of the vacant Kmart building on Lake Street to the U.S. Postal Service, which lost two locations in the riots that followed ***George Floyd***'s death.

The Postal Service needs a temporary location during the 12 to 24 months it will take to rebuild. Its agreement with the city calls for it to pay \$30,416 a month in rent beginning Aug. 1.

The City Council approved the deal Friday, and Mayor Jacob Frey is expected to sign off on it.

The city agreed this year to spend about \$9 million to end its lease with Kmart as part of a larger effort to redevelop the area.

Council President Lisa Bender, who represents the area, said the lease covers only a portion of the building and acknowledged other groups have expressed an interest in using part of the space, including as a temporary homeless shelter.

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READERS WRITE WE'RE STILL NOT UP TO SPEED

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THE CONTINUING PANDEMIC

I heard a rather mundane news report recently that rattled me to my core. Six months into the mission, and the U.S. is still short of glass vials and swabs necessary to perform adequate coronavirus testing. And test results aren't reported for days, sometime weeks. Seriously?

While our president remains inclined to forgo his leadership position and not mount a national response, where are all the scientists and public health professionals who would normally be all over this crisis? Where are policymakers who hold our safety and security close at heart? Can one Luddite so stymie our scientific, public health, manufacturing and political infrastructure so as to render them ineffective?

I fear this is yet another symptom of sad situation in which the U.S. is no longer capable of coordinating a response to a crisis, much less strive to achieve an inspired goal. We saw this after hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, after 09/11, after the Sandy Hook school shootings, the George Floyd killing and other acts of violence.

Have our politics become so cynical, so divisive that we are now completely paralyzed?

Mr. President, where is your plan? What have you - what have we - done to so nullify the innate creativity and expertise that has inspired citizens of this country to rise up and overcome challenges in the past?

If we are going to sink into authoritarianism in this country, please, let's at least have effective autocrats in charge.

Dennis J. Sutliff, Minneapolis

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Sadly, my sister passed away from COVID-19 in April. We drove to Nebraska for a carefully planned memorial gathering at the VFW in an Omaha suburb, in the heart of Trump country. My sister was a nurse. Her friends and co-workers were warm, friendly, welcoming, lovely people. I was reminded that many Trump supporters are really good people despite some Trump supporters who embrace or tolerate white supremacy, neo-Nazi-ism, racism, hatred of immigrants, cronyism, groping of women, lies large and small,

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name-calling, extortion, tax evasion, Putinism, etc. The Nebraskans at the memorial were none of the above. They were patriotic, God-loving, generous, loving folks who loved and appreciated my big sister.

One day, and it may be soon, the Trump train will go off the rails. Witnesses will at last be allowed to testify, tax returns will be made public, the entire Mueller report will be released and the smoke will clear. Reasonable people on all sides will see him for the corrupt liar he is.

With malice toward none, with charity for all, let us welcome normalcy, civility, compromise and a semblance of truth back to our political discourse so we can begin to address the monumental challenges we face as a united people.

Jay Richardson, Minneapolis

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I recently watched the movie "1917."

A year ago I walked the trenches in Flanders Fields of World War I.

I've been to Pearl Harbor and Normandy.

I've walked along the white stones at Arlington and touched the etched names of the Vietnam War dead of my generation.

There really is no way to thank those who have served and continue to do so.

Now, for those who find it inconvenient to wear masks to protect our citizens from COVID, I cannot describe my bewilderment or sadness.

Have fun at the bars.

You are your own monument to selfishness.

Diane Homa, Blaine

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Just some thoughts on my drive to work this morning: Thanks to the many green-thumbs who have such beautiful flowers for us all to enjoy; loved that brightly painted front door; enjoyed the many hearts in the windows; thanks to the ladies out picking up trash at 8 a.m.; oh, those happy, smiling dogs out for a walk with their owners; and I'm so thankful that COVID-19 doesn't prefer children.

Elizabeth Schading, New Brighton

BACK TO SCHOOL?

Has this, too, become political? Plus: Many questions on reopening

As a hands-on science teacher, I am hoping, fervently, for school to be on campus this fall. The spring was very difficult. I have never worked harder in my 43 years in education. With all of the uncertainty about the fall, the summer has become a desperate time of preparation for whatever our situation will be in late August. The driver is safety, for the students and for the staff members. We are relying on the best

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information we have from the experts as they see this situation unfold. The suggestion that there is a political conspiracy here shows how removed these accusers are from the realities of the classroom.

Michael D. Thomsen, St. Paul

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The positions articulated by Republicans regarding mail-in voting and school reopening are crystal-clear.

There will be no consideration for voting by mail due to the smallest possibility that it may result in even one fraudulent vote. Safety measures included in the process just can't guarantee a flawless result. That is a risk unworthy of consideration!

But the reopening of schools?

It is true, the safety of every student and faculty member cannot be guaranteed. But if we include all reasonable safety measures available, then the possibility of sickness or death to a small number of children and faculty would be an acceptable outcome. Schools must reopen!

It appears there is no margin of error with regard to election integrity. But the possibility of virus outbreaks in Minnesota schools? That scenario is worth the risk of life and death.

Todd Embury, Ramsey

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Questions for school openings:

- If teachers tests positive for COVID-19, are they required to quarantine for two to three weeks? Is their sick leave paid?
- If that teacher has five classes a day with 30 students each, do all 150 of those students need to stay home and quarantine for 14 days?
- Do all 150 of those students now have to get tested? Who pays for those tests? Are they happening at school? How are the parents being notified? Does everyone in each of those kids' families need to get tested? Who pays for that?
- What if someone who lives in the same house as a teacher tests positive? Does that teacher now need to take 14 days off work to quarantine? Is that time off paid?
- Where is the district going to find a substitute teacher who will work in a classroom full of exposed, possibly infected students for substitute pay?
- Substitutes teach in multiple schools. What if they are diagnosed with COVID-19? Do all the kids in each school now have to quarantine and get tested? Who is going to pay for that?
- What if a student in your kid's class tests positive? What if your kid tests positive? Does every other student and teacher need to be quarantined? Does everyone get notified who is infected and when? Or because of HIPAA regulations are parents and teachers just going to get mysterious "may have been in contact" e-mails all year long?

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Until and unless these questions are answered, no school should consider opening.

Until and unless those making the decisions can articulate a reason that a delay in opening the schools will cause irreparable harm, no school should consider opening.

Karen Rupp, St. Cloud

HELL IN A HANDBASKET

But do you have a proposal?

There will always be whiners and complainers, but after reading a July 17 letter writer's comments about Minneapolis ("All this, and now nudity?"), I vividly recall a former boss who told me to never show up with a problem unless I could offer a solution. Best advice ever.

Virginia Becker, Minnetonka

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Soucheray: Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That's not the fault of the police.

ARTICLE MCCXXXIX. ***SOUCHERAY: LAWLESS PEOPLE ARE SHOOTING UP THE TOWNS. THAT'S NOT THE FAULT OF THE POLICE.***

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Highlight: In a long opinion piece in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the authors, five Minneapolis City Council members, Jeremiah Ellison, Lisa Bender, Alondra Cano, Cam Gordon and Steve Fletcher, set forth their plan for a new Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention. You know, what used to be called a police department. Examining their words, [...]

Body

In a long opinion piece in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the authors, five Minneapolis City Council members, Jeremiah Ellison, Lisa Bender, Alondra Cano, Cam Gordon and Steve Fletcher, set forth their plan for a *new Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention*. You know, what used to be called a police department.

Examining their words, even microscopically, the plan is so elusive as to remain unknowable. There really is no plan other than a whimsical wish for peace and justice for all. To accomplish this, we get platitudes and this statement: "As members of the Minneapolis City Council, we have the responsibility to address the persistent failures in our policing system and to propose the best possible solutions for safety, including investments in proven strategies to prevent violence. Meaningful change requires a common-sense amendment to the city charter ... we urge them (the city charter commission) to let Minneapolis residents vote on the amendment this fall."

Admirable that, a commendable goal.

An actual police department is apparently antithetical to "a just, effective and sustainable approach to public safety."

Well, the whole thing is basically a third-rate term paper that in today's academy would probably get a gold star. But it doesn't mean anything. And no proof, measurements, statistics or evidence is offered for what they even have in mind, which, again, is so elusive as to be unknowable.

There is one undeniable fact that gets one sentence in the piece. They wrote that Minneapolis communities are experiencing an uptick in gun violence that needs addressing now.

By whom?

Soucheray: Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That's not the fault of the police.

Uptick? Mode like an onslaught, in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That isn't the fault of the police. Lawless people are assaulting innocents in public places and on public transportation. That isn't the fault of the police. Boys as young as 12, maybe younger, have guns and are using them to commit robberies. That is not the fault of the police. Gangs of youth are systematically pulling off car hijackings all over both cities. That is not the fault of the police.

Young criminals with no moral or ethical clarity are ruining Minneapolis, not the police department. The police department needs reform and that will get accomplished, but the police cannot be scapegoated to hide the real problem, miserable heartless behavior.

That is never addressed by elected officials. Never. Not once has a mayor or city council member wagged a finger at a kid arrested for a gun crime and demanded of that young person an accounting of his behavior. No, the gun gets blamed, or the police get blamed, or the young person is called a victim of racism and on and on and on.

Nonsense. That is the soft bigotry of low expectations. The decline of moral and ethical integrity is an American cultural problem that runs through the entire socioeconomic gamut, from the highest place in the land to the lowest. It cannot be wished away. The absence of moral and ethical integrity and simple respect for authority and respect of fellow citizens starts in the home.

The month of ***George Floyd*** has exposed a foul police officer and the political failures in Minneapolis. The city council can propose whatever they wish and the voters will have their say. But the city council doesn't have a clue as to what the real problem is and they don't have a clue how to fix it because they cannot get into the heart of a child any more than any of us can.

Soucheray: Trust us, the Minneapolis Council said. We don't, said the Charter Commission. Soucheray: And our ability to reason is swept away. Soucheray: Those cheering and jeering have something in common. Soucheray: This progressive transfer of wealth from renters to developers and big corporations
The unfortunate truth is that we need police departments now more than we ever have.

And Lisa Bender, when I call 911, I am not calling from a place of privilege as you recently and so ridiculously stated.

It's what I pay for.

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The quiet life of Derek Chauvin before the public death of George Floyd

ARTICLE MCCXL. [THE QUIET LIFE OF DEREK CHAUVIN BEFORE THE PUBLIC DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD](#)

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Highlight: The four teenagers drove around Minneapolis playing a game of Nerf Gun Assassin on a May evening before graduation in 2013. One of them randomly fired an orange dart out the window. It was a stupid teenager move. What happened next was deadly serious: Two Minneapolis police officers pulled up, pointed their guns at the [...]

Body

The four teenagers drove around Minneapolis playing a game of Nerf Gun Assassin on a May evening before graduation in 2013. One of them randomly fired an orange dart out the window.

It was a stupid teenager move. What happened next was deadly serious: Two Minneapolis police officers pulled up, pointed their guns at the teenagers and shouted orders laced with expletives, two of them later recalled.

Kristofer Bergh, then 17, said he kept telling himself not to move suddenly or give the police any reason to shoot him. The youth who had fired the dart was steered into their cruiser for what seemed like an hour, and the officers seized everyone's Nerf guns. One officer made a lasting impression; in fact, Bergh and another passenger said they would never forget him, nor what he said as he gave them back their guns.

"Most of you will be 18 by the end of the year," the officer said, before letting them go. "That means you'll be old enough for 'big boy jail.'"

It was *Derek Chauvin*, the white police officer who, seven years later, would become known around the world for putting his knee on the neck of a Black man named *George Floyd* during an arrest and holding it there for more than eight minutes, until he no longer had a pulse.

Floyd's death sparked protests across the country. But even as the Minneapolis police chief called Floyd's death "murder" and claimed that Chauvin "knew what he was doing," little has emerged about the 44-year-old officer, now charged with second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter, or what in his career might have led up to an arrest so chilling in its quiet ferocity.

The roadside encounter with the four teenagers led to a complaint against Chauvin, and it reflected what both co-workers and citizens told the New York Times about encountering the officer over his 19 years

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with the ***Minneapolis Police Department***: Chauvin did his job as if he were playing a role - a tough Dirty Harry on the lookout for bad guys.

"He was overly aggressive and not understanding that we were just kids," recalled Noah McGurran-Hanson, who was in the car with Bergh and the two others, all of whom are white. "He was treating us like we had been tried and convicted."

Chauvin, his lawyer and family members have declined to talk to the Times. Yet dozens of interviews with acquaintances depict a police officer who seemed to operate at an emotional distance from those around him. Chauvin was a quiet and rigid workaholic with poor people skills and a tendency to overreact - with intoxicated people, especially - when a less aggressive stance might have led to a better outcome, interviews show.

He was awkward. Other officers often didn't like him or didn't know him. He didn't go to parties and didn't seem to have many friends. Some neighbors knew so little about him that they didn't even know he was a police officer until after his arrest. Even his wife of 10 years, a Hmong refugee and real estate agent, ended up estranged: Days after Floyd's death, she filed for divorce and asked to change her last name.

Chauvin always wanted action. He continued to pound the streets in one of Minneapolis's busiest precincts on its hardest shift, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., long after many others his age moved to desk jobs or the day shift.

That earned him kudos. He received two medals of commendation, for tackling an armed suspect and arresting an armed gang member. He also was awarded two medals of valor, after shooting a man wielding a sawed-off shotgun and subduing a domestic-violence suspect - whom he shot and wounded in the process.

But his performance also led to at least 22 complaints or internal investigations. Only one resulted in discipline. (Bergh said his complaint was shrugged off by a sergeant who apologized for any "negative interaction.")

That is a high number compared with other officers, said Dave Bicking, a board member of Communities United Against Police Brutality, based in the Twin Cities. "His numbers should have definitely raised alarm with the department and triggered a review," said Bicking, adding that most officers might get one or two complaints in seven years.

On his off nights, such as they were, Chauvin often worked security at a nightclub.

Even on the police force, Chauvin was an outsider. He often partnered with a rookie he was training, exacting in his expectations. That was fine with veteran colleagues, who did not necessarily want to ride alongside him.

"Occasionally, he would seem a little cocky," said Lucy Gerold, a retired police commander who knew Chauvin. He was, she said, "the guy not everybody liked or wanted to work with."

Chauvin spent his early years in suburban West St. Paul, with a stay-at-home mother and a father who earned about \$1,000 a month as a certified public accountant, barely enough for their small family. When Derek was 7, his mother filed for divorce, asking for the family home and child support for Derek and his baby sister.

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His father soon asked for a paternity test of Derek's baby sister; a blood test showed he was not the father. His father ended up with the family home and shared custody of Derek. His mother married her lover. And Derek attended four elementary schools in five years.

Derek did not play sports in school - at least, not that anyone remembers. He did not have a yearbook photo for his junior or senior years. One classmate from Park High School in Cottage Grove remembered him as the student in ROTC who never talked but always held the flag. Another classmate, Scott Swanson, said Derek flew under the radar.

"I don't think he was an outcast or anything like that," said Swanson, who said he had talked to fellow classmates in recent weeks who also barely recalled him. "He was just a face in the crowd."

Weeks after graduation, Chauvin started as a prep cook at Tinucci's, a Newport restaurant 10 minutes from home. He enrolled that fall at a local technical college to study "quantity food preparation."

But Chauvin decided he wanted a uniform.

He studied law enforcement at a community college; eventually, he would also earn a Metropolitan State University degree in law enforcement. After joining the military police, he was deployed to a U.S. Army base in Germany, where he studied for the Minnesota police exam in his spare time. He did not socialize much or drink alcohol.

"He volunteered to be a designated driver for the guys who wanted to go into town at night and have a few beers," said Jerry Obieglo, a platoon sergeant who supervised Chauvin.

Back home, in September 2000, at age 24, he applied to the Minneapolis police.

From the beginning, Chauvin stood out as gung-ho. When he reported for training after the police academy, he showed up in a new white Crown Victoria outfitted to resemble a police car, recalled one officer, speaking on condition of anonymity because talking to the news media could get him fired.

Leaving work, most officers dressed casually. But Chauvin, who stood ramrod straight like he was still in the military, left in full uniform, his pants pulled higher than most people wore them, his boots polished.

"In a group setting he would never connect and stand there like a small child," the officer said. He added: "I was put off by his lack of communication skills. You never felt like he was present."

Chauvin landed in the Third Precinct, one of the city's busiest.

The biggest call of his young career came when he was 30, in 2006: Shortly after midnight, he and five other officers pursued a car driven by a man suspected of stabbing two friends. The man soon pointed a sawed-off shotgun at officers, the police said. They shot the man, fatally. Chauvin received a medal of valor.

Chauvin soon earned two letters of reprimand for his behavior on another call - his only formal discipline.

In August 2007, Melissa Borton was heading home from grocery shopping when Chauvin and a fellow officer pulled her over. Chauvin reached into the open window of Borton's minivan, unlocked her door, undid her seat belt and started pulling her out, without any explanation, she recalled. Her baby and dog were left in the vehicle.

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She said the officers put her in their cruiser and told her that they were looking for a vehicle resembling hers that had been involved in a crime. Eventually they told Borton, who was by then quite upset, that she could leave.

"When I got out, they noticed that my shirt was wet, which was from being a breastfeeding mother," Borton recalled. She could not tell who taunted her as she returned to her car. "Chauvin or the other officer rudely said, 'You probably have postpartum depression, and you need help.'"

Until he was 27, Chauvin's home address was his grandmother's suburban house in Inver Grove Heights.

But about the time he pulled over Borton, Chauvin was becoming serious with his girlfriend, Kellie Xiong.

Xiong was a survivor. Her father had been a Hmong soldier fighting Communists in Laos before the family fled in the late 1970s. After more than a year in a Thai refugee camp, the family moved to Wisconsin, sponsored by a church in Eau Claire.

Xiong married another Hmong refugee in 1991 in what [she later told the Pioneer Press](#) was an arranged marriage. She was 16. By 19, she had given birth to two sons.

She later left her husband, whom she described as abusive, and moved to the Minneapolis area to work as a radiology technician at Hennepin County Medical Center. There, she met Chauvin, who had brought someone in for a health check before an arrest, she told the Pioneer Press. He soon asked her out.

By 2008, they were planning their lives. Two weeks after Xiong filed for divorce from her first husband, Chauvin bought a new house in a new subdivision for \$441,000. It was fit for a family, with four bedrooms, four bathrooms and a three-car garage.

The couple married in June 2010. From the beginning, they spread their money thin. Not only did Chauvin hold on to a townhouse he had bought in 2003, but the couple also bought a vacation home near Disney World in Florida in 2011.

Chauvin soon fell behind on fees for his townhouse. On a delinquency notice for \$280 in 2013, Chauvin responded that he had paid everything and added, "So no payment is actually owed!" He faxed the response at 3:17 a.m., after finishing his shift in the Third Precinct.

By July 2014, the small debt had snowballed into a judgment of almost \$8,000 because Chauvin never came to court.

Meanwhile, the Chauvins downsized. They sold their large house for almost \$60,000 less than its purchase price. They bought a home a few blocks away, almost half the size.

In 2015, they appeared to toy with moving to Florida. They sold the home they had just bought. Kellie Chauvin got her radiology technology license in Florida. [Derek Chauvin](#) registered to vote there.

But they stayed in Minnesota, living in Oakdale, where Kellie Chauvin got her real estate license in 2016. In her spare time, Kellie Chauvin continued with one passion - rescuing dogs, often caring for four at once - and found another, in beauty pageants.

Before one pageant, she described her husband as a "softy" who always opened doors for her.

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But there were some awkward moments at the Mrs. Minnesota America contest in June 2018 when the husbands joined the show. A host asked **Derek Chauvin**, wearing an ill-fitting tuxedo and bow tie, what additional competition the women should perform. He suggested a rock-climbing wall - for the husbands.

"Well, you're not competing, I'm talking about your wife here," the host replied.

During a quiz segment, each contestant wrote down something about her husband, and the men had to guess which one described him. **Derek Chauvin** failed miserably, even as other husbands correctly recognized their wives' responses. Initially, **Derek Chauvin** thought he was the one whose wife said he liked to tell stories. But he wasn't.

A bit later, a host gave another clue: "Whoever you are, you do upside-down hanging crunches. You can do 100 at a time."

No one stepped forward.

"Uh, **Derek Chauvin**?" the host said.

The Chauvins often seemed to live on separate tracks.

When Kellie Chauvin took trips to help dogs - including one she rescued from Florida and named Marley - she often brought a female friend for company.

On most weekends for 17 years, **Derek Chauvin** worked an off-duty police gig outside the El Nuevo Rodeo nightclub, earning \$55 an hour. Maya Santamaria, who once owned the club, said the Third Precinct decided which officers were assigned.

Derek Chauvin often overreacted when he saw something that bothered him, like unruly behavior around the Lake Street club, including drunk patrons congregating on the street - especially on "urban nights," when the clientele was largely Black, Santamaria said.

He often resorted to using pepper spray, she said. When she complained, she said, she usually got the same response.

"That is protocol," **Derek Chauvin** told her.

Floyd, by coincidence, also did security at the club, but Santamaria said she does not recall seeing them together since Floyd worked inside.

Their one known encounter came on the evening of May 25, after a corner store employee reported that Floyd had tried to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. Two rookie officers, **J. Alexander Kueng** and **Thomas Lane**, responded.

The two failed to get Floyd into their cruiser. **Derek Chauvin** and another officer, **Tou Thao**, arrived. Chauvin had been Kueng's main training officer; Lane had relied on him for advice. (The three other officers, who were fired alongside Chauvin, have been charged with aiding and abetting in Floyd's death.)

At Chauvin's suggestion, the officers got Floyd, agitated and struggling, on the ground. Chauvin jammed his knee in the back of Floyd's neck. The rookies held his back and legs.

Body camera footage shows what unfolded:

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As Floyd said he could not breathe and asked for his mother, Chauvin uttered another tough-cop line. "You're under arrest, guy," he said. "That's why you're going to jail."

Chauvin asked if Floyd was high; Lane said he assumed so. Toxicology results would later show that Floyd was on fentanyl.

"They're going to kill me, man," Floyd said a few moments later.

"Takes a heck of a lot of oxygen to say that," Chauvin replied nonchalantly.

After the remark, Floyd said he could not breathe four times and "please" three times, and then nothing. Lane, who had called for an ambulance because Floyd's mouth was bleeding, asked Chauvin whether he wanted Floyd on his side.

"No, leave him," Chauvin said. He said an ambulance was coming.

In the middle of this - of a man dying, under his knee - Chauvin checked his rookies. "You guys all right, though?" Chauvin asked.

Lane asked again if they should roll Floyd on his side. Onlookers asked if he had a pulse. "You got one?" Lane asked.

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"I can't find one," Kueng said.

"Uh-huh," Chauvin replied.

Kueng tried again, and again said he could not find a pulse. Still, Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck for more than two minutes. He ignored the crowd, the pleas for Floyd's life, the jeers. He waited for an ambulance that showed up far too late. And only then did Chauvin stand up.

This time, not quite as straight.

Graphic

Derek Chauvin.(Hennepin County Sheriff via AP)

The empty remains of the **Minneapolis Police Department**'s Third Precinct in Minneapolis, July 17, 2020. The station was set on fire by protesters on June 30 following the death of **George Floyd**, a Black man who died in the custody of Minneapolis police on May 25, 2020. (Caroline Yang/The New York Times)

The remains of El Nuevo Rodeo, a Latin club in Minneapolis where both **George Floyd** and **Derek Chauvin** worked security, May 30, 2020. The club was set on fire by protesters following the death of **George Floyd**,

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a Black man who died in the custody of Minneapolis police. The building has since been torn down.
(Caroline Yang/The New York Times)

People pay their respects and take photos on the one-month anniversary of ***George Floyd***'s death, at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in South Minneapolis, Thursday, June 25, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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Boogaloo Bois are armed - and eager for societal collapse

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Michael Robert Solomon had been training for this - the moment, he said, "when the [expletive] hits the fan."

As protests grew chaotic in the days after ***George Floyd*** died in Minneapolis police custody, Solomon, a 30-year-old New Brighton man, joined a cadre of others clad in military garb and carrying assault rifles. They deployed around small businesses and in neighborhoods around the city and braced for an onslaught.

Solomon was there on behalf of the "***Boogaloo*** Bois," a loose-knit anti-government extremist movement that advocates armed revolution. Its adherents merge the in-person paramilitary activities of far-right militias with widespread mobilization on social media platforms such as Facebook. They appeared en masse earlier this year at gun rights protests in Virginia and at rallies against COVID-19 restrictions around the country. The ***Boogaloo*** Bois have since achieved greater prominence - and with it new law enforcement scrutiny - amid the unrest over Floyd's killing.

In Minnesota, references to the ***Boogaloo*** Bois appear throughout dozens of leaked secret state and federal law enforcement bulletins related to the late-May and early June rioting. The Star Tribune reviewed those bulletins and found Solomon singled out by name in one, which warned that he and others were armed and prepared to shoot police if they approached a Minneapolis home where they staged.

"We know we have a target [on us], that's why we don't meet up in big groups because we know we're probably going to get raided," Solomon said in an interview. "We know a lot of us are probably going to die."

In June, a man linked to the movement was charged with killing two law enforcement officers in California. Near Las Vegas, three alleged ***Boogaloo*** Bois were arrested for allegedly trying to firebomb a ***Black Lives Matter*** protest. But to date, none of the more than a dozen federal criminal cases filed in Minnesota linked to the riots mention the ***Boogaloo*** movement or other groups.

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Solomon rejects any accusation linking him or the roughly 250 ***Boogaloo*** Bois he said are in Minnesota to white supremacy. At one point during the protests, Solomon was pictured raising his fist in solidarity with several Black men wearing ***Black Lives Matter*** shirts. He insists the animus of Minnesota's ***Boogaloo*** Bois is directed at the police.

The ***Boogaloo*** Bois were one of several groups from across the ideological spectrum that were closely watched by state and federal authorities during the Floyd protests, according to more than 60 private law enforcement bulletins. The documents were made available through the massive "Blue Leaks" data dump last month by a group called Distributed Denial of Secrets, a data transparency collective.

The bulletins describe a fire hose of information about who was on the ground during the May and June civil unrest. Authorities attributed the data to informants, social media and other sources. Often, they acknowledged, the intelligence was unsubstantiated.

Bruce Gordon, a spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety - which oversaw the Multi-Agency Command Center that tracked the unrest - refused to "respond to questions based on illegally obtained documents that contain law enforcement-sensitive information."

John Elder, ***Minneapolis Police Department*** spokesman, also said he could not comment, then added: "All of this remains under investigation and things are very intertwined." The FBI, meanwhile, won't comment on "specific intelligence products," said Kevin Smith, spokesman for its Minneapolis field office. However, Smith said, "the FBI routinely shares information about potential threats to better enable law enforcement to protect themselves and the communities they serve."

According to the documents, authorities raced to confirm reports that white supremacists were planning to burn Black churches in Minneapolis. Agents also tracked the movement of both local and national Black Panther activists participating in Floyd demonstrations.

Another bulletin later described motorcycle gangs capitalizing on the unrest to move increased amounts of heroin into the Twin Cities.

The files also mentioned ***antifa*** activists, citing at least one police informant warning that ***antifa*** would use "vehicle borne improvised explosive devices" to target National Guard and other law enforcement. There have been no confirmed reports of such attacks.

Correspondence among law enforcement in Minnesota reflects the growing profile of the ***Boogaloo*** Bois as unrest spread beyond the Twin Cities. Solomon also appeared on camera in a Daily Mail news report as he and others helped guard a tobacco shop.

Solomon, who manages the maintenance division for a local property management company, called himself "an armed redneck" who joined the ***Boogaloo*** movement after dabbling in right-wing conservatism, libertarianism and militia activity. The police bulletin that named Solomon noted that he had a "III%-er" militia sticker on his truck.

In an interview, Solomon said his allegiance rested with the ***Boogaloo*** movement and that he had neglected to remove the armed militia sticker. Like many Boogaloos, Solomon also said he now recants his past support for President Donald Trump. Now, Solomon views himself as an "anarcho-capitalist."

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Both Solomon and experts who have tracked the movement add that it was initially miscast as an offshoot of far-right white power extremism.

"Our whole thing is, we believe in freedom and absolute liberty for everyone regardless of race, creed, sex, gender, whatever; we don't care," Solomon said.

J.J. MacNab, a fellow at the George Washington University Program on Extremism, said the confusion can distract from the movement's true beliefs and plans, particularly "accelerationism," which holds that the political order can be dismantled through increased civil disorder.

"Just because they're not white supremacists doesn't mean that they aren't antigovernment extremists wanting to take down cops and the rest of the government," MacNab said. "What they want to do is to kill cops, to kill politicians, to start chaos so that their anarcho-capitalist world can emerge. It's accelerationism. It's just not white supremacist accelerationism."

Kathleen Belew, an assistant professor of history at the University of Chicago, called the ***Boogaloo*** Bois "a new name for something that is very old," following in the footsteps of survivalist movements. It draws on some of the same paramilitary strategies deployed by other movements in trying to generate an apocalyptic war, she said, in this case against the government rather than among races.

"This movement has been carrying out paramilitary training, amassing arms, learning paramilitary tactics, appropriating military weapons and explosives and other materials," Belew said.

In Minnesota, Solomon said, ***Boogaloo*** Bois rarely gather in groups of more than 20 or 30. More common are training exercises in smaller "squads." That's what Solomon said is happening now in anticipation of another looming wave of unrest. Solomon predicts one or more of the four fired officers charged in Floyd's death will escape conviction, sparking fresh chaos.

"Round one is going to look like a trip to Disney World, and we're just trying to get ready for that," Solomon said.

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Primary will test Omar's 1st term

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Voters in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District are being bombarded with appeals from two rival Democrats in a nationally watched primary election that, if not for its high-profile incumbent, would get only dutiful attention from party insiders.

Ads and glossy mailers are blanketing the district as millions of dollars pour in from all over the country, defying expectations in one of the nation's safest Democratic districts, which includes Minneapolis. The difference this year is U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, whose rocketing profile in a single term in Congress has inspired fierce loyalty - and opposition - far beyond the borders of the district.

At 37, Omar has emerged as a leading protagonist of the progressive left, earning the backing of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, whom she supported in the Democratic presidential primaries. Her frequent criticisms of President Donald Trump have made her a popular target of national conservatives, but she's been denounced by some Jewish leaders and fellow Democrats for several past comments about the political influence of Israel.

Some of Omar's biggest critics are placing their bets - and considerable resources - on political newcomer Antone Melton-Meaux, her leading opponent in the five-way Aug. 11 primary. The 47-year-old mediation lawyer and Minneapolis resident entered the race in December with a laser-focused message: Omar is more concerned about her national profile than the needs of her constituents in Minneapolis.

"I was frustrated that she was missing votes on a regular basis," said Melton-Meaux, who frequently cites that Omar missed 40 votes in Congress during 2019. "That's 40 times in which the residents of this district have been silenced. That's Black and brown folks, that immigrants, that's union workers."

Omar declined an interview request for this article, but her campaign is combating those claims, saying she missed a small fraction of procedural votes out of the hundreds of votes she cast in Washington last year because she was doing work in the district and dealing with an illness in the family. Omar's father died in June from complications of COVID-19.

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Her aides say she's authored dozens of bills and amendments in the House, 17 of which passed off the floor, more than any other member of the Minnesota delegation.

"She's a whip of the progressive caucus, she's a regional whip for the Democratic caucus, she has close relationships with [House Speaker] Nancy Pelosi," said Jeremy Slevin, Omar's campaign spokesman. "She is an organizer at heart and is someone who is a coalition builder in Congress."

But Omar's profile as one of the first Muslim women in Congress and national progressive champion has cut both ways at home, where her Twitter battles with Trump - compounded by lingering controversies about her family life - have often overshadowed her district work.

An even greater distraction came from her divorce last year from the father of her three children. She has since married a political consultant whose firm has taken in more than \$1 million from her campaign, prompting a complaint to the Federal Election Commission. Those and other controversies have opened the way for her critics to say she has been less than attentive to her own constituents.

"I live in north Minneapolis and it's a community that has for far too long been neglected," said Nekima Levy Armstrong, a Melton-Meaux supporter and Black activist who runs the Racial Justice Network. "It's important for me as a resident from north Minneapolis, who is raising children in this area and who lives in this community that there's someone there who I can reach out to by phone, or reach out to or send an e-mail," she said.

It's an argument that resonates in a district that has become the epicenter of a national reckoning on race in the wake of George Floyd's killing by Minneapolis police. His death brought new urgency to race and class issues that have long simmered in the district, one of the most diverse in the state.

Attorney General Keith Ellison, who represented the district before Omar, said he's worked with her for years on issues of affordable housing, policing and racial disparities. He and others have said it's hard to criticize Melton-Meaux as a newcomer to politics. But Ellison noted that the challenger has spent more time defining what he's against than what he's for.

"His campaign is all built around not being her," Ellison said. "We know what you're not, but what are you? Nobody knows that."

The killing of Floyd has emerged a central theme in the final stretch of the race, with both candidates highlighting their experiences being Black in America. Melton-Meaux describes being detained in a room for hours as a young law student because police wrongfully accused him of a crime. Omar fled war-torn Somalia at a young age, only to be bullied and discriminated against as a Black Muslim woman in America. She has been a frequent target of death threats.

As the Black Lives Matter movement finds new energy, Melton-Meaux's opponents are criticizing him for a 2015 Star Tribune op-ed where he pushed back on protesters' anti-police chants and said the movement needed to create a bigger tent and focus on racial disparities in education, health care and the economy. In response, Melton-Meaux said the piece was written out of love for the movement and wants it to grow and "build collaborations and partnerships."

In both style and policy, the race also has become a proxy fight between the establishment and progressive wings of the party, with Omar as a major backer of Medicare for All and publicly supporting a push to dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department in favor of a new public safety agency.

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Melton-Meaux said he doesn't support eliminating police, even if he agrees more funding should be moved from law enforcement to community services. And while he would support a single-payer health care bill if it came up for a vote, he prefers a system that focuses more resources on primary care.

Health care is the "top, number one" motivating issue for Geri Katz, who supports Medicare for All and said Omar has been not only a supporter but also a key organizer in pushing for the policy, Sanders' signature campaign issue.

But a strong undercurrent in the race has sprung up from foreign policy, specifically Omar's support for a Palestinian-inspired boycott of Israel, which banned her from entering the country last year. As a Jewish woman, Katz is worried about how Omar's past comments about the lobbying influence of Israel in Washington, D.C., are being used against her.

Omar apologized for several tweets last February after some criticized her for trafficking in anti-Semitic tropes, but the animosity toward her from some groups hasn't waned in the meantime. It's contributed, in part, to a \$3.2 million influx of cash directly into Melton-Meaux's campaign between April and June of this year, including nearly a half-million dollars bundled by pro-Israel political action committees. Pro-Israel PAC Americans for Tomorrow's Future is also sending mailers in the district discussing Melton-Meaux's commitment to oppose racism but doesn't mention Israel.

"Calling someone who does criticize the policies of the government of Israel anti-Semitic feels like my community is being used as a club by people who don't actually care about us," Katz said.

But Shep Harris, the mayor of suburban Golden Valley, who is also Jewish, said Omar's comments have broken trust for some in the district. He's supporting Melton-Meaux's campaign, but he said whatever happens, Omar has work to do to repair those relationships.

"There are many people who are dissatisfied, disappointed, disgruntled, offended by behavior, by actions, by votes, by lack of votes," he said. "I hope the message is sent loud and clear, whether she wins or not, that she has a lot of work to do in this district."

Primary battles like the one facing voters in the Fifth could become part of the norm, said Todd Rapp, a political consultant and veteran of DFL campaigns in the state. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a fellow member of the progressive "Squad" with Omar, faced a well-funded primary challenger in New York last month. She handily prevailed.

"It's kind of the national story in politics, how primary elections have become a battleground of who is going to be the spiritual leader in the party," Rapp said. "What we're seeing now is the pushback on a very progressive incumbent, a pushback that's more from the center."

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Thousands of people have taken to the streets to protest since **George Floyd** died in Minneapolis police custody on May 25.

They've chanted messages about injustice and how they want to see police reformed. Outside of the demonstrations, their work also continues in their communities.

These are the stories of four people who live in or near St. Paul - Toshira Garraway, Martín Hernández, Marsha Magdalene and Noah McCourt - and the changes they want to bring about. They include support for families of people who've died in police encounters, funding more social services and less policing, building economic opportunities for young people, and mandating training for officers on interacting with people who are autistic.

They spoke to the Pioneer Press, in their own words, which have been edited for length and clarity.

Do you know how many times I've sat on the phone this week with screaming mothers, crying because when they killed **George Floyd**, it only brings up what they did to our loved ones?

My main thing that I say is, "God is going to give us the justice that we deserve." And there was a God that was there when they took our loved ones away from us. That God showed the world what they were doing to Black, minority and Indigenous people here in the state of Minnesota. That God brought forth the truth for **George Floyd**.

Four families started Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence for people in Minnesota about two years ago. It's basically a support group. In the past, the media has lied on our stories, we have had no support as far as people in the political seats, we've had no support with funding. We only have each other.

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When a regular civilian on the street kills your loved one, the Crime Victims Reparations Board pays for funerals and mental health services and more. When the police kill our loved ones, we get nothing. We started a [GoFundMe](#) to take the burden off families.

We show up at protests and rallies in unity for other families. What we need is funding to address not only the families' trauma, but also the communities'.

Do you think the rioting happened because of one man? No, it was because there's been more than 400 killings by police reported to Communities United Against Police Brutality in the state of Minnesota alone since the year 2000. There's been no accountability and a whole bunch of community trauma that's gone unmet.

People on the political side don't need to be organizing for us - the families, the people that are hurting know what needs to change. They need to pass a police-reform package because they are allowing the police that hurt our loved ones to walk free.

I grew up in East Los Angeles and I'm old enough to remember the 1965 Watts Riots (which began with the traffic stop of a Black motorist) in Los Angeles. I'm old enough to remember the Rodney King beating in 1991.

People think things like that happen only in the South, but no, these are things that are happening in supposedly progressive cities, so it's a systemic problem that's been around for generations.

We've been saying, "***Black Lives Matter***," and people have been saying, "Well, no, there's just a few bad apples." The way that ***George Floyd*** was killed just brought clearly to light the impunity that some police departments have in doing these kinds of things and knowing that full well they can get away with it.

The West Side Community Organization board of directors (which he chairs) recently unanimously voted for a plan to [support defunding the St. Paul Police Department](#) to develop programs over the long term that are more life-affirming, for things like mental health issues, social workers rather than police in some areas. It's going to be a long-term discussion with community folks about what that's going to look like.

Schools have been defunded, public health doesn't get enough money, social services don't get enough money, but we seem to put money into the police. And it's putting a burden on police officers.

Back in the '80s, I actually applied to be an L.A. police officer because I bought into, "I'm going to be able to change things from the inside," but I couldn't qualify because my eyesight is too bad.

I've been an activist, in some way, shape or form, for almost 45 years. You can do a lot of talking, you can do a lot of lobbying with politicians, but protest and direct action - people pay attention to that, though there's always push-back from other voices. When injustice is brought down upon people, people take their anger someplace and that's when change happens.

Marsha Magdalene, 36, joins demonstrations as she works to build up young entrepreneurs.

Just like millions of people who saw the video of ***George Floyd***, I had this feeling that makes you get up from whatever you're doing and cancel everything and go to the forefront. We marched that day and the days after. On other nights, I stood watch over businesses with my good friend who's president of the Minneapolis NAACP.

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I have a biracial 13-year-old son, Aniki. When I think of what's happening to Black people, I think of my child. This is just something at the forefront of what I do as a mother.

I'm trying not to cry as I'm explaining this. As a Hmong mother of a Black child, I know my son's going to be successful, but it's not that - it's the "what if's." It's a lot that in 2020 that we are witnessing Black people being killed, especially by law enforcement, and it feels like there's nothing that we can do.

Protesting does feel like doing something, though. Who would have thought the Twin Cities would have been the place that would start the revolution in regards to police defunding, in regards to the movement of racial and social justice? Who would have thought the Twin Cities would have changed the world that now big corporations are setting aside funds to support businesses of color?

We started [Ice Cream Bow Ties](#) when Aniki was 9 because I want him to know and understand that in his lifetime and in his world, everything is very possible, even for a Black man in America.

About two weeks after **George Floyd** was killed, I brought Aniki to the memorial for a Yungpreneurs (young entrepreneurs) Giving Back event. We and other young people gave out over 700 cold treats and drinks. It was very emotional for him.

I think the most important thing we want to keep doing is teaching young people how to start their own business. We're going to have virtual classes.

If we can create our own economy, we can teach our young people to create their own wealth and we'll be able to build stronger communities.

Noah McCourt, 26 and founder of the Minnesota Disability Justice Network, leads protests because he wants officers to get autism training.

Several years ago, someone actually called the police on me for a welfare check in Chaska and an officer football-tackled me, and I lost two teeth in the scuffle. When you grab people who are on the autism spectrum, like I am, you can have this kind of neurological response. It's very similar to PTSD.

I got in contact after that with officer Rob Zink at the St. Paul Police Department about the [autism training he was doing](#) and I've been working to get that statewide, but we haven't been able to get it funded. Requiring autism training for officers was one of the bills proposed at the last special session.

We've been working to really give a voice to people with disabilities in the Minnesota conversation on police brutality because we live with the abysmal statistic that 54 percent of the people who are killed by police around the U.S. annually are people with mental illness and disabilities.

We also have significant disparities for social services for families with autism. It's very hard for families, specifically families of color, to be able to navigate systems. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#). [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#). [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#). [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#). [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

Something that I really stressed in my testimony before the House public safety committee is I don't know that we can just have a public safety-centric conversation on police brutality. When people are struggling

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and having these confrontations with law enforcement, it's not like they just ended up in the criminal justice system. Some other system has failed them, whether that's education or the social service system being difficult to navigate. I want to see a more holistic approach and bold, transformative change, rather than performative.

We are still absolutely out in the streets, we are absolutely protesting because it's a valuable way to push the conversation forward. I think it's a way to measure public opinion, I think it's a way to really put some pressure on legislators.

Graphic

Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence, a group in Minnesota, gathered in unity in June 2020. (Courtesy photo)

Martín Hernández takes part in a march in Minneapolis on June 30, 2019, demanding changes to President Donald Trump's immigration policies. His wife, Donna Maeda, is in the forefront, also wearing a Los Angeles Dodgers hat. (Courtesy of Donna Maeda)

Marsha Magdalene, at center wearing a blue mask, and her 13-year-old son, Aniki Allen, wearing a white shirt at right, own Ice Cream Bow Ties and hosted a Yungpreneurs Giving Back event at the ***George Floyd*** memorial in Minneapolis on June 6, 2020. They helped hand out more than 700 cold treats and drinks. From the left, Brittany Griffin, holding her infant son; her mother, Sherrell Griffin; Brittany's daughter, 6-year-old Paige; MeeNee Thao and sons, from oldest to youngest, Alphonse, Lestat and Raphael Lor; and two of Aniki's friends, Rayvon Deramus and Walter Abrams Jr. (Courtesy of Tyrone Raino)

Noah McCourt, executive director of the Minnesota Disability Justice Network and a St. Paul resident, speaks at a protest against Bob Kroll, the president of the Minneapolis police union, on June 25, 2020. (Courtesy of Marie B. LePage)

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READERS WRITE THE FORMER MAYOR'S COMMENTS

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GOVERNING MINNEAPOLIS

I ranked Betsy Hodges my No. 1 in the 2017 Minneapolis mayoral election, and I commend her for admitting that we ask police to clean up after ourselves ("As mayor I saw how white liberals block change," July 12). But her statement, originally printed in the New York Times, that "last month, a veto-proof majority of the Minneapolis City Council voted to alter the city's charter to disband the Police Department" seems scurrilously inaccurate.

The hotly debated charter proposal merely aims to restrict the mayor's strong power, create an overarching office of public safety and eliminate a set minimum of the authorized force. She should know this, because many of the nine City Council members who took a walk in Powderhorn Park for their confusing and alarming pledge to defund MPD are now walking it back. If her aim was to embarrass Mayor Jacob Frey that she's a better crisis manager, two cheers! But she also false-advertised to the world that Minneapolis may have come completely unmoored, costing us millions. We'll need that revenue during our dual crises if there is any hope to enact her costly social supports.

Jim Meyer, Minneapolis

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Hodges is right about one thing: "reclamation of our humanity" would be no loss.

However, it took her hundreds of words to propose a list of vague measures to make systemic change: "Creating school systems that give all children a chance, providing health care for everyone that isn't tied to employment, reconfiguring police unions and instituting public safety protocols." Intending to inspire us to a course of action, instead she resorts to accusatory language that shuts out and labels whole communities. If we hope to work together, it's time we discontinue our use of divisive name-calling. If we want to move beyond hopes and dreams, we need to unite to construct concrete plans that are sensible, reasoned and fair propositions designed to benefit all people.

Carolyn Light Bell, Minneapolis

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The July 12 Neal St. Anthony article "Business groups warn on 'defunding' " misses the point that our current, rigid Minneapolis city charter makes a meaningful discussion of police department change impossible. St. Anthony states that there is "an ill-conceived rush by some to get the Minneapolis Charter Commission to place on the November ballot an overhaul of public safety before a full airing of issues and consequences." But it's the charter language itself that keeps us in a box. The City Council wishes to change the language to grant some freedom in exploring options. As 30-year homeowners in Minneapolis, we agree with the council.

For this reason the council on June 26 unanimously put forward language to change the charter. In its present form, the charter is a barrier to vitally needed changes in city security and well-being following George Floyd's murder. Council members want voters on Nov. 3 to have a say in how the protection of Minneapolis citizens can be best improved. The new language continues to allow for a law enforcement division with licensed officers. In addition, however, it emphasizes a holistic, public-health oriented approach to violence prevention.

St. Anthony goes on to quote the business groups as saying that they want the community to come together "to reimagine policing and public safety." But City Council members suspect that a robust discussion with citizens within the rigid confines of the current city charter would be disingenuous. For example, the charter stipulates police staffing and funding at a set level per 1,000 city residents. The council and the city cannot deviate from this as it stands now. Let the voters decide if this broader conversation and reimagining can go forward.

Mary Ford, Minneapolis

THE COST OF REBUILDING

No federal aid? Good. This chaos was all on you, Minneapolitans

I applaud FEMA for denying Gov. Tim Walz's request for funds to help restore the damage done by fire, looting and vandalism during the days following the tragic death of George Floyd ("State leaders look for options as Feds refuse to help rebuild," July 12). The damage was not caused by a natural disaster but irrational human behavior exacerbated by governing ideology and political correctness apparently endorsed by Minneapolis voters. Consequently, the financial burden to rebuild is squarely with the taxpayers of Minneapolis. It is called accountability. The buck stops with Minneapolis.

W.W. Bednarczyk, Edina

PATRIOTISM

'My country, right or wrong' - but that wasn't the end of it

A July 12 letter trotted out the old saw "My country, right or wrong!" I'll complete the Stephen Decatur quote that the correspondent left out: "... May [America] ever be right. When wrong, let us make her right. But my country!"

The glory of America is a Constitution that charges its citizens to ever strive "to create a more perfect union." When the strife settles into a smug patriotism, we're indulging the uncritical celebration of Fatherland that distinguished the previous century's unspeakable evil.

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The writer went on to trash Colin Kaepernick for speaking out of turn. Another great American, Ralph Waldo Emerson, summed up his moral philosophy as "to comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable." I'm afraid the prevailing morality in President Donald Trump's America is, "I got mine, Jack!"

Mark Warner, Minneapolis

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In regard to issues of *white privilege*, expectations of police and patriotism, I suggest that we might each do well to focus on gratitude rather than pride. Gratitude is one of the best nonmedical antidotes to anxiety and its sibling, fear. When considering where my forebears have come from, I want to focus on gratitude. When I acknowledge that I have benefited from *white privilege*, I want to learn from the reality and view it with gratitude, not a right to be defended. When I see our police force members truly protecting and serving, I want to respond with gratitude. Focusing on pride will mean that I will need to defend it because it is usually in response to a sense of shame. If I fall back on pride, it will be a losing battle. I have life and love and a place, and for that I am grateful.

Peter O. Lundholm, St. Cloud

GRAMMAR OF DESCENT, REVISITED

It's OK if you dove

A former English teacher wrote to the editor to take issue with the use of "dove" as the past tense of "dive" in the July 4 article "Pining for travel, they shift to home study," stating that it's not proper grammar, even if it's become accepted. The letter writer must also take on, among others, the 1996 issue of the Merriam-Webster dictionary, which cites its widespread usage, as well as another Minnesota writer, F. Scott Fitzgerald, who used the word in "The Last Tycoon" (published posthumously in 1941). English is a living language, and it has moved on.

Candice L. Hart, St. Paul

THE NIGHT WATCH

Just a thought before you go

There's something about being out in the dark of night. I usually just sit on my patio and stare at the stars, but sometimes I'll take a short stroll through the neighborhood when there's nobody around - not even a passing car.

The streets couldn't be safer here in Spooner. And dogs bark to keep it that way.

Eric Auburn, Spooner, Wis.

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A life's work in high demand

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Highlight: Peacebuilding Institute trains groups on exploring and healing racial trauma

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Amid sustained protests against police violence and calls for societal change in the nearly two months since the police killing of ***George Floyd***, there has been a growing hunger from individuals and institutions about how to begin tackling something as vast, insidious and emotionally loaded as racism.

This is the kind of work Donna Minter has been doing for more than a decade.

A licensed psychologist with a background in social work, she established the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute to train people and organizations how to understand racial trauma and dismantle some of their old ideas.

"People need the language," Minter said. "There are so many well-intentioned white people who want to do this work and say, 'I don't know how to start talking about it.' What we give is language to help see how racial trauma fits into a historical, structural and cultural context."

More than 4,700 people have been trained in "cultural competence" and other skills over the past decade through a range of programs that last from a few hours to an intensive five-day session. Workshops focus on trauma awareness, restorative justice and resilience and self-care.

Through the years, Minter and her assistant executive director and training partner, Crixell Shell, have worked with social workers, nurses, teachers and lawyers.

They have trained those who work in battered women's shelters, AmeriCorps Vista volunteers and environmental-advocacy groups.

They have taught those involved in the prison system working on anti-recidivism

efforts, and in the past year trained staff at the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

The city of Minneapolis hired the Peacebuilding Leadership Institute to do 15 trainings between now and fall, funded by the city's Health Department and the Office of Violence Prevention.

A life's work in high demand

While the institute has been working toward its mission of racial restorative justice for years, Minter and Shell believe the time is right for their work to broaden and take hold.

"Right now, we're the epicenter of what's happening in terms of a social justice movement," said Shell, who met Minter at the first training session in 2010 and immediately wanted to be part of the effort. "In response to what's been happening, people have had a lot of pain."

Requests for training have skyrocketed since May 25, when Floyd's death in Minneapolis sparked protests in Minnesota and around the world. For many, Floyd's death touched off soul-searching about institutional racism, the legacy of slavery and its ties to persistent racial disparities in housing, employment, education and wealth.

Since moving the training online in March due to the coronavirus pandemic, Minter and Shell have conducted 46 trainings on trauma awareness, restorative justice, resilience and self-care. Nearly 1,000 people have participated.

STAR training

The institute, at mnpeace.org, employs a training method known as STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience). It was developed at the Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding in Harrisonburg, Va., with a \$2 million grant after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

"Throughout human history, we've confused the idea of retribution with the idea of reconciliation," said Antony Stately, a psychologist who runs the Native American Community Clinic in south Minneapolis.

"STAR helps people understand what reconciliation looks like and asks us to think and imagine what social justice looks like," he said. "What do I need as a human being, as community, to be restored? That's what healing is."

Stately, an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, got involved with the Peacebuilding Leadership Institute several years ago when he saw the relevance in his clinical work in tribal communities.

"You are teaching people to tend to their own traumatic experiences so they can rebound or resist traumatic events. There's lots of science behind that," Stately said. "I'm not suggesting the training is a silver bullet, but it's a piece that's been missing for a long time in conversations."

Lisa Morris-Helmstetler turned to Minter and Shell for help in rooting out implicit bias and structural racism across Olmsted County, which employs about 1,400 around the Rochester area.

The impetus grew out of a 2017 initiative known as One Olmsted, which calls for health, social and racial equity.

As deputy clerk to the County Board, she sought training to begin tackling sweeping ideas, such as implementing restorative justice.

But county leaders also wanted to help create a more open workplace culture that would allow for those sometimes uncomfortable conversations between two colleagues about race and ethnic difference.

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"We want to look at equity in all of our public services," Morris-Helmstetler said. "Where people are marginalized, where there are disparities. We want to hear how our services are or aren't helping, how experiences might be different from one group to the next."

Since the training in April, Morris-Helmstetler, who is white, has worked with colleagues who are Latino and Black to conduct more than half a dozen "healing circles" with employees across the county.

"A lot of people showed up, and they were willing to be vulnerable," she said. "At first it was about coping with how to move forward after George Floyd's death. People want to learn more; we're all sort of growing together."

As part of her work with the Peacebuilding Leadership Institute, Shell convenes several monthly meetings tied to a national effort called Coming to the Table.

The groups bring together descendants of those who were enslaved and descendants of slave owners to heal historical wounds of slavery.

Shell said interest in the meetings, which are free and open to the public, also has grown in recent months.

"It is a space where we can discuss issues that aren't discussed every day," Shell said. "Or if they are discussed, they create shame within us and blame between us."

New urgency

John Parker-Der Boghossian, the equity and inclusion officer at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, said he has seen the power of the healing circles play out, in conjunction with the STAR Training. He brought Minter and Shell to the college shortly after Floyd's death.

"Something is different now," Parker-Der Boghossian said. "There's a sense that we're going to do something systemic this time. And that this isn't optional."

The Peacebuilding Leadership Institute has an annual budget of about \$200,000. About 30% of revenue comes from contracts with organizations, another 30% from training fees and about 20% from grants.

Its largest fundraising effort comes from Lunafest, a women's film festival normally held at the Riverview Theater in south Minneapolis. This year's virtual event will be held Aug. 26.

Even as interest rises in fighting systemic racism, Minter knows the enormity of the task.

"You can't heal institutional racism with trainings alone. Certainly not a two-hour training," she said. "It takes time and deliberate effort" to undo generations of trauma.

But she remains hopeful.

"Most people want to build peace in their lives," Minter said. "What we are doing is teaching people the tools and language and strategies to be able to know how do that."

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Keeping the call for justice alive

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An organizer, above, held a painting of Elijah McClain, who died after a 2019 police encounter in Aurora, Colo., and Isaiah Edy of St. Paul, below right, used a megaphone to lead a chant as ***Black Lives Matter*** supporters marched Saturday from U.S. Bank Stadium through downtown Minneapolis.

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Posard, Marrone, Helmus: How you can fight Russia's plans to troll Americans during the 2020 campaign

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Highlight: Another presidential election is approaching, which means Russian election interference is back in the news. Maybe you've already made up your mind about your favorite candidate, and so you're immune to the social media messaging being circulated by Russian trolls - right? Not exactly. Russian trolls aren't only targeting behaviors, like pulling a voting lever. [...]

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Another presidential election is approaching, which means Russian election interference is back in the news. Maybe you've already made up your mind about your favorite candidate, and so you're immune to the social media messaging being circulated by Russian trolls - right?

Not exactly. Russian trolls aren't only targeting behaviors, like pulling a voting lever. They're targeting beliefs, trying to stoke tribalism and polarization. Those who think they are immune to Russian tactics could become complacent, and feed right into Russian hands.

To understand what the Russians are up to, a bit of a history lesson is in order. During the Cold War, researchers at Rand Corp. began applying game theory to national security policy. The Soviet military, in comparison, was developing its own theories, including one called reflexive control theory.

Reflexive control is, in part, the intellectual basis for current Russian efforts to more broadly interfere with U.S. elections and democracy. If you understand reflexive control then you can better understand Russian strategy - and devise ways to combat it.

The theory is mathematically dense, drawing on models from the study of graphs and abstract algebra. But the core idea is simple: The theory assumes that people live in a polarized world of cooperation versus conflict. And it describes how people make decisions based on who they view as friends or enemies - and how they think others view them. The Russians are trying to feed information to distort these views.

The end goal for these efforts is to trigger emotional reactions and drive people to ideological extremes, making it nearly impossible to build a consensus. The Russians also hope those who are not driven to extreme positions will throw up their hands in frustration and check out. The result is political paralysis.

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Here's a notional example: Suppose you and a neighbor agree that your property taxes are too high, but disagree on issues related to sensitive topics like race relations or immigration. You start seeing online memes focusing on extreme views on these topics. Those memes evoke strong reactions, painting the issue as a battle between two extremes. You begin thinking of your neighbor based on this false dichotomy. The neighbor becomes one of "them" rather than a person with whom you had some commonality. After all, it's difficult to agree on most anything when you and your neighbor view each other as racist or anti-American.

The Russian objective is to create an illusion of deep-seated divisions between people like you and people who aren't like you, so that you won't be able to agree on anything.

The Russians don't particularly care about the details of our social and political issues when they are trolling Americans. Their focus is to gin people up to be against one another regardless of their identity or political beliefs. That's why Russia tries to infiltrate groups of both ***Black Lives Matter*** and white nationalists online.

We don't know if these efforts are working, but we believe Russia is trying to divide U.S. society by seeding extremist views. And the current political environment, coupled with the nature of social media, makes combatting these efforts a bit tricky.

Short, shareable (and sensationalist) content is the currency of social networks - and it does not naturally promote nuanced conversations. Micro-targeting makes it easy to feed people customized content based on what they already like, which enables manufactured content to get a foothold with the right audience and go viral more quickly.

Everyone has the opportunity to fight Russian efforts to drive U.S. citizens to extremes before the November election. Tech firms have a responsibility to root out Russian social media content and ensure their users are who they claim to be. Political, religious and civic leaders could bring people together and help build consensus on divisive issues - like race relations, immigration, and economic inequality - that Russia may try to exploit.

Most importantly, users could be more careful about what information they share online. Don't forward content from unknown sources. Don't post content that you have not fact-checked. Be aware that even a humorous meme may have an underlying dark goal - to make you think less of another group.

Americans are less likely to have their emotions manipulated if they are aware that manipulation is the goal. Behind the veil of extreme positions are groups of people who may well have much in common. It's important to recognize that disinformation efforts targeted at emotional beliefs could further decay the national discourse.

Marek N. Posard is a military sociologist, Jim Marrone is an associate economist and Todd Helmus is a senior behavioral scientist at the nonprofit, nonpartisan Rand Corp. They wrote this column for the Los Angeles Times.

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1 IN 2 BLACKS LOST JOBS

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Kimberly Jones was loving her job as a flight attendant recruiter before the coronavirus brought the airline industry to a standstill.

Savanna Thomas was weeks away from getting hired full time out of a temp job at a logistics company. And after a number of setbacks, Letajia Cutler-Cain felt she had finally found her dream job interviewing participants in medical studies.

Now they're looking for work again. While the pandemic has led to widespread job losses at levels not seen since the Great Depression, in Minnesota, it has hit Black workers the hardest.

Nearly 1 in 2 Black workers in Minnesota have applied for unemployment benefits since mid-March. For white workers, it is about 1 in 4, according to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

Some have returned to work as businesses have reopened, but a wide racial imbalance remains among those who are still jobless. More than one-quarter of Black workers were still making weekly unemployment claims last month compared with 9% of white workers.

"I have to get a job as soon as possible so I can keep on affording rent," said Cutler-Cain, who is taking a training course to become a coronavirus contact tracer. "I want to get back to work. That's my main goal."

The death of ***George Floyd*** has thrust Minnesota back into the national spotlight for having some of the largest racial disparities in the country in areas such as homeownership, education and poverty.

The pandemic has only exacerbated some of those inequities such as in unemployment.

Black Americans and Latinos, who are less likely to be in jobs where they can work from home, also have been contracting the coronavirus at higher rates.

In recent years, amid a growing economy and tight labor market, the state had begun to see the gap in the Black unemployment rate - which had been more than double that of white unemployment - begin to narrow.

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"It is absolutely heartbreaking to see this reversed because the progress that was being made was only very partial," said Abigail Wozniak, director of the Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

One of the big reasons for the unemployment disparity in Minnesota is that Black Minnesotans are more likely to be employed at hotels, restaurants, retail, health and other service-related industries that have seen the most job losses because of stay-at-home orders and other pandemic-induced slowdowns.

"They're on the front lines of some of the jobs that have been the hardest hit by the pandemic," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "We're deeply concerned about it. It's stunning to believe that if you're African American right now, there's a 50% chance you've applied for unemployment insurance."

He added that there are active discussions in his department to figure out ways to make sure services are more accessible and equitable.

"We're developing a kind of equity checklist to put in front of every program we roll out at DEED, whether it's to get people jobs or help grow business investment," he said. "There's no magic bullet, but it's got to be rooted in everything you're doing."

While not to the same extent, the pandemic also has disproportionately hurt American Indian, Latino and Asian American employment in the state. Women, younger workers and those with less education have also taken a bigger hit.

"Black people are taking the brunt of this," said Steven Belton, president of the Urban League Twin Cities. "It's very alarming to us, but not surprising. If it follows historic trends, the bounceback will be slower in the communities we serve. We're the first to be fired. We're also the last to be rehired."

Racism can seep in when employers are making these decisions, he said.

While frustrating to see, the racial disparity in layoffs and hiring is something that happens every time there is a recession, said Tawanna Black, CEO of the two-year-old Twin Cities-based Center for Economic Inclusion. It's added proof, she said, that the gains made in the last few years were not as meaningful as they could have been.

"Of course these are the individuals that are going to be left out when we've connected African Americans to those low-wage jobs - our retail sector, our services sector - as opposed to creating real economic opportunity across the entire spectrum such as that we would not expect to see such a disparate impact when we have these economic shocks," she said.

Minnesota's unemployment rate fell to 8.6% in June, down from a 9.9% record high in May. While some had initially hoped for a quicker rebound, many projections are now calling for an elevated jobless rate over a longer period of time.

A forecast by IHS Markit suggests that Minnesota's unemployment rate will improve in the coming months but will not likely return to pre-pandemic levels for at least a couple of years.

As the economy does recover, it may not return to the previous structure and some jobs may end up being permanently displaced. Judging by historic patterns, that shift will likely disproportionately affect workers of color, said Wozniak of the Minneapolis Fed.

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"They are going to need to make some kind of transition to find new employment, which is going to take awhile," she said. "Those are the things that are going to feed into that longer-term widening of gaps we're starting to see right now."

Federal stimulus checks and other enhanced jobless benefits have helped cushion the blow until now for many who are out of work. While they will continue to receive regular unemployment benefits, the additional \$600 a week from the federal CARES Act is set to expire this week. That fiscal cliff is expected to send an influx of unemployed workers to already busy food shelves.

"That was what was really keeping the boat afloat," Sharon Record, a 20-year-old Brooklyn Park resident, said of the extra \$600 a week.

Whatever has been left over after paying the rent, car insurance and groceries, she's put toward paying for community college classes in the fall. In the meantime, she has been on the job hunt for weeks.

"Wherever I see a hiring sign, I've tried to apply," she said, listing off grocery stores, fast-food chains, car dealerships and a bank.

She's gotten only one callback so far, for a job as a bank teller. She had a second interview on Friday.

Many workforce training and job placement programs have been hustling to shift their services online during the pandemic. They're now hosting job fairs over Zoom and are rolling out digital training courses. But they've also been mindful that not all people have access to computers and Wi-Fi.

Twin Cities Rise, a job training program that works mostly with people of color, received a grant from the state so it could provide Chromebooks to participants of its courses, which are now all online. Melanie Williams, the program director, is expecting to see a big uptick in people seeking its services in the next couple of weeks as the enhanced federal benefits run out.

"It's the calm before the storm," she said.

Hilary Thomas, a job counselor with the Urban League, said many people are in a holding pattern right now waiting to see if they're going to get called back to their jobs.

"People are trying to stay above water, but there's a lot of frustration," he said. "So many things they had been building toward got yanked out from under them. Many of them will have to start from square one again."

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27% -- Minn. workers filed for unemployment

48% -- Black workers filed for unemployment

22% -- white workers filed for unemployment

UNEMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS BY PERCENT OF WORKFORCE

1 IN 2 BLACKS LOST JOBS

About 48% of Black workers in Minnesota have applied for unemployment insurance since March, compared to 22% of white workers.

Percent of labor force who have applied for unemployment benefits since March (by race/ethnicity)

Black: 48%

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While the Trump administration turned down a request to help rebuild the Twin Cities after the riots sparked by the police killing of *George Floyd*, Minnesota House Democrats are pressing for nearly \$168 million in state dollars to help businesses and nonprofits damaged during the civil unrest.

But so far the GOP-led Senate hasn't matched that effort in a special session that's expected to wrap up in a few days.

Democrats and Republicans said during a committee hearing Friday they want to help communities where property was destroyed. But Rep. Barb Haley, R-Red Wing, said Republicans are concerned about using general fund dollars while there's a looming budget deficit. They also want grants to go directly to businesses, as opposed to giving the money to Minneapolis and St. Paul, she said.

The immediate relief program the DFL-led House wants is one piece of a broader \$300 million PROMISE Act aimed at rebuilding the Twin Cities' riot-damaged commercial corridors.

Rep. Mohamud Noor, DFL-Minneapolis, said he is glad community members and foundations are donating to help businesses rebuild, but more assistance is crucial.

He plans to keep fighting for state money in future sessions - whether through the general fund or other sources: "We're going to come back again and again until we get something done."

JESSIE VAN BERKEL

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Biiftuu Adam's first days as the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's first-ever liaison to families of people who died in police encounters came amid the March outbreak of COVID-19 in the state.

The global pandemic forced Adam to conduct the highly personal and intimate work of consoling and informing traumatized families using remote technologies. Then, just two months later, ***George Floyd*** died under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer - sparking an international outcry and renewed focus on police brutality.

Adam's hiring marked the first time the BCA added a "victim, family and community relations coordinator" focused on civilian deaths by police. The state law enforcement agency put out a call for applications for the position last year - one of the first tangible initiatives to come out of a monthslong working group convened by the Department of Public Safety and the Attorney General's Office.

In an illustration of what can happen in just several months, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison is now leading the prosecution in one of the state's highest-profile police brutality cases.

Meanwhile, Adam is trying to establish a new way to help families navigate the legal system and grieve at the same time.

Adam describes her role as a point person for families throughout the legal process. But she also offers emotional support and a lifeline to other services that may be needed.

"Oftentimes this is the first time that they are experiencing this trauma, and they really need to rely on me or other criminal justice professionals," said Adam, who has worked with victims of sexual assault and gun violence.

Her work with Floyd's family has been limited because most of his relatives live out of state.

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Adam's parents emigrated from Ethiopia, and she was born and raised in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis. She earned criminal justice degrees from Hamline University and Arizona State - where she got her master's - and most recently worked for the Bloomington City Attorney's Office.

In an interview last year after announcing the new role, Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said, "This is exactly what I would want to have" if he or his family were affected by a deadly encounter with law enforcement.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans, whose agency conducts most of the state's investigations into police killings of civilians, acknowledged Adam can help the BCA fill a void.

"Sometimes [with] families who may have never had contact with law enforcement or been in a position of trauma before we talk to them, we rapidly expect them to understand," Evans said.

Adam, Evans said, can help serve as a conduit to open up lines of contact.

"There's still going to be some level of policing in our communities, and if we don't have trust in our police agencies or the work that we are doing at the BCA, then we are really failing our communities," Evans said.

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Jane Prince: Difficult decisions await. Mayor and City Council need to get on them, right now

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Under Saint Paul's City Charter, the mayor is required to propose the City's budget no later than Aug. 15 each year; the City Council is then required to set the budget before year's end. In a normal year, this long and painstaking process gets underway when the council starts meeting with department heads in late spring.

This is decidedly not a normal year. By late March, with the governor's stay-at-home order in place, it was clear that the City would have significant revenue shortfalls, triggering language under Section 10.07.3 (above) that required the mayor to report - and the council to act - "without delay" to "prevent or minimize deficits" in the 2020 budget.

Minneapolis predicted a 10% revenue shortfall in March, Mayor Frey and the council considered a first phase of 2020 budget cuts in June, and again earlier this month, the council and mayor met to consider a second phase of cuts.

Despite the charter language, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter waited until May 6 to come before the City Council, announcing preliminary projections of a 5% to 10% revenue shortfall, representing between \$19 million to \$32 million in cuts that would need to be made due to "dire circumstance" and representing "real fiscal challenges." He stated that his administration would work with the council and reach out to involve the community in this difficult task. Beyond that he said he had placed a "freeze on all new non-essential hires," and expressed a commitment to pursue federal and state funding to reimburse city COVID-related expenses.

Jane Prince: Difficult decisions await. Mayor and City Council need to get on them, right now

As of July 17, the City Council had neither been asked to partner on the 2020 budget deficit nor have we been included in any discussions about "recommendations as to any steps to be taken." Not only that, but in the intervening months since he addressed the council, our city experienced a second major existential crisis - the significant costs of emergency operations, public safety and public and private infrastructure damage - stemming from the tragic killing of *George Floyd*. While we are aware that these costs are in the process of being quantified and that federal and state grants are being sought, we have not seen a new projection on "insufficient revenues" for 2020. Adding to the fiscal stress, we learned this past weekend that FEMA has denied the governor's request for emergency clean-up funds for Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

In early April, in anticipation of the COVID financial crisis, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz announced that he and all 24 members of his cabinet would take a 10 percent salary cut for the remainder of the year. Instead of following the governor's lead, Carter chose to quietly add a political director to his cabinet, a taxpayer-funded position that in my recollection has never before existed at City Hall.

Could there be a more important time for the mayor to be working with the City Council than when we are rushing headlong into Great Recession-era austerity, at the same time that thousands of our residents have lost jobs, lost businesses, are living in poverty, and are homeless? Seventy-seven thousand Saint Paul residents have applied for unemployment since Covid began. The City Charter and our people expect us to be putting forward our best coordinated responses to protect our city's future.

One month away from our requirement to start the work to set the 2021 budget, the Council has still not considered its emergency duties under Charter Section 10.07.3. That is simply unacceptable.

And when do our residents and business community - particularly those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis - get to tell us which budget cuts are essential and which are not? I write today to express my grave concern that the City Council's ability to do its job is being foreclosed by a basic failure to meet the constitutional responsibilities we hold under our city's foundational governing document.

Jane Prince is a member of the Saint Paul City Council. She represents Ward 7 on the city's East Side.

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Transit safety proposals stuck in neutral at the Capitol

ARTICLE MCCLII. [**TRANSIT SAFETY PROPOSALS STUCK IN NEUTRAL AT THE CAPITOL**](#)

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Months before [**George Floyd**](#)'s death, debate stewed at the Capitol over new ways to deter rising crime on the region's trains and buses - and it didn't involve the police.

The most prominent idea involved deploying unarmed ambassadors to collect fares, connect passengers experiencing homelessness or mental illness with social services, and tamp down smoking and drinking aboard Metro Transit vehicles.

Using civilians to aid or even replace law enforcement is an experiment that Minneapolis and cities nationwide are considering following Floyd's killing by police. But the Metro Transit safety measures pitched at the Legislature, a microcosm of the broader discussion, languished once the COVID-19 pandemic hit and Floyd's death prompted civil unrest across the country.

Now the future of the transit safety initiatives in the Twin Cities is unclear.

"We were talking about a different public safety model that's very much in the news now, shifting tasks not necessarily appropriate for officers," said Rep. Frank Hornstein, DFL-Minneapolis, noting it is an "important and urgent conversation."

The experience left supporters frustrated, but even more determined to keep trying - perhaps next year.

"There are a lot of really important things in the bill that we need to get done, but we can't get anywhere," said Rep. Brad Tabke, DFL-Shakopee, a lead sponsor of the initial measure.

While the House crafted a compromise before the pandemic, the Republican-controlled Senate "has constantly talked about safety within the cities and on transit but [doesn't] want to engage in any solutions," Tabke said.

Republican leaders did not respond to several requests for comment last week.

Transit safety proposals stuck in neutral at the Capitol

Tabke worked with Rep. Jon Koznick, R-Lakeville, on an early proposal that called for the creation of transit ambassadors (or agents, as some call them) and also would have changed fare evasion to an administrative citation with an initial fine of \$35, compared with \$180 now.

The Metropolitan Council, which operates Metro Transit, has said only 3% of passengers cited for fare evasion pay the fine. That's because local prosecutors are loath to pursue cases over an unpaid \$2 transit ticket.

Koznick favors stepped-up monitoring of light-rail trains and stations, with live-feed security cameras and public address systems to suss out crimes in real time. He also supports banning transit passengers who don't pay fines for nonpayment of fares or who commit more serious crimes on buses and trains.

A safe transit system, Koznick said, is even more critical to passengers and small businesses in neighborhoods damaged during protests. "We have to take steps now to help restore public trust and confidence in our transit system," he said.

A slimmed-down proposal pitched in June's special session that decriminalized fare evasion and embraced transit ambassadors foundered. Gov. Tim Walz included the measures in his supplemental budget, along with \$3.7 million in funding. But that failed, too.

Transit ridership dropped precipitously when the pandemic hit, but before then, crime continued to rise on Twin Cities trains and buses.

Serious crime, including theft, robbery and aggravated assault, increased 27% in January and 13% in February, when compared with the same period last year, according to figures released by Metro Transit. Less serious crimes, such as fraud and vandalism, increased 105% in January and 88% in February.

The notion of unarmed ambassadors patrolling a transit system to promote safety has been tried in other places.

A recent study by the transit advocacy organization East Metro Strong explored similar programs in more than a half-dozen metro areas, including San Francisco, Seattle, Boston, Denver and Portland, Ore., and found benefits for everyone.

"Police can police more and the ambassadors can be the eyes and ears of the transit system," said Will Schroer, the group's executive director. "People will feel more comfortable, and ridership would improve."

Dorothy Schulz, a retired captain of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Police Department in New York, said she's "not a great believer" in the concept of unarmed transit ambassadors.

"What are they going to do if and when they're challenged?" said Schulz, professor emerita at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York. "It sounds good, but you may be putting people at risk because you're asking them to wield certain authority with no support to back it up."

Schulz does support ambassadors checking passengers for fares, because it would help free up police to work on more serious crimes. "Most cops hate checking tickets," she said.

Portland's transit agency, TriMet, recently announced a series of moves in the wake of Floyd's death, including reducing six police positions and redirecting \$1.8 million to community-based public safety approaches.

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Metro Transit General Manager Wes Kooistra said, "More investment in social services is absolutely needed, but this should not come at the expense of other important investments in transit safety."

If transit safety initiatives fail during the Legislature's current special session, supporters said they'll try again in 2021, but there may be more disagreement.

Following Floyd's death, Tabke says he isn't comfortable with the punitive parts of the initial proposal, particularly the clause that bans previous offenders from using public transit.

"That no longer fits where we are in our history," he said.

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CRIME ON METRO TRANSIT DROPS DURING PANDEMIC

Total monthly crimes

Part 1 crime

Part 2 crime

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete chart.)

Part 1 crimes are violent crimes such as aggravated assault and robbery.

Part 2 crimes are property crimes such as vandalism and vagrancy.

Source: Metro Transit Crime on buses and trains was trending up at the start of 2020, but after Gov. Tim Walz issued a stay-at-home order in late March, transit ridership declined up to 75%, and crime dropped too.

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Kareem Abdul-Jabbar: How to sustain momentum for the anti-racism movement

ARTICLE MCCLIII. [KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR: HOW TO SUSTAIN MOMENTUM FOR THE ANTI-RACISM MOVEMENT](#)

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"I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear."

My old UCLA coach, John Wooden, used to quote that Walt Whitman poem often, and I've been hearing its echoes on the streets lately. The people out protesting *systemic racism* and vowing change are "singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs" about the America that could be - that should be.

But in my 60 years of social activism, I've heard these gospel songs before and my fear is that once the spotlights go down, the sympathetic audience - now moved to tears by the chorus - simply goes home, the words to the songs quickly forgotten.

You can't be in the business of social reform without a deep reservoir of hope and faith in the general goodness of people. And some of my faith has been rewarded in recent days: City and state governments are instituting police reforms, private corporations are drawing up more inclusive policies, media companies are firing executives, actors and writers for racist or misogynistic behavior. Celebrities and politicians are making public statements in support of *Black Lives Matter* and other progressive organizations. Sports organizations are offering apologies for past acts of exclusion.

My optimism was further kindled when I saw dozens of police officers across the country hugging and linking arms with protesters. My father was a decorated police officer and I think he would have faced the protesters with sympathy rather than scorn. But I've felt hope like this before. And tears of hope in this country have often been replaced by tears of frustration and rage.

Civil rights activists are not here to fluff the public's conscience, nor is the cause of "equality for all" a nostalgic throwback, like efforts to recapture Woodstock. It's a matter of life and death. It's a matter of lopsided access to healthcare, of children denied equal educations and therefore unable to claim secure economic futures.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar: How to sustain momentum for the anti-racism movement

Throughout my life, I've seen these cycles of outrage, public protests and political promises. And then comes a silent slip-sliding back to the status quo until another horrific event grabs our attention again.

The cry for civil rights is like a rubber band: Intermittent passionate public support stretches it forward, despite those anchored in the past pulling it backward. It stretches and stretches until that support starts to drift away to something shinier and newer - then it snaps back. The stretching has made it slightly longer, so there's some progress - three steps forward, two back is still a step forward - but it's nowhere near what was promised. And we await another horrific act to bring the unaffected back to help us pull forward again.

This may sound a little churlish or ungrateful, but I can't help but wonder why so many organizations are expressing their outrage now, instead of last year, or the year before - or five years ago when an unarmed Eric Garner was choked to death uttering the same words as ***George Floyd: "I can't breathe."*** Why is Floyd's death suddenly a revelation, an epiphany, but Garner's wasn't? In 2015, police killed more than 100 unarmed Black people.

The NFL says ***Black Lives Matter***, yet until recently it was still punishing players who expressed that sentiment. Target, Walmart and Facebook, among many others, are suddenly supporting BLM. It's great news that they are all stepping up, but those of us who have been at this for a long time know that the fight for equal rights is a lifelong commitment, not a summer job.

Meaningful and measurable progress for any marginalized group - people of color, immigrants, women, LGBTQ+ people, Muslims, Jews - can be achieved only when all besieged groups pull together, without waiting for or needing or having to convince others who don't face the same challenges. We want them, we welcome them, we appreciate them, but we can't need them. What the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in his "Letter From a Birmingham Jail" in 1963 still holds true:

"First, I must confess that over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council-er or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: 'I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action...' "

It's exhausting and frustrating trying to convince such people that ***systemic racism*** pervades all aspects of American life. It's like talking to a flat-Earther. Proof is useless. Their steadfast refusal to believe the hundreds of studies by prominent scientists reminds me of Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis, a Hungarian physician, responsible for millions of lives being saved by discovering that hospital deaths could be drastically reduced merely by washing hands with disinfectant. Most of the medical community rejected his conclusion - despite growing evidence that he was right. He was ultimately committed to an asylum, where he was beaten by guards and died 14 days later. Only after his death were his theories widely accepted.

They couldn't see germs, so they weren't real. Sound familiar? In "The Usual Suspects," character Verbal Kint says, "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist." I'd tweak that a bit. The other greatest trick is convincing the world racism doesn't exist. We have to stop trying to roll these deliberate dullards uphill because, like Sisyphus, we'll never get them to the top of the mountain to see the possible paradise on the other side.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar: How to sustain momentum for the anti-racism movement

Where will African Americans be 90 days from now? Will people continue to believe the evidence before them even as the nation begins to reopen and protests grow smaller and less frequent, then disappear? As headlines become dominated with COVID-19's second wave, with potential vaccines and vaccine deniers, with President Trump's delusions, Joe Biden's gaffes, and celebrity missteps, will there still be any mentions of *systemic racism*? Will real changes have occurred?

There are things we can do, benchmarks we can insist on, to keep the freedom train moving ahead. Over the past few weeks I've heard excellent suggestions for reform in our systems of justice, policing, healthcare, education and economic security, all of which give preference to white people. We have no shortage of good ideas. Now what we need is a way to measure improvement, ideally through a website to monitor proposals, manage progress, identify obstacles and centralize information for everyone to access. A user could go to this site to see what legislation is proposed to prevent police brutality, who supports it, who opposes it. We could stay informed on the implementation of solutions and know when to apply pressure. Such a website could mobilize action and focus attention on practical solutions, providing a thermometer to measure the health of social justice.

The moral universe doesn't bend toward justice unless pressure is applied. In my seventh decade of hope, I am once again optimistic that we may be able to collectively apply that pressure, not just to fulfill the revolutionary promises of the U.S. Constitution, but because we want to live and thrive.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the NBA's all-time leading scorer, is the author of 16 books, including, most recently, "Mycroft & Sherlock - The Empty Birdcage." He wrote this piece for the Los Angeles Times.

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Minnesota lawmakers advance police accountability measures 8 weeks after Floyd's death

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Minnesota lawmakers approved a slate of police accountability measures overnight, eight weeks after George Floyd was killed at the hands of Minneapolis police.

The Minnesota House of Representatives by a 102-29 vote late Monday, July 20, and the Senate on a 60-7 vote early the next day, advanced a series of changes to the state's policing laws including the creation of a new unit to investigate police deadly force incidents, banning police chokeholds and warrior training creating a new system of arbitration to weigh police deadly force encounters. The approvals clear a path to Gov. Tim Walz's desk for his signature.

Lawmakers worked for weeks in secret meetings to strike a compromise on the proposal after the Legislature abruptly ended its work last month without reaching deals on most of their top policy priorities. And advocates, families affected by police violence, law enforcement groups and others shared their perspective with lawmakers in an effort to shape the plan.

The Senate closed out the special session before a local jobs and projects bill could pass the Legislature, again deferring funding on a set of public construction projects. House Republicans blocked the measure from passing there after they said their concerns weren't adequately considered.

Rep. Carlos Mariani, D-St. Paul, said that Monday night's policing bill - reached after weeks of closed-door negotiations between Democratic and Republican leadership - was "not the bill that (he) wanted." Several weeks ago, the Democratic-led House passed what Mariani called a "more robust" police accountability package, but legislators in the Republican-controlled Senate said it went too far. So the House rolled back their language, and the Senate bumped up theirs to reach Monday's agreement.

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Despite not going as far as he had hoped, Mariani said Monday's is "a good bill" that "creates a modern accountability framework of law that will help to end the type of police brutality that killed George Floyd in May."

On May 25, former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe and bystanders called for help. Bystander video of the incident sparked a national call for changes in the way states handle police officers who act out. Chauvin faces second-degree murder and manslaughter charges in Floyd's killing.

Mariani said Floyd's death sparked outrage across the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota, as well as the entire United States. Protesters took to the streets to proclaim, "We can't breathe."

"What they're asking for is actually pretty basic and that's what this bill asks of our policing and of our citizenry in the state of Minnesota and that is: that we should be held accountable," Mariani said. "Everyone should be held accountable. Our police should certainly be held accountable."

On the other side of the aisle, Rep. Brian Johnson, R-Cambridge, said Monday night's final bill was "a lot better" than earlier versions. He said he still had some concerns, largely with one of the package's provisions for a new community relations advisory council.

The council, per the bill, is to consist of several leaders of Minnesota state law enforcement organizations, as well as community members, legislative appointees and advocates. Johnson said that makeup leaves out residents of Greater Minnesota.

Johnson added that law enforcement officers have already clashed with similarly composed boards already in existence, and that he had a "feeling that his board is going to be the same way."

"They're going to have to do things the metro way," Johnson said, "which doesn't work in Greater Minnesota. It doesn't work at all."

For some Democrats, the bill package simply did not go far enough. Sen. Jeff Hayden, D-Minneapolis, said the bill package was a step forward, but only a small step that doesn't come close to rectifying racism and police brutality in the state. He said he believed that had lawmakers held a more transparent process to form the omnibus, it would better represent what Minnesotans of color actually hope to see in police reform legislation.

"George Floyd was murdered eight blocks from where I live and it could have easily been me," Hayden said. "That has been the reality for too many Black people for too long - not just in Minnesota but across the entire nation."

Hayden ultimately voted in favor of the bill. Sen. Patricia Torres Ray, D-Minneapolis, however, was one of seven senators to vote no on the bill.

"I cannot go back to my community - to the activists that have worked with me, to the families, to the relatives, to the mothers of all the Black men who have died in the hands of the police - and tell them that this bill actually responds today to their calls for justice," she said. "Some members may vote for this because it's all we could do right now. But this is not good enough."

Under the proposal, police use of chokeholds and warrior training would be banned and an advisory panel of stakeholders would be created to advise the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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The measure would boost training in dealing with people in a mental health crisis and with Minnesotans with autism and create within the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension a new unit charged with investigating instances of police deadly force, criminal sexual conduct and conflict of interest by peace officers. The unit would make its findings public and available to be viewed. And the state would bring on six arbitrators selected and trained to review police deadly conduct incidents.

The Legislature adjourned its special session without passing a local jobs and projects bill, a tax bill or a supplemental state budget. House Republicans blocked a \$1.9 billion total plan from advancing to the Senate, saying they weren't consulted and wanted to reconsider the governor's emergency executive powers as a condition of approving a bonding bill. [Walz calls special session next week to consider 30-day extension of pandemic powers](#) [Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch.](#) [Voters, GOP lawmakers plan lawsuit over Walz's mask mandate at polling places](#) [State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding'](#) [Minnesota will close 2 prisons to prepare for budget shortfall. Other agencies face holes, too.](#)

"Our governor is legislating, that's what he's doing," House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-East Gull Lake, said. "Our constitution doesn't allow that but he's doing that and you don't care."

Democrats said Republicans didn't bring forward genuine counteroffers in legislative negotiations and equated the move to prevent the bill's passage to a "stickup." Lawmakers could again consider a borrowing proposal to fund local projects next month if the governor again seeks to extend the state's peacetime emergency.

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In Wisconsin, Biden's political moderation could find favor in the battleground state

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ADAMS, Wis. - Nate Zimdars, a Democratic candidate for the Wisconsin state Assembly, arrived at the VFW lodge in Adams after marching in the local Independence Day parade, ready to meet voters at an annual outdoor chicken cookout called the "Chic Nic." Although the event was hosted by the local Republican Party, Zimdars was far from nervous being behind enemy lines. He was eager.

The county flipped from blue to red in 2016, Zimdars noted, which meant it could flip again. Plus, national Democrats had done him a favor: They chose former Vice President Joe Biden for the top of their ticket.

"Biden comes across as someone who's moderate and has experience on both sides of the aisle," Zimdars said. "My close family and friends, who are a little more on the Republican side of the fence, said if Biden became the nominee, they would vote for him."

Such persuasion is at the core of Biden's campaign strategy, designed to bring together moderates, older adults, working-class voters across races and former supporters of President Donald Trump. The approach has helped him jump out to an early lead in polling, both in national surveys and in swing states like Wisconsin, where Trump won by fewer than 23,000 votes in 2016. It has also helped Biden fend off attacks from Trump, who has sought to cast Biden as a radical progressive despite his lengthy career as a moderate lawmaker.

But if Biden hopes to maintain his advantage as November draws near, Wisconsin Democrats like Zimdars have some advice, akin to the famous medical principle of "do no harm" or the cautionary words of the hit HBO series "The Wire": "Keep it boring."

Being politically milquetoast is Biden's appeal, they said, driving his ability to attract progressives in Milwaukee, moderates in suburbs like Waukesha and more rural voters in places like Adams County, one of the 22 counties in the state that voted for Trump after backing President Barack Obama in 2012.

In Wisconsin, Biden's political moderation could find favor in the battleground state

They don't lament that Biden is not a historic candidate like Obama or Hillary Clinton, or that he lacks bumper-sticker progressive policies like Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders; they're grateful for it.

After the 2016 election, Clinton was lambasted for running a risk-averse campaign that seemed to rely on voters finding Trump's conduct inherently repugnant. Four years later, facing a changed electoral landscape, many Wisconsin Democrats think Biden can win the state with that exact playbook.

Biden is "the perfect candidate for this area at this time," said Matt Mareno, chair of the Waukesha Democratic Party.

"Trump's whole rallying cry was that he was an outsider coming to fix the establishment, and now he is the establishment," Mareno said. "We're seeing more and more college-educated white voters leaving him, and we're seeing more seniors leave him. We're seeing that coalition just completely dissolved down to the very core base of his support."

Several characteristics inform Biden's strategy, including his lengthy career as a bipartisan legislator, Trump's panned response to the pandemic and Biden's identity as an older white man, the type of politician easily categorized as "presidential."

There are a range of ways Biden can build a general election coalition in a battleground state like Wisconsin.

He could focus on winning back voters in low-population areas, where Clinton suffered big losses in 2016.

He could build on recent Democratic efforts to target the college-educated white voters that Trump has, at times, repelled, particularly in suburban counties like Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington, where Clinton outperformed Obama but also lost some votes to third-party candidates.

Or he could seek to motivate reliable Democratic voters like young people, Black voters and Latino voters in Milwaukee, the Democratic stronghold where voter turnout was down significantly in 2016.

Biden's advisers said he will seek to both appeal to persuadable voters and motivate the party's base, mimicking the successful campaign of Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, a progressive who won reelection in 2018 by an eye-popping 10 points. Biden led Trump by 11 points in Wisconsin in a poll by the New York Times and Siena College last month, and more recent polling from other battleground states like Pennsylvania has been even better for him.

Rep. Mark Pocan, a Democrat who represents Madison, said Biden's campaign had already outpaced Clinton's in terms of investment in and attention to Wisconsin. Pocan said the Clinton campaign "took the purple state for granted," citing both a lack of visits and financial support for down-ballot candidates.

"Donald Trump came and lied to us, but at least he showed up," he said, calling the Democrats' losses in 2016 a "duh moment" for the party. It was Democratic voter drop-off across Wisconsin - not big Republican turnout - that most helped Trump win there, he said.

"When one candidate doesn't campaign and the other one does, you would expect that you might get the results that we got," Pocan said. "But no one will ever make that mistake again."

This does not mean that Biden has avoided skepticism from core Democratic constituencies like young people and progressive minority voters - the same groups that frequently needed Clinton and backed Biden's rivals in the primary.

In Wisconsin, Biden's political moderation could find favor in the battleground state

In fact, the same polls that show Biden securely ahead of Trump also find Biden with tepid numbers among young people and minority voters. His favorability rating decreased in a recent survey by NBC and the Wall Street Journal, driven by shifts among younger Democrats.

At a protest in Milwaukee in support of ***Black Lives Matter*** this month, Larissa Gladding, 23, said she viewed voting for Biden as the unfortunate cost of beating Trump.

"It doesn't even feel like it's an election about young people or he wants the young vote anymore," she said, adding that she planned to vote for Biden anyway.

Dominique Tonneas, 24, who was interviewed at a fireworks show in Muskego and who plans to vote for Trump in November, said Biden's age and long career meant he wouldn't bring a new perspective to the table. She said she planned to vote for Trump, who is only a few years younger, because she preferred his economic policies.

What is already clear: The last several months, which have featured the largest protest movement in U.S. history and a pandemic that continues to kill thousands and upend the country's social and economic fabric, have forced Biden and Trump to adjust the structure and the message of their campaigns.

Sue Schaetzka, who attended the Chic Nic in Adams, said she voted for Trump in 2016 and planned to do so again in November. But she said the events of the past few months, and particularly the nation's response to the coronavirus, had changed the way people in her social circles felt about the president.

Schaetzka was unsure Trump could win the state again this year, particularly against a Democrat like Biden.

"With everything that's going on with COVID, I know some people are rethinking," Schaetzka said.

"People just like Biden more than they like Hillary," she added. "I don't know if it's her past and all that, but they didn't trust her."

At the protest in Milwaukee, young liberals said they planned to vote for Biden, but the exact things that help him appeal to people like Schaetzka are what makes them grudging, even resentful, supporters.

They portrayed Biden as too moderate ideologically and as a doddering elder personally, a critique that mimics the "Sleepy Joe" moniker Trump has sought to popularize.

Diarelis Rodriguez, who marched in the protest, said she understood the young people who saw Biden and Trump as two sides of the same coin.

"Biden is part of the problem. He helped with the War on Drugs and doesn't really understand the issues we need him to," said Rodriguez, 18. "The people I talk to don't want to vote because they don't want to participate in a corrupt system."

But Rodriguez still said she planned to vote for Biden in November, though both she and Gladding wished he embraced more activist rhetoric on matters of racial equality and defunding police.

There's a reason he has not. Twenty miles away, leaders of the Waukesha Democratic Party said they recently fielded a phone call from a skeptical voter who said she wanted to vote for Biden, but she was worried Democrats were becoming hostile to police officers.

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A volunteer named Scott Prindl called the woman back. Prindl, 65, said the woman had family in law enforcement, and he does also. During the phone call, he explained the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement and its goals, as he saw them.

"The real ***Black Lives Matter*** protests are the ones who are peaceful," Prindl, who is white, assured the woman over the phone. "It's outsiders who are coming in and wreaking havoc," he said, alluding to the destructive political groups that protesters said turned some of the demonstrations violent.

The woman was comforted. She will be voting for Democrats in November, she said, and for Biden over Trump.

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Chief Axtell 'disappointed' as Mayor Carter seeks \$9M cut from St. Paul police budget

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Highlight: Mayor Melvin Carter has asked Police Chief Todd Axtell to prepare to cut \$9.2 million in spending from St. Paul's police department as the city looks to offset the "significant" damage the coronavirus pandemic has done to the city's budget. Axtell told his staff about the request in an email circulated Friday, noting that while [...]

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Axtell told his staff about the request in an email circulated Friday, noting that while he understands the tough times facing the city he is nonetheless disappointed in the mayor's request.

"I know this is a hit to our collective soul, especially given the crime trends we're seeing, the ever-increasing calls for service and the needs of the city. I shared with the Mayor my disappointment and urged him to reconsider," Axtell wrote in the email, which a police spokesman shared Monday with the Pioneer Press.

Reaching the target would undoubtedly mean cuts to both sworn and civilian positions "at all ranks," Axtell continued.

The dollar figure may be large, but it amounts to the same percentage that departments citywide have been asked to explore eliminating given the current financial realities facing cities across the country, Carter said Monday afternoon.

Besides losing revenue, the city has had to increase expenses in order to respond to the dual crises of the pandemic and racial unrest gripping the country, he said.

Carter emphasized it's still early in the city's budget planning process. He characterized what's been asked of departments as a "budget exercise" each has been instructed to complete as he prepares his budget proposal for the city council next month.

The council votes on a final budget in December.

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"It's pretty premature to cry wolf that there is some proposal already out there or requirement already out there," Carter said. "That said, I think most people are familiar with what COVID-19 has done to our economy, and to our local businesses and families, and can probably understand that the city is no different."

The mayor said the final budget likely will "require significantly challenging decisions to be made in every single city department."

"The only difference between police and everyone else in this budget exercise is that their starting budget is so much larger than every other city department, so their target reduction as a raw number is large, but it's the same percentage as everyone else," Carter said.

The police department gets about \$106 million of the city's \$340 million general fund budget. The figure is \$37 million higher than the budget for fire services, the next largest department.

Still, Carter is asking for a larger spending cut than the \$7 million the police department was told last month to expect.

[*The city projected in May that revenues for the year would come in 5 to 10 percent short*](#) because of the pandemic.

For the police, \$9.2 million is almost 9 percent of this year's budget.

DEFUND POLICE?

Carter's request also comes amid a local and national conversation, brought about by ***George Floyd's*** May 25 death in Minneapolis police custody, about defunding or abolishing local police departments in response to systematic racism and police brutality against people of color.

Although a majority of Minneapolis City Council members have announced support for disbanding that city's police department, that's not the case in St. Paul, where just two council members have spoken favorably of the idea.

City Council President Amy Brendmoen said Monday that she is open to discussing ways to transfer certain responsibilities from the police to community organizations and social service partners. And she commended the work the city and police have already done to that end.

"We are really ahead of the curve and we should continue to make those reforms and changes, and if that means switching funding from police to other services and other partners, then I am definitely for looking to do that if it makes sense moving forward," she said.

While reiterating that the \$9.2 million ask is not about defunding police, Carter said he believes cities "overly rely" on police to respond to problems policing isn't designed to address. He said he'll continue to work to "build out a data-driven and evidence-based approach to public safety."

Carter added that while he's concerned about cutting police at a time when St. Paul is experiencing rising gun violence, he said the local trend mirrors a national one that requires more than just law enforcement to curb. [*Shooting near Mears Park injures 1 Sunday night*](#) [*North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy*](#) [*Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case*](#) [*Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects*](#) [*U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities*](#)

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Axtell told staff he is hopeful the deep cuts won't come to fruition.

"I'm hopeful because this is my eighth budget cycle as either the chief or assistant chief, and the initial projections normally change throughout the process. I'm hopeful because our community will get a chance to weigh in on the issue. And ultimately, the final budget is approved by the City Council, whose constituents know the value of the work you do," he wrote.

[A community group called Root & Restore St. Paul recently began an online petition](#) calling for Carter and the council to cut \$20 million from the police department. The group has been working since 2018 to highlight that nearly one-third of the city's general fund is spent on policing.

Graphic

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

St. Paul mayor Melvin Carter speaks about a spate of gun violence during a news conference at St. Paul City Hall on Monday, Oct. 21, 2019. (Mara H. Gottfried / Pioneer Press)

St. Paul City Council Chair Amy Brendmoen, center, talks at a meeting in St. Paul City Council chambers Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019. (Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

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Wisconsin Capitol board agrees to restore 2 statues toppled by protesters

ARTICLE MCCLVII. [WISCONSIN CAPITOL BOARD AGREES TO RESTORE 2 STATUES
TOPPLED BY PROTESTERS](#)

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Highlight: MADISON, Wis. - The board that approves state Capitol repairs overwhelmingly agreed Monday to restore two statues that protesters ripped down last month during a wild night of demonstrations against racist police last month. The state Capitol and Executive Residence Board voted unanimously to repair statues of Col. Hans Christian Heg, a Wisconsin abolitionist killed [...]

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MADISON, Wis. - The board that approves state Capitol repairs overwhelmingly agreed Monday to restore two statues that protesters ripped down last month during a wild night of demonstrations against racist police last month.

The state Capitol and Executive Residence Board voted unanimously to repair statues of Col. Hans Christian Heg, a Wisconsin abolitionist killed in combat during the Civil War, and a woman embodying the state's Forward motto.

"We've got to fix this stuff," Republican state Sen. Luther Olsen, a member of the board, said. "It's just a dirty rotten shame this stuff had to be defaced and damaged but that's the world we're living in so let's get it fixed."

Photos the state Department of Administration provided to the board show protesters broke off a leg and tore the head off the 9-foot-6-inch tall Heg statue. Other photos show the 7-foot Forward statue was scratched and dented and one of its fingers was broken off.

DOA is still compiling a cost estimate for restoring the statues, Veltum told the board. She noted that Heg's head is still missing and the agency plans to replace it by recasting the head of another Heg statue in the town of Norway. The Wisconsin Historical Society plans to start a fundraising drive to raise \$50,000 to cover the insurance deductible for damage protesters caused to the statues, the state Capitol grounds and the Capitol building, she said. The board signed off on that effort unanimously as well.

Heg was a Norwegian immigrant who became an outspoken abolitionist, serving in the 15th Wisconsin Regiment during the Civil War. He was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863. His statue, funded by donations from the Norwegian Society of America, had stood outside the state Capitol since 1926.

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Protesters tore the statue down and dumped it in a nearby lake during a demonstration against police racism on June 23. They also tore down Forward on the other side of the Capitol. Protesters attacked state Sen. Tim Carpenter as he filmed them with his cellphone. Video shows Carpenter collapsing on the Capitol lawn after the beating.

The protest was one of a series of demonstrations that shook downtown Madison after the death of George Floyd, a Black man who died on Memorial Day after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into his neck for nearly eight minutes. The violence on June 23 erupted after Madison police arrested a Black protester who was entering downtown businesses wielding a baseball bat.

Why protesters targeted two statues with no racist history remains unclear. Some demonstrators said they ripped them down because they represent a false reality of racial equality in Wisconsin.

Heg's great-great-grandson, James Heg, of Chelan, Washington, sent a letter to Gov. Tony Evers days after that statue fell asking the state to restore it.

"I'm pretty happy right now," James Heg said in a telephone interview Monday. "(The unanimous vote) was quite gratifying. I was pushing on an open door."

"He's an admirable guy," another great-great grandson, Christopher Heg, said of the abolitionist during a telephone interview from his home in Seattle on Monday. "He deserves recognition."

DOA said in materials provided to the board that the statues could be restored to their existing pedestals by spring. Several board members cautioned the department not to move too quickly and to develop a plan to protect the sculptures. If the statues go up again too soon protesters could tear them down again, they warned.

"I would hate to see us recast statues and nine months later watch them get dragged down the road again," Born said.

Carpenter, a Democrat, and Republican state Rep. Hutton introduced a bill last week that would make defacing a statue a felony. The bill sparked a bitter Twitter battle between Carpenter and Nada Elmikashfi, a Black Sudanese immigrant running for an open state Senate seat representing Madison. Elmikashfi tweeted Thursday that the bill was "absolute (profanity)" and he's trying to block "our civil rights movement."

Carpenter, who is white, responded Friday that Elmikashfi doesn't have a "clue" and that he's a Black ally.

The board also considered a request Monday from Michael Johnson, one of Madison's leading Black activists, to erect a statue of Vel Phillips on the Capitol square but took no action. Democratic state Sen. Fred Risser, the board chairman, stressed that the board can only approve or reject projects, not initiate them.

Evers sent the board a letter Monday saying he supports the idea. DOA Secretary Joel Brennan told the board that the department is working with Phillips' family and other stakeholders on a formal proposal.

Phillips was the first woman and first Black member of the Milwaukee Common Council. She was also the state's first Black judge as well as its first female and first Black secretary of state.

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Highlight: Legislative leaders had a tentative agreement Monday on the outlines of a police accountability bill, the top Republican in the Minnesota Senate said, but lawmakers struggled with the details into the night and chances appeared even dimmer for a \$1.8 billion public construction projects package that had yet to win the necessary GOP support in [...]

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Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, said he planned to adjourn the special session by midnight if there was no agreement on the projects bill, also known as a bonding bill. He said a deal was mostly up to the House.

"It's basically today or it's not going to happen," Gazelka said as lawmakers returned to the Capitol to resume their second special session of the year after several days of behind-the-scenes negotiations.

Gazelka said he and Democratic House Speaker Melissa Hortman, of Brooklyn Park, had a "tentative agreement" on the policing bill, "but we are still working through the language - that's always the tricky part."

He was right. Hope for quick action faded as talks continued behind closed doors through the day, making it likely that any debate would last late into the night. The final bill language still had not been publicly released by Monday evening.

Democratic House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler of Golden Valley, told lawmakers before a recess early Monday afternoon that the House floor debate could begin around mid-afternoon. But that time came and went with no public announcements. When the Senate took a break in the late afternoon, Republican Senate President Jeremy Miller, of Winona, told senators that he had no guidance to give them on when they might be called back.

Deal near on MN police accountability bill? Senate GOP leader says agreement reached on outlines of measure

The bill is a response to the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police on Memorial Day, and the leader made it clear that it omits some of the more controversial ideas proposed by Democrats.

Gazelka declined to give many details but said the tentative deal included bans on chokeholds and "warrior training" for officers, as well as a new advisory council under the state board that licenses law enforcement officers, and changes in arbitration rules. He said it does not include anything that would dismantle or ***defund police*** departments, expand voting rights for convicted felons or give the attorney general responsibility for prosecuting officer-involved shootings.

Bonding bills require a three-fifths majority to pass both chambers and must pass the House first. So some Republican votes are necessary for the bill to clear the House. But GOP House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, of Crown, told reporters that no Republicans would vote for the bonding bill as it stood Monday. Daudt said his caucus was shut out of the negotiations with House Democrats, Senate Republicans and Democratic Gov. Tim Walz.

The bonding bill includes a business tax break on equipment purchases sought by Republicans that would benefit farmers as well as small businesses damaged in the unrest that followed Floyd's death.

Walz had to call the special session to give lawmakers a chance to rescind the emergency powers he's been using to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. House Democrats blocked a GOP effort to void those powers.

The session also gave legislators another chance to pass the bonding bill and policing measures, which they were unable to agree on during last month's special session. If the governor decides in the coming weeks to extend his emergency powers again, he'd have to call another special session.

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Minneapolis police investigate death of man found in burned-out Lake Street store

ARTICLE MCCLIX. **[MINNEAPOLIS POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH OF MAN FOUND IN BURNED-OUT LAKE STREET STORE](#)**

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Highlight: Minneapolis police are investigating after a man's body was discovered in a burned-out Lake Street pawnshop, which was looted and set ablaze during the riots that followed the death of ***George Floyd***. Officials from the Minneapolis police and fire departments, the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and [...]

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Minneapolis police are investigating after a man's body was discovered in a burned-out Lake Street pawnshop, which was looted and set ablaze during the riots that followed the death of ***George Floyd***.

Officials from the Minneapolis police and fire departments, the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were sifting through the rubble of Max It Pawn on Monday morning when they discovered the remains, according to an MPD news release.

The man's identity and the cause of his death will be released by the Hennepin County medical examiner in coming days.

The pawnshop, which stood about two blocks east of the MPD's 3rd Precinct headquarters, burned down on May 28. Montez Terriel Lee, 25, of Rochester, Minn., was charged in June with starting the fire.

Now this pawn shop at Lake Street and 28th Avenue is burning down. pic.twitter.com/G6LydHsqP0

- Nick Woltman (@nickwoltman) [May 29, 2020](#)

Minneapolis firefighters battled the blaze initially, but the building was destroyed.

MPD detectives are handling the investigation into the man's death, the department's news release said.

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National Guardsman who served during Minneapolis unrest dies in head-on crash. 'He had great potential,' his sergeant said.

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Highlight: A Minnesota National Guardsman who was stationed in Minneapolis during the recent riots was just getting started when his life was cut short in a head-on collision in Washington County on Thursday. Spc. Samuel Leedom, 20, of Oak Park Heights, was driving north on Manning Avenue in West Lakeland Township about 6:30 p.m., doing deliveries [...]

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A Minnesota National Guardsman who was stationed in Minneapolis during the recent riots was just getting started when his life was cut short in a head-on collision in Washington County on Thursday.

Spc. Samuel Leedom, 20, of Oak Park Heights, was driving north on Manning Avenue in West Lakeland Township about 6:30 p.m., doing deliveries for DoorDash.

According to the Washington County sheriff's office, Leedom, who was driving a Nissan Sentra, crossed over the center lane into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with a dump truck near 22nd Street. The crash remains under investigation.

"My son touched so many people. He's an amazing boy," his mother, Heidi Leedom, said through tears Monday. She said the news of his death has been like a bad dream from which she can't wake up.

She thought maybe her son was in trouble when a Washington County sheriff's deputy pulled up in front of her house Thursday night.

"I said, 'What's wrong? Is it Sam?' I remember he said, 'I'm so sorry to say this, but your son passed away in an accident,'" she said. "I went numb and then I dropped. I don't remember anything after that. I didn't believe him. I said I wanted to see him."

Leedom was born March 30, 2000, at Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater to Heidi and Christopher Leedom.

"I remember his hair was so thick and curly like his mama," she said. "He hated it."

National Guardsman who served during Minneapolis unrest dies in head-on crash. 'He had great potential,' his sergeant said.

He attended St. Croix Catholic School, Oak Heights Elementary School and graduated from Stillwater High School in 2018.

He loved the outdoors and played several sports. His parents divorced when he was young, and his mother's boyfriend, Bobby Bischoff, taught him how to hunt. He shot his first deer with a bow and arrow at age 13. His grandfather Jack Terhaar took him on several road trips to see the United States, and Bischoff's mother, Susan Bischoff, was his adoptive grandmother who always baked him banana bread.

He leaves behind a half brother, Jady Wright, 25, and a half sister Mackenzie Leedom, 13.

Leedom loved shooting guns and knew he wanted to be in the military one day, his mother said.

At age 17, he enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard and went through boot camp. He graduated from high school in 2018 and completed his training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri that summer. He served with the Guard in the 34th Military Police Company in Stillwater while also working a factory job. Due to COVID-19, he had recently been laid off from his job, so he took up the DoorDash position as temporary work, his mother said.

His family and his instructors at the Guard described him as someone who never met a stranger and didn't mind hard work.

"He'd be the life of the party," his mother said. "He's got that million-dollar smile. He's a jokester, a smart ass. He touched everybody."

"He was not one to sit down," said Sgt. Brad Anderson. "He was striving to become a leader. He wanted to be a leader in the worst way."

According to Capt. Troy Davidson, commander of the 34th Military Police Company, Leedom "recently answered the call to state active duty in support of the civil unrest in the Twin Cities. Samuel's presence in our formation will be severely missed."

Heidi remembers the day he got the call to go work in Minneapolis when violence erupted following the Memorial Day death of **George Floyd** in police custody.

"The adrenaline I could see on my kid's face, the excitement, being leery of what he was going to be going into," she said. "I said, 'Drive safely.' He stayed until the middle of June."

Anderson had been impressed with Leedom's easygoing way with people and his eager commitment to serving his country.

"He was a very social kid," Anderson said. "He lit up a room. He loved to talk to people. He continuously asked to be able to train in different aspects. He never hesitated. He was up and ready to go at a moment's notice. He had great potential."

Leedom's mother found that when her son joined the Guard she inherited a family.

"The Guard has been so amazing," she said.

National Guardsman who served during Minneapolis unrest dies in head-on crash. 'He had great potential,' his sergeant said.

The Hall Family Foundation will be hosting its [Veterans Honor Annual Golf Classic](#) on Aug. 8 at White Eagle Golf Course in Hudson, Wis. The foundation told Heidi Leedom they plan to use \$10,000 of the funds raised as a scholarship in Leedom's name to go toward the education of a new recruit.

Leedom's unit is set to ship out to Cuba Aug. 10. But before they go, they'll say goodbye to him during a closed memorial service Aug. 9 at the Stillwater Armory.

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Graphic

Samuel Leedom, 20, of Oak Park Heights, was killed Thursday, July 16, 2020 in a head-on crash in West Lakeland Township. He was a member of the Minnesota National Guard and served in the 34th Military Police Company, Third Platoon, First Squad in Stillwater. (Courtesy of the Leedom family)

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IMMUNIZATIONS

As the world awaits a vaccine for COVID-19, vaccination rates for preventable childhood diseases have plummeted in Minnesota and across the country. In May, state health officials reported a staggering 70% drop in measles vaccinations given, compared with one year ago. Unless we reverse this troubling trend, we could find ourselves fighting vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks this fall alongside COVID-19 and influenza.

We have a good idea why immunization rates have dropped. Parents are hesitant to take their children to the doctor; some have lost jobs and/or health insurance coverage; and some clinics needed to close or scale back services. But many pediatricians' offices have taken significant measures to ensure patient safety, such as designating separate locations or times of day for well-child and sick-child visits, requiring face masks for staff and patients, and even establishing drive-up sites for vaccinations. These efforts are commendable and should give parents the assurance they need to access critical preventive services for their children.

Childhood diseases like measles can spread rapidly if immunization rates drop below the crucial number required for herd immunity. If we've learned anything from COVID-19, it's that protecting on another from infectious disease depends on our individual and collective efforts. We don't know how long it will be until a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is available, but we do know there are safe and effective vaccines at our disposal to protect our children and our communities from measles, whooping cough and many other illnesses. I implore parents to get their children's immunizations up to date to ensure the pandemic does not usher in epidemics of vaccine-preventable diseases in our communities.

Catherine London, Minneapolis

FIFTH DISTRICT RACE

The money and motivations backing Omar, Melton-Meaux

A common theme of recent articles (such as "Omar challenger draws big money," July 15), op-ed pieces and letters to the editor regarding Antone Melton-Meaux's challenge to U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar in the Fifth

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District primary is that supporters of Melton-Meaux say little or nothing about their reasons for supporting his candidacy, other than that he's running as a Democrat and that he's not Ilhan Omar.

I know why I've voted for Omar in 2018 and 2020. I did so because, like her, I believe that health care, food, shelter and education are human rights. Like her, I believe that human rights should form the foundation of the foreign policy of the United States (anyone who wants to know where Rep. Omar is coming from when she advocates for the human rights of Palestinians and Yemenis should view her Feb. 13, 2019, questioning of the infamous Elliott Abrams regarding his activities in Central America during the Reagan administration - it's on YouTube).

Like Rep. Omar, I believe that the climate emergency requires the comprehensive and equitable approaches that comprise the Green New Deal. Like Omar, I believe that fundamental changes in policing are urgently needed and must involve the federal government as well as states and municipalities.

Omar's critics fault her for being insufficiently "focused on the Fifth," as if a \$15 minimum wage, Medicare for All, free public universities, and guarantees of food and housing would not benefit residents of the district. Those who allege that Omar has not used her time in Congress effectively might want to take a look at the Homes for All Act that she introduced, a massive program designed to ensure housing for all Americans. I stand with Ilhan because she is my voice in Congress.

Clifford Kashtan, St. Louis Park

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In "Omar challenger draws big money," the reasons given for Antone Melton-Meaux's successful fundraising is due to outside groups angered at Omar's anti-Semitic tropes, not-infrequent attacks on the president and her criticism of lobbying groups in politics.

What the article doesn't mention is that people in the Fifth District are disgusted with her because she speaks in platitudes, with no realistic policy suggestions. Last month her response at a rally immediately after the **George Floyd** murder was not a voice of calm, but "the Minneapolis Police is rotten to the root ... dismantle it ... allow for something beautiful to rise." Well, amid an increase in violence, we are now seeing what dismantling could look like.

Omar also creates more problems for Biden and the Democratic Party when, as our congresswoman, she proclaims "transform every aspect of American society." Is that what the people of the Fifth District and our nation want rather than thoughtful, measured changes? At the same time, we hear nothing about her working on our behalf to get funding from the federal government to build the Southwest light-rail line or from FEMA, as Gov. Tim Walz has tried to do, to help rebuild Minneapolis.

These are the reasons many in the Fifth are supporting Melton-Meaux, who will work for our district and not use the position for personal fame.

Deborah Deutsch, Minneapolis

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Hypocrisy and self-interest have led Melton-Meaux to attack Omar as a "divider" and lean on corporate interests and conservative donors to oust her. To one of his supporters who took offense to the idea that he has Republican donors because they are not one, facts are facts. Melton-Meaux has taken millions of dollars

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of corporate money and high-dollar donations, including from Republican donors, and your donations do not change that fact. To the detractors of Ilhan Omar who are not willing to let her apologize for her mistakes, but are willing to support Melton-Meaux, who thinks the assistance of our African-immigrant communities is focusing on Africa instead of the Fifth District, please take a moment to think about which candidate is really the divider in this primary.

Paul Villerius, Minneapolis

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The July 13 counterpoint "Big money is behind challenges to Omar" has the politics of a vote for Omar backward. I believe that President Donald Trump is an existential threat to this country. His dishonesty has been demonstrated repeatedly. Yet I am a relatively small, three-figure donor to Antone Melton-Meaux, otherwise uninvolved in his campaign. I've never met him. But he appears to be a dream candidate to represent Minneapolis in Congress.

I have very much hoped that the only prominent person lacking integrity on the ballot would be the president. But Rep. Omar has demonstrated that she cannot pass the most basic tests of integrity. Her lack of interest in representing the interests of Minnesota in Congress is demonstrated by her miserable voting record. It is she, not Melton-Meaux, who is the president's ideal candidate. Over and over, her actions and statements give the president fodder for attacks on all Democrats. That, in addition to his demonstrated record of community service, is why I support Melton-Meaux.

Peter Lancaster, Minneapolis

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In the DFL primary for the Fifth Congressional District, Omar's number of missed votes has become an issue. To set the record straight, here are the facts from GovTrack.us. In 2019, Rep. Omar missed 40 of 701 votes and tied for seventh among all 87 freshman House members for the most missed votes. Among her "Squad" colleagues, Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., missed 14 votes in 2019; Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., seven; and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., only two. Omar's fellow Minnesota freshmen Democrats, Angie Craig and Dean Phillips, had perfect attendance. Voters in the Fifth who expect their representative to represent them when the House takes votes have an alternative: Antone Melton-Meaux.

David Aquilina, Richfield

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Reforms could shape chief's fate

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While Minneapolis city leaders decide what their Police Department should look like in the post-George Floyd era, the fate of a popular police chief also hangs in the balance.

Although Eighth Ward Council Member Andrea Jenkins and seven of her colleagues pledged last month to replace the city's police force with a "transformative" public safety system, they admitted they didn't have "all the answers about what a police-free future looks like."

Among the lingering questions is the fate of Medaria Arradondo, the city's first Black police chief. On a City Council wracked by Floyd's death at the hands of police, views differ about what the future may bring.

"In my vision, yes, I see Chief Arradondo as part of a public safety continuum in the city of Minneapolis," said Jenkins, the council vice president. "One of the things that people continue to talk about is that we need police officers that are from the community. Well, our police chief is from the community and understands the realities of Black life, the racism that exists in police culture and in the broader society."

But some of her colleagues could go a different route. They say the chief's fate will depend on a proposed charter amendment that eliminates the requirement to maintain a police force. If the amendment passes, some council members said they could envision a new department that may not include officers and could be led by someone without a law enforcement background.

In interviews, the 12 council members all said they respect Arradondo's vision for the department and agree he should be involved in the conversation about its future. But much depends on the makeup of a new agency.

Council Member Alondra Cano said she supports the chief, but that "the system that we've given him to lead is broken."

Cano, who chairs the council's Public Safety Committee, said she's looking for a clean break. "We don't want anybody who's a licensed police officer to lead that new department," she said. "I'm not interested in replacing one Police Department with a different Police Department."

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One of the strongest voices for doing away with the Police Department is Council Member Steve Fletcher. He opposed Arradondo's request for 400 more officers. But he said he respects Arradondo's vision for what public safety could be.

"He's not diminished in my eyes for having tried to reform a department that probably wasn't reformable," Fletcher said. "I'm certainly not scheming to get rid of him."

The chief's backers say that Arradondo - who got the job when his predecessor, Janeé Harteau, was ousted following an earlier police killing - has made important reforms since taking over as the city's top cop, but that he can't be expected to change the department's 150-plus-year culture in a matter of years.

Last week, the Minneapolis Charter Commission held the first of two public hearings on the police proposal, with most of some 100 speakers voicing support for putting the proposed amendment on the November ballot. Meanwhile, some members of the council expressed ambivalence about Arradondo.

"At the end of the day, whatever ends up happening, is the chief interested in that? And at the time is he the best fit for that? And I don't think we have the best answers for that," said Council Member Andrew Johnson.

A shocking increase in gun violence has added yet another layer of complexity to the debate. But Arradondo still appears to have support among some council members who favor a reconfigured department.

One leading council proponent of disbanding the police force, Jeremiah Ellison, said his concern isn't the chief's leadership, but rather a culture of unaccountability within the department that too often lets bad cops off the hook. It's this culture, Ellison says, that he and his colleagues are trying to end by calling for a drastic rethinking of the department's structure.

"That only supports Rondo (the chief's nickname), that doesn't hurt him in any way," said Ellison, whose ward covers parts of north Minneapolis.

Phillipe Cunningham, another North Side council member, also voiced support for Arradondo, saying he believes the chief "is the right leader to help us reshape law enforcement's role in public safety." But, he added: "To support someone and to support their leadership, it doesn't mean unquestioning, unconditional support."

Council Member Linea Palmisano said that in her view, Arradondo should be an integral part of whatever form public safety takes in the city's future.

"Any successful endeavor is going to require cooperation with our chief," Palmisano said, adding, "I do imagine that some of these things will end up being less in his control than before."

Lisa Goodman, one of the longest tenured council members, said that she has never shied away from criticizing past chiefs, but that she "strongly" supports Arradondo.

"He is the right person to lead whatever public safety function we have going forward," said Goodman, who has kept a far lower profile in the debate over disbanding or defunding the Police Department.

Council President Lisa Bender said she has "full confidence" in Arradondo's ability to lead the department "as it exists today." But she added that the proposed new safety department may well take the city in another direction altogether.

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"It may be that the leader of that work in the future would not be someone from law enforcement - it would be someone from a more holistic public safety background," she said.

Council Member Cam Gordon said he worries about "muddying" the debate around policing with talk of the chief's future. He doesn't want to turn the decision into a referendum on Arradondo, a well-regarded police executive and lifelong Minneapolitan. "He's the chief - nobody's talking about removing him right now, and we can be open-minded about what the future brings," Gordon said.

Council Member Jeremy Schroeder said a lot depends on Arradondo's "commitment to change."

Council Member Kevin Reich, like many of his colleagues, suggested it may just be too early to tell.

"Right now, I would consider Chief Arradondo a pivotal player in the changes that we are making," Reich said. "I could absolutely foresee him playing a strong leadership role. ... But so much of that is to be determined."

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Suburbs in the exurbs

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SUBURBS IN THE EXURBS

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 948 words**Byline:** CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** A cineplex parking lot in St. Michael offered ample room for fans to rattle their bones and swim noodles.**Body**

As one of the Twin Cities' most storied rock bands took the stage in St. Michael on Saturday night, posters hanging behind the stage for "Sonic the Hedgehog," "Call of the Wild" and other winter movies told the story of the gig's odd location - and the unusually long wait for it.

"It's been five [bleeping] months since I stood on a stage!" Chan Poling yelled to a parking lot laced with 250 socially distanced fans in lawn chairs.

For Poling's band, the Suburbs, and its audience outside the 15-screen St. Michael Cinema, live music was temporarily alive and well, and ... well, pretty darn weird.

Still shuttered after four months without films, the exurban movie house - 40 minutes northwest of Minneapolis off Interstate 94 - is the latest venue on the outskirts of the Twin Cities, with equal parts ingenuity, desperation and chutzpah, to start hosting concerts in the era of COVID-19.

Live music isn't new to St. Michael Cinema. In 2015, the cineplex began

hosting concerts inside a big, 200-plush-seat theater that it redubbed Le Musique Room, which sounds a tad cooler than Screen 15. (A note on the website rhetorically translates the fancier name to "the Music Room.")

"It's for older folks like me who want more comfort and high fidelity with their concerts," Le Musique Room manager Tom Pickard explained between bands on Saturday.

After successfully selling music fans on a space more accustomed to buttered popcorn than amplified guitars - the Suburbs and many other veteran Twin Cities acts had already played inside - Pickard and his crew now have to convince audiences they could enjoy a concert safely outside in 2020.

They made a decent case for it Saturday.

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The crowd that turned out for the 6:30 p.m. show was less than a quarter the size of a typical Suburbs audience at downtown Minneapolis' First Avenue (where the band last performed on Valentine's Day) or the Minnesota Zoo amphitheater (among the many summer gigs the band had to cancel).

Fans who bought tickets had to wade through a waiver online asking if they had any COVID-19 symptoms. They were also urged to bring lawn chairs to help ensure proper spacing.

Masks were not required, but most attendees wore them anyway, especially when they walked up to "Le Bar" - "the bar" - or entered the building to use the spacious restrooms.

To help create the mandated 6-foot spacing in front of the stage - housed under a covered atrium outside the front door - organizers handed out swimming pool noodles upon entry.

In the end, though, the noodles wound up being used more as dancing props than safety tools.

"It's my foam dancing partner," Mary Bridges of Anoka quipped after shaking her noodle during the Suburbs' fifth song, "Music for Boys."

(Later on, Poling missed a good opportunity in not substituting "noodles" for "bones" in the even more up-tempo fan favorite "Rattle My Bones.")

Watching from lawn chairs near the back, St. Michael residents Mark and Julie Borowiak said they would consider attending one of the 15 other upcoming concerts outside their neighborhood theater, which include Chris Hawkey, GB Leighton, Mick Sterling, and tributes to Queen, Tom Petty and Led Zeppelin.

"People are being respectful and keeping their distance," Mark Borowiak said. "It's pretty easy to protect yourself."

While the Borowiaks loved the location, at least a few attendees wondered why concerts like this always seem to be on the outskirts of the metro area. The other most prominent outdoor concert series to pop up post-quarantine are the ones outside Crooners Supper Club in Fridley and in a strip-mall parking lot in Burnsville (the Relief Sessions).

"It's weird there aren't other options in town," said Kathy Bardwell of New Hope, "but I'm just happy to be at a rock 'n' roll show, period."

As for the musicians, they didn't seem to mind the site, and they applauded the safety practices there.

"I was pretty nervous about it," admitted Jay DeHut, drummer for opening band Kiss the Tiger, "but it's outside on a breezy night, and everyone is social-distancing. It wound up being a lot of fun."

It also wound up being quite emotional for Kiss the Tiger's singer Meghan Kreidler, who broke into tears between songs while talking about the pandemic and the racial turmoil since George Floyd's death.

"I am joyful to be here but also sad and angry at the world," Kreidler said. "It's an immense privilege to use music as a vehicle."

Poling and his crew mostly let their music do the talking and healing, including a couple new tunes thrown into the mix from a new Suburbs album they've been working on during quarantine. The band also had to cancel many shows last summer and fall while the singer recovered from oral surgery.

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"We were ready for it when this offer came up," Poling said offstage. "It's outdoors with lots of room, so we thought we'd try it as long as people in the audience feel comfortable and safe.

"It's an experiment," he conceded, "but I'm just glad to finally be playing again."

The hard question remains, though, when and where the band will get to play again.

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Le Musique Room's outdoor concerts

July 23: Xpedition tribute to Journey, Kansas, Styx.

July 24: Crown Jewels tribute to Queen.

July 25: Born to Run: Mick Sterling tribute to Bruce Springsteen.

July 31: Zed Leppelin.

Aug. 1: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, by Ladies of the 80's.

Aug. 7: Daisy Dillman tribute to CSNY.

Aug. 8: Tom Petty tribute band Free Fallin'.

Aug. 12-13: Fabulous Armadillos tribute to the Eagles.

Aug. 15: GB Leighton.

Aug. 27: Mick Sterling tribute to Billy Joel.

Aug. 28: Chris Hawkey Band.

Location: St. Michael Cinema, 4300 O'Day Av. off I-94.

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Tensions rise with Russia and China

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TENSIONS RISE WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA

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On Thursday, the United States, United Kingdom and Canada alleged that hackers tied to Russian intelligence agencies are targeting Western entities working on a coronavirus vaccine.

A day before, in just the latest sign of Sino-American tension, it was reported that the Trump administration was mulling a travel ban for members of the Chinese Communist Party, as well as their families.

These events are just the most recent episodes in a series of intensifying divisions between the U.S. and its two major geopolitical rivals, Russia and China. There are other, equally fraught fractures factoring into the divides.

With China, this includes several trade-related disputes, as well as Beijing's bellicose approach to its own citizens in Western China and Hong Kong. Abroad, Chinese troops recently had deadly clashes with Indian forces along a disputed border, and the nation continues its historic hostility to Taiwan, as well as more recent aggression in the South China Sea, where China's maritime claims were officially declared unlawful by the State Department last week. Adding to the martial tensions are technological fissures, reflected in the U.K.'s joining the U.S. in banning China's Huawei from use in the developing 5G wireless network.

Ongoing U.S.-Russian divisions can be seen in several issues, including enduring election interference. Meanwhile, lethal militarism in Ukraine, Crimea, Syria and elsewhere, as well as allegations of Russian bounties on U.S. forces in Afghanistan, strain Washington-Moscow ties.

Add to that arms control, which has been spinning out of control in recent years. "The framework we inherited from U.S.-Soviet competition is practically gone," Eugene Rumer, a former national intelligence officer who is now the director of the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said during a webinar last week. If so, the U.S. and Russia "will be in an unrestrained, unrestricted arms race with a host of new technologies entering the strategic stability equation. That will be likely be highly destabilizing."

Stabilization on this or other issues with Russia and China might not be able to rely on formerly reliable Cold War constructs. The three nations are "not part of a dynamic triangle, where the U.S. can play one off the other," said Aaron David Miller, a senior fellow at Carnegie. "The Sino-Russian partnership is a good

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deal more than an access of convenience, and one of - if not the - principle adhesives in that relationship is an effort to check U.S. influence regionally and globally."

This adhesive is based on two factors, said Susan Thornton, a former diplomat who is now a senior fellow at Yale Law School. Economics, with the Chinese the "unbalanced driver of the train, which may be a bit uncomfortable for Russia," as well as "the convergence of attitudes of the two governments about what the West and the U.S. is doing." In this component, the Kremlin is more the driver, Thornton said.

The pandemic may be global, but the U.S. political debate about it is mostly domestic, especially because of President Donald Trump's reckless response to the crisis. Other vital stateside issues - including one literally originating here at home with the death of George Floyd - like social justice are appropriately paramount to voters.

But foreign policy should not get eclipsed in the campaign, and the debate must go beyond who's "soft" on China and Russia to who's smart about them.

That means recognizing reality. The U.S.-Russia bilateral relationship is "the worst since the Cold War," said Rumer. Likewise, the U.S.-China bilateral relationship has devolved to "managed enmity," said Evan Feigenbaum, vice president for studies at Carnegie. "The two sides are not only not working together, they are actively obstructing each other and doing it without some guardrails."

Fortunately, the U.S. has some longstanding alliances to better respond to the Russian and Chinese challenges. Unfortunately, many of these relationships are severely strained because Trump has either not tended to them, or tended to alienate these allies through unproductive provocations.

The U.S., said Feigenbaum, has "an attitude but not a strategy." Now, more than ever, voters should consider both the president's and presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden's strategy, and not just attitude, on responding to Russia and China.

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Thrift stores reopen - with restrictions

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THRIFT STORES REOPEN - WITH RESTRICTIONS

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Minnesotans can finally bring the piles accumulating in garages and storage rooms to thrift stores without an hourslong wait.

Nearly all of the thrift and secondhand stores are now reopened after stay-home restrictions surrounding the coronavirus forced them to shutter from March to late May.

And they now report a more steady flow of traffic to drop off items. Those that have been open are reporting stronger sales than last year but with fewer customers, so several are offering sales to increase business.

One has expanded. Habitat for Humanity ReStore in New Brighton added 50% more space after a neighboring business vacated.

"Due to COVID, we couldn't really plan for a gangbusters grand reopening with a brass band and balloons," said Pete O'Keefe, ReStore director.

The Minneapolis ReStore reopened later because of minor damage from protests in the area. Both stores are discounting everything 20% through Labor Day.

Representatives at Goodwill, Arc's Value

Village and Salvation Army, the largest of the Twin Cities nonprofit thrift stores, report that wait times for drop-off in the past week rarely exceeded 15 minutes.

"Our epic donations surge has leveled out now and donors can expect 15-minute max wait at Richfield, and just a few minutes at New Hope and Bloomington donation doors," said Molly King, marketing manager for Arc's Value Village stores.

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Many retail shops, including thrifts, have been slow to reopen as they navigate mandated safety precautions for customers and employees. And donating is not as easy as before, with limits on hours and merchandise accepted.

Old School by Steeple People in Minneapolis opened last week but reduced its hours and accepts donations only on Wednesdays.

Assistance League Thrift Shop in Richfield reopened Wednesday with shorter hours. It also will likely not accept donations until August because the store is overstocked after being closed in the spring.

The store also has other precautions. With permission, customers' hands are sprayed with sanitizer upon entering.

"We're being overly cautious," said shop manager Dana Badgerow. "We're an all-volunteer organization and to keep our volunteers safe, we're only doing two-hour shifts."

Tech Dump in Golden Valley, which accepts used electronics to recycle or resell at little or no cost, now accepts only credit cards. No cash is accepted at the store, which saw record drop-offs in June.

St. Vincent de Paul in St. Paul is back in business, but not the Minneapolis store. Manager Julene Maruska estimates it will be back in August, but she remains tentative. Donations are also on hold.

"Things change week to week, but as of now we aren't taking any donations," she said. "We've suspended our pickup service too, but hope to resume in August. Call ahead because my crystal ball is not functioning right now."

Half-Price Books is limiting the amount of items brought in to sell because of a smaller staff and quarantine requirements.

In May, donors sat in their cars for up to two hours and lines of cars snaked around the block at Arc's Value Village. The store is still trying to manage drop-offs. They are accepted only from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

The Goodwill store on University Avenue in St. Paul is still closed after damage caused by rioting after the police killing of **George Floyd** on Memorial Day. It's expected to reopen in mid-August, according to Brent Babcock, chief sales and marketing officer for Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota.

As in the retail sector as whole, several thrift stores will not reopen because of the economics of COVID-19. This follows the closure of several secondhand stores in the past few years, including Savers in Minneapolis and Bloomington, Valu Thrift in St. Paul and the Arc's Value Village location in St. Paul.

The Salvation Army, which operates 10 Twin Cities locations, has decided not to reopen its locations in Cloquet, Morris, Faribault and Fairmont. "We couldn't see a way to profitability in those stores after COVID," said Dan Furry, communications director for the Northern Division.

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Hennepin County judge lifts gag order in George Floyd criminal case

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[HENNEPIN COUNTY JUDGE LIFTS GAG ORDER IN GEORGE FLOYD CRIMINAL CASE](#)

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Highlight: A Hennepin County judge on Tuesday lifted a gag order in the criminal case against four former officers charged in death of [George Floyd](#), but said he would take under advisement a news media coalition's request to make body camera footage more widely available. In announcing his ruling, District Court Judge Peter Cahill said he [...]

Body

A Hennepin County judge on Tuesday lifted a gag order in the criminal case against four former officers charged in death of [George Floyd](#), but said he would take under advisement a news media coalition's request to make body camera footage more widely available.

In announcing his ruling, District Court Judge Peter Cahill said he agreed with defense attorneys' arguments that a gag order would be unfair to their clients and limit their ability to defend against negative publicity.

Cahill also said the gag order wasn't working, adding that certain parties were attempting to "tiptoe around the order," and some media outlets spoke to anonymous sources. The judge said attorneys would still be subject to Minnesota court rules relating to pretrial publicity and professional conduct.

Also on Tuesday, Cahill ruled that he would not hold the lead prosecutor in the case, Attorney General Keith Ellison, in contempt of court as two defense attorneys requested. Cahill determined that a statement Ellison made when he announced that additional attorneys would be assisting the prosecution was innocuous and did not violate the gag order.

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after [Derek Chauvin](#), a white police officer, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Three other officers who were at the scene, [Tou Thao](#), [Thomas Lane](#) and J. Kueng, are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired.

Police body camera videos were filed with the court this month by Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, as part of a request to have Lane's case dismissed. Gray said he wanted the videos to be made public- prompting Cahill to issue the gag order barring attorneys and parties from discussing the case.

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Cahill made the videos available for in-person, by-appointment viewing only.

Leita Walker, an attorney for the news media coalition which includes the Associated Press, and Gray both argued Tuesday for wider dissemination of the body camera footage. Walker said making the footage widely available would not further harm the court's effort to impanel a jury because the public already has access to bystander video, transcripts of the footage and reporting by press who watched the videos.

"This case has international interest. To expect every member of the media to fly to Minneapolis and schedule an appointment ... during quarantine is a de facto sealing," Walker told the judge.

Speaking to reporters after the hearing, Walker said: "The media coalition's view is that there's a lot of stuff already out there and the public is entitled to a complete picture ... the media can only report a full story if it's able to see everything and talk to both sides."

Gray argued in court that the news media has been unfair to his client, and body camera footage would clear up some misrepresentations. He alleged the body camera footage shows Floyd stuffed counterfeit bills in his car seat and put drugs in his mouth. Two AP writers who viewed the body camera footage at the courthouse last week did not see Floyd put drugs in his mouth, as Gray described.

Assistant Attorney General Matthew Frank argued for the prosecution that releasing the body camera footage could have a negative impact on impaneling an impartial jury.

The issue of whether audio and visual coverage of the trial will be allowed was also discussed at the hearing. The defendants' attorneys made no objection. Frank said prosecutors will weigh in on that issue later.

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Graphic

Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, **Derek Chauvin**, **Tou Thao**, **Thomas Lane** and **J. Alexander Kueng**

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Body found in ruins of burned pawnshop

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BODY FOUND IN RUINS OF BURNED PAWNSHOP

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Highlight: Tip led to search, months after building was set ablaze during riots.

Body

Authorities found the charred body of a man in the wreckage of a south Minneapolis pawnshop, nearly two months after the building was torched in the rioting that followed **George Floyd's** death.

Investigators from the **Minneapolis Police Department**, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the state fire marshal's division were acting on a tip when they discovered the body Monday morning in the rubble of Max It Pawn, at 2726 E. Lake St., according to Police Department spokesman John Elder.

"The body appears to have suffered thermal injury and we do have somebody charged with setting fire to that place," said Elder, adding that city homicide detectives had taken over the investigation. He said that the victim's identity would be released by medical examiners after an autopsy is completed, along with the precise cause and manner of death.

The site is several blocks east of the shuttered Third Precinct police station, the epicenter of the protests that broke out after Floyd's death May 25 under the knee of a since-fired city police officer. That officer, **Derek Chauvin**, is charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter, and three other officers at the scene, **J. Alexander Kueng**, **Thomas Lane** and **Tou Thao**, are charged with aiding and abetting Chauvin.

Details about the circumstances and timeline of the case remained hazy Monday, but a police news release suggested that the man died in the blaze that destroyed the building on May 28.

A 25-year-old Rochester man, Montez Terrill Lee, was federally charged last month with arson in connection with the fire.

According to the criminal complaint against Lee, ATF investigators received video from an anonymous source of an arson that occurred at the pawnshop. In the first clip, a masked man, later identified as Lee, is seen pouring liquid from a metal container throughout the pawnshop. A second video shows Lee standing in front of the burning pawnshop saying "[Expletive] this place. We're gonna burn this [expletive] down."

Body found in ruins of burned pawnshop

Ashlee Sherrill, a spokesperson for the ATF, said that she couldn't comment on what remained an open case. The agency has opened dozens of arson investigations into incidents that occurred during the unrest.

"The ATF is continuing to work these arson investigations across the Twin Cities and following up on these leads as they become available," she said.

Several days after that fire, firefighters scoured the remains of a nearby liquor store after witnesses reported that someone inside hadn't made it out when the building was torched. But their search didn't turn up anything. It wasn't clear whether the two reports are connected, as the apparently missing man from the liquor store was never identified publicly.

If the death is ruled a homicide, it would be the city's 36th of the year - compared with 18 at this time last year.

It would also be at least the second fatality connected to the riots. In the first, John Rieple, 59, the owner of Cadillac Pawn at 1538 E. Lake St., was arrested after shooting and killing a man outside of his business, but was later released. No charges have been filed. Relatives of the victim, Calvin "Chuck" Horton Jr., 43, has cast doubt on the initial account that Horton was killed while looting the store.

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Minneapolis police experience surge of departures in aftermath of George Floyd protests

ARTICLE MCCLXVIII. ***MINNEAPOLIS POLICE EXPERIENCE SURGE OF DEPARTURES IN AFTERMATH OF GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS***

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Body

MINNEAPOLIS - Nearly two months after four of its officers were charged with killing *George Floyd*, the *Minneapolis Police Department* is reeling, with police officers leaving the job in large numbers, crime surging and politicians planning a top-to-bottom overhaul of the force.

Veteran officers say that morale within the department is lower than they have ever experienced. Some officers are scaling back their policing efforts, concerned that any contentious interactions on the street could land them in trouble. And many others are calling it quits altogether.

"It's almost like a nuclear bomb hit the city, and the people who didn't perish are standing around," Officer Rich Walker Sr., a 16-year Minneapolis police veteran and union official, said of the mood within the department. "I'm still surprised that we've got cops showing up to work, to be honest."

Many American police departments have faced challenges in retention and recruitment in recent years amid growing criticism of police abuses. But the woes in Minneapolis and elsewhere have only grown since May, when Floyd was killed after the police detained him.

Nearly 200 officers have applied to leave the *Minneapolis Police Department* because of what they describe as post-traumatic stress, said Ronald F. Meuser Jr., a lawyer representing the officers. The prospect that a department of about 850 could lose about 20% of its force in the coming months has prompted major concern.

Already, about 65 officers have left the department this year, surpassing the typical attrition rate of 45 a year, Chief Medaria Arradondo told the city council during a meeting last week. Dozens of other officers have taken temporary leave since Floyd's death, complicating the staffing picture.

Minneapolis' police force has long had a troubled relationship with the community. Excessive force complaints against Minneapolis officers have become commonplace, especially by Black residents. African Americans account for about 20% of the city's population, but they are more likely to be pulled over, arrested and have force used against them than white residents.

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Cmdr. Scott Gerlicher, head of the Special Operations and Intelligence Division, wrote in an email to supervisors this month that, "Due to significant staffing losses of late," the department was "looking at all options" for responding to calls, including shift, schedule and organizational changes.

The email, a copy of which was obtained by The New York Times, also said the department would not "be going back to business as usual." The guiding principle going forward, Gerlicher wrote, would be to "do no harm," and he highlighted potential reforms, including, "Looking for reasonable and safe alternatives to police services in some areas."

"Front line supervisors play the most critical role in making meaningful changes," he wrote. "Don't take this lightly."

With fewer officers to patrol, some of those on the streets find themselves stretched thin and working longer hours. Complaints about the lack of support from politicians, community members and even department commanders are part of the daily conversation in precincts and squad cars.

For years, police departments nationwide have faced a workforce crisis, according to a report published last year by the Police Executive Research Forum. In a survey of more than 400 departments nationwide, the forum found that 63% of them saw a slight or significant decrease in the number of applicants over the previous five years, 41% had growing staff shortages and nearly half reported that officer tenures were decreasing.

The current climate differs from six years ago - when the police killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, sparked national unrest - in that the demands are not just to reform police departments, but to get rid of them, said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the forum.

Many activists see an overdue reckoning for an institution that they say has long gotten away with brutalizing people of color with impunity.

"Policing as an institution has largely been untouchable, despite the many, many, many failings that are cultural," said Jeremiah Ellison, a Minneapolis City Council member who supports defunding the police. "Here we are in a moment where people all over the country are saying, 'No, no, no, no, no, we are interested in real accountability.'"

Instead of embracing change, Ellison added, the police are saying, "You're picking on us, you don't know how hard our job is and we're going home."

Several officers in Minneapolis said they felt like they all were being stereotyped because of ***Derek Chauvin***, the white former officer who knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes before Floyd died.

"If anything has the propensity to have a violent interaction, we already know we're judged before they even hear the facts," said Walker, whose stop of a motorist 11 years ago led to a lawsuit that the city settled for \$235,000 after several responding officers punched and kicked the driver in an episode captured on video.

To Sasha Cotton, director of the Office of Violence Prevention in Minneapolis, there is a cruel irony to officers saying they feel stereotyped. Her office regularly works with Black men and boys to try to keep them out of violence.

"Our officers are experiencing what so often our young men and boys, who we service through the program, say they feel," she said. "They feel like they are being judged based on the behavior of some of their peers."

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Minneapolis officers say that much of their frustration is rooted in uncertainty over what comes next. A majority of city council members have pledged to defund the Police Department, and they are currently in the process of trying to replace the agency with a new public safety department.

Many officers say they feel like city leaders and some residents have turned their backs on them, making them less inclined to go "above and beyond what they need to do," said Walker, the union official.

"Cops have not been to the work level of before, but it's not a slowdown," he added. "They're just not being as proactive because they know they're not supported in case something bad happens."

Officers said they were also concerned about their job security.

Sgt. Anna Hedberg, a 14-year Minneapolis police veteran and board member of the Minneapolis Police Federation, the union representing officers, said a colleague recently told her he had another job opportunity. He has been on the force for six years, but it takes 10 years to be fully vested in his pension, so he was unsure whether he should leave.

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The tensions between the city and its Police Department come as crime is on the rise. There have been 16 homicides since June 1, more than twice as many as during the same period last year. Violent crime is up by 20% compared with the same stretch a year ago. Experts say there are many reasons for the spike, not just police staffing levels.

For one senior officer on leave because of PTSD symptoms, the problems started when he could not sleep after long nights of work during the unrest following Floyd's death. Eventually he got headaches, he said, and lost his appetite and desire to do anything.

"We were stepchildren. We were abandoned," said the officer, who asked that his name be withheld because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

He saw a therapist, who told him he should take time off. He is torn about whether he will return.

"I'm coming back to chaos," he said. "I'm coming back to no leadership. I'm coming back to an administration that doesn't care about the officers. I'm coming back to a City Council that doesn't want us here. I'm coming back to a family, or a community, that doesn't want me here. Why do I want to come back to that?"

Many officers are on edge in part because they believe that Arradondo and other senior department leaders have not provided clear direction to the rank and file, Hedberg said.

"They're waking up the next day: 'Is it going to be the day I get transferred? Is it the day my unit's going to be dissolved?'" she said. "People are concerned about it."

John Elder, a spokesman for the department, said in an email: "We have not heard those complaints; in fact I have received compliments from staff about the support from the front office."

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While many officers express anxiety about the future, Officer Charles Adams III said he supported the efforts of Arradondo, the first Black officer to lead the force.

Although Adams has felt unsupported by the community and demoralized at times - especially after he was removed from his job as a school resource officer when the school district ended its contract with the Police Department - he said thoughts of leaving the force never crossed his mind.

"Now is not the time for us to run away," said Adams, a 19-year veteran and native of the city's predominantly Black North Side.

"I'm a Black face. I can be out there," he added. "I wear blue, but let's talk: 'What do you want to see done? How can I help you?' I think it's my opportunity to give people what they've been asking for." [Shooting near Mears Park injures 1 Sunday night](#) [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#) [Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case](#) [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#)

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Facing federal agents, Portland protests find new momentum

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FACING FEDERAL AGENTS, PORTLAND PROTESTS FIND NEW MOMENTUM

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Body

PORTLAND, Ore. - Mardy Widman has watched protests against racial injustice unfold in her hometown of Portland, Oregon, for more than seven weeks but stayed away because, at age 79, she feared contracting the coronavirus.

But that calculus changed for Widman when President Donald Trump sent federal law enforcement agents to the liberal city to quell violent demonstrations - a tactic he's said he'll use for other cities. On Monday, a masked Widman was in the street with more than 1,000 other Portlanders - a far larger crowd than the city had seen in recent days, as it entered its eighth week of nightly protests.

"It's like a dictatorship," Widman, a grandmother of five, said, holding up a sign that read: "Grammy says: Please feds, leave Portland."

"I mean, that he can pick on our city mostly because of the way we vote and make an example of it for his base is very frightening," she said.

Far from tamping down the unrest, the presence of federal agents on the streets of Portland - and particularly allegations they have whisked people away in unmarked cars without probable cause - has given new momentum and a renewed, laser-sharp focus to protests that had begun to devolve into smaller, chaotic crowds. The use of federal agents against the will of local officials has also set up the potential for a constitutional crisis - and one that could escalate if Trump sends federal agents elsewhere, as he says he plans to do.

Federal forces were deployed to Portland in early July, and tensions have grown since then: first, on July 11, when a protester was hospitalized with critical injuries after a U.S. Marshals Service officer struck him in the head with a round of what's known as less-lethal ammunition.

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Then, anger flared again over the weekend after video surfaced of a federal agent hitting a U.S. Navy veteran repeatedly with a baton while another agent sprays him in the face with pepper spray. Principal Deputy Director of the Federal Protective Service Richard Cline said at a news conference Tuesday that the officers were members of the U.S. Marshals, and the Department of Justice inspector general is investigating.

Crowds in Portland had recently numbered fewer than 100 people but swelled to more than 1,000 over the weekend - and they are once again attracting a broader base in a city that's increasingly unified and outraged.

Federal agents again used force to scatter protesters early Tuesday and deployed tear gas and rubber bullets as some in the crowd banged on the doors of the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse and attempted to pull plywood off the shuttered entryway. The courthouse, which has been a focus of protests, is now covered with graffiti and boarded up, with only thin slits in the plywood to be used as peepholes.

The Portland Police Bureau said in a statement that some protesters lit fires in the street and tried several times to light fires at the courthouse doors.

"It is time for the Trump troops to go home and focus their attention on other activities," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, said on MSNBC.

State and local authorities, who didn't ask for federal help, are awaiting a decision in a state lawsuit that seeks to restrain the federal agents' actions. State Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said in court papers that masked federal agents have arrested people on the street, far from the courthouse, with no probable cause and whisked them away in unmarked cars.

The federal government faces another lawsuit, filed Tuesday in federal court by The Western States Center, two state representatives and others who argue federal agents violated protesters' 10th Amendment rights because they engaged in police activities that are designated to local and state governments.

On Tuesday, federal agencies defended their agents' actions in Portland, while detailing the tactics they said had been used against them. According to the Justice Department, some in the crowd outside the courthouse this weekend used radio frequency jammers and shot pellet and Airsoft guns to injure officers. The department is also investigating "suspicious devices" outside the courthouse that could have caused "serious harm to those in the building," spokesperson Kerri Kupec said.

Some of the demonstrators also tried to barricade federal officers inside the courthouse and attempted to set the building on fire, Kupec said.

In a news conference in Washington, acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said agents have been assaulted with lasers, bats, fireworks, bottles and other weapons and "yet the city of Portland takes little to no action."

Wolf said the agency has clear authority to protect government property and detain people suspected of threatening personnel or damaging that property. He disputed that unidentified agents have arrested people, noting they have the word "police" on their uniforms and added that officers wear camouflage, as they do when they work on the border.

"These police officers are not storm troopers, they are not Gestapo. That description is offensive," Wolf said.

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While federal authorities can enforce federal laws on federal property, state and local officials say the agents have operated beyond their jurisdiction. Constitutional law experts said federal officers' actions are "unprecedented" and a "red flag" in what could become a test case of states' rights as the Trump administration expands federal policing.

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Homeland Security plans to deploy about 150 of its agents to Chicago to help local law enforcement deal with a spike in crime, according to an official with direct knowledge of the plans who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The Trump administration also sent more than 100 federal law enforcement officers to Kansas City, Missouri, to help quell a rise in violence after the shooting death of a young boy there.

For days after the death of **George Floyd** - a Black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into his neck - protests against racial injustice in Portland attracted thousands and were largely peaceful, though smaller groups vandalized federal property, local law enforcement buildings, and have clashed violently with local police.

Portland police used tear gas on multiple occasions until a federal court order banned its officers from doing so without declaring a riot. Now, anger is building as federal officers deploy tear gas.

As crowds have swelled again in Portland, most prominent among them now are the Wall of Moms and PDX Dad Pod, self-described parents who have shown up each night since the weekend by the hundreds, wearing yellow T-shirts and bicycle helmets and ski goggles for protection and carrying sunflowers.

Some wielded leaf blowers Monday night to help disperse tear gas as they marched down a major downtown street and joined up with several hundred **Black Lives Matter** protesters in front of the federal courthouse.

"It's appalling to me, and it's a unifying thing. Nobody wants them here," said Eryn Hoerster, a mother of two children, ages 4 and 8, who was attending her first nighttime protest.

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Federal agents, local streets: A 'red flag' in Oregon

ARTICLE MCCLXX. [**FEDERAL AGENTS, LOCAL STREETS: A 'RED FLAG' IN OREGON**](#)

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Body

By GILLIAN FLACCUS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Federal officers' actions at protests in Oregon's largest city, hailed by President Donald Trump but done without local consent, are raising the prospect of a constitutional crisis - one that could escalate as weeks of demonstrations find renewed focus in clashes with camouflaged, unidentified agents outside Portland's U.S. courthouse.

Demonstrators crowded in front of the U.S. federal courthouse and the city's Justice Center late Monday night, before authorities cleared them out as the loud sound and light of flash bang grenades filled the sky.

State and local authorities, who didn't ask for federal help, are awaiting a ruling in a lawsuit filed late last week. State Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said in court papers that masked federal officers have arrested people on the street, far from the courthouse, with no probable cause and whisked them away in unmarked cars.

Trump says he plans to send federal agents to other cities, too.

"We're going to have more federal law enforcement, that I can tell you," Trump said Monday. "In Portland, they've done a fantastic job. They've been there three days, and they really have done a fantastic job in a very short period of time."

Constitutional law experts said federal officers' actions in the progressive city are a "red flag" in what could become a test case of states' rights as the Trump administration expands federal policing.

"The idea that there's a threat to a federal courthouse and the federal authorities are going to swoop in and do whatever they want to do without any cooperation and coordination with state and local authorities is extraordinary outside the context of a civil war," said Michael Dorf, a professor of constitutional law at Cornell University.

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"It is a standard move of authoritarians to use the pretext of quelling violence to bring in force, thereby prompting a violent response and then bootstrapping the initial use of force in the first place," Dorf said.

Homeland Security was planning to deploy about 150 of its agents to Chicago, according to an official with direct knowledge of the plans who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

They were expected to stay in Chicago at least two months and could be deployed to other locations at some point, the official said. Homeland Security said in a statement that the department does not comment on "allegedly leaked operations."

The ACLU of Oregon has sued in federal court over the agents' presence in Portland, and the organization's Chicago branch said it would similarly oppose a federal presence.

"This is a democracy, not a dictatorship," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, said on Twitter. "We cannot have secret police abducting people in unmarked vehicles. I can't believe I have to say that to the President of the United States."

The Department of Homeland Security tweeted that federal agents were barricaded in Portland's U.S. courthouse at one point and had lasers pointed at their eyes in an attempt to blind them.

"Portland is rife with violent anarchists assaulting federal officers and federal buildings," the tweet said. "This isn't a peaceful crowd. These are federal crimes."

Top leaders in the U.S. House said Sunday that they were "alarmed" by the Trump administration's tactics in Portland and other cities. They have called on federal inspectors general to investigate.

Trump, who's called the protesters "anarchists and agitators," said the DHS and Justice Department agents are on hand to restore order at the courthouse and help Portland.

Nightly protests, which began after George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police, have devolved into violence.

The Trump administration's actions run counter to the usual philosophies of American conservatives, who typically treat state and local rights with great sanctity and have long been deeply wary of the federal government - particularly its armed agents - interceding in most situations.

But Trump has shown that his actions don't always reflect traditional conservatism - particularly when politics, and in this case an impending election, are in play.

One prominent Republican, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who is from the libertarian-leaning flank of the party, criticized federal policing.

"We cannot give up liberty for security. Local law enforcement can and should be handling these situations in our cities but there is no place for federal troops or unidentified federal agents rounding people up at will," Paul said in a tweet Monday.

The protests have roiled Portland for 52 nights. Many rallies have attracted thousands and been largely peaceful. But smaller groups of up to several hundred people have focused on federal property and local

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law enforcement buildings, at times setting fires to police precincts, smashing windows and clashing violently with local police.

Portland police used tear gas on multiple occasions until a federal court order banned its officers from doing so without declaring a riot. Now, concern is growing that the tear gas is being used against demonstrators by federal officers instead.

Anger at the federal presence escalated on July 11, when a protester was hospitalized with critical injuries after a U.S. Marshals Service officer struck him in the head with a less-lethal round. Video shows the man, identified as Donovan LaBella, standing across the street from the officers holding a speaker over his head when he was hit.

Court documents filed in cases against protesters show that federal officers have posted lookouts on the upper stories of the courthouse and have plainclothes officers circulating in the crowd. Court papers in a federal case against a man accused of shining a laser in the eyes of Federal Protective Service agents show that Portland police turned him over to U.S. authorities after federal officers identified him.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, who's has been under fire for his handling of the protests, said on national TV talk shows Sunday that the demonstrations were dwindling before federal officers engaged.

"They are sharply escalating the situation. Their presence here is actually leading to more violence and more vandalism. And it's not helping the situation at all," Wheeler said on CNN's "State of the Union."

"They're not wanted here. We haven't asked them here," Wheeler said. "In fact, we want them to leave."

Indeed, crowds of demonstrators had begun to dwindle a week ago, and some in the liberal city - including Black community leaders - had begun to call for the nightly demonstrations to end.

But by the weekend, the presence of federal troops and Trump's repeated references to Portland as a hotbed of "*anarchists*" seemed to give a new life to the protests and attract a broader base.

On Sunday night, a crowd estimated at more than 500 people gathered outside the courthouse, including dozens of self-described "moms" who linked arms in front of a chain-link fence outside the courthouse. The demonstration continued into Monday morning.

"It seems clear that there were at least some federal crimes committed here," said Steve Vladeck, a constitutional law professor at the University of Texas. "But the notion that a handful of federal crimes justifies a substantial deployment of federal law enforcement officers ... to show force on the streets is, to my mind, unprecedented."

"Federal law enforcement," Vladeck said, "is not a political prop."

Associated Press writer Colleen Long in Washington contributed to this report.

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MN House declares racism a public health crisis

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[MN HOUSE DECLARES RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS](#)

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Nearly two months after ***George Floyd*** died while being arrested by Minneapolis police, the Minnesota House of Representatives has declared racism a public health crisis.

By a 82-40 vote on Monday, the House passed House Resolution 1, which declares racism a public health crisis and promises that the House will study the issue and pass legislation in order to "actively participate in the dismantling of racism."

While the Legislature remained gridlocked through Monday evening on proposals for police accountability to address racial disparities in policing, HR 1 was the one piece of legislation addressing racism that made it across the finish line since Floyd died on May 25. Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St. Paul, said Monday that HR 1 is dedicated to civil rights giant and "the conscious of Congress" U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Georgia, who died Friday.

Rep. Ruth Richardson, DFL-Mendota Heights, said on the floor Monday that, "Behind the mask of 'Minnesota nice' lies some of the nation's widest and deepest disparities."

She told the House that economically, Minnesota ranks 50th in the nation for median income equality, and 49th in home ownership equality between Black and white Minnesotans. Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic - which, itself, has infected and killed a disproportionate number of Black Americans - and resulting economic fallout, she said Black unemployment in Minnesota was double that of white Minnesotans.

Minnesota also ranks at the bottom in the nation for educational achievement gaps between white students and students of color, and Indigenous and Black children are 10- and eight-times more likely to have school disciplinary records than their white peers, respectively.

And in addition to COVID-19's toll on Minnesotans of color, Richardson said health outcomes are vastly different for between white and non-white Minnesotans. In maternal health, Black mothers are three- to

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four-times more likely to die during pregnancy or childbirth than white mothers. 60 percent of these deaths are preventable, she said. And across all genders and age demographics, Indigenous and Black Minnesotans have the highest excess death rates of all populations in the state.

"Racism is literally killing our communities," Richardson said. "Racism is a public health crisis just as COVID-19 is a public health crisis. And just as we as a body confronted the crisis of COVID head-on with reforms and legislation, we too should be confronting the deadly impacts of systemic racism."

Rep. Ron Kresha, R-Little Falls, acknowledged the existence of racism, but said he didn't support Monday's resolution because he said it is "impossible" to encapsulate the broad issue of racism in one resolution. He also said he thought HR 1 divides the House, rather than unites.

"One of the best solutions to combating racism is to have conversations and build shared experiences allowing people to realize the challenges, difficulties and obstructions that exist," he said. "This resolution is forcing an opinion based on words. This resolution is forcing members to decide whether they agree with all the words on a page, rather than how to actually solve the real-world issue."

Moran said that what the resolution does is take the first step in acknowledging the presence of racism in Minnesota and, "If we are going to prevent this racism from living in this state, from living within the state, we must first acknowledge that racism is real."

"It is the root of all of the great disparities we see in our state, within our systems," Moran said. "And we must, and you must, be better listeners of those impacted by racism to legislate and make better opportunities that lift up all of us."

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READERS WRITE Diversity training won't rebuild Lake Street

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**READERS WRITE DIVERSITY TRAINING WON'T REBUILD
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RACISM

Rather than focusing on the challenging task of rebuilding the devastated commercial corridors of East Lake Street and West Broadway, the Minneapolis City Council has spent crucial time crafting a resolution declaring racism a "public health emergency" ("Council calls racism health crisis," front page, July 18). Apparently, the council believes that the city's appalling racial disparities could be magically erased if only its citizens would cast off their retrograde attitudes.

But would the council members concede that many Twin Cities suburbs are less racist than their very diverse and progressive city? Because some of the most measurable disparities, such as high school graduation rates, are vastly worse in Minneapolis than in suburbia. But I highly doubt people in those communities are more open-minded and committed to equality than the citizens of Minneapolis.

It would be very hard to find a city in America as racially "woke" as Minneapolis. In some of the wealthiest neighborhoods, ***Black Lives Matter*** signs are more numerous than dandelions. Further, I'd bet that more people in those same neighborhoods are currently viewing and discussing the documentary "13th" than binge-watching "Downton Abbey" reruns.

So maybe the Minneapolis City Council should put some effort into attracting businesses to the city that offer living wages, training and upward mobility for residents on the lower rungs of the economic ladder. I know that's not as exciting as taking on the 400-year-old American problem of racism, but economic empowerment will likely improve more lives and knock down more barriers than any diversity training course.

Jerry Anderson, Eagan

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE

So much for Chief Arradondo

READERS WRITE Diversity training won't rebuild Lake Street

In "Reforms could shape chief's fate" (front page, July 20), several City Council members suggest there is a leadership role for Chief Medaria Arradondo in the new department of community safety proposed in the city charter amendment. They are at best misleading the public. The charter amendment is clear. The head of the new department "will have non-law enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches." Doesn't sound like the chief!

At least Council Member Cam Gordon is honest when he says he doesn't want to turn the charter decision into a referendum on the chief. He knows the chief is popular and he knows the chief will not be the leader if the charter amendment passes. The proponents of the amendment have disqualified the chief as a leader and don't want to admit it - another example of the pervasive continuing political malpractice by the council. Do the hard work of reimagining the police force before asking the public to approve a vacuous, feel-good proposal. The current proposal is a step back, not a way forward.

Hart Kuller, Minneapolis

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Two observations regarding the potential charter amendment: The council might get more public support if 1) the amendment specifically required the establishment of a police force in a Division of Law Enforcement Services (and perhaps the council could retain the ability to make it as big/small as necessary) and 2) the amendment provided the option for the director of the new department of community safety to have only law-enforcement experience.

I suspect a majority of voters would feel a lot more supportive if the council would simply commit to a functional need for at least a few police officers. And why place a limit on the requirements for the director? The council will have final approval.

The council is making this sell to the public harder than it needs to be.

Tom McDonough, Eagan

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Council Member Jeremiah Ellison's comments in Saturday's article "1 in 4 Mpls. cops seeks disability" (front page, July 18) are reprehensible. He states that "our police force express a deep resentment of our city."

How does he know this and what proof does he have? Later he states that officers are "making claims of harm that they themselves caused" and "rushing to find their way out of their obligation to our constituents in a myriad of ways." These comments are especially outrageous because he offers no evidence to support his accusations. The anti-police sentiment on the City Council is reckless and reflects a very poor understanding of the dangers of a police officer's job.

Nat Robbins, Minneapolis

ARRESTS

The start of a spy novel? Nope. Just a night in Portland.

READERS WRITE Diversity training won't rebuild Lake Street

Unmarked vans driving silently through the city at night, filled with federal officers in military garb. They pull over, grab people off the street and hustle them away without verbal or written explanation, to say nothing of due process.

Sound like a news report of some foreign, authoritarian government using its secret police to harass and intimidate its citizens? You would be correct, except that it is our government law enforcement operating in our own country. Regardless of your political leanings, the recent Gestapo tactics in Portland, Ore., should send a shiver up your spine ("House leaders 'alarmed' by tactics," July 20). This is not what America stands for, nor how we expect law enforcement to do its job, even if they are Homeland Security agents and U.S. marshals in disguise, and especially if they are operating in a city where the local government does not want them.

Dictatorial and autocratic behavior should be especially unnerving to those of you who find something as basic as having to wear a mask during a pandemic to be a major assault on your personal liberty. Imagine how you would feel if you, or one of your family members, were scooped up by federal "secret police" one night. I encourage you all to write to your state senators, and especially the White House, to protest this gross violation of our American civil rights and our personal freedom.

George K. Atkins, Minneapolis

ADVICE

If there's a problem, just say so

A reader generously shared "the best advice" she ever got ("But do you have a proposal?" Readers Write, July 17). Her former boss told her to "never show up with a problem unless you could offer a solution." Well, my experience is that's the worst advice ever, and if her boss worked for me, he would be due for a serious talk.

I was well into my career as a product development and design leader when I learned we had a problem with one of our medical products. I urged our quality assurance manager to bring it to the management committee so they would be fully informed and could take appropriate action - a recall, a notice, whatever. He refused, saying he was under orders to never bring a problem to them without offering a solution. (I know this sounds like a bad joke, but, sorry, there is no laugh line at the end.) Of course I just went around him.

Just think, a medical product with a problem and letting it proliferate among doctors and patients until it's comfortable enough to confront. A down-home analogy: Do announce that the potluck Tater Tot casserole is burning, even if you don't know how to turn off the crock pot. Simple stuff. Common sense. It applies across the board, from a flat tire to police misconduct.

Ron Carlson, Lake St. Croix Beach

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Family wants charges in Lake Street pawnshop shooting; prosecutors seek witnesses

ARTICLE MCCLXXIII.

FAMILY WANTS CHARGES IN LAKE STREET PAWNSHOP SHOOTING; PROSECUTORS SEEK WITNESSES

St. Paul Pioneer Press (Minnesota)

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Byline: The Associated Press

Highlight: The family of a man fatally shot at a Minneapolis pawnshop during protests over the death of **George Floyd** demanded charges in his death Tuesday. Saying they want justice, family members of Calvin Horton Jr. held a news conference the same day that Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said prosecutors need to know what happened [...]

Body

The family of a man fatally shot at a Minneapolis pawnshop during protests over the death of **George Floyd** demanded charges in his death Tuesday.

Saying they want justice, family members of Calvin Horton Jr. held a news conference the same day that Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said prosecutors need to know what happened in the minutes surrounding the fatal shooting of Horton on the evening of May 27. The shooting happened two days after a handcuffed Floyd, who was Black, died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes.

Horton was shot in the torso in or near Cadillac Pawn while protests over Floyd's death began to turn violent with gunfire, arson, and people breaking into businesses and stealing whatever they could carry.

The Lake Street pawnshop owner was arrested the night of the shooting, was held in the Hennepin County Jail for several days and released pending further investigation.

Horton's family on Tuesday joined civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who represents most of Floyd's family members, and activists at a news conference demanding charges against the pawn shop owner.

Crump said Horton's family has gotten "no answers" from government officials about his death, despite dozens of calls. Horton, who would have turned 44 on Tuesday, left behind his mother and seven children, including 8-year-old twin sons.

"His life matters to all of his children, each and every one of them, his entire family. So we're here to declare that Calvin Horton's life matters," Crump said, before leading people in a chant of "Calvin Horton's life matters."

Family wants charges in Lake Street pawnshop shooting; prosecutors seek witnesses

"We're absolutely heartbroken," Horton's daughter, Cadaezhah Horton, 20, said. "And we're left to feel as if we're the ones in prison. We want justice for my dad, and we aren't going to stop until we see it."

"The only thing I want is justice," said Horton's mother, Mae Roberts. "Nothing is being done for my son."

Freeman said that so far authorities have only one witness who saw part of the encounter and have not found any surveillance camera video showing what happened.

"We need the help of anyone who was in or around Cadillac Pawn at the time of the shooting," Freeman said. "We need to know what happened several minutes before the shooting and then the shooting itself."

The scene was chaotic that night, with many people in and around the pawnshop, Freeman said. Some of those people pelted police officers as they tried to render first aid to Horton and attacked them with objects as they tried to investigate the crime scene, he added. The officers retreated and investigators were unable to safely return until the next day.

[Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case. Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during **George Floyd** aftermath in St. Paul, charges say. Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case. Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots. Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Deal reached on police reform

ARTICLE MCCLXXIV.

DEAL REACHED ON POLICE REFORM

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Byline: BRIANA BIERSCHBACH; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Body

The Legislature reached a deal on a sweeping package of police accountability measures Monday night following two months of touch-and-go negotiations after the killing of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody.

The deal, one of the most substantial changes to the state's criminal justice system in years, includes a statewide ban on chokeholds and neck restraints - such as the one used on Floyd - and a prohibition on warrior-style training for officers. It enhances data collection around deadly force encounters, requires officers to intervene and creates a new state unit to investigate such cases. The proposal boosts funding for crisis intervention training, creates a panel of expert arbitrators to handle police misconduct cases and establishes incentives for officers to live in the communities they police.

Final votes were expected late Monday or early Tuesday.

The hard-fought agreement came after weeks of legislative impasse that had already derailed another special session in June - one that was initially called to review Gov. Tim Walz's extension of his emergency powers. But the continuing outrage over Floyd's killing kept up the pressure on the only divided legislature in the nation to find common ground when Walz extended the state of emergency again in July.

"We've never stopped working on this, whether we were in session or out of session. That's something we all felt was important," said Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake.

Democrats' original policing proposal went further, including provisions to restore voting rights for felons and giving the responsibility for prosecuting deadly force cases to the attorney general's office. Republicans in the Senate said they insisted that the final deal wouldn't adopt any language being considered in Minneapolis to dismantle police departments, despite the fact that there was no provision in the DFL bill to do so.

They pushed deal-making and votes late into the night Monday, after Senate Republican imposed a deadline of midnight to either pass a deal or go home empty-handed.

Deal reached on police reform

"Some of us believe that you can always do more, but members this is a good bill," said Rep. Rena Moran, DFL-St Paul. "This is a beginning, this is not the end."

But in the push to get a deal on policing passed in time, other issues on legislators' to-do list fell to the wayside. A \$1.35 billion package of construction projects failed in the House early Tuesday morning, after Republicans in the House criticized the package for spending too much and including too little of their input. Bonding bills require a supermajority to pass in both chambers, meaning leaders need buy-in from members of the minority parties.

The House and Senate majority "caucuses and the governor's office negotiated it without us, and that is not a good solution to earning votes from our caucus," said House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown. But he suggested that lawmakers might have another chance in August, when the Legislature is expected to return to review another potential extension of Walz's emergency powers.

Even as legislators worked furiously behind the scenes to strike a deal on policing, the two parties' contrasting priorities on racial disparities and the pandemic were evident throughout the day Monday. House Democrats passed a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis, manifesting in health, economic, educational and other disparities between Black and white Minnesotans.

"The COVID-19 pandemic and the senseless murder of George Floyd have shined a light on the historical and contemporary injustices that are still embedded in our society," said Ruth Richardson, DFL-Mendota Heights, the sponsor of the resolution.

Meanwhile, Republicans in the Senate pushed their own symbolic resolution urging Walz to allow school districts to make their own decisions on if - and how - they should reopen for classes in the fall. The administration has said it will make decisions on whether to resume in-person classes in the fall or continue with distance learning or a hybrid of the two.

"One person cannot know the entire state of Minnesota," said Sen. Carla Nelson, R-Rochester. "Every school building, over 2,000 school buildings, over 300 school districts, over 100 charter schools, one person cannot determine how best students can be educated during this time of pandemic."

Lawmakers are facing another automatic special session in mid-August if Walz chooses to extend his emergency powers for another 30 days.

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SWEEPING CHANGES

More funding for crisis intervention training.

Statewide ban on chokeholds and neck restraints.

Prohibition on warrior-style training for officers.

New state unit to investigate cases of deadly force.

Incentives for officers to live where they police.

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Family of man slain during riot gets lawyer

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FAMILY OF MAN SLAIN DURING RIOT GETS LAWYER

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Civil rights attorney Ben Crump announced Monday that he is representing the family of a man shot to death by a pawnshop owner in Minneapolis in the aftermath of the officer-involved homicide of **George Floyd**.

Calvin Horton was shot outside Cadillac Pawn by John Rieple after two days of arson, looting and protesting that followed Floyd's killing by police on May 25. Horton's was the only death resulting from the civil unrest following Floyd's death.

Rieple, of Galesville, Wis., was arrested but hasn't been charged. He said that Horton was a looter, and the case remains under investigation, said Police Department spokesman John Elder.

Neither police nor county prosecutors have publicly described Horton as a looter, though they acknowledge that it was one of the theories they are investigating.

Horton's family and community activists scheduled a news conference for Tuesday afternoon in front of the pawnshop at 1538 E. Lake Street. A vigil will follow from 6 to 8 p.m. The family will be demanding that charges be filed against Rieple and that police release any surveillance of the incident.

In a statement, Crump said family and activists have video from social media showing that Rieple was safely in his business while shooting out into the crowd. Horton died of shotgun wounds of the chest and upper extremities, according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner.

Crump also represents Floyd's family. Four Minneapolis police officers have been charged in his death.

Horton's 44th birthday would have been Tuesday. A GoFundMe campaign has been established to help support Horton's seven children.

Horton lived in the Twin Cities, but had no permanent address, according to family members. He was unemployed and received Social Security disability payments, they said.

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Rieple started Cadillac Pawn in 1990. At one time, he owned a pawnshop and a jewelry store in Winona and, in 2002, a business called Mainstream Firearms and Marine, also in Winona. He also once operated a pawnshop in La Crosse.

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Homeless camp cleared away

ARTICLE MCCLXXVI. [**HOMELESS CAMP CLEARED AWAY**](#)

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 798 words**Byline:** MIGUEL OTAROLA; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** About 20 people were arrested as one of two sites in Powderhorn Park was shut down.**Body**

Police and heavy equipment cleared out what was left of the east homeless encampment at Minneapolis' Powderhorn Park, forcing campers to pack up and find a new place to live.

Park Board Superintendent Al Bangoura issued an eviction notice to the encampment Friday, just days after the board voted to cut down on the number of tent camps in local parks. The notice gave campers 72 hours to leave, parks spokeswoman Dawn Sommers said.

All but two to three campers had left the encampment Monday, with the holdouts refusing to leave, Sommers said. A couple dozen people showed up as the site was being cleared and about 20 people were arrested, she said.

The site had become a source of contention in the neighborhood. Homeowners across the street from the park were alarmed and infuriated by numerous reports of sexual assaults, drug use and fights at the eastern encampment. Volunteers who were a constant presence at the camp had pulled back in recent days and had begun taking campers who no longer felt comfortable there to other locations.

Last week, the Park Board voted to allow Bangoura to disband any encampment that posed a documented risk to health and safety, as outlined by an executive order passed by Gov. Tim Walz for the coronavirus pandemic.

"This has just risen to an unacceptable level," Sommers said Wednesday.

The first residents of the camp migrated to Powderhorn from their shelter in a former Sheraton hotel in the aftermath of the riots following the killing of George Floyd by police. As the encampment grew on the northwest corner of the park, some moved to form another on the east side.

There were about 310 tents at the eastern encampment near its peak two weeks ago, and 150 as of last week, according to the Park Board.

As of 5 p.m. Monday, no tents were left, Sommers said.

Homeless camp cleared away

Earlier in the day, the remaining residents were bringing down their tents and tossing their belongings into shopping carts and wheelbarrows. Some packed their bags into cars. Others mingled in the shade.

Connie Dunkley doused her head in water next to her partner, Mudryll Holley, and their belongings. Holley was blinded and paralyzed in a car accident three years ago, so Dunkley disassembled and packed everything by herself.

"I didn't want nobody to help me, because I want to make sure I know where everything is when I go to another site and unpack," she said. She did not want to say where they were going.

The pair, homeless for the past three months, had lived in Powderhorn for two weeks. Dunkley said it was sad to see and hear of people overdosing, sexually assaulting others and fighting over items.

"It got very bad," she said. "We were able to keep to ourselves. We weren't bothering nobody, nobody was bothering us."

A cleanup crew contracted by the Park Board was at the park Monday picking up needles and other trash. One crew member used a skid-steer to tear down a cluster of tents and toss them into a garbage truck. They would do a more thorough sweep of the area Tuesday, Sommers said.

Police officers monitored from the sidelines, and a bus waited by the curb to move people out. A teepee that had once stood on the grounds as a symbol of Native American land was nowhere to be seen.

Many of the encampment's residents had already moved out to other city parks or other shelter.

"This was about as peaceful as I could expect," said Park Board Commissioner Londel French, who was at the park. "We were asking people to leave for a week, almost a whole week. Nobody just found out today they would be moving."

Now volunteers or nonprofits will have to apply for permits to establish encampments, and the Park Board will review the applications based on select criteria. There will be up to 20 designated encampments with up to 25 tents each, according to the board's resolution.

People were already having difficulty certifying existing sites; volunteer Kat Eng said an attempt to permit one in Logan Park was turned down by the Park Board because it was near a school, and that campers would also get an eviction notice.

The encampment on the northwest side of Powderhorn Park, where a man was shot last week, was not disbanded.

Douglas Ellis was one of the last holdouts at the eastern encampment. Homeless for six months after moving back to Minneapolis from Grand Portage, he had been at Powderhorn for about two weeks.

The encampment had plenty of food, camping gear and other donated items, but it was still accompanied by violent crime and drug use. There was another one, by 26th Street and 13th Avenue, that he thought he would check out next.

He never expected life at Powderhorn would last for long.

"They just made us leave, that's all," he said. "Like every other place we've been to."

Homeless camp cleared away

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Honor Lewis and pass voting bill

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HONOR LEWIS AND PASS VOTING BILL

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Highlight: Senate should back and Trump should sign a renamed John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020.

Body

A 65-foot mural in Atlanta reflects the larger-than-life legacy of U.S. Rep. John Lewis, the civil-rights icon who died of pancreatic cancer on Saturday.

In many places across the country, flags were flown at half-staff for the man who made "good trouble" advocating for a righteous cause. On Capitol Hill, Lewis' congressional colleagues honored the Georgia Democrat on Monday, with lawmakers across party lines lining up to televise or tweet their condolences and respect. From the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, President Donald Trump called Lewis a "civil rights hero." And soon, an announcement of funeral plans will further detail how Congress, and by extension the country, will pay homage to the life and legacy of the social-justice giant.

But beyond the remembrances, what his fellow lawmakers, the president, and everyday citizens shouldn't forget is that Lewis didn't rest on his well-deserved laurels but forever fought to advance them, and that his life's work of advocating for equality is not complete.

To take another step, the Senate and Trump should support the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which the Democrat-controlled House passed in 2019.

The Senate, with Republicans in the majority, has failed to act on the bill. Trump hasn't backed it either, and in fact at every turn seems to want to backtrack on the progress Lewis and the other giants of his generation fought so hard to achieve.

On Sunday, Trump cast doubt on whether he would accept the results of November's election. In an interview with Fox News' Chris Wallace, Trump said, "You don't know until you see," seeming to hold his options open on the efficacy of the election. His criticism has focused on mail-in voting - an election method he and his family, as well as several states, have used with no evidence of any significant meddling.

Particularly during a pandemic, where voters and poll workers may literally have to risk illness or even death in order to exercise their constitutional right, this common-sense solution should be available to all Americans.

Honor Lewis and pass voting bill

And beyond the current coronavirus crisis, the state of voting rights is in a crisis itself, with persistent, pernicious efforts at disenfranchisement, especially toward people of color - a disgrace at any time, but especially now, amid nationwide protests over the killing of ***George Floyd*** and the nationwide mourning for Lewis.

Many Democratic lawmakers have embraced the idea of renaming the voting-rights bill the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020. "That's the way to do it," Rep. James Clyburn, D.-S.C., said on CNN on Sunday. Clyburn, a Black lawmaker who has built upon the bravery of Lewis, added that "words may be powerful, but deeds are lasting."

Powerful words from two previous presidents - one Republican, one Democrat - speak to the need for deeds to continue. Former President George W. Bush said in a statement that "America can best honor John's memory by continuing his journey toward liberty and justice for all."

America "is a constant work in progress," former President Barack Obama said in a statement. "What gives each new generation purpose is to take up the unfinished work of the last and carry it further - to speak out for what's right, to challenge an unjust status quo, and to imagine a better world."

Thanks to Lewis, Obama concluded, "we now all have our marching orders - to keep believing in the possibility of remaking this country we love until it lives up to its full promise."

America will not achieve its full promise unless it ensures voting rights. It should do so in a bill rightfully renamed for Lewis, which would truly honor a man who seemed to stand as tall as that banner in Atlanta.

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Proposal would end police staffing rule

ARTICLE MCCLXXVIII. **PROPOSAL WOULD END POLICE STAFFING RULE**

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Highlight: Charter Commission to collect feedback at Monday public hearing.

Body

The Minneapolis Charter Commission on Monday advanced its own proposal for changing the city's Police Department: eliminating the minimum staffing requirement, but otherwise leaving the charter intact.

The move sets the stage for competing ballot questions in November, as the city debates how to remake policing in Minneapolis after *George Floyd's* death.

The city charter, which serves as its constitution, currently says the city must maintain a police department and the council must "fund a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident."

During a special meeting Monday afternoon, Commissioner Al Giraud-Isaacson unveiled a proposal that would delete that minimum funding language from the charter.

"The charter is not a place, in my opinion, for deciding how large city departments should be," Giraud-Isaacson said.

The proposal would still keep the requirement to have a police department, but would give the mayor and City Council wider latitude in determining its size, he said.

The court-appointed commission voted 14-1 to set a public hearing to collect feedback on the measure. The hearing will begin at 5 p.m. Monday.

The only person who voted against that effort was Commissioner Dan Cohen, who said he thought the Charter Commission has a "legal and a moral obligation to uphold the strong Minneapolis police force."

The commission could decide unilaterally to send the measure to voters. The City Council and mayor would decide how the question appears on the ballot, but they cannot change the amendment itself.

The commission faces an Aug. 21 deadline for adding measures to the Nov. 3 ballot.

Proposal would end police staffing rule

The commission is also reviewing a proposal introduced by five City Council members. The proposal would remove the requirement to have a police department and replace it with a community safety department - which may or may not include licensed police officers. Those staffing decisions would be made by the mayor and council in separate processes.

The commission could issue a recommendation on whether that proposal should head to the ballot, or offer its own substitute proposal. The City Council would not be required to follow the commission's recommendation.

The commission could also decide to take an additional 90 days to review the measure, preventing it from heading to the ballot this year. A public hearing on the council's proposal is set to begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Depending on the actions of the commission and City Council, both proposals could end up on the November ballot.

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Pro's busy summer is pandemic casualty

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PRO'S BUSY SUMMER IS PANDEMIC CASUALTY

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Body

Minnesota PGA section Player of the Year in 2019 for the 17th time in his long career, Edinburgh USA pro Don Berry earned an exemption into this week's 3M Open because of that.

He also had hoped to play in the Senior PGA Championship, the U.S. Senior Open and the PGA Professional Championship that qualifies its best for the PGA Championship in August in San Francisco.

Then the coronavirus pandemic hit and the Senior PGA and Senior Open were canceled as was the PGA Professional Championship not once but twice.

The PGA Tour also significantly rescheduled its season and adjusted its qualifying rules. It limited the number of Monday qualifiers from four to two and rescinded an exemption for the local PGA section's best player so players with limited tour-card status had a better chance to qualify each week.

Berry understands, but ...

"It's still a bummer," said Berry 58, who has 24 state major title and 250-some tournaments overall. "It was going to be a fun summer, but it hasn't turned out that way."

Berry played in the 1992 U.S. Open, the 1998 Hawaiian Open and four PGA Championships, including 2002 at Hazeltine National Golf Club when he made the cut and played with Tom Watson on Sunday in the final round. He also played the 3M Championship on the Champions Tour four times.

He could have attempted to still qualify for the 3M Open but declined. He said he'll try to qualify for the PGA Champions' Sanford International in Sioux Falls, S.D., in September if that is played.

Hunting birdies and eagles

Tommy Fleetwood, Paul Casey, Will Gordon and defending 3M Open champion Matthew Wolff will play in a nine-hole scramble for charity on TPC Twin Cities' back nine streamed live from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Pro's busy summer is pandemic casualty

They'll be seeking birdies, eagles and aces to benefit Twin Cities organizations - including the Lake Street Council, Urban Ventures and YWCAs of Minneapolis and St. Paul - working in areas impacted by the pandemic and unrest that followed the killing of **George Floyd**. Birdies are worth \$50,000, eagles \$100,000 and hole-in-ones \$150,000.

There's also five team challenges worth \$50,000 each. Actor Josh Duhamel and Viking Kyle Rudolph will play their parts in an event carried on PGA Tour Live and simulcast on social-media channels for Golf Channel, GolfTV and PGA Tour.

Etc.

- Featured pairings for the first two rounds of the 3M Open include threesomes of Fleetwood, Dustin Johnson and Tony Finau; Wolff, Max Homa and Branden Grace; Bubba Watson, Pat Perez and Casey; and Brooks Koepka, Keith Mitchell and Charles Howell III. Tee times will be announced Tuesday.
- Jake Kneen from White Lake, Mich., and Calgary's Aaron Crawford each shot 8-under-par 63s on Monday at Victory Links to qualify for this week's event. Both are on the Canadian Mackenzie Tour. Ted Purdy also was added to the field.

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St. Paul weighs \$9.2M cut to police

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[ST. PAUL WEIGHS \\$9.2M CUT TO POLICE](#)

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Highlight: The proposed cut would mean eliminating jobs, Chief Todd Axtell said.

Body

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter has asked his Police Department to trim more than \$9 million from its 2021 budget.

In an e-mail to employees, St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell said the proposed \$9.2 million cut will mean eliminating jobs, both sworn officers and civilians, "at all ranks."

"I know this is a hit to our collective soul, especially given the crime trends we're seeing, the ever-increasing calls for service and the needs of the city," Axtell wrote. "I shared with the Mayor my disappointment and urged him to reconsider."

Axtell's e-mail was first reported by KSTP. In an interview Monday, Carter said city leaders haven't made any final decisions on the proposed 2021 budget. His annual budget address is scheduled for next month, and community members will have an opportunity to give feedback online.

"This economy is going to require us to make some really hard decisions, because we can only spend the money that we have," Carter said. "And frankly, I anticipate bringing forward a budget that I would likely never propose under any other circumstances."

Every year, the mayor asks each department to develop a plan to meet proposed budget targets - an exercise that often includes figuring out how to make cuts. This year, St. Paul is already facing a multimillion-dollar 2020 budget shortfall due to unexpected expenses and revenue losses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

City leaders will have to figure out how to fill that gap while also mapping out a lean 2021 budget. They are considering a range of cost-saving measures, including continuing discretionary spending and hiring freezes, leaving positions vacant as employees leave or retire and tapping emergency reserves.

Council President Amy Brendmoen said in an interview that the mayor's office is also negotiating a salary freeze in union contracts, which would save money on salary costs across departments. The mayor's goal is to keep the 2021 property tax levy increase as low as possible, which the council would support, she said.

St. Paul weighs \$9.2M cut to police

For police, the belt-tightening could mean unprecedented layoffs of active duty officers - a measure city officials have avoided for more than 20 years.

"It's uncharted territory for us," said St. Paul Police Federation President Paul Kuntz, who called the \$9 million figure "staggering" for one department to absorb. "It makes everybody less safe. It puts the citizens at risk. And it puts cops, who are asked to do more and more with less and less, at risk."

Per the police union's contract, any reduction in staffing would be based on seniority, meaning that younger and more diverse officers from recent recruiting classes would be among the first to go.

The potential cuts come amid a troubling surge in gun violence in the capital city, where reported firearm discharges have more than doubled when compared to this time last year. The first two weeks of June were particularly violent, as shots-fired calls quintupled from 2019.

At least 110 people have been shot in St. Paul this year, including 18 fatally. Homicides are on track to surpass 2019's record high in shooting deaths.

The Police Department has a more than \$100 million budget this year - the largest of any city department - including about 780 full-time employees. Carter cut five sworn officer positions from the budget in 2020, after adding nine in 2019.

The City Council also approved a \$1.7 million community-first public safety budget - which Carter proposed in November after several violent months that brought the city's homicide total to a 25-year high - but the programs it's intended to pay for have been slow to roll out.

The proposed cut comes as people across the country, spurred by *George Floyd's* killing in May by Minneapolis police, are calling for local governments to defund or dismantle police departments. But while the Minneapolis City Council is moving forward with a proposed charter amendment that would allow major changes to their city's police force, St. Paul council members have shown little appetite for doing the same.

Brendmoen said cuts to the police budget won't necessarily mean that services will disappear - rather, they might move to another department or take a different form. Police IT work could move into the Technology and Communications department, she said, or routine traffic stops could be done by someone who's not a sworn officer.

"I know the police have said to all of us that they can't do it all either," she said, "so I think that they would welcome some relief as well."

In his e-mail, Axtell said he's hopeful that the final 2021 budget won't include the full \$9.2 million in cuts to his department. He noted that initial projections often change, that residents can weigh in and that the City Council will approve the final budget.

"But I can't make any promises, other than to support you and to be a tireless advocate for our department and the safety of the city," Axtell wrote. "Don't lose hope. Instead, remember that I believe in each and every one of you. Keep doing what others won't. And know that I'm so damn proud of you."

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Taxi driver fatally shot trying to halt crime

ARTICLE MCCLXXXI.

TAXI DRIVER FATALLY SHOT TRYING TO HALT CRIME

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Minneapolis homicide detectives searched Monday for a man they say fatally shot a taxi driver who had confronted two men breaking into his cab, officials said.

The victim was shot about 4:30 p.m. 1000 block of 22nd Street East.

The surrounding community has been rattled by violence in recent days, including the slaying of a man last week that sent an area hospital into lockdown and a double shooting at nearby Peavey Park.

On Monday, police responded to the scene after receiving multiple 911 calls about shots fired in the area. When they arrived, they found the victim unconscious and without a pulse. They resuscitated him before he was taken to a nearby hospital with "grave injuries," according to MPD spokesman John Elder.

The man, whose age and identity weren't released, died some time later at HCMC, Elder said.

A preliminary police investigation determined that the victim had come upon the two men as they tried to break into his taxi and chased after them as they fled on foot. As the suspects fled, one of them allegedly turned back and shot at the victim, striking him once.

It was the city's 36th homicide of 2020 - twice as many as it had at this time last year, according to Police Department records. That tally doesn't include the death of a man, whose charred body was found in the wreckage of a South Side pawnshop that burned nearly two months ago in the riots that followed **George Floyd**'s death.

No arrests had been made as of Monday evening in the fatal shooting of the taxi driver.

RYAN FAIRCLOTH AND LIBOR JANY

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The end of a venerable strip mall

ARTICLE MCCLXXXII.

THE END OF A VENERABLE STRIP MALL

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Highlight: Midway Shopping Center's demise was accelerated by looting, fire after Floyd killing.

Body

Mary Lau wasn't sure what she would keep and what she would throw away. Sporting a baseball cap and mask late last week, Lau helped direct workers as they carried out what remained in her closed Peking Garden restaurant.

For about 15 years, Lau has served authentic Chinese dishes out of a corner of the Midway Shopping Center in St. Paul, but she and other tenants are being forced to move out after the buildings were damaged by looting and fire following the Memorial Day killing of George Floyd and the landlord's subsequent termination of their leases.

It is an abrupt end for the Midway Shopping Center, which for more than 60 years has served customers at the busy intersection of University and Snelling avenues.

The strip mall was already on its way out, part of a plan to redevelop the land into a mixed-use district following the opening of Allianz Field.

Still, for the diverse array of tenants and neighborhood advocates, the Midway Shopping Center's demise marks the end of an era for a retail destination that has been a community linchpin.

"It was perfect for us," Lau said, about her restaurant space. "It is so sad to see it disappear."

Fences and a dumpster blocked the main entrance of the former Peking Garden on

Thursday. A table covered with ruined chair covers and sashes sat outside of its boarded-up windows as tubs of wrapped plates and cups were piled up waiting for a destination. Workers had to toil in the dark since the power to the building had been shut off.

When the spread of the coronavirus forced restaurants to shut their doors to diners in the spring, Peking Garden continued to stay open for takeout. Lau had big plans to fully reopen, but Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis Police ignited protests and riots throughout the Twin Cities that left hundreds of businesses damaged.

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Peking Garden sustained smoke damage, but Lau said she thought she would make repairs. Late last month, the strip mall's New York-based property owner, RD Management LLC, informed tenants their leases were being terminated and they would have to be out of their spaces by mid-July. Some business owners said they have been granted extensions.

Thien Do, owner of Thien's Cajun Boiling Seafood, had been attracted to open his restaurant at the Midway Shopping Center in 2018 because of the diversity of the area and the central location. He emigrated four years ago from Vietnam to further pursue his passion for food.

"It was always my dream to come to the United States and open a seafood restaurant," Do said.

His small restaurant had suffered minor smoke damage. On Monday, he was back at his cleaned-out restaurant and tying up loose ends. Do said he is in search of a new site.

"It's so all of a sudden," he said. "We don't know where to go."

The Midway Shopping Center has been a melting pot of businesses since it was built at the site of old streetcar barns. The \$6 million shopping center was advertised as a "complete one stop retail center" with "everything you need or want."

The 40-store center even had a map depicting its strategic location between Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Stores that called the strip mall home then included G.C. Murphy Co., Walgreen drugstore, the Piggly Wiggly supermarket (Klein Super Markets) and F.W. Woolworth Co.

While large chains such as Foot Locker and Family Dollar have more recently occupied prominent spots at the center, a more diverse set of small-business owners such as Do and Lau also moved in over the years, a reflection of the continued growth of minority-owned businesses along University Avenue.

The Applebaum family has been a staple of the Midway Shopping Center for decades. The family ran its Big Top Liquors flagship at the strip mall for more than 40 years. Twin Cities grocer and family patriarch Sid Applebaum founded Rainbow Foods and operated one of the grocery stores at the center.

"We are committed to this corner," said Nancy Rosenberg, one of Applebaum's daughters who is co-owner of Big Top. "This is the corner where we built our business."

A couple of years ago, Big Top moved from its longstanding location to the former Perkins restaurant to make way for Allianz Field. During the riots, Big Top was heavily damaged by fire, and the family is now looking at options including finding a new location.

"It was a very sad way to end this era," Rosenberg said.

The Snelling and University intersection, one of the busiest in the metro area, sees about 59,000 vehicles and is close to a Green Line light-rail stop.

"It's done so much for the business community," said Chad Kulas, executive director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce, about the shopping center. "It's done so much for residents."

Kulas reflected on shopping at the center for groceries and attending events at the Midpointe Event Center on the backside of the mall.

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"This is more than a shopping center," said City Council Member Dai Thao, who has been in contact with some of the tenants. "This is a destination."

While Thao said the timing for tenants who have to move out is "unfortunate," he said the new plan for the space is a big opportunity for the city.

Parts of the shopping center, including the Rainbow Foods and Midway Pro Bowl, were demolished in 2017 to make room for Allianz Field.

The future vision for the shopping-center site and land around the soccer stadium includes a massive mixed-use development with office, retail, residences, entertainment, hotel and green space. In the fall, a groundbreaking is scheduled for retail space and two apartment towers.

Despite the circumstances, departing tenants of the Midway Shopping Center said they would remain positive.

"I think life will still go on," Lau said, adding she does not know where she will reopen. "I'm sure when we go, we'll come back stronger."

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Trump's show of federal force sparking alarm in cities

ARTICLE MCCLXXXIII.

TRUMP'S SHOW OF FEDERAL FORCE SPARKING ALARM IN CITIES

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Highlight: WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump is using the Department of Homeland Security in unprecedented ways as he tries to bolster his law and order credentials by making a heavy-handed show of force in cities around the nation in the lead-up to the November elections.

Body

By COLLEEN LONG, BEN FOX and JILL COLVIN

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump is using the Department of Homeland Security in unprecedented ways as he tries to bolster his law and order credentials by making a heavy-handed show of force in cities around the nation in the lead-up to the November elections.

His plan to deploy federal agents to Chicago and perhaps other Democratic-run cities where violence is spiking represents Trump's latest effort to use an agency that was created after the Sept. 11 attacks to thwart terrorists to instead supplement local law enforcement in ways that bolster his reelection chances.

Trump has already deployed Homeland Security agents to Portland on the grounds of protecting federal buildings from protesters, drawing intense criticism from local leaders who say the federal presence has only exacerbated tensions rather than promoting public safety.

"This is precisely the type of tyrannical deployment of power that the Founding Fathers were specifically worried about," said Jeffrey A. Engel, director of Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University.

Under Trump's latest plan, yet to be publicly announced, about 150 Homeland Security Investigations agents would go to Chicago to help local law enforcement deal with a spike in crime, according to an official with direct knowledge of the plans who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

Those agents, who are generally used to investigate human trafficking, drugs and weapons smuggling, are expected to stay in Chicago at least two months, according to the official. It's not clear exactly when they would arrive or how their mission would play out, but they would work under the Justice Department.

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White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany said no one had been sent to Chicago yet. She added, "The bottom line is that this president stands with law and order, which leads to peace."

In a tweet Sunday, Trump blamed local leaders for a growing spate of violence in cities like Chicago that has left dozens dead, including young children. He added a dire warning that "The Radical Left Democrats, who totally control Biden, will destroy our Country as we know it," referring to Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Trump has also intervened in other cities, including Washington, D.C. In the protests following the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis, Trump deployed U.S. National Guard troops and federal law enforcement officials from agencies including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Drug Enforcement Administration to patrol the city.

The show of force came to a head when federal authorities in riot gear dispersed crowds from Lafayette Square across from the White House, where the president then posed with a Bible in front of a church.

The Chicago plan appears to be an extension of a separate operation in which the administration sent more than 100 federal law enforcement officers to Kansas City, Missouri, to help quell a record rise in violence after the shooting death of a young boy there. The Justice Department doesn't have the manpower to surge agents to high-crime areas, so it is borrowing from Homeland Security.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot was at first highly resistant, but her tone changed after she and members of her administration, along with Police Superintendent David Brown, talked with officials about the government's plan.

"I've been very clear that we welcome actual partnership," Lightfoot said. "But we do not welcome dictatorship. We do not welcome authoritarianism, and we do not welcome unconstitutional arrest and detainment of our residents. That is something I will not tolerate."

The comments from Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, slightly deescalated a days-long war of words with Trump over violent crime in the city, which has seen 414 homicides this year, compared with 275 during the same period in 2019.

Throughout his presidency, Trump has leaned on Homeland Security to carry out his political objectives, including cracking down on illegal immigration and slowing legal immigration applications. The 240,000-person agency manages border security as well as natural disasters and the Transportation Security Administration.

But with the border largely shuttered because of the coronavirus and the number of illegal crossings plummeting, Trump is now using the department to combat crime and demonstrations demanding justice and racial equality.

While the protests have largely been peaceful, Trump and his allies in conservative media have portrayed the cities as out of control as he tries to contrast himself with Biden and make the case to voters - especially the suburban women who turned against Republicans in the 2018 midterms - that failing to elect him for a second term will lead to lawlessness.

Critics say the federal forces have stoked tensions, creating new images of violence that could lead frightened viewers to vote for Trump.

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Homeland Security first jumped into the federal response to the Floyd protests in May as some demonstrations erupted into sporadic violence around the country. But effort shifted into high gear over the July Fourth weekend as Homeland Security agents and officers from at least a half a dozen components of the sprawling organization were arriving in Portland.

Protesters there have been staging nightly demonstrations since May in a section of downtown that includes the federal courthouse, forcing most businesses in the zone to close.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said federal personnel have been assaulted with lasers, bats, fireworks, bottles and other weapons and "yet the city of Portland takes little to no action." Wolf said the people committing the vandalism should not be considered legitimate protesters.

But former Homeland Security officials say they've seen nothing like the Portland deployment, which has included using highly trained Border Patrol agents to confront protesters outside the downtown courthouse, without the cooperation or consent of local law enforcement or government officials.

"Urban policing and crowd control and civil unrest isn't something that is in their wheelhouse," said Gil Kerlikowske, a former commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection under President Barack Obama. "It's not something they are trained for. It's not something they have any experience or expertise in."

Arrests made by federal officers over the July Fourth weekend and several days after were for relatively minor offenses not typically prosecuted in federal court, including misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct. Officials have accused some demonstrators of assaulting federal officers, by shining lasers in their eyes or other means, and said at least one person was detained with the ingredients for a pipe bomb.

John Cohen, a former senior DHS official under Obama and President George W. Bush, said such a high-profile presence of federal agents without local support created the risk of escalating the situation, and that appears to be what happened.

The protests have grown in recent days, particularly after federal officers in unmarked vans and with generic "police" patches last week detained several people on downtown streets without identifying themselves - a move some critics have compared to kidnappings.

"If the public begins to perceive that they are being partisan in how they operate, they lose credibility, and if they lose credibility, they lose public trust," said Cohen. "And for a security or law enforcement organization, the loss of public trust can be fatal."

David Lapan, a retired Marine colonel who served as Homeland Security press secretary as well as a public affairs officer for the Defense Department, said he worried about a blurring line between military and law enforcement that "creates the impression the military is being used to suppress the public."

AP writers Michael Balsamo in Washington and Katherine Foody in Chicago contributed to this report.

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Gag order lifted in officers' case

ARTICLE MCCLXXXIV. **[GAG ORDER LIFTED IN OFFICERS' CASE](#)**

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The judge overseeing the criminal cases against four ex-police officers charged in the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** vacated his previous gag order Tuesday that restricted comments by lawyers and others associated with the cases.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill acted in response to objections to the gag order by the defendants and a coalition of news media organizations, including the Star Tribune, that are also seeking the release of body camera footage recorded during Floyd's deadly encounter with police. Cahill did not rule Tuesday on motions seeking the release of the videos, which are currently viewable by the public only by appointment.

Cahill also rejected a defense request that he sanction the Minnesota attorney general's office for violating the gag order. Assistant Attorney General Matthew Frank, in a brief filed Tuesday before the motions hearing, called the request for sanctions a ploy to smear prosecutors.

Cahill lifted the gag order moments into Tuesday's 50-minute hearing after briefly polling all parties on whether anyone agreed that the order should stay in place. No one raised a hand. Cahill noted that his order could have been more narrowly drawn and agreed with defense arguments that restricting defendants from talking unfairly kept them from responding to negative publicity.

"Finally, and most importantly, the gag order didn't work," Cahill said, adding that "if anything it may have exacerbated the issue" by causing parties to "tiptoe" around in their public statements while leading the news media to rely on anonymous sourcing.

The four defendants in the case are ***Derek Chauvin***, charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter, and ***Tou Thao***, ***J. Alexander Kueng*** and ***Thomas Lane***, who are charged with aiding and abetting him. Chauvin is still in custody at the state prison at Oak Park Heights and appeared via Zoom teleconference for Tuesday's hearing. The other three men appeared in court alongside their attorneys and sat spaced apart while wearing face coverings. None of the defendants spoke in the courtroom.

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Much of Tuesday's hearing centered on motions from defense attorneys and a media coalition, which besides the Star Tribune includes Minnesota Public Radio, the Associated Press, local TV stations WCCO, KMSP, KARE and KSTP, and the New York Times Co. The media outlets are seeking immediate release of two videos recorded by Lane's body camera during the officers' encounter with Floyd.

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, filed the videos earlier this month as evidence supporting his motion to dismiss charges against Lane. Under state law, the filing made the videos public data.

At present, the videos can only be viewed by appointment at the Hennepin County Government Center, which the media coalition's motion argues violates state laws governing access to public records, court rules and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Attorney Thomas Plunkett, who represents Kueng, is also seeking broad release of the footage.

Leita Walker, an attorney for the media coalition, told Cahill that the public already has access to the bystander videos, as well as transcripts of the videos that she said contained inconsistencies. Cahill expressed concerns about limiting pretrial publicity that could taint a potential jury pool, at times asking the parties for input on how he can mitigate such publicity in a case that has garnered intense international attention.

"I completely fail to see how letting them see the full picture, including the official video taken by the police officers that are now on trial, moves the needle, your honor," Walker said.

Speaking after the hearing, Walker added: "The media can only report the full story if it can see everything and talk to both sides."

Gray, who first filed the videos in his motion to dismiss charges against Lane, argued Tuesday that articles in the Star Tribune have been "substantially unfair" to his client, including one that carried the headline: "Body camera: Cop draws gun at start."

Gray said the video actually showed that Floyd was "stuffing counterfeit bills down his seat before he showed his hands." He alleged that Floyd also had "swallowed drugs" as Lane approached the vehicle.

"It's probably one of the main reasons he died," Gray added. "It's from the fentanyl overdose and that is not out there because we can't get the full video to the public."

Frank responded that Gray was attempting to "try the case through the media" and that his account was a "misleading version of what the facts are."

Though Cahill has declined to allow video and audio recordings of the pretrial hearings in the case, he continues to mull whether to allow live broadcasting of the trial itself, scheduled to begin March 8. All four defense attorneys say they want the trial to be broadcast and Cahill on Tuesday gave Frank less than a week to file a brief outlining the state's position. Cahill noted that live coverage of the trial could allow for public access at a time in which social distancing measures limit how many people can be in a courtroom during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Roseville teens keep making Black Lives Matters signs despite thefts, vandalism

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ROSEVILLE TEENS KEEP MAKING BLACK LIVES MATTERS SIGNS DESPITE THEFTS, VANDALISM

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Highlight: Inspired by protests they attended following *George Floyd's* death in May, 19-year-old Carrie MacDonald and her 14-year-old sister Grace painted a *Black Lives Matter* sign for their front lawn in Roseville to show solidarity. Within a few days, Carrie said, their hand-painted sign was removed and stashed in nearby bushes. Unfazed, the sisters painted a [...]

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Inspired by protests they attended following *George Floyd's* death in May, 19-year-old Carrie MacDonald and her 14-year-old sister Grace painted a *Black Lives Matter* sign for their front lawn in Roseville to show solidarity.

Within a few days, Carrie said, their hand-painted sign was removed and stashed in nearby bushes.

Unfazed, the sisters painted a bigger sign and planted it deeper in the ground. Three times within the next week, they said, dead raccoons were left in front of the sign, which itself was later stolen.

"We had anticipated and prepared for negative reactions, and we prepared for [the signs] to get defaced, probably stolen, maybe trashed," Grace said. "We definitely did not prepare for people to go out and kill raccoons and put them in front of our signs."

Raccoons have been used in racist images and songs since American slavery, which Grace said "added an extra layer of hatred to it."

With the help of their father, Angus MacDonald, the sisters built and painted a third sign with even stronger posts. They also made several lawn signs for their neighbors, who offered to show their support.

This time, someone spray painted over the sign, distorting the words "white silence is violence" and obscuring the first word in "*Black Lives Matter*."

On the morning of July 13, Angus said, police notified him that another dead raccoon had been found, hung from a nearby telephone pole with a long spike hammered through its mouth.

Angus said that since the incidents, neighbors have put up their own signs, offered to help identify suspects and even have bought surveillance equipment for the family.

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And, on Sunday, hundreds showed up for a "Roseville Rejects Racism" march in response to the stolen and vandalized signs.

"[The march] went through our neighborhood," Carrie said. "It felt really great to see so many people in the Roseville area showing support for this movement."

Just two of the signs Carrie and Grace made for their neighbors still are standing; the rest have been stolen or damaged. Carrie said they will continue to make signs, installing them with concrete if necessary.

Roseville police say they cited a 55-year-old Roseville man for misdemeanor property damage after he admitted to damaging a sign he found offensive. Police continue to look for other possible perpetrators.

"We will not tolerate crimes motivated by bias or hate," the police said in a statement last week. "As the police department continues its investigation, we are committed to seeking justice and preventing any further trauma to our community."

Anyone with information is asked to call Roseville police at 651-792-7008 or submit tips online at www.cityofroseville.com/3194/Crime-Tips.

Graphic

A ***Black Lives Matter*** sign created by 19-year-old Carrie MacDonald and her 14-year-old sister Grace of Roseville was recently vandalized.

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Derek Chauvin, officer in George Floyd death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County

ARTICLE MCCLXXXVI. **[DEREK CHAUVIN, OFFICER IN GEORGE FLOYD DEATH,
CHARGED WITH FELONY TAX FRAUD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY](#)**

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Highlight: The former Minneapolis police officer charged with murder in *George Floyd's* death now faces several felony counts of tax fraud. The Washington County attorney's office on Wednesday said it had filed nine counts of aiding and abetting tax fraud against *Derek Chauvin*, 44, and his wife, Kellie May Chauvin, 45, following an investigation by the [...]

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The former Minneapolis police officer charged with murder in *George Floyd's* death now faces several felony counts of tax fraud.

The Washington County attorney's office on Wednesday said it had filed nine counts of aiding and abetting tax fraud against *Derek Chauvin*, 44, and his wife, Kellie May Chauvin, 45, following an investigation by the Minnesota Department of Revenue and Oakdale police.

Department of Revenue investigators began looking into the Chauvins' finances in June and discovered the Oakdale couple had failed to file their state income tax returns in some cases and filed fraudulent returns in others, prosecutors said.

The criminal conduct allegedly dates back to 2014 and continued into 2019.

Investigators maintain the couple knew they were breaking the law based on their tax filings from previous years and "multiple correspondences" sent to them by state tax officials in 2019 and 2020.

The couple also reportedly failed to pay sales tax on a vehicle they purchased in the state.

MORE: [Read the tax fraud charges filed against Derek Chauvin and his wife](#)

Derek Chauvin is in custody on the charges in the Floyd case. Kellie Chauvin, who filed for divorce after Floyd's death, was not in custody Wednesday.

Washington County Attorney Pete Orput said the case should serve as a reminder to other citizens of the importance of following tax laws.

Derek Chauvin, officer in George Floyd death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County

"When you fail to fulfill the basic obligation to file and pay taxes, you are taking money from the pockets of citizens of Minnesota," Orput said. "Our office has and will continue to file these charges when presented. Whether you are a prosecutor or police officer, or you are doctor or a realtor, no one is above the law."

The charges against the Chauvins allege they failed to file income tax returns with the state of Minnesota for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018, and that they failed to report and pay taxes on tens of thousands of dollars they earned for work outside their primary occupations between 2014 and 2019.

In addition to his full time job as a Minneapolis police officer, ***Derek Chauvin*** worked part-time as a security guard at a handful of local bars and grocery stores. Kellie Chauvin, who works as a real estate agent for Eden Prairie-based RE/MAX Results, also operates a photography business called KC Images.

Although the Chauvins filed tax returns with the Department of Revenue in 2014 and 2015, the couple failed to report income they received from some of ***Derek Chauvin***'s off-duty security work and from Kellie Chauvin's photography business.

After they were contacted by investigators in June, the Chauvins filed returns for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, but they again failed to report this extra income to the Department of Revenue.

During the six years in question, investigators estimate ***Derek Chauvin*** earned nearly \$96,000 for his security work at the El Nuevo Rodeo bar alone. In Kellie Chauvin's bank records, investigators found that she had deposited 340 checks from her work for KC Images totaling more than \$66,000, the charges say.

In addition to the income tax fraud alleged in the criminal complaints against the Chauvins, prosecutors detail the couple's 2018 purchase of a BMW automobile for \$100,231 from BMW of Minnetonka.

The Chauvins, who also own a home in Windermere, Fla., listed this property as their primary residence on their contract for purchase with the dealership and registered the vehicle in Florida, the charges say.

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During an interview with investigators, Kellie Chauvin admitted their house in Oakdale is the couple's primary residence, adding that they claimed Florida residency because it saved them about \$389 in taxes on the BMW purchase, the charges say.

All told, prosecutors say the couple owes the state of Minnesota nearly \$38,000 in taxes, late fees and fraud penalties.

In convicted on all nine counts against them, the Chauvins also face up to 45 years in prison and \$90,000 in fines.

Graphic

Derek Chauvin.(Hennepin County Sheriff via AP)

Derek Chauvin, officer in George Floyd death, charged with felony tax fraud in Washington County

Kellie Chauvin in Oakdale on Friday, June 1, 2018. Chauvin, 43, was vying to be the first Hmong Mrs. Minnesota America. (Jean Pieri / Pioneer Press)

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Family of man shot during unrest wants charges filed

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FAMILY OF MAN SHOT DURING UNREST WANTS CHARGES FILED

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Highlight: Plea comes as authorities search for witnesses to pawnshop slaying.

Body

The mother of a man shot to death during citywide unrest in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death said Tuesday that she wants justice for her son, Calvin L. Horton Jr.

That means criminal charges filed against the store owner who killed him, said Mae Roberts, of Little Rock, Ark.

The death of Horton on May 27 occurred two days after Floyd was killed by police, prompting protests, arson and looting along East Lake Street. The details of the shooting remain a mystery, but authorities allege that Horton was shot by Cadillac Pawn & Jewelry owner John Rieple outside the store. Rieple was arrested and then released without charges as the investigation continued.

"This shouldn't be," Roberts said. "The only thing I want is justice. Nothing is being done for my son."

Her plea came on the same day that police and prosecutors said they want to hear from anyone who was in or near the pawnshop just before or immediately after the shooting. The office of Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said investigators have located just one witness who saw part of the incident and have yet to find any surveillance video connected to the shooting.

Standing near the spot along East Lake Street where Horton died, Roberts and Horton's children made their case Tuesday with the help of their attorney, Ben Crump, who is also the attorney for Floyd's family.

Crump said Horton's family doesn't believe the official account of his death. The Hennepin County medical examiner reported that Horton was shot in the chest and upper extremities, but Horton's family said that after seeing the body, they believe he was shot in the back. The family says they have social media evidence that Rieple was safely inside his store when he shot at the crowd outside, striking Horton, said Crump.

"If we allow business owners to shoot Black people for protesting for ***Black Lives Matter***, then what kind of message are we sending to the world?" said Crump.

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Horton, who grew up in Minneapolis from about the age of 10, had seven children, all of whom attended the news conference. His daughter Cadaezhah Horton, 20, said the family is heartbroken that Rieple is still free. Cadaezhah Horton said she saw social media video of her father lying dead on the street but didn't realize at first that it was him.

"His life mattered to me and my six brothers and sisters," she said, adding that her youngest brothers, 8-year-old twins Cavon and Calvon, don't understand what happened. "They just know their dad is gone and that's it."

Horton's family planned to hold a 6 p.m. vigil and march Tuesday starting at Cadillac Pawn at 1538 E. Lake St. Tuesday would have been Horton's 44th birthday.

Civil rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong, who spoke after Crump, said Horton's death is like many other cases in Minneapolis in which Black victims are treated differently from white victims.

"As African Americans living here, we have tried to tell the public, we have tried to tell people who work in and outside of the system, that we have two different justice systems, one for Black people, one for white people, both separate and unequal," said Levy Armstrong.

She called for the end of Freeman's term as Hennepin County Attorney and said Gov. Tim Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison should take over the Horton case. Ellison has stepped into the prosecution of four former police officers charged in Floyd's killing.

The side of the pawnshop facing East Lake Street remains boarded up. The shop suffered significant damage and was looted on the night Horton was killed. Rieple, 59, of Galesville, Wis., could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Freeman's office issued a statement Tuesday outlining some of the investigatory challenges police faced immediately after the shooting.

"The scene was chaotic that night, with many people in and around the pawnshop," the statement says. "Some of those people pelted police officers as they tried to render first aid to Mr. Horton, and attacked them with objects again after the ambulance left and they tried to investigate the crime scene. The officers retreated and investigators were unable to safely return to the crime scene until the next day."

Freeman said authorities want to hear from anyone who was in or near the pawnshop from shortly before Horton was shot until immediately afterward. Those with information about the shooting are asked to contact CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or at crimestoppersmn.org.

Rieple opened Cadillac Pawn in 1990. While the Star Tribune generally does not identify people who have not been charged with a crime, it is doing so with Rieple because his identity as the owner of the pawnshop and his involvement in Horton's death have been widely publicized.

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MLB players to wear patches for racial justice

ARTICLE MCCLXXXVIII. [**MLB PLAYERS TO WEAR PATCHES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**](#)

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Body

Major League Baseball is set to announce Wednesday that teams on Opening Day will wear patches on their uniforms calling for racial justice in the United States, according to several sources with knowledge of the plan.

Two patches under consideration say "***Black Lives Matter***" and "United For Change," though it is not clear if the decision to wear them will be left up to individual players or teams.

MLB's decision to have players wear patches comes after several weeks of dialogue with many of its Black players, who expressed a desire to make a statement during the start of a season that has been delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

As of Monday night, not every team was behind the idea of wearing the patches, but dialogue will likely continue right up until first pitches are thrown across the league.

Some Twins players also have discussed taking a knee during the national anthem when they play the White Sox in their opener in Chicago on Friday night. The Twins play the Cubs in an exhibition game Wednesday night.

The decision to call attention to racial justice comes after a tumultuous spring and summer during which protests and rioting have occurred following the deaths of Black men and women killed by law enforcement in recent years.

But the killing of ***George Floyd*** while in Minneapolis police custody on May 25 led to nationwide and international protests and riots. Floyd's death fueled demand for police reform, and the sports world has responded in speaking out against racial injustice. Athletes in both hemispheres have taken a knee and have raised a fist in the air during pregame ceremonies in support of the cause.

The owners of the Twins, the Pohlad family, have announced they will donate \$25 million to fight racial injustice.

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"Black people have experienced oppression and racism for far too long in this country," Bill Pohlard said in a team statement at the time. "We condemn racism in all its forms, and we are firmly committed to this work beyond this seminal moment in our country's history."

Kneeling before the anthem has been a hot-button topic in the United States ever since NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick took a knee before a preseason game in 2016. Some have decried the action as anti-military or anti-America; others understood it's meant to protest social issues. The gesture still could divide clubhouses.

Decisions to make

The Twins don't know yet whether Byron Buxton's sprained left foot and Jake Odorizzi's stiff back will keep them out of this weekend's season-opening series in Chicago. But those discomforts have probably had an effect on the Twins' roster decisions.

Thirty-three players flew to Chicago, where the Twins will play an exhibition game at Wrigley Field on Wednesday, then open the Twins' 60th season against the White Sox on Friday night. Manager Rocco Baldelli and President of Baseball Operations Derek Falvey are not required to turn in the team's 30-man Opening Day roster until 11 a.m. Friday, and the status of Buxton and Odorizzi could cause them to wait until the deadline.

Buxton has not played since being driven off the field on a cart on June 13, though Baldelli has not ruled him out for this weekend. But his status almost certainly means that backup outfielders Jake Cave and LaMonte Wade Jr. will initially make the team, in case Buxton cannot play for a few days. Putting Buxton on the injured list would sideline him for 15 days, which the Twins won't want to do if it appears he can be ready before that.

Odorizzi, too, was too sore to make his final tuneup intrasquad start Saturday, but putting a pitcher on the injured list now means he must be idled for 10 days. To avoid that, the Twins figure to start the season with a 16-man pitching staff that will include three extra starting pitchers - Randy Dobnak, Devin Smeltzer and Lewis Thorpe, any one of whom could fill in for Odorizzi. It also means Matt Wisler, an offseason waiver claim who has 57 major league starts, is likely to open the season with the Twins, to back up that long-relief role.

"We're in a pretty good spot, where we don't have too many decisions right now," Baldelli said Monday. But he said the Twins would "stay a little more conservative right now than we normally would" in roster construction.

Bailey starts vs. Cubs

Homer Bailey will be on the mound Wednesday in a familiar place: Wrigley Field, where he has started 11 games during his big-league career. Bailey, who is 5-4 in the iconic park but hasn't won there since April 20, 2014, will make his final appearance before his regular-season Twins debut, presumably next week in Target Field.

Bailey will be followed by relievers Zack Littell and Tyler Clippard in the 6:05 p.m. game, which will be televised by Fox Sports North.

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The Cubs have dropped a pair of exhibition games against the White Sox, 7-3 on Sunday in Wrigley Field and 5-3 Monday in Guaranteed Rate Field. Wednesday's game will be the Twins' only exhibition.

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Read the tax fraud charges filed against Derek Chauvin and his wife

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[READ THE TAX FRAUD CHARGES FILED AGAINST DEREK CHAUVIN AND HIS WIFE](#)

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Prosecutors filed the tax fraud charges against Chauvin, 44, and his wife, Kellie May Chauvin, 45, on Wednesday, following an investigation by the Minnesota Department of Revenue and Oakdale police.

Chauvin was the officer filmed with his knee on ***George Floyd's*** neck. He's been charged in Floyd's Memorial Day death with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Kellie Chauvin filed to divorce her husband shortly after Floyd's death.

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After George Floyd's death, MN police training programs aim to do better on race

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Since soon after ***George Floyd***'s May 25 death, a work group from the Minnesota State college and university system has been meeting weekly to consider changes for its 22 schools that churn out 80 percent of the state's licensed peace officers.

Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer who knelt on Floyd's neck and who is charged with Floyd's murder, attended three of those schools.

"We know we're a big piece of this," said Ron Anderson, Minnesota State's senior vice chancellor of academic and student affairs.

Michael Birchard, associate vice president for equity and inclusion at Inver Hills Community and Dakota County Technical colleges, said he felt disappointed in himself following Floyd's death, so he wrote a call to action to the dean who oversees the law enforcement programs.

A group quickly formed with a goal of transforming their training, he said.

Tia Robinson Cooper, provost and vice president of academic affairs at Inver Hills, said they want students to understand racial equity issues, including implicit bias, and develop a public service mind-set before they enter law enforcement careers.

To instill that mind-set, first-year law enforcement students will be required to take a course where they engage in service learning.

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Anderson said the system's training programs have examined themselves following previous police killings of people of color. What's different this time, he said, is they're inviting input from the broader community.

Minnesota State University, Mankato, for example, held its fourth public forum Wednesday on reforming its training program. The school expects to recommend changes to its program by Oct. 1.

The higher education system also is being pushed by its chancellor, Devinder Malhotra, who has made diversity, equity and inclusion a priority.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that these programs also directly address issues of racism and social justice, producing graduates who are culturally competent (and) are able to equitably respond to all of those whom they are charged to serve and protect, regardless of skin color, national origin or identity," Malhotra told the Minnesota State Board of Trustees on Wednesday.

This fall, faculty from all 22 schools will come together for a deep dive into their curriculum and teaching practices, viewed through an equity lens.

That group, too, is being asked to suggest changes to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, which administers the officer licensing exam and generally determines what training programs must teach.

Minnesota State also has a goal of recruiting and retaining more faculty of color for the programs.

"If we're going to teach a culturally responsive program, we need to also have faculty who can do the same," said Sherrise Truesdale-Moore, an associate professor of corrections at Mankato.

Truesdale-Moore said she studied at two historically black colleges and universities and much of what she learned is missing from Mankato's program. [Shooting near Mears Park injures 1 Sunday night](#) [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#) [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#)

Minnesota State trustee Jerry Janezich raised the concern that officers discard what they've learned in school once they are hired.

"Once students leave us and go into individual departments, things tend to break down," he said.

Anderson said the schools can try to address that on the front end by emphasizing to prospective students that law enforcement is a public service career and later through conversations about leadership, entering the workforce and interacting with communities.

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Charred piles of rubble remain 2 months after riots. Midway businesses find clearing debris no easy task.

ARTICLE MCCXCI. **CHARRED PILES OF RUBBLE REMAIN 2 MONTHS AFTER RIOTS.
MIDWAY BUSINESSES FIND CLEARING DEBRIS NO EASY TASK.**

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Body

In the days after rioters torched his 100-year-old St. Paul pharmacy, Jim Stage vowed to rebuild and his customers quickly rallied around him. Two months later, his store remains a pile of charred rubble.

The remnants of burned businesses continue to dot the Midway neighborhood struggling to get back on its feet after the unrest that followed the death of *George Floyd*. The challenges at Lloyd's Pharmacy show how clearing up the damage - let alone rebuilding - will be no easy task.

So far, buildings devastated by fires have been razed by the city using emergency funds from the Ground Service Maintenance Fund, according to the city of St. Paul. Now, it's up to the property owners to decide what to do with the rubble.

Stage got authorization from the city to start clearing the rubble from his property last week. But Ramsey County put a halt to the removal.

Stage's original contractor did not have the proper credentials to demolish a building with asbestos, so the operation was put on pause until they hired someone who did, according to county officials.

"When a structure destroyed in a fire wasn't tested for asbestos prior to the fire, then you have to assume asbestos exists in the debris," said Michael Reed from the Ramsey County Environmental Health division.

The new contractor will cost Stage around \$60,000, and won't be covered by his insurance. And the longer it takes to straighten out the details, the longer his property remains a pile of debris.

"People in our community have been totally patient and understanding," he said. "I'm understanding too, but we can't rebuild until the debris pile is removed."

NO EASY TASK

Charred piles of rubble remain 2 months after riots. Midway businesses find clearing debris no easy task.

Fees for commercial demolitions vary, and normally cost more than residential demolitions, which average between \$15,000 to \$20,000. Although the city can pay for demolitions in the case of an "unremedied nuisance ordinance," the full cost of the demolition ultimately falls on the property owner, according to city officials.

"Normally, if a building burns down, it's a rapid process of helping them move forward," said Suzanne Donovan, marketing and public relations manager for the city of St. Paul.

But given the economic implications of the coronavirus pandemic, these are extraordinary circumstances, she said. Property owners may need more time to decide on their next steps.

"The Department of Security and Inspections and the Department of Planning and Economic Development have been reaching out to businesses to talk one-on-one," Donovan said. "The city has been very sensitive to their individual processes."

That process is helping groups better support the businesses damaged during the unrest, said Chad Kulas, director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has used the information to advocate for Midway businesses in legislative meetings and create funds for businesses that are under-insured.

MOVING FORWARD

Here's a list of heavily damaged properties and how the owners plan to move forward:

Lloyd's Pharmacy

Address: 720 N. Snelling Ave. Status: Pending demolition permit to remove rubble, property owner expressed intentions to rebuild.

Enterprise

Address: 1161 W. University Ave. Status: No demolition permit, property owner expressed intentions to rebuild.

NAPA, Bolé and Subway

Address: 1271 W. University Ave. - 490 N. Syndicate St. Status: No demolition permit, property owner expressed intentions to clean up themselves.

Boost Mobile, Sports Dome

Address: 1499 W. University Ave. - 1505 W. University Ave. Status: No demolition permit, currently working with Department of Security and Inspections to phase construction plan.

Speedway

Address: 2051 Grand Ave. Status: Has active demolition permit issued July 14 to remove rubble. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Graphic

An aerial photo of the remains of the Sports Dome sporting goods store, top, and Big Top Liquors, bottom, on University Ave. in St. Paul on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Jim Stage, right, owner of Lloyd's Pharmacy, talks with long-time customer Sterret Morrison at the remains of his business in St. Paul on Monday, June 1, 2020. The St. Paul institution, on the corner Snelling Ave. and Minnehaha Ave., was looted and burned in violent protests Thursday, May 28, part of the reaction to the death of **George Floyd**, a black man who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on May 25. (John Autey/ Pioneer Press)

A Green Line light rail train pulls out the Snelling Ave. station on Tuesday, July, 21, 2020 near the rubble of the former Sports Dome store in St. Paul. Rubble still remains at the Midway business, across the street from Allianz Field, almost 2 months after it was damaged during rioting following the death of **George Floyd** on May 25 while being detained by Minneapolis police. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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MN Legislature approves police accountability measures. Here's what the bill will do.

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Other changes include:

A ban on chokeholds and so-called warrior-style training, which critics say promotes excessive force. It imposes a duty to intercede on officers who see a colleague using excessive force. It changes rules on the use of force to stress the sanctity of life. It makes changes in arbitration rules affecting police unions. Officers will get more training on dealing with people with mental health issues and autism. The measure also creates a new advisory council for the state board that licenses officers.

"This is a really a great bill, but it is only a first step," Democratic House Speaker Melissa Hortman, of Brooklyn Park, said at a news conference. "It paves the way for transformational change, but it doesn't bring about transformational change."

Democratic House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, of Golden Valley, told reporters that Minnesota will "continue to live in a powder keg" as long as its racial inequities in health, education, income and policing continue to exist.

"It is vitally important for the world to see us pass this legislation," Winkler said. "Of course, it's more important to protect the lives of people in our state. But Minnesota, I think, has suffered a severe reputational hit in the world. And it's because we have revealed the truth of our state, which is that we are among the worst when it comes to racial equality. And that cannot continue."

Passage came after nearly two months of difficult negotiations that followed Floyd's death May 25 and the ensuing unrest that spread around the world over police brutality and racism. The Black man was restrained

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face down in the street while handcuffed and with three officers holding him down, including a white officer who had a knee to Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes.

The Republican-controlled Senate sent the bill to Democratic Gov. Tim Walz on a 60-to-7 vote early Tuesday before adjourning the special session. The House approved the package 102-29 just before midnight. Walz said he plans to sign it.

"*George Floyd*'s death brought the need for meaningful police reform into sharp focus for Minnesotans across the state," the governor said in a statement. "After decades of advocacy by communities of color and Indigenous communities, the bipartisan passage of these measures is a critical step toward justice."

Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, of East Gull Lake, told WCCO Radio that the final package included a "number of really good things" from both parties and was backed by law enforcement groups.

Walz had to call the special session, the second in as many months, to give lawmakers a chance to rescind the emergency powers he's been using to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The House Democratic majority last week blocked a GOP effort to void those powers, just as it did in June. Lawmakers then turned their attention to policing.

[Walz calls special session next week to consider 30-day extension of pandemic powers](#) [Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch.](#) [Voters, GOP lawmakers plan lawsuit over Walz's mask mandate at polling places](#) [State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding'](#) [Minnesota will close 2 prisons to prepare for budget shortfall. Other agencies face holes, too.](#) A number of community groups gathered Tuesday to criticize the efforts as "watered-down" and a "deep disappointment."

"Not only was the legislation disappointing but it included harmful elements such as additional funding for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to continue their practice of poor quality investigations that cover up police deadly force incidents," stated Michelle Gross, President of Communities United Against Police Brutality.

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\$1.8B bonding bill stalls in House

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[\\$1.8B BONDING BILL STALLS IN HOUSE](#)

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Body

A major public infrastructure package projected to create thousands of construction jobs around Minnesota faces an uncertain fate after the Legislature ended a special session Tuesday without agreement on a \$1 billion-plus borrowing bill.

The collapse of the multiyear bonding bill was the third failed effort since the end of a regular Legislative session in May that was clouded by the coronavirus pandemic. Another special session in June, dominated by the police killing of George Floyd, also ended without a deal.

Lawmakers in the divided Legislature came together again late Monday night to pass sweeping police reforms in response to the death of Floyd and other Black men in encounters with police. Leaders in both parties praised the bipartisan effort to reach agreement on a police accountability measure, which Gov. Tim Walz is expected to sign later this week. But support for a \$1.8 billion borrowing package failed to materialize, despite leaders' assurances that both sides were close to a deal in recent weeks. Political jockeying over Walz's use of executive powers during the pandemic, combined with differences over some of the building projects, sank the bonding bill before a self-imposed deadline to adjourn the weeklong special session.

House Republican Leader Kurt Daudt, who conditioned support for the bonding bill on ending Walz's emergency powers, left open the possibility of a deal next month when the Legislature is expected to return to review another potential extension of the peacetime emergency. "We'll be back here in three weeks and we can try again," he said in a House speech early Tuesday.

But construction industry and union groups backing the bonding bill say the continued inaction could again delay, or eventually doom, needed infrastructure improvements that could foster economic development and create jobs during the pandemic.

"They know the impact this is going to have and they did nothing anyway," said Jason George, business manager for the building trades union Operating Engineers Local 49. "That rises to disgust to me."

\$1.8B bonding bill stalls in House

Walz and top leaders in the DFL-controlled House and the GOP-led Senate had pledged to make bonding a priority. But a revised proposal failed Monday amid continued opposition from the House GOP minority. Unlike other spending measures, the long-term borrowing bill requires a supermajority vote, meaning Republican votes were needed.

As the collapse of the bonding bill became evident early Tuesday, both sides cast blame. Walz blasted House Republicans for being "willing to walk away from the best economic thing we could do." He noted that majority leaders in both chambers negotiated a deal without tying the bonding bill to the coronavirus dispute.

"I think it's incredibly unfortunate, the idea we can't lift the highway in Henderson so it doesn't flood every year because I'm ordering masks for long-term-care facilities," Walz said. "That's part of dealing with the pandemic. I need to do that."

Daudt, R-Crown, blamed Democrats for packing the bill with "poison pills" they knew his GOP caucus wouldn't support, including language related to a light-rail transit expansion and a train to Duluth. "There were zero discussions with our caucus all day Monday, signaling that Democrats simply aren't serious about reaching a compromise," he said in a statement.

But Daudt's GOP counterpart in the Senate, Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, signaled support for the bonding bill, even though senators did not get a chance to vote on it.

Gazelka said the bill contained a "lot of good provisions," including money for wastewater infrastructure and \$600 million for roads and bridges. "Both sides would say there was something in there they didn't like," Gazelka said in an interview Tuesday with WCCO Radio. "Welcome to divided politics. You don't get everything you want."

George, from Local 49, said while there was blame to go around, he remained "deeply disappointed" with the House Republicans' opposition, which blocked the bill in the lower chamber.

"Last night, with a good bonding bill in front of them, in my opinion, they chose to fight with the governor instead of create jobs," he said. "And that's something I just don't understand."

Legislators are likely to return to the Capitol for another special session in mid-August, if Walz extends his use of emergency powers. But a previously planned sale of government bonds in August complicates prospects for a deal, according to Walz, because the new borrowing could jeopardize the financing for projects that have already been approved.

A spokesman for Minnesota Management and Budget said given those plans and federal securities law, the "next opportunity for the Legislature to make any changes to the budget, including a bonding bill, must wait until late September when this blackout period ends."

And leaders in both parties fear that negotiations in any September session could be complicated by the November elections, when all House and Senate seats are up for grabs.

"We've tried two to three times on the bonding bill and the tax relief," Gazelka told WCCO. "At this point, it very may well be that we come in and we continue to advocate to get rid of the governor's emergency powers and then just ... close up. Now we're aiming for the regular session in January."

\$1.8B bonding bill stalls in House

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, D-Brooklyn Park, struck a similar tone. She said Senate Republicans indicated to her that Tuesday was the last chance for a deal this year.

"It may be much more difficult to get along and get things done as we move into the heat of the campaign season," she said.

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Credit Legislature for policing reforms

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 6A**Length:** 515 words**Highlight:** There's more work to do, but DFLers and Republicans made notable progress.**Body**

The Minnesota Legislature should be commended for the hard work, broad inclusion and compromise that has resulted in significant police accountability measures.

The package delivers on a statewide ban on both chokeholds and neck restraints of the type that were used in the arrest that ended in *George Floyd's* death. It's true a number of departments already had banned such holds, but the legislation applies the ban across every jurisdiction, and gives it the force of law. In addition, so-called warrior training can no longer be offered by departments and cannot count for education credits for officers. Such training teaches officers to view every situation in terms of maximum threat and can encourage overly aggressive responses.

The state also will launch a statewide database of deadly force incidents. DFL House Speaker Melissa Hortman said Tuesday that the database will go a long way toward showing trends and creating information to be used for further improvements in accountability.

Another needed tool for the good officers on the streets - and there are many - is a statewide duty for them to intervene when a colleague's policing gets overly aggressive. Again, some departments, such as Minneapolis, already had such a requirement, but it wasn't always followed. Now officers can intercede knowing they are backed by the full force of law, and that they risk a violation if they fail to act.

The bill also will create a state investigative unit to look into deadly force incidents, bringing a needed credibility to the results.

One of the toughest obstacles to better accountability has been a system of mandatory arbitration that made it difficult for police chiefs to get rid of rogue officers. Arbitration remains, but with a much-needed change: a rotating panel of experts will be used, curbing the perverse incentives of the current system, where arbitrators who landed too often on one side were less likely to be employed.

Hortman said the Legislature's work does not end here. "It's not nearly enough, but it is a considerable step forward," she said. "This is just a start." Community members, victims' families, business leaders and a number of law enforcement agencies themselves all contributed to this effort. Not everyone will agree on

Credit Legislature for policing reforms

the merits of these proposals. Some are already criticizing the efforts. That's to be expected and, indeed, can keep the pressure on to make good on future reforms.

On a disappointing note, the Legislature failed to reach a compromise on what was to have been a bonding bill of about \$1.8 billion. Efforts by Hortman and Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka were not enough to surmount continued intransigence by House Republicans, where Minority Leader Kurt Daudt has needlessly linked capital improvements to ending Gov. Tim Walz's emergency powers to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minnesotans should be outraged that such gamesmanship has cost the state and its citizens a needed bill that could have produced jobs and infrastructure projects in every corner of the state. Minnesotans have a right to expect better.

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Fleetwood savored family time in hiatus

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FLEETWOOD SAVORED FAMILY TIME IN HIATUS

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Body

Seven weeks after the PGA Tour returned from its three-month coronavirus shutdown, world 12th-ranked Tommy Fleetwood is restarting himself at this week's 3M Open in Blaine.

He hasn't played since the Players Championship was canceled after its first round in March. He chose to remain at home in England with his family until now.

After a two-week quarantine in the Hamptons on Long Island, Fleetwood is back after more than four months away. He'll spend the next nine weeks resuming his PGA Tour season.

He watched his 2-year-old son, Frankie, grow, tried unsuccessfully to learn how to cook and called it all "beautiful family time."

"I've never spent four months sleeping in the same bed all at once for a very, very long time," Fleetwood said during a Tuesday videoconference at TPC Twin Cities.

"The time we had together has been something that probably we'll never get again."

He timed his return to play the 3M Open before next week's World Golf Championship in Memphis and the PGA Championship in San Francisco the week after that.

He spent part of his time at home watching the PGA Tour resume.

"Eventually, it was always going to be my turn to come out," Fleetwood said. "One of the great things about the tour is that no matter how long you've been away, everybody says, 'Hey,' like they saw you yesterday."

He finished third at Honda Classic in March and missed the cut at the Arnold Palmer Invitational before the Players was canceled.

He said he has played "quite a lot" of golf without tournament conditions and without trying to post a score.

"It'll be interesting coming back to see if I can continue that rhythm," Fleetwood said.

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"I'm definitely not going to use time off as any kind of excuse if I don't play well because I feel like I've had a lot of good practice and playing time."

· Fleetwood's cooking experiments during his lockdown at home apparently failed.

"I realized first of all, I'm not good at it," he said, "and second of all, I didn't really enjoy it. So it was like lose-lose.

"Chicken Milanese, I did a very poor effort on. That was when I decided to leave the career as a chef."

Pairings to watch

Fleetwood's featured pairing with Dustin Johnson and Tony Finau tees off 7:30 a.m. Thursday and 12:40 p.m. Friday. Brooks Koepka, Keith Mitchell and Charles Howell III tee off at 7:20 a.m. Thursday.

Bubba Watson, Paul Casey and Pat Perez go off at 12:40 p.m.

There's a Minnesota connection with Tim Herron, Tom Lehman and former Gopher Erik van Rooyen playing together at 8:10 a.m. Thursday.

Others with that state connection: Troy Merritt, formerly of Spring Lake Park High and Winona State, at 12:40 p.m., two-time Minnesota State Am champ Tom Hoge at noon and Gophers golfer Angus Flanagan at 2 p.m.

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PGA Tour players, caddies, officials and staff continue to be tested regularly inside their protective "bubble" for coronavirus.

Koepka was asked Tuesday if he is accustomed to the nasal swabbing yet.

"It depends who does it," he said. "Gentle Steve, I guess one of them's got a nickname. So, yeah, you try to find him."

Bringing light

The PGA Tour last month resumed its suspended season by setting aside an open 8:46 a.m. tee time the first morning in Texas that included a moment of silence for ***George Floyd***, whose killing by Minneapolis police on Memorial Day sparked unrest and protests calling for racial justice worldwide.

On Thursday, the 3M Open will be played 22 miles from where Floyd was killed.

"Well, it's tragic," Koepka said. "I mean, it's pathetic what happened. To see somebody's life go and then you watch it multiple, multiple times, it's tough. I get chills right now just even thinking about it. What happened is uncalled for.

"If there's anything good, we're starting to see change. As a world, as people, we need to continue to grow and I think we're at least bringing light to it now.

"Racism is a big issue and I think we're on our way now."

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Lack of pay stops street outreach

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LACK OF PAY STOPS STREET OUTREACH

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Organizers of several Minneapolis crime-prevention groups have temporarily stopped doing street outreach because they say the city hasn't paid them in weeks, even as gun violence continues to rise.

The groups - including We Push for Peace and a coalition of ministers and gang members organized by Rev. Jerry McAfee that helped guard North Side businesses during the riots that followed ***George Floyd's*** death - had been working with the city to combat crime, particularly in the Third and Fourth police precincts. Under the direction of the Office of Violence Prevention, the groups started patrolling some of the most troubled neighborhoods, talking to gang members and trying to defuse tensions among rival crews before they erupt.

But Trey Pollard, founder and CEO of We Push for Peace, said that promised payments from the city have yet to materialize. Pollard said the group has cut back its outreach, since most of its workers rely on a steady paycheck.

"They can't continuously keep putting their lives in jeopardy out there, and walking around from 9 o'clock at night to 3 o'clock in the morning," he said. "It's been a month now, and we have yet to receive a payment - you can't expect us to keep doing the work."

This comes amid an exceptionally violent year in Minneapolis, which has seen homicides double from this time in 2019 and shootings jump roughly 70%. In the most recent homicide, a taxi driver was fatally shot on the South Side after police say he confronted two men breaking into his cab.

Fourth Ward Council Member Phillipe Cunningham said the surge speaks to the need for investing in community-based violence intervention initiatives, while adding that he still sees a need for police in certain situations. He said his office is working to speed up the outreach payments and hopes the situation will be resolved soon.

"That's one of the reasons that I want to make sure that people get paid in an expedited time, because they have to take care of their families and they have rent, or whatever the case may be," Cunningham told

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several dozen Folwell residents who gathered Monday to discuss crime and drug dealing. "And it's easier to fall back into the life if they don't get paid in an expeditious time frame."

In a follow-up interview Tuesday, Cunningham blamed the lapses on the city's inefficient process for paying contractors, but he stressed that the work of reducing crime hadn't stopped.

"The city has a responsibility to pay people who are doing high-risk work that requires a special level of expertise and rare skill, for them to be paid in a time frame that matches a fact that this is their livelihood, and that they have rent, mortgages and families to take care of," he said. "I do not want folks to focus their frustration on community organizations that say it's not fair for us to work for the city and not be paid in reasonable time frames."

Spokespeople for the city and the Police Department either didn't respond to questions about the delayed payments or declined to comment on Tuesday.

Lisa Clemons, a former Minneapolis police officer who started an organization called A Mother's Love, said that such oversights send the message the city doesn't value the work of those who sometimes put their lives on the line. Even groups like hers that have a longstanding relationship with the city face a mountain of bureaucratic red tape before they can get paid, she said.

"So for them to have to wait to be paid to do this work, where they're already struggling and starving, that's just sad," said Clemons.

Quantrell Urman started the outreach and mentoring group Turf Politics last year but says he's never applied for funding from the city on principle.

"I understand those guys' frustration," he said. "Who wouldn't want money out there? It's dangerous, they're going to places the city can't go, they're doing things the city can't do."

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Minnesotan confirmed as new director of Army National Guard

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**MINNESOTAN CONFIRMED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF ARMY
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Body

The U.S. Senate confirmed the head of the Minnesota National Guard to lead the Army National Guard's forces nationally.

The promotion of Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen to director of the Army National Guard gives him responsibility for overseeing all programs and policies for roughly 350,000 soldiers in all 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia.

In a statement released Monday night after the voice vote confirming President Donald Trump's nomination, U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., said, "Our nation will benefit from his leadership and decades of experience and commitment to those serving in the National Guard. We are grateful for the Major General's commitment to service members and their families, whom he has supported through numerous deployments, as well as his work to help Minnesotans through several natural disasters."

The rise to the national post also means a third star for Jensen, who has served as Minnesota's adjutant general since November 2017, leading 13,000 citizen soldiers and airmen operating in 62 locations throughout the state.

Jensen has been the Guard's top officer in Minnesota during the state's most challenging times in many years.

In late May, the Guard offered free COVID-19 testing in Minneapolis and five other locations across the state.

Soon afterward, more than 7,000 members of the Guard were called up for duty after ***George Floyd***'s death on May 25 while in police custody in Minneapolis. Their duties ranged from street patrols to preparing food to handling logistics.

Early this month, Jensen took on past problems of sexual assault and harassment among Guard members. He said the Guard needs to make information about reporting sexual assault more readily available, speed

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investigations when allegations surface and change military code to make it easier to enforce rules against such conduct.

Jensen ordered an assessment, and in April 2019, the Guard reported its sexual assault numbers publicly for the first time.

Jensen succeeds Lt. Gen. Daniel Hokanson, who also was confirmed Monday by the Senate as the next chief of the National Guard Bureau. That promotion comes with a seat on the president's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

An Iowa native and Northwest Missouri State University graduate, Jensen has served in the Guard for 37 years. He has been deployed to Kuwait, Bosnia and twice to Iraq while serving with the 34th Infantry Division. He commanded the division before becoming his state's adjutant general.

A replacement for Jensen as Minnesota's adjutant general awaits a nomination from Gov. Tim Walz.

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New Be The Match CEO Amy Ronneberg faces donor, border challenges in Covid-19 pandemic

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Body

Amy Ronneberg was named CEO of Be The Match last month, taking over the largest bone marrow registry in the world during a time when the health care world's attention was fixed just about anywhere else.

Be The Match, which is operated by the National Bone Marrow Registry, is based out of Minneapolis and is the largest nonprofit in the Twin Cities. It connects people fighting cancer with bone marrow donors all around the world.

A cancer survivor herself, Ronneberg brings a personal touch to leadership at the organization where she's [*worked as chief financial officer since 2013.*](#)

She was named a [*Business Journal CFO of the Year in 2016*](#) for her efforts to save money at Be The Match, a move that helped the organization reduce the cost of a bone marrow transplant by 5% in one year.

Ronneberg sat down with the Business Journal last month to discuss how Covid-19 has impacted the nonprofit's work and how Be The Match makes giving marrow a unique experience for donors.

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The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Amy, you've worked for Be The Match since 2013 and you were the acting CEO for months. How important is a sense of continuity for Be The Match? I think it is important with any organization. Now, more than ever, there's so much disruption in our lives. Then you put in the senseless killing of George Floyd and the civil unrest that has taken place since then and it's a lot to take for anybody. Now you throw on top of it a change in your leadership, that's a lot.

How has Covid-19 affected what you do? Covid has had a significant impact on our operations. If you think about Be The Match, we register donors. The best donor is a young donor, about 18 to 25 or 18 to 35, so we do a lot of our recruitment on college campuses. When Covid hit and college campuses shut down, we had to go fully online. And it's a lot more challenging to tell the story online. Especially in diverse areas, we tend to be able to tell that story far better when we have that face-to-face. Twenty-five percent of U.S. patients receive product from another country and 25% of U.S. donors, their product is going to another country. So you can imagine that week of March 11 when the president announced shutting the borders, that had a significant impact on us. Now, we did receive a waiver from the director of the CDC; it's the only waiver that's been provided throughout the country with a blanket exemption. Our product is actually moved by couriers, so volunteer couriers who go through extensive training.

You can't just bubble wrap it and put it in the mail. Yeah, unfortunately it doesn't work that way. With the number of commercial flights that ceased, it became really challenging to move in a timely manner. Be The Match has had to get innovative. We've been saying a lot lately we've been making the impossible, possible. We're being told by countries, "There's no way you're able to land a plane in our country." Three days later, we have a plane landing in that country.

Why is there so much international travel? We are an international organization. There are about 50 registries in the world we work with. As a patient, when your doctor searches for a donor, it automatically searches the whole world. We have access for every search to 35 million donors worldwide. The reason that's important is because HLA matching is much more complicated than, say, a blood-type matching. HLA comes from both your mom and dad and their ancestry. In my case, both of my parents are from Eastern Europe, the Poland area. It's very possible that my best match might be someone from Poland.

So simplifying your supply chain isn't really an option? It isn't. Obviously, life would be easier if you could just have a supply chain in the United States, but lives are at stake here. The only way for us to meet the needs of the patients in the United States is to be an international organization.

What else has changed because of Covid? We've had to do a lot of recruitment online. Our organization has done an amazing job of quickly pivoting to a campaign called Couch2Cure. We had well over 50,000 donors register through that campaign.

Anything else? The amount of work for us to do the same thing has increased about 20 times. Previously, we would have a courier trip planned and there wouldn't be any issues there. Now, that courier trip may need to move four, five, six times because airlines are canceling flights. That has increased our workload, but our overall procedures and the number of patients who have had a bone marrow transplant has gone down a bit during this time. We are starting to see it increase, but in certain pockets of the country. As you can imagine, for many weeks, New York really had a significant decline in transplants that were taking place. We're starting to see that change. I think we're going to see, as this pandemic continues, certain parts of the country are going to be pulling back because they need the beds for Covid patients, and other parts

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of the country will surge because they have a backlog in transplants. Our belief is we'll probably end the year slightly down.

How much is slightly down? Year-over-year we're probably going to end up about 5% less, because at the end of the day, cancer doesn't care about Covid. It still happens. What we've found is if a patient has the opportunity to wait a month or two, that some areas are pushing that transplant back slightly.

CEO, Be The Match

Age: Turning 47 in early August

Education: Bachelors, accounting, University from Wisconsin-Eau Claire; MBA, Capella University

Family: Married; two girls, Isabelle (10) and Hadley (8); two black labs, Harper and Hershey

Hobbies: I love running and working out with friends at OrangeTheory, reading, traveling (at least previously) with our family, watching sports (especially the Packers and Cubs) and painting.

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Police reform bill seen as only a step

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Body

Minnesota's historic police reforms drew varied reactions Tuesday, from mild enthusiasm to disgust, with a common refrain: The state still has a long way to go.

A compromise product of a divided state Legislature, the package of policing changes was welcomed as a step in the right direction - but one that falls far short of the sort of transformational change demanded after the police killing of *George Floyd*.

Attorney and activist Nekima Levy Armstrong called the final product "a slap in the face" to Black Minnesotans. And even one police group said the reforms didn't go far enough. Andy Skoogman, executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, said he wanted to see deeper changes to the arbitration process that so often overturns decisions on police discipline.

The bill includes restrictions on chokeholds and neck restraints - such as the one used on Floyd - and a prohibition on warrior-style training for officers.

It enhances data collection around deadly force encounters, requires officers to intervene and creates a new state unit to investigate such cases. The bill boosts funding for crisis intervention training, creates a panel of expert arbitrators to handle police misconduct cases and establishes incentives for officers to live in the communities they police.

Its passage came after weeks of legislative impasse that had already derailed another special session in June - one that was initially called to review Gov. Tim Walz's extension of his emergency powers. But the continuing outrage over Floyd's killing kept up the pressure on the only divided legislature in the nation to find common ground when Walz extended the state of emergency again in July.

"We've never stopped working on this, whether we were in session or out of session. That's something we all felt was important," said Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake.

Police reform bill seen as only a step

Walz is expected to sign the measure into law Thursday.

"No piece of legislation is perfect and I wouldn't view any as the end," Walz said. "As our society changed, and as this issue became apparent, we were able to move. I think it's pretty amazing we moved some of these issues around [the Peace Officer Standards and Training] Board, around chokeholds, around warrior training. ... We were able to pass that."

Walz said the first text he got after the proposal passed early Tuesday was from family members of people killed by police, who wanted to "express their deep disappointment that it didn't go far enough."

"The emotion of being glad to see us come together and move significant reform but also the sense of frustration, and in many cases anguish, from some of these families that they didn't get what they wanted to see in this bill, I think that behooves us to continue to work together," he said.

Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said he, too, considers Minnesota's police changes a work in progress.

"When I look at the laws that have been passed in other states for police reform, most of it comes down to banning chokeholds and some duty to intervene, Harrington said. "I think this is far broader and goes far deeper than that. I think we did really good work."

"My hat is off to both sides, the Senate and the House, for coming to the finish line," he said.

State Rep. Rena Moran, the DFL co-chairwoman of the People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus at the Legislature, said lawmakers did the best they could under difficult circumstances. There's more work to be done, she said.

"We had to work with a Republican Senate that is pretty much police friendly," Moran said. "That's the reality of where we are here in the state of Minnesota."

"It is only the beginning," Moran said. "It is not the end."

Steven Belton, president and CEO of the Urban League Twin Cities, said he's grateful a compromise was struck, but greater reforms are needed. For example, he said, the bill did not include a requirement that law enforcement officers carry their own personal liability insurance - something that he said creates an incentive for officers to check themselves.

"In a way, this legislation represents the low-hanging fruit," Belton said. "We've richer, higher fruit that needs to be harvested."

But he said the bill is better than nothing: "As my daddy used to say, 'It's better than a poke in the eye, son.'"

"We'll be back in subsequent legislative sessions," he said, "pushing for more and deeper reform."

Julia Decker, policy director for ACLU of Minnesota, expressed her disappointment that the bill didn't require an independent prosecutor, such as the attorney general, to handle officer-involved deaths.

"We certainly hope that the Legislature recognizes this to be the beginning, and not the end," Decker said.

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Some of the most heated reaction came from Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB), an advocacy group that has worked for decades on policing issues. The group protested outside the governor's residence Tuesday to voice its disappointment with the package of reforms.

In an interview, CUAPB President Michelle Gross called the measure a "mediocre bill" with "a lot of extra garbage that we don't need."

"It doesn't do anything substantial to end violent policing," Gross said. "The legislators, frankly, are frightened of the law enforcement lobby."

Gross said the bill failed to include many of the 44 recommendations her group has pushed, such as requiring that police release body camera footage to families of victims within 48 hours, and ending the civil statute of limitations on wrongful death to give families more time to file a lawsuit.

Armstrong, founder of the Racial Justice Network, a grassroots civil rights organization, agreed that the reform measure is "very weak" and pointed out that the chokehold language isn't a ban because it allows an exception "to protect the peace officer or another from death or great bodily harm."

"We consider it to be watered-down legislation, and a mere fraction of what they could have done to begin to address the systemic nature of police violence and abuse that permeates far too many police departments in Minnesota," Armstrong said in an interview.

"The Legislature should not be patting themselves on the back for doing the bare minimum. It shouldn't have taken two special sessions to get this watered-down bill," she said. "It's a slap in the face, especially to Black residents in the state of Minnesota."

Other reform-minded Minnesotans also found the bill lacking. Abigail Cerra, a former public defender and member of the civilian-led Police Conduct Oversight Commission, said she cannot speak for the commission, but said the bill should have changed public records law to make police discipline more transparent. Currently, only misconduct complaints that are sustained are made public, making it impossible for the public to find out about incidents that lead to many complaints. Many complaints result not in discipline but in "coaching." And since that isn't classified as discipline, those cases are not made public.

But she praised the POCI Caucus at the Legislature for "tenacious leadership and advocacy" on the reforms. "They could have let it drop and they didn't," she said.

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U.S. Senate confirms head of Minnesota Guard to national post

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Body

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"We are grateful for the Major General's commitment to servicemembers and their families, whom he has supported through numerous deployments, as well as his work to help Minnesotans through several natural disasters," she said.

An Iowa native, Jensen has served in the the Army National Guard for more than three decades and has completed several overseas deployments.

Most recently, Jensen oversaw the deployment of National Guard troops on the streets of the Twin Cities during the unrest that followed the death of ***George Floyd***.

He was [named adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard](#) by Gov. Mark Dayton in 2017.

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Chauvin, wife face felony tax charges

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The fired Minneapolis police officer charged with killing ***George Floyd*** was charged along with his wife Wednesday with felony tax crimes dating back to 2014 that allege failure to claim more than \$460,000 in income - at least \$96,000 of that in his off-duty security work.

Derek Chauvin and Kellie Chauvin, of Oakdale, were each charged by summons in Washington County District Court with nine felony counts of aiding and abetting false or fraudulent tax returns or failing to file returns.

From 2014 to 2019, the Chauvins underreported \$464,433 in joint income and owed a total of \$21,853 in taxes, according to the charges. With interest and late filing and fraud penalties, they owe \$37,868, the complaints said.

Derek Chauvin, 46, remains jailed on second-degree murder and manslaughter charges in connection with the death of Floyd while in police custody on May 25. Three other ex-officers, ***Thomas Lane***, ***J. Alexander Kueng*** and ***Tou Thao*** are charged with aiding and abetting Chauvin.

Kellie Chauvin, 45, who has filed for divorce since her husband was charged, was not available for comment.

County Attorney Pete Orput said the investigation of the two "was in the works well before" ***Derek Chauvin*** was charged with Floyd's death in late May.

Orput said state Department of Revenue officials contacted his office in June with what they found, and "they were sending [Chauvin] letters last year" about no returns being filed, "and they got no response."

Then, when ***Derek Chauvin*** came under worldwide attention for his role in Floyd's killing, revenue officials "read the guy's name and realize this is their guy," Orput said.

The county attorney called the Chauvins' tax troubles "run of the mill, but it just happens to be the [police officer] sitting in Oak Park [Heights prison]. ... The guy owes us money, and I want to collect. I don't care about his other problems."

Chauvin, wife face felony tax charges

The filing includes a litany of allegations. Among them, prosecutors say the Chauvins bought a new BMW X5 in January 2018 for \$100,230 from a Minnetonka dealership and registered the SUV in Florida - they own a condo in Windermere, outside Orlando - and paid \$4,664 in taxes in that state.

However, the vehicle was serviced 11 times in Minnetonka and never in Florida, investigators say they found. Kellie Chauvin told investigators they opted for Florida because it was less expensive. The taxes due on the SUV had it been registered in Minnesota were \$5,053.

Court records do not list an attorney for either of the Chauvins. Derek Chauvin's criminal attorney, Eric Nelson, said he knows nothing about the tax allegations.

The counts and their dates are identical for the Chauvins. There are six involving aiding and abetting allegations of false or fraudulent returns starting with the 2014 tax year. The others allege not filing taxes for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The charges document various sources of income for the couple. The complaints said that between 2014 and 2019, Derek Chauvin made between \$52,000 and \$72,000 annually as a police officer. He also worked off-duty security nearly every weekend in that time at El Nuevo Rodeo dance club, Cub Foods, Midtown Global Market and EME Antro Bar on E. Lake Street.

During that span, Chauvin failed to pay taxes on nearly \$96,000 he earned from El Nuevo Rodeo alone, investigators estimated.

Beginning in June 2019, he routinely worked off-duty at EME Antro Bar on weekends from 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. after his MPD shift and was paid \$250 in cash each night, said investigators, who located no corresponding tax papers.

On June 25, state revenue investigators searched the Chauvins' Oakdale home, which was mostly empty. They recovered a box of tax documents, financial information and work schedules. Investigators also searched the home of Derek Chauvin's father, an accountant who prepared their 2014 and 2015 tax returns based on information they provided him. The father said he filed an extension to do their 2016 returns, but that they never provided him with the information to complete them.

Kellie Chauvin, also known as Kellie Xiong and who worked as a real estate agent and ran a photography business, told investigators that she had not prepared the returns because "it got away" from her, the complaints said. She was accompanied by an accountant who provided income tax returns for 2016 to 2019, but they appeared incomplete or estimated, the complaints continued.

The complaints also said that on June 26, one day after their Oakdale home was searched, Kellie Chauvin called Derek Chauvin at the prison where he is being held. She told him during the recorded call that their unfiled tax returns were being investigated.

She allegedly told her husband that she was meeting with someone about "[20]16 to now." He then suggested using "who we have used to handle for many years."

She responded, "Yeah, well, we don't want to get your dad involved, because he will just be mad at me, I mean us, not doing them for years."

Also Wednesday, Kellie Chauvin's attorney requested that their divorce file be sealed, citing "constant harassment from the public."

Chauvin, wife face felony tax charges

"The circumstances surrounding Respondent's incarceration has resulted in rage and violence throughout the community directed at both Petitioner and Respondent," the filing said, adding that financial information and a Social Security number were hacked, resulting in attempts to secure cash advances for tens of thousands of dollars.

"Allowing public access of this file will allow further harassment of Petitioner and not allow any privacy in this matter," the filing said. "In addition, allowing public access will allow the public and media to have notice of when hearings occur and will allow the general public to know the whereabouts of each party during the proceedings. Such access will negatively affect the parties from a safety standpoint."

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She was 12 years old, the victim of a broken home. She heard about a man who could make her life better. Instead, he gave her drugs and alcohol, brutalized her and sold her to men for money.

Officers from different departments worked night and day to rescue her from her trafficker. While I served as U.S. Attorney, my office prosecuted him and she was the central witness. After she stood up to her trafficker, she left the witness stand and hugged those who had saved her.

I became a prosecutor in 1989, seeking justice on behalf of the community and victims of crime like that young girl. I worked with officers who prevented the bombing of a mosque, talked kids out of gangs and stopped heroin trafficking on the streets of Minneapolis. I have hundreds, if not thousands, of stories that begin with tragedy and end with the heroic efforts of law enforcement.

I have seen the best our police can do.

But I have also seen the worst. I investigated the Metro Gang Strike Force, and discovered an agency rife with corruption and a culture that trampled on civil rights. I have investigated heartbreaking officer-involved shootings of unarmed African American men, spending hours with their families and friends.

And then, like all of us, I watched the brutal killing of [George Floyd](#). Right before our eyes.

The question before our city is what to do about it.

In the weeks since [George Floyd](#)'s death, civil rights leaders, protesters, business leaders, police officers and local and national policing experts have been saying the same thing: We need transformational change in the [Minneapolis Police Department](#), change that takes [systemic racism](#) head-on, change that goes to the very culture of the department.

For the most part, they also agree that we need a Police Department. A department that keeps us and our neighbors safe from vicious hate crimes, traffickers and gun violence. But also a department that serves all

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of us with dignity and respect for human life. A department that reimagines what policing is in Minneapolis going forward; a department that reflects our progressive values of inclusion and equality.

We can have that department. First, given the broad consensus that now exists, we can take this on together as a community. Second, we are not alone. Communities around the U.S. have made great strides before us. And the people who have accomplished this progress, from Camden, N.J., to Eugene, Ore., are ready to help.

But we face a stark choice: Act on our unity now, or engage in a divisive battle over a ballot initiative that questions whether we need police at all, an initiative that will lead to bitterness and division.

Our City Council has pledged to do away with the police department. In order to do so, they need to pass a referendum removing the requirement that Minneapolis have a department. The Minneapolis Charter Commission should reject this gambit. It is ill-timed during a pandemic and national election, and it will divert us from the tough work we should focus on right now.

On these pages, the council has claimed that we cannot have systemic change without removing the charter provision that requires a Police Department; one overseen by the mayor ("Five City Council members: Our case for changing the charter," July 16.)

But the support for this startling conclusion is lacking.

To the contrary: All of us, the council included, want to find ways to engage mental health professionals and others to respond to 911 calls. Nothing in the charter prevents us from doing this.

All of us, the council included, want to confront systemic racism and a culture that has allowed so many unarmed African American men to die at the hands of the police. We can accomplish this from the top down and the bottom up now without changing one word of the charter.

Indeed, through tragedy and suffering, we now have something few cities have ever seen - a consensus. If you listen, you will hear civil rights leaders, community members, business leaders and, yes, police officers say the same thing: They respect our chief, and want to make systemic change together. After days of protest, anger and frustration at the brutal killing of George Floyd, Minneapolis Police officers wrote a heartfelt letter telling the community: We are with you. Joining the chorus for change, the officers ended their letter with "We are with you moving forward. We want to work with you and for you to regain your trust."

Imagine: Officers, civil rights leaders and activists and business leaders who all want the same thing while preserving the existence of the police department. And a City Council that says no.

This is a time to say yes, and to get to work. We should seize on this opportunity to bring about transformational change, building on the consensus that arose out of the tragic death of George Floyd. And we can do it now, without the distraction of a referendum that will needlessly divide us.

The Charter Commission should reject the distraction of the proposed referendum. Let's build on our unprecedented consensus now, and get the police department we want and deserve.

Andrew M. Luger is a Minneapolis attorney and former U.S. attorney for Minnesota.

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Twins' roster for Opening Day includes Byron Buxton

ARTICLE MCCCIII. [**TWINS' ROSTER FOR OPENING DAY INCLUDES BYRON BUXTON**](#)

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Highlight: CHICAGO - When the Twins begin their season here Friday night, Byron Buxton will be with them. Whether he plays is yet to be seen, but the dynamic center fielder, who is rehabbing from a sprained foot, worked out in St. Paul on Wednesday and then was scheduled to join his teammates in Chicago. Buxton's [...]

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Buxton's inclusion was the biggest final question for the 30-man roster, which was finalized Thursday along with the three-man taxi squad. Though Buxton will be on the 30-man roster, the Twins also opted to include outfielders LaMonte Wade Jr. and Aaron Whitefield, a somewhat surprise addition who could be called upon to serve as a pinch runner or defensive replacement.

Teams will begin the season with 30 players on their roster. After two weeks, that number will go down to 28, and two weeks later, it will be at 26, where it will remain for the rest of the season.

Twins manager Rocco Baldelli announced Wednesday night that Jake Odorizzi would begin the season on the injured list with back soreness. That paved way for Randy Dobnak, Devin Smeltzer and Lewis Thorpe to make the team out of camp. The Twins might opt to have one of them make a spot start or might be able to skip the fifth spot in the rotation the first time through and then slide Odorizzi back in when he is ready to return.

In addition to Odorizzi, Willians Astudillo also will begin the season on the injured list. Astudillo tested positive for COVID-19 and has not yet rejoined his teammates. Once he is cleared, he will need a ramp-up period to get ready for the season.

Jorge Alcala, Tomas Telis and Caleb Thielbar comprise the three-man taxi squad.

The Twins will honor frontline health care workers, those who have been lost to COVID-19 and **George Floyd** at their home opener on Tuesday night against the Cardinals at Target Field.

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Nine health care workers will join together to throw out the ceremonial first pitch in a pre-recorded video. The Twins will have North Minneapolis native Jovonta Patton record the "Star-Spangled Banner," and Sounds of Blackness perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Black national anthem.

[Twins swept by Royals, drop fourth straight game](#) [Twins make pitching move; stick with 16 pitchers](#) [Royals hand Twins their third straight loss](#) [Twins adjust as MLB tightens COVID-19 protocols](#) [Charley Walters: Twins picked up a gem in Kenta Maeda](#)

An in-memoriam video will honor Twins minor leaguer Ryan Costello, who died this past offseason, COVID-19 victims and Floyd. A graphic of Floyd will be unveiled on the outfield wall, where it will remain for the entire season. An in-game moment of silence will take place at 8:46 p.m. - a nod to the amount of time former Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin knelt** on Floyd's neck.

The team also will play a message from the Players Alliance, a nonprofit organization made up of more than 100 Black current and former professional baseball players, to show their support for the **Black Lives Matter** movement.

And the Twins will pay homage to their past, in this their 60th season in Minnesota, with video recordings of former players.

The team will begin its season with no fans in attendance at Target Field.

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Twin Cities YMCA faces questions on inequality

ARTICLE MCCCIV. [TWIN CITIES YMCA FACES QUESTIONS ON INEQUALITY](#)

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Highlight: The Y's CEO vows to take new steps, including listening sessions and an advisory team, in response to allegations.

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Leaders of the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities are taking a harder look at diversity and inclusion as the organization with a long history of outreach to communities of color suddenly faces scrutiny of its own practices from within.

The board at the Douglas Dayton YMCA in downtown Minneapolis sent a note to the general board last week urging the Y, one of Minnesota's largest nonprofits, to address "what appears to be deep seated and **systemic racism** in our organization."

The YMCA joins a growing number of nonprofits, businesses and universities taking a fresh look at improving diversity and inclusion. The Twin Cities YMCA is the third-largest YMCA in the U.S., with 30 locations in the metro, southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin, and \$168 million in annual revenue.

"I am committing the Y to respond with real, sustainable action that carries into the future, and to create a space that employees, members, and

the community can be proud of," CEO Glen Gunderson said in a statement this week.

The note on behalf of 25 board members at the Douglas Dayton YMCA, which was obtained by the Star Tribune, was sent to the larger board of the Y, made up of more than 50 prominent Twin Cities leaders - from HealthPartners CEO Andrea Walsh to Summit Orthopedics CEO Adam Berry. Michael Klingensmith, publisher of the Star Tribune, is also on the board and wasn't contacted for this article.

Board chairman Ravi Norman of Norman Global Enterprises, the former CEO of Thor Construction, said in a statement that organizations and industries across the country are re-examining their role in fighting **systemic racism**.

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The YMCA is no different, he added, saying that "we are welcoming this opportunity to rise to the occasion of the moment and ensure that we are creating an environment rooted in equity, inclusion and universal human dignity."

The YMCA touts its racial equity work, opening its Equity Innovation Center in Minneapolis last year.

But the note from the Douglas Dayton YMCA board pointed to an anonymous Instagram account called "Black at the YMCA," which launched June 24 to share anonymous stories of discrimination at YMCAs across the U.S. - from Seattle to Boston. Many posts, though, zero in on the Twin Cities' Y.

The Douglas Dayton YMCA board said in its letter that conversations with staff show that the social media concerns aren't isolated incidents, and they asked the general board to hire a third-party investigator to look into racism and discrimination toward YMCA staff and better diversify the board to reflect the community, among other actions.

An interview request with the person or people behind the "Black at the YMCA" Instagram account was declined before they blocked a reporter. The account has published more than 200 posts since the end of June - a month after the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police set off a renewed nationwide discussion of racism and inequity.

The anonymous allegations about the Twin Cities YMCA ranged from the staff, leadership and membership being majority white to inappropriate comments by leaders.

The YMCA declined an interview request on the allegations, saying that the organization can't comment on anonymous posts that haven't been vetted.

The YMCA declined to release membership or staffing demographics but added that "the demographics of our staff are consistent with the demographic makeup of the communities we serve." The nonprofit also declined to say if any formal discrimination complaints had been filed internally.

In the past two years, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights has closed one case alleging racial discrimination against the YMCA, but the department didn't find probable cause in that case.

The department can't disclose if any other complaints have been filed that are still open.

Next steps

In an e-mail to employees last Thursday, Gunderson said that the Y will conduct listening sessions and a survey, review all policies and create a "CEO Equity Advisory Team" with Black and American Indian employees, and other people of color, to provide an "unfiltered communication channel" to identify and eliminate barriers to equity and inclusion.

He said in the staff note that the organization is committed to increasing diversity in recruiting and hiring, will expand resources at its Equity Innovation Center to its own employees and add training on how to better address concerns.

He said that the Y supports Black Lives Matter, posting signs at each facility, and will provide Black Lives Matter and PRIDE pins for employees to wear.

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"Frankly, I am encouraged by the powerful sense of reckoning that is emerging, with calls for racial justice in our communities and in our nation," Gunderson wrote.

On June 26, an employee at the Maplewood YMCA anonymously posted on Instagram that Gunderson had made a joke referencing "build the wall."

Gunderson commented on the post, which was verified by the YMCA, saying that he doesn't recall the specific words in the conversation, but he made a mistake and objects to the U.S. border wall.

"I have hope that this is our time to build an anti-racism culture where all can thrive, once and for all," he wrote. "I am committed to see it through at our Y."

Budget woes

The scrutiny comes at a difficult time financially for the Y during the COVID-19 pandemic because it, like many nonprofits, relies on in-person programs or events for revenue.

Closures of camps, fitness centers and child care programs have led to a 30% drop in revenue this year for the Y. Some of its 82,000 members canceled or paused memberships, or stopped child care, during the closures. The Y furloughed 90% of its more than 6,000 employees.

On Wednesday, 146 part-time and full-time staff were laid off. Another 3,428 employees remain on furlough.

"All of us must break down old paradigms and eradicate systematic racism to advance human dignity for all," Gunderson said in a video, announcing the cuts, adding that the Y is "reimagining" its sites and not reopening some as fitness centers. "This is painful," he said.

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Other voices: John Lewis left us a better America

ARTICLE MCCC.V. [OTHER VOICES: JOHN LEWIS LEFT US A BETTER AMERICA](#)

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Right now, America needs heroes. And we have one for the ages in John Lewis.

His life of sacrifice in the name of the larger principles of freedom and equality and his career of service to his country are emblems of the better America we hope to be and the better America we can become.

In remembering him, we should remember that the struggle for equality is an enduring human struggle, that it will not come cheaply nor easily, that the path can be dangerous and the pain very real, and that it will almost certainly never be over.

We can remember too, though, that it can be rewarded - that things can get better - and that Lewis' sacrifice, along with those of the Freedom Riders and so many advocates for reform, bequeathed to us a better nation, where we more fully, if still imperfectly, embrace the individual dignity of each American and extend in law the protection of their basic human rights.

Lewis, who died at 80 Friday, had his skull cracked with a billy club as a young man to help bring us to this place where we are. And even as violence was done upon him, he rejected violence in return. The undeniable moral authority that he carried on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., in 1965 was the authority that finally mattered.

In considering his legacy, we must also consider the work that remains. Poverty, imprisonment and other legacies of slavery and codified racism still track our country. Lewis supported the marches in opposition of *police violence against Black Americans* and considered them an extension of his work as a young man.

We also hope, as we memorialize his life and all he did as a protester, organizer and congressman, that we don't fail to recognize the truth that his work mattered because it made a real difference in our country and in improving the lives of Black Americans. The America that John Lewis died in is not the same America he was born into as the child of sharecroppers. It is not the same America that disenfranchised Black Americans as a matter of law and denied them basic human rights.

Other voices: John Lewis left us a better America

That better America is an America we must work toward every day. The struggle is renewed over and over in each of us as individuals and in all of us as a society.

John Lewis has died. But in a good and ever better America, John Lewis will live forever.

- The Dallas Morning News

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Portland's mayor tear-gassed by US agents as protest rages

ARTICLE MCCCVI. [**PORTLAND'S MAYOR TEAR-GASSED BY US AGENTS AS PROTEST RAGES**](#)

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By GILLIAN FLACCUS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - The mayor of Portland, Oregon was tear-gassed by U.S. government agents as he stood outside a federal courthouse during another night of protests against the presence of federal police sent by President Donald Trump to quell the city's ongoing unrest.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, a Democrat, appeared slightly dazed and coughed and said Wednesday night it was the first time he'd been tear-gassed.

He put on a pair of goggles someone handed him and drank water but did not leave his spot at the front of the protest and continued to take tear gas as the demonstration raged - with protesters lighting a large fire between protective fencing and the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse amid the pop-pop-pop sounds of the federal agents deploying tear gas and stun grenades into the crowd.

It wasn't immediately clear if the agents knew Wheeler was among those in crowd when they used the tear gas.

Earlier in the night, Wheeler was mostly jeered as he tried to rally demonstrators who have clashed nightly with federal agents but was briefly applauded when he shouted "***Black Lives Matter***" and pumped his fist in the air.

In a tweet Thursday, Trump referred to Wheeler as the "Radical Left Mayor of Portland, who last night was booed & shouted out of existence by the agitators & ***anarchists***."

Wheeler has opposed federal agents' presence in Oregon's largest city. He has faced harsh criticism and his presence wasn't welcomed by many demonstrators who yelled and swore at him.

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"I want to thank the thousands of you who have come out to oppose the Trump administration's occupation of this city," Wheeler told hundreds of people gathered downtown. "The reason this is important is it is not just happening in Portland ... we're on the front line here in Portland."

Wheeler has been accused by critics including city council members of not reining in local police who used tear gas multiple times on protesters before federal agents arrived early this month in response to nearly two months of nightly protests since *George Floyd* was killed. And city business leaders have condemned Wheeler for not bringing the situation under control before the agents showed up.

Department of Homeland Security acting Secretary Chad Wolf denied that federal agents were inflaming the situation in Portland. He told "CBS This Morning" on Thursday that Wheeler legitimized criminality in the city by going to the front of the crowd of demonstrators where the fires were lit and people were trying to pull down the protective fence.

Wolf said Wheeler had cited violence in the city before federal officers arrived.

Wheeler did not participate in lighting any of the fires or attempting to tear down the fence and was surrounded by his security team when he was gassed.

Earlier, protesters held signs saying "Tear Gas Ted" in reference to the Portland Police Bureau's use of the substance before federal agents arrived. As Wheeler left the protest zone about 12:40 a.m. Thursday, one person shouted that he should be there "every single night."

Less than an hour after Wheeler left, the Portland Police Bureau declared there was a riot at the site and threatened to use tear gas but officers never did and made no arrests.

In a statement later Thursday, police said the crowd threw Molotov cocktails, lit fires in a park and in trash cans and released hundreds of gallons of water from fire hydrants.

Before he was tear-gassed, Wheeler was criticized for cutting the local police budget and for not assigning Portland police to protect protesters from federal agents.

Wheeler's appearance in the protest zone came hours after state attorneys for Oregon urged a judge to issue a restraining order against agents deployed to tamp down on the protests.

The arguments came in a lawsuit filed by Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, who accused federal agents of arresting protesters without probable cause, whisking them away in unmarked cars and using excessive force. Federal authorities have disputed those allegations.

The lawsuit is part of the growing criticism of Trump's order that sent the federal agents to Portland and pending orders for them to head to Chicago and Albuquerque, New Mexico, to fight rising crime.

Trump's move has deepened the country's political divide and has potentially set up a constitutional crisis months ahead of the presidential election. Democratic mayors of 15 cities have condemned the use of federal officers in a letter to the U.S. attorney general.

The court hearing focused on the actions of the more than 100 federal agents responding to protests outside the Portland courthouse.

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The motion asks U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman to command agents from the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Patrol, Federal Protective Service and U.S. Marshals Service to immediately stop detaining protesters without probable cause, identify themselves and their agency before arresting anyone, and explain why an arrest is taking place.

On Thursday, a judge is expected to hear arguments in a legal challenge that the American Civil Liberties Union filed on behalf of journalists - including a freelance photographer for The Associated Press - and legal observers who say they were targeted by Portland police while documenting demonstrations.

The ACLU filed a lawsuit Wednesday on behalf of volunteer medics who have been attending to injured protesters.

Wheeler, 57, a sixth-generation Oregonian was born and raised in Portland and attended local public schools.

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Citizen patrols won't get city funds

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CITIZEN PATROLS WON'T GET CITY FUNDS

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The Minneapolis City Council briefly considered diverting money from police to citizen patrols, with the council's public safety chairwoman suggesting an armed group as one that could potentially benefit.

During a budget meeting last week, Council Member Alondra Cano proposed cutting \$500,000 from the **Minneapolis Police Department** for the citizen groups.

She described it as an effort to "respond to the hundreds of people who have formed their own community safety patrol systems to keep their blocks and their neighborhoods safe in this time of deep transition."

She and nine of her colleagues voted in favor of adding the provision to the 2020 budget. On Wednesday, after residents and reporters contacted city officials seeking details about the proposal, the council walked it back.

The change reveals how the City Council is struggling to come up with alternatives to the **Minneapolis Police Department**, even as a majority has vowed to end it. Council members and city staffers have, at times, found themselves unclear about what various proposals mean, even after they have voted on them.

"We need transparency from the council now more than ever, especially when we're moving really quickly like this," said Council Member Linea Palmisano, chairwoman of the budget committee, who isn't one of the council members who want to end the police. "Vague cuts that get hammered out behind closed doors instead of in the open where people can hold you accountable is dangerous. If my colleagues want to reduce the police force, we should take a vote on that."

While they are tasked with trying to find ways to cut money from their \$1.6 billion budget to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, many council members are responding to conflicting demands from the public about overhauling the city's approach to public safety after **George Floyd**'s death.

During a roughly five-hour meeting Wednesday, some residents urged the council to fulfill its promise to end the police. Many of them repeated a call, pushed by activist groups, to cut \$45 million from the Police Department's roughly \$184 million budget.

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"As I have conversations with those in my community, there is a deep-seated distrust of this council regarding its willingness to follow through with protecting Black lives and our communities in general," said Dylan Cheever, one of about 60 people who called in to offer public comment Wednesday. "The proposed budget will only further that distrust, especially after so many of you committed to much larger actions."

Others asked the council to slow down and provide more details before pushing through significant changes.

"As we move forward in this process, I urge and beg the City Council to have a plan, to establish a strategy," said Adam Barrett, who also called into the meeting. "Right now, myself and people like me can't get behind \$600,000 or \$45 million in cuts because there is no strategy and there is no plan in place. We don't know what will replace the Police Department and how much it will cost."

When Mayor Jacob Frey unveiled his plan for trimming from the budget earlier this month, he said he hoped to save larger conversations about the future of public safety for the 2021 budget talks, which kick off next month.

Last Friday, council members got their first chance to counter.

That's when Cano introduced her proposal "to provide training, technical assistance, supplies and implementation of paid community safety patrols" of "crime hot-spots and homeless encampments throughout the city."

Cano said she knew of a group that operated in south Minneapolis and noted "we've heard a lot of amazing things about the Freedom Riders on the North Side."

Her office confirmed this week that is meant to be a reference to the Minnesota Freedom Fighters, who recently switched their name from the Minnesota Freedom Riders. A representative for the group did not return a message this week.

In a video with alternative media site Unicorn Riot, some members of the group described their work as an effort to provide protection to the community during marches, protests and other similar scenarios.

Pictures of the group posted on social media show some carrying rifles.

Last Friday, City Council members voted to add funding for the patrols to the 2020 budget proposal, except for Palmisano and Lisa Goodman.

At Wednesday's public meeting, after questions from Goodman and others about how such patrols would work, council members deleted the community patrols from the budget proposal.

Now the council wants to take \$1.1 million from the Police Department budget to support a "Cure Violence" program.

Council Member Phillipe Cunningham said the program uses "interrupters" to try to stop cycles of violence.

"We're asking for street outreach with community-based folks who have credibility with the folks who have the guns, are shooting the guns, and these folks have the rare skills and the credibility to be able to influence these folks to put the guns down and stop the shooting," Cunningham said. "That is an incredibly rare skill that we do not value enough as a city."

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Cunningham noted that these are different from citizen patrols and the "interrupters" won't be armed while they're working.

"There's a space for that, the Freedom Fighters. I'm grateful for their work and their leadership in the community," Cunningham said. "They have a role, but what we're talking about here is an evidence-based model that folks are going out and de-escalating. They're mediating conflicts."

Eleven council members voted to replace the patrols with that new program in the budget. Council Member Kevin Reich did not vote on the issue.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the final budget Friday.

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Twins undecided about racial injustice protest

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TWINS UNDECIDED ABOUT RACIAL INJUSTICE PROTEST

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With more teams around the league taking a knee during the national anthem to protest racial injustice, the Twins have yet to decide on what they will do, if anything, before their season opener Friday against the White Sox in Chicago.

Twins righthander Jose Berrios, who will start the opener opposite of Chicago righthander Lucas Giolito, said the club continues to discuss a possible response.

"We [haven't] decided yet," Berrios said before the Twins' 4-3 loss to the Cubs at Wrigley Field on Wednesday. "We want to support each guy on our team, around the world. We need to decide. Yeah, we are talking about it."

Several Giants players and coaches, led by manager Gabe Kapler, took a knee before their game Monday against the Athletics. Reds star Joey Votto joined three other teammates who knelt before Cincinnati's game on Tuesday against Detroit.

Athletes around the world have taken a knee before games in protest following the killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police on May 25. Major League Baseball announced Wednesday that it will stencil "***Black Lives Matter***" behind pitchers' mounds on Opening Day, and teams will be allowed to wear either a BLM patch or one that says, "United for Change."

Teams are deciding if they want to support the cause in other ways, such as kneeling before games. New bench coach Mike Bell, whose brother, David, manages the Reds, said he has spoken with his brother for hours about the issue and is proud of him for how he has supported his players.

"As a team, we just are looking to support everyone, to care about everyone, to love everyone around them," Mike Bell said. "We understand it's an important issue. The thing that's been most encouraging to me is that we've shared a lot of deep conversations, emotional conversations at times. What it shows me is how much everybody cares about one another, the community, the issues that are going on in the world."

Whatever the Twins decide to do Friday, Berrios said, it should be done in unison.

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"If you want to do that, we need to do it like a team, all together," Berrios said. "That's why we [haven't] decided yet. We're still talking about it."

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Minnesota governor signs police accountability bill. A deeper look at what law does.

ARTICLE MCCCIX. **[MINNESOTA GOVERNOR SIGNS POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BILL.
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Body

Gov. Tim Walz signed a police accountability bill into law Thursday that includes a ban on neck restraints like the one that was used on **George Floyd** before his death in Minneapolis, though some activist groups say the legislation falls short.

The bill, passed by the Legislature earlier this week, also bans chokeholds and fear-based or "warrior-style" training, which critics say promotes excessive force. It imposes a duty to intercede on officers who see a colleague using excessive force and changes rules on the use of force to stress the sanctity of life.

"This bipartisan piece of legislation moves us toward a critical step towards criminal justice reform," Walz said at a Thursday news conference. "These critical reforms are long overdue - they are meant to strengthen transparency and community oversight."

The measure also creates a new advisory council for the state board that licenses officers, makes changes in arbitration rules affecting police unions and requires more training on dealing with people with mental health issues and autism.

The bill passed after nearly two months of difficult negotiations that followed Floyd's death on May 25 and the ensuing unrest that spread around the world over police brutality and racism. Floyd, who was Black, was killed when a white officer held his knee to Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as he was handcuffed and restrained by three other officers holding him down.

Members of the People of Color and Indigenous (POCI) Caucus led the policing reform efforts at the Capitol, speaking with community members and law enforcement before drafting the legislation they introduced last month. POCI Caucus member and House public safety committee chairman Rep. Carlos Mariani said the legislation is the first step in preventing what happened to Floyd and Philando Castile, who was killed by a St. Anthony police officer four years ago.

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"The construction of this law and its passage is a powerful acknowledgment of our collective failure in the past, of our failure to (Floyd and Castile) and countless others who have been wrongfully harmed at the hands of peace officers," Mariani said. "We have to start with that acknowledgment, otherwise we'll continue to do what we've always done."

Discussions on police accountability legislation dominated the June special session a few weeks after Floyd's death, but lawmakers weren't able to reach a deal on which reforms to include in the bill. Going into this month's special session, Democratic House Speaker Melissa Hortman said restoration of felon voting rights and giving the Minnesota attorney general's office primary jurisdiction over prosecuting police officers were two issues that were taken off the table in negotiations with the GOP-controlled Senate.

Michelle Gross, president of local advocacy group Communities United Against Police Brutality, called the reforms in the bill "low hanging fruit" and said the legislation is not nearly as comprehensive as the group had hoped.

"The autism training we thought was an important thing to have ... and we also like the fact that it bans fear-based training (which) is something we've been working on for quite a long time now," she said. "But so much of what we wanted was not even given a second glance."

Gross' group, along with other local advocacy organizations, introduced eight policing reform bills during the special session - two of which were included in the package passed earlier this week. The legislation includes requiring police carry their own liability insurance, ending the statute of limitations for a wrongful death civil suit and allowing families of those killed by police to see body camera footage 48 hours after their death. POCI Caucus members at the news conference Thursday pointed to the statute of limitations issue as a disappointment when it failed to materialize in the final package.

Walz, a Democrat, is expected to call the Legislature back to the Capitol in August to extend his peacetime emergency powers as the coronavirus pandemic continues indefinitely. Gross said they will be back with more reforms to prevent lawmakers from moving on from police reform - a process that she said is far from over.

"For every special session that they might have, we will be there demanding change," she said. "And once the regular session starts next year, we will be there again, with our bills, demanding change."

As for the proposals that did become law in Minnesota, here's a look at what they do:

Beginning immediately, chokeholds, restraints tying limbs together behind a person's back and warrior-style training will be banned in Minnesota. Law enforcement agencies will be required to set up guidelines for de-escalation and intervening in excessive force situations, with and without deadly use of firearms. The law states that officers have a "duty to intercede and report" should a fellow officer be using excessive force. The state will set up an independent Use of Force Investigations Unit within the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to investigate all officer-involved deaths in the state, plus criminal sexual assault allegations made against officers. The law also establishes an Officer-Involved Death Review Board within the Department of Safety, "responsible for identifying the root causes of the death and making recommendations for reforms to reduce the number of future officer-involved deaths." The governor will appoint a pool of arbitrators that can review grievances and review plans to discipline, discharge and terminate officers if needed. The law adds to the state's Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board four citizen members and establishes a Police-Community Relations Council. The 15-member council

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including state law enforcement leaders and community members and activists will advise the POST Board "on all matters related to police-community relations," review state data on officers' uses of force and recommend discipline for officer misconduct. The POST Board will have to accept the council's discipline recommendations unless they override them with a two-thirds majority vote. Law enforcement agencies will have to notify the POST Board if an officer is discharged or resigns during a use-of-force investigation, or after an investigation has been completed. And the board will consider suspending or revoking an officer's license if they are terminated for violating use of force policies. Law enforcement agencies will be required to submit to a research group, selected by the Department of Public Safety, reports and information about use of force incidents, misconduct incidents and complaints against officers. The group will organize, store and monitor the data. Officers will undergo additional training in crisis response and management, cultural diversity, mental illness and autism. The bill also extends the duration for the state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force to continue working through June 2021.

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Brown, Breen: Righting the military's role in our democracy

ARTICLE MCCCX. **[BROWN, BREEN: RIGHTING THE MILITARY'S ROLE IN OUR DEMOCRACY](#)**

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The killing of *George Floyd* and the subsequent protests have compelled a righteous reckoning. Facing pressure from a large and diverse movement of Americans, many of our country's institutions are facing up to their role in perpetuating racial injustice.

This reckoning should extend to our nation's armed forces. Congress has both the capacity and responsibility to ensure that the military, often a leader on racial equality since President Truman desegregated it in 1948, continues to set an example for the country.

While one of us serves in Congress and the other leads a human rights organization, we both wore the uniform of our country as Army officers. We led soldiers into battle and lost some of them in combat. It is because of our commitment to the military that we wish to see it even more faithfully reflect our country's ideals.

The most straightforward issue at hand is the rechristening of military bases currently named for Confederate leaders. Surely it is not too much to ask that the nomenclature of the military align with its mission. The purpose of the American military is to protect all of us, not the legacies of a small group of traitors.

For a nation founded on ideas, symbols are substance, whom we choose to memorialize speaks to what values we honor. Our military should celebrate those who fought for freedom, not those who led the effort to tear our country apart in the name of chattel slavery and white power. There's no non-racist reason that our armed forces should be shackled to the symbolism of the Confederacy.

Both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate version of the annual defense policy bill contain amendments that would rename bases. Each amendment passed in committee with bipartisan support, yet President Donald

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Trump says he will veto the entirety of the legislation based on this issue. The question is whether Republicans will side with the president or with racial progress.

A more complex problem: Military culture and weaponry have crept into American civil society, especially policing. The rise of the "warrior cop" has obscured the crucial distinction between the police and the military. As more police officers see themselves as commandos and more police forces resemble occupying armies, Black people pay the heaviest price, sometimes in blood.

With the support of Congress, our cities and states should institute training that teaches police to respect communities' cultures and to problem-solve rather than treat every interaction as a potential confrontation. In Washington state, for instance, Sheriff Sue Rahr (retired), executive director of the state's Criminal Justice Training Commission, has pioneered an approach that sees police as guardians, not warriors.

When political leaders consider our public square "battle space" and threaten to use active-duty military to quell protests, something has gone terribly wrong. In places where political leaders capriciously use the military against domestic unrest, major human rights problems arise - and public support for the military suffers.

While President Trump's threat to use military force against American protesters triggered widespread opposition, the problem of militarized policing remains. In the upcoming debate over the defense bill, Congress will vote on a crucial element of any solution: ending the Defense Department's 1033 program. Organizations meant to serve the public shouldn't be equipped like combat units, with M4 carbines and armor-piercing ammunition, grenades and launchers, mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, armed drones, or anything from the federal supply class of banned items.

Yet through that program, the military gives these weapons of war at minimal or no cost to police departments around the country. The program also transfers military equipment and weaponry to agencies like Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). If we are serious about making law enforcement more just and our immigration system more humane, restricting and ultimately scrapping the 1033 program should be a top legislative priority.

Those are two vital steps Congress can take. There are others, from reforming the Insurrection Act to restricting military deployments to the southern border and combating white nationalism among service members. Such steps would strengthen the military as well as the country.

The military is among the most respected institutions in American society, and rightly so. Congress should both leverage and enhance the military's reputation by making sure it bolsters democracy at home. As the movement sparked by tragedy demands justice, Congress can put the military where it belongs: out of policing and on the forefront of progress.

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St. Paul police debut truck armed with ice cream, video games, bike helmets

ARTICLE MCCCXI. [**ST. PAUL POLICE DEBUT TRUCK ARMED WITH ICE CREAM,
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Think of it as an ice cream truck on steroids, but the treats are free and the driver wears a badge.

Armed with a video gaming system, basketball hoop, bike repair station and coolers stocked with cold treats and beverages, the St. Paul Police Department's new "bike truck" hit the streets Wednesday for its maiden voyage, according to Sgt. Jason Bain, the brains and heart behind the project.

Bain and his colleagues hope the latest addition to the department's fleet will have a decidedly different effect from squad cars when residents see it roll into their neighborhoods.

"This is about having fun and just reaching our kids, reaching the community with a positive message that we are here to talk to you, to get to know each other," he said.

Bain envisions kids challenging officers to gaming competitions on the truck's big-screen TV, and 5-year-olds playing three-on-three basketball on the 7-foot hoop.

The 23-foot 2019 Ford E-450 also is equipped with a bike maintenance station that will enable officers to repair flat tires, broken chains or other minor issues ailing kids' bikes. In addition to ice cream treats and water, staff will pass out helmets to kids who need them, Bain said.

The \$81,000 vehicle was paid for by the Otto Bremer Trust, not city funds.

A bicycle officer since 2002 and a proud helmet evangelist, Bain says teaching bike safety is a big part of the truck's mission. He says far too many kids ride without them.

"The most important part of a person's body is their brain ... so if I can prevent just one little head, one little brain from getting hurt, that will be a win," he said.

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The project was inspired by the Bike Cops for Kids program in Minneapolis, which was started in 2009 by a couple of school resource officers who missed contact with kids during the summer months. They persuaded Children's Hospital to donate helmets, then hauled them to various neighborhoods in trailers hitched to bikes, handing them out to kids and promoting bike safety.

St. Paul brought the concept across the river in 2017, and it was wildly popular, Bain said, but its reach was limited by the department's inability to get to some neighborhoods. The truck fixes that problem, he said.

The department planned to debut the truck during St. Paul's annual St. Patrick's Day parade, but then the coronavirus arrived.

They've taken the past few months to create plans for safely operating the truck and interacting with the community during the pandemic. Officers will be masked and gloved, for example, and masks will be available for community members. The gaming station also will be washed between plays.

One remaining concern is that it'll draw too big a crowd, Bain said, which is why the city plans to hold smaller, pop-up events in various neighborhoods.

While not ideal, Bain said the timing - two months since ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis - is perfect in some ways.

"We are dealing with protests all the time. People want to defund the police. OK, fine, but we still need to connect and talk with our community because we are still going to be here, it's just a matter of in what form," Bain said. "We can't just go into our own cocoons and only deal with ourselves ... otherwise we create a straight us versus them mentality, and we can't live like that."

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"We have to get back out there and build our trust back," he continued. "Some of our discussions might be jovial ... and others might be more difficult, but I believe our entire department ... (is) ready and willing to have those discussions."

The truck's first planned stop Wednesday evening was Fourth Street East and Bates Avenue, where gunshots have been reported recently. Bain said he expects the truck will make about three appearances in various neighborhoods each week, with a focus on those heavily impacted by crime.

Chief Todd Axtell sung the truck's praises Wednesday.

"Our greatest hope is that families will come out to get to know our officers along with the kids and have some fun," he said. "Anytime you can have meaningful and authentic engagement between the community and our police, it pays dividends for years to come."

Besides police officers, the department's Law Enforcement Career Path Academy cadets will help staff the truck, Axtell said.

"We want to make sure that our future officers get to know the community before they police it," he said.

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City, county plan three new shelters to relieve wave of homelessness

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**CITY, COUNTY PLAN THREE NEW SHELTERS TO RELIEVE
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Highlight: One built for Native Americans could open by the end of the year.

Body

The city of Minneapolis and Hennepin County will use federal coronavirus aid to help open three new homeless shelters and fund other measures for emergency housing, as many people continue to sleep overnight in local parks.

The shelters would be exclusive to three groups - women, Native Americans and the medically frail - and opened in partnership with the state and social service organizations. A City Council committee is scheduled to advance more than \$8 million in CARES Act funding for the shelters Thursday.

Andrea Brennan, interim director of the city's community planning and economic development department, detailed the plans Wednesday during a briefing by department leaders.

"All three projects are a response to the significant increase in homelessness that has occurred locally since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic turbulence," Brennan said. "We strongly believe that encampments, especially large encampments, pose serious safety risks."

Homeless individuals and families have camped across the city in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, and later at parks after the killing of ***George Floyd***. Earlier this month, 45% of people living at Powderhorn Park identified as Native American.

Officials have repeatedly expressed that those settlements can become dangerous and unsustainable. On Monday, one of two large encampments in Powderhorn was cleared by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, which has urged other branches of government to find permanent housing for those who have taken refuge in parks.

Last week, a Hennepin County Board committee advanced \$3.5 million in CARES funding for the American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC) to turn three buildings near the intersection of Cedar and Franklin avenues in south Minneapolis into a shelter. That shelter would have at least 50 beds for Native Americans and could open as early as this fall, according to documents.

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The county will also purchase a vacant school at 2220 N. 16th Av. from Minneapolis Public Schools in north Minneapolis to create a year-round shelter for homeless women. The shelter could have up to 50 beds and open by February.

The city is also partnering with Catholic Charities to renovate a former nursing home at 1007 E. 14th St. into a 167-unit housing complex for the elderly, medically frail and veterans. There would be 59 units for homeless adults and 30 medical beds for homeless people who were discharged from hospitals, according to documents. The project could be open by fall of 2021.

"These shelters all respond to what has been identified as gaps in our homeless response system," Brennan said.

Earlier this month, the city and county also began accepting proposals for more immediate solutions to provide housing and outreach for homeless people. They will draw on up to \$9 million in CARES funding. The deadline for these proposals is Friday; the city and county will evaluate them Aug. 3.

"We wanted to have a really short turnaround for the [request for proposals] because if something is ready to go, we want to get it going," Brennan said.

There are still open shelter beds across the county, said David Hewitt, the director of the county's Office to End Homelessness. Those include 50 private rooms for families with children, and 40 to 50 beds for single adults each night, he said.

Families with children who are homeless can find shelter rooms by calling Hennepin County at 612-348-9410.

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LETTERS: HOW MANY MORE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES IN MINNEAPOLIS?

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Those who have been through the Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace" course know how valuable and life changing this information can be.

This was an opportunity for many people, of all races and income levels, to learn how to get out of debt, make wise every-day financial decisions, and hear other renowned speakers pertaining to life and money.

This was also an opportunity for hundreds of local people to work the event in concessions, maintenance, custodial capacities, ushers, parking attendants, etc.

The decisions of the Minneapolis City Council and the general anti-business climate in our state right now have just cost Minneapolis hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost revenue and job opportunities.

This is just one event ... how many more will follow?

Jeff Pedro, Roseville

I've always enjoyed Joe Soucheray's posts but never more than I did after reading his column in Sunday's paper ("Lawless people are shooting up the towns"). Good for you, Joe for having the courage to use your

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public platform to address the major problem in our society today. Until respect and morality return, I'm afraid we as a nation are doomed.

This lawlessness is prevailing because it has been allowed to, with no courage coming from our governor or other high officials to address the real problem here. The only courage I'm seeing today is ironically coming from law enforcement, the very people who are criticized and vilified, and who are expected to maintain peace and order while being spat upon and assaulted, and can only be allowed to turn the other cheek. I would like to think that we Minnesotans are better than this, but until our leaders display some courage and address these problems head on, I'm afraid nothing will change - just more intimidation, disrespect, destruction and lawlessness. And by the way, instead of talking about retraining the police, maybe parents should START training their children to respect people and property.

Larry Geisen, Oakdale

I saw a news story about a southwest Missouri summer camp where they gave every child a Covid-19 test on arrival. The test results didn't come back for a week and when they did two children had tested positive.

Then they did a retest and the results were 42 were positive after the second test. They then sent everyone home.

That should give us some idea how back to school would work.

I also saw on the local news that private Minneapolis schools are going to have in-person classes in the fall. If they test students after two weeks the test results should give a very good indication how safe that would be for the children from public schools to attend in-school classes.

Tom Kapsner, White Bear Lake

The U.S.'s 19-year war in Vietnam cost the lives of 72,000 American soldiers. By comparison, less than six months into the novel coronavirus pandemic, over 141,000 Americans have lost their lives to the virus, and the end is nowhere in sight. The U.S., with roughly 4.25% of the world's population, currently accounts for a whopping 26.5% of the world's casualties.

We have a president who has abdicated responsibility for combating this virus, and instead has used the pandemic as yet another tool with which to divide this nation. He has turned over responsibility to individual states for procuring whatever resources they need to fight this pandemic, while at the same time putting up roadblocks to prevent them from doing so. Rather than uniting behind the scientists in his own administration, and listening to their advice and following their recommendations, he has undermined and attacked them. Something as simple as wearing a face mask and practicing social distancing have become political statements due to Trump's posturing.

In Minnesota, Gov. Waltz and his team have done an admirable job, so far, of managing an extremely difficult situation. Some hard choices have been made along the way, and Waltz and his team have made every effort to be transparent and forthcoming in explaining the rationale for those decisions. No question, more difficult decisions lie ahead. But, now it seems that several Republicans have sued the governor for

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using the executive powers granted to him by bipartisan vote at the outset of this pandemic. What kind of nonsense is this?

This pandemic is far from over. With the number of new cases steadily rising and reaching a one-day record of more than 75,000 on July 16, this is not the time to throw caution to the wind. As a nation we must all pull together to beat this pandemic. When Walmart, Target, Best Buy, Menards, and numerous other businesses can see the necessity for mandating mask-wearing in their stores, it should tell us something. It's time to set aside political differences, and follow the recommendations of the experts: wash your hands, wear a mask in public, and keep appropriate social distancing. Please.

Hans Mouritzen, St. Paul

We need more owners

The Twin Cities has always wrestled with prospects for future growth. Some treat the prospect of higher urban density per square mile with contempt while others embrace it. The fact of the matter is the Twin Cities is not getting any smaller unless we collectively want to transform into the next Cleveland or Detroit.

It can be hoped that riots inspired by *George Floyd's* murder will not scare away community builders and urban developers. For that reason, urbanity is something that should be embraced, not fought. It is an inexorable process. Metropolitan cities do two things: grow or decline. Rather than reminiscing on better days long past, why not embrace the future with an evolutionary mindset?

It is true, we need more property owners in our communities, not absentee landlords and neglected renters. Higher population densities should not be instantaneously associated with increased demand for rental properties. Why is the taxpaying public not lobbying builders and developers to build more opportunities for home ownership through subsidized rent-to-own programs through their elected officials?

Why are we not witnessing a surge in the construction of publicly financed townhome condominiums for demographically challenged communities of color? Why have we not made a commitment to return home ownership as a prospect for working classes over the demographically privileged? People are generally more inclined to care about their communities when they own a direct part of them.

Growth requires investments in public infrastructure. Lessening our dependence on automobiles will attribute creative renditions to mass transit through the expansion of light rail, reintroduction of the street car and exploring the possibility of expanding Metro Mobility para-transit to under-served communities.

The Twin Cities has long grown accustomed to thinking big and acting small. Now is the time to reverse this trend so we can start practicing what we preach.

Omar Alansari-Kreger, Richfield

No statues, no names

Due to the recent removal of only certain statues and sculptures, in total fairness to every persons sensitivity, ALL statues and sculptures should be removed from ALL public properties.

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Each state should set up a agency that is responsible for the systematic removal process. Not one group or groups should be shown any favoritism. The removed icons can be stored in a warehouse for educational purposes only. This approach will encompass the sensitivities of every person in the U.S. No favoritism, no discrimination, no exceptions, every issue of every person is addressed. The ACLU and all legal groups will agree that this approach treats everyone fairly and is non-discriminant.

The next sensitivity that needs to be addressed is to remove any and all names from any public facility. Just remove the names and replace them with address numbers.

The only remaining issue that will need to be addressed will be the tradition of naming school, college, and professional athletics. I am sure that the politicians and activists can come to an easy, non-discriminant, non-offensive policy that treats everyone equally.

Dave Wilhelmy, Siren, Wis.

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Mystery and beauty

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MYSTERY AND BEAUTY

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When an out-of-town guest arrives for a visit, it's an occasion to think about how the life we live might come across to someone who has been away for a while - say, 6,800 years.

What will the visitor think of what we've done with the place?

One night last week, the Comet Neowise appeared to be hanging motionless in the sky over Lake Nokomis, devoid of either opinion or activity. Away from city lights it might be visible to the naked eye, but in south Minneapolis we needed binoculars.

James Flaten, associate director of NASA's Minnesota Space Grant Consortium, says we should all get out there and see Neowise. "People should take advantage of this opportunity," he said. "You don't know when you'll have another one."

The ancients assigned supernatural meaning to the appearance of a comet, but of course we know better. So what if there was a comet in the sky when Jerusalem was destroyed, or the Normans invaded England, or the assassinated Julius Caesar was awaiting his designation as a god? Those were primitive times, and there was always something dire going on. Not like today.

But try telling that to the Venerable Bede, a monk and historian who lived in England about 1,300 years ago. Bede wrote that a comet meant a change in leadership, or a plague. Or hot, windy weather. Or a war.

If Bede were available to debate the point today, he might ask us about COVID-19, climate change and Donald Trump's re-election campaign. He might even challenge us to explain ***George Floyd***'s death and the events that followed it. Bede and his colleagues through the ages may have understood something we don't: that the appearance of a comet, invoking the beauty and mystery of the universe, may be giving us an opportunity to ponder something bigger and more meaningful than ourselves.

A comet is the natural world - make that the natural cosmos - asserting its longevity, in contrast to the eyeblink of our existence. How are we spending the short time we have? There were people in Minnesota the last time Neowise visited, and perhaps even the time before that. Whether we'll be here the next time is anybody's guess.

Mystery and beauty

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Skyway restaurant strategy from D. Brian's, Cardigan Donuts, Brothers Deli: Hang on

ARTICLE MCCCXV. [*SKYWAY RESTAURANT STRATEGY FROM D. BRIAN'S,
CARDIGAN DONUTS, BROTHERS DELI: HANG ON*](#)

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Body

Ever stroll the Minneapolis skyways on a Sunday in the dead of winter? That's what a typical weekday in the once-bustling city core feels like during the coronavirus pandemic, said Doug Sams, owner of D. Brian's Deli.

"There's very few skyway businesses open, and there's very few people downtown," Sams said.

He said it has been that way for four months now, since the middle March, when a massive shift to remote working cleared out downtown offices. The skyway-level restaurants that remain open are playing a waiting game, clinging to hope that they can stay in business until their customers return - maybe after Labor Day, maybe sometime next year.

Minneapolis-based D. Brian's Deli Corp. is a group of seven Twin Cities restaurants, including three Minneapolis skyway locations. The US Bancorp Center location at 800 Nicollet Mall is the only one of the three to remain open through the pandemic, operating on a skeleton crew of three workers instead of its usual 12.

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"We've been running at about 10% of normal sales. It hasn't changed at all (since March), and I don't think it's going to change until there's a vaccine and people come back," Sams said, adding that D. Brian's catering business is experiencing a similar slowdown.

He described a Paycheck Protection Program loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration as "the only lifeline that has really made a difference." Sams predicted the fate of many skyway businesses will be decided in negotiations with their landlords.

"Only the landlords can decide which restaurants are going to permanently close and which ones are going to reopen once the vaccine is available," he said.

Sams expects to see a wave of skyway business closures, and he's not the only one. Over in the skyway of the 50 South Sixth building, home to The Brothers Deli, owner Jeff Burstein predicted many skyway businesses won't survive without additional government assistance or rent forgiveness - not just the deferred payment plans being presented to many commercial tenants.

"So far the landlord has been very willing to do whatever they can to make sure Brothers stays in business," Burstein said.

Burstein said he's hoping another 10%-15% of the downtown worker population returns after Labor Day. That could be enough to get him by until there's a vaccine.

He said Brothers used to see 175 to 250 customers walk through the door every weekday. Now it's closer to 20 or 30, and Burstein has just two employees behind the counter instead of 10. He's doing about 15% of the catering business he had pre-pandemic.

Justin Bedford, co-owner and general manager of Cardigan Donuts, located in City Center, said a quick pivot to curbside pickup and delivery at the start of the pandemic - along with a PPP loan - kept the doors open and more than 20 employees on the job. Cardigan, which previously shuttled donuts through the skyways, expanded its delivery zone to a 20-mile radius and turned baristas into delivery drivers.

Except for a brief pause during the unrest that followed *George Floyd's* killing by a Minneapolis police officer, Cardigan has kept its skyway shop open for takeaway. Bedford said third-party delivery services, which used to account for 5%-7% of overall sales, are now closer to 30%.

Bedford said Cardigan is "averaging a solid 50%-60% of sales, year over year," but added that an increase in delivery orders eats away at the donut shop's margins.

He said the pandemic is going to change the dynamic for skyway restaurants. Those that come out the other end will likely have far less competition, at least for a while.

They may also have a smaller downtown daytime population to serve. It's widely predicted that remote working will become more commonplace in the post-pandemic environment, and some workers may make a permanent shift to working from home.

Bedford noted that skyway commercial spaces are often marketed based on office occupancy rates and foot traffic, two numbers that could fall in the post-pandemic environment. Lease rates could fall, too.

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Sams said it should at least help bring supply and demand for downtown commercial spaces back into balance. He said skyway commercial lease rates "have to be at an all-time high now," but predicted they wouldn't stay there for long.

"So, I do think when we get back to normal there's going to be an upside," he said.

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'There's somebody in there!'

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'THERE'S SOMEBODY IN THERE!'

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Highlight: Witnesses recall cries for help from pawnshop where body was found this week

Body

At the height of the riots following the Minneapolis police killing of ***George Floyd***, bystanders were frantically trying to save someone trapped in a burning pawnshop.

The Max It Pawn store at 2726 E. Lake St. was one of dozens of buildings leveled by the fires that blazed throughout Minneapolis during the riots in late May. But the discovery of a man's body amid the rubble this week - nearly two months later - marks the second known death from the unrest.

People had been looting the pawnshop on May 28 before someone lit it on fire, according to federal charges. As smoke began billowing out of the building, a man called inside to see if anyone was still there, recalled Lucas Anderson, a film producer from Minneapolis whose friend was shooting footage of the scene.

"All of a sudden he starts yelling, 'There's somebody in there! There's somebody in there! We've got to get them out of there!' " said Anderson, 27.

The windows were boarded up, so Anderson and several others tried in vain to pull down the plywood panels to clear the smoke and see inside. They shined flashlights inside the small open window and told the person to crawl toward them.

"I thought I heard them say, 'We can't find our way out. We don't know where to go,' " Anderson said. "And then that's when we pulled out the flashlight. And we said, 'Try and follow the flashlight. See if you can open your eyes and look for the flashlight.' "

The group spent 15 or 20 minutes scrambling to help whoever was trapped inside, with little luck.

"Then eventually we stopped hearing the cries for help inside," Anderson said.

When firefighters arrived, Anderson told them that someone was inside the building.

'There's somebody in there!'

Fire Department spokesman Bryan Tyner said people in the area were shouting to firefighters that there may be someone inside the building. It is standard protocol to search for victims when buildings are on fire, he said, and crews entered the side door of the pawnshop and attempted to search it.

"The building was fully involved upon their arrival," Tyner wrote in an e-mail. "Crews went in as far as they could but the fire conditions combined with the roof condition prevented crews from getting through the structure."

Caleb Spike, 19, of Maple Grove had been observing the scene around Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue when he arrived at the burning pawnshop - several minutes before firefighters got there.

He observed people going in and out of a door on the back side of the building, despite thick smoke inside. As the fire spread and consumed several plywood panels, a woman standing beside him shook her head.

"She [said], 'I don't think that man came out. I just don't think that man came out,'" Spike recalled.

Today a pile of rubble, mangled metal and other debris remain at the site where Max It Pawn stood. Crews on Wednesday were using skid steers to help clear the lot.

After receiving a tip, city, state and federal officials combed through the wreckage on Monday, where they discovered the body. The dead man's identity and cause of death have not been released.

It was not the first time the pawnshop fire scene had been examined, said Ashlee Sherrill, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Sherrill said ATF and other government officials have examined more than 150 scenes looking for the origins and causes of the fires.

"ATF and our partners have returned to a number of these fire scenes based on evidence and information that continues to be developed through the investigative process," Sherrill said.

Montez Terriel Lee, of Rochester, was charged last month with setting the fire at Max It Pawn. A federal complaint says a video shows Lee pouring liquid around the pawnshop before the fire.

Representatives for the building's owner and Max It Pawn did not respond to messages seeking comment.

The other death during the rioting occurred at a different pawnshop, Cadillac Pawn, about a mile west on Lake Street. The victim in that incident, Calvin L. Horton Jr., was shot. The pawnshop owner accused of shooting him was arrested but released without charges.

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Rachel Marsden: America borrows from China's playbook in dealing with protesters

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RACHEL MARSDEN: AMERICA BORROWS FROM CHINA'S PLAYBOOK IN DEALING WITH PROTESTERS

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Highlight: VANCOUVER, British Columbia - The Department of Homeland Security was created in the wake of the 9/11 attacks as a daycare center to encourage the FBI and CIA to play nice and share terrorism intelligence with each other instead of hoarding it. But Homeland Security has a new focus these days under President Donald Trump. [...]

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia - The Department of Homeland Security was created in the wake of the 9/11 attacks as a daycare center to encourage the FBI and CIA to play nice and share terrorism intelligence with each other instead of hoarding it. But Homeland Security has a new focus these days under President Donald Trump.

Formally, the new role is to guard federal property, such as statues and courthouses, from protesters. In practice, it means grabbing American citizens off the street and shoving them into unmarked vans.

Outfitted in what looks like surplus gear from a Pentagon spending spree, the estimated 2,000 officers from a patchwork of agencies - the Coast Guard, the Federal Protective Service, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Transportation Security Administration (the folks who frisk you at airport security) - are now being dispatched by Attorney General William Barr to protest flashpoints around the country.

It's not exactly a stretch for Homeland Security, created to combat terrorism, to now be combating protesters. *Antifa* are the new jihadists.

"The United States of America will be designating *ANTIFA* as a Terrorist Organization," Trump tweeted on May 31. This administration sees *antifa* in every protest - so it believes it has cause to treat each protest as a potential terrorist threat.

As someone based in France who has spent a dozen years enjoying cool beverages through the straw of a gas mask while observing protest dynamics, it's clear that only a small fraction of protest participants are *antifa* or black bloc anarchist types who are just there to break things. Not that they shouldn't be dealt with, but it's far too convenient to tar everyone with the same extremist brush and dismiss the legitimate concerns of protesters.

Rachel Marsden: America borrows from China's playbook in dealing with protesters

When protests occur in non-allied countries, the U.S. government rarely sees any paid agitators or terrorists - only victims of a "regime." Without knowing whether there are paid agitators in protests in Hong Kong, Russia, Iran or Venezuela, America brands all of these protesters as freedom fighters.

While domestic troops from Homeland Security clash with Portland protesters, Oregon's attorney general, Ellen Rosenblum, "filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court accusing the federal agents of engaging in unlawful tactics and seeking a restraining order," according to the New York Times. Meanwhile, Barr has been criticizing Chinese leadership for trying to get a handle on the unrest in its own country.

After months of Hong Kong protests against the Chinese government, Beijing was fed up with a piece of its territory being dominated by popular revolt. Protesters apparently felt empowered by the "one country, two system" autonomy granted to Hong Kong when it was handed back from the United Kingdom in 1997.

Much like Trump branded *antifa* a terrorist group - a formality that facilitates investigations into the group's possible foreign or domestic funding sources - the Chinese government closed the Hong Kong loophole that makes it vulnerable to foreign interference by passing new Hong Kong security laws aimed at punishing crimes of subversion, terrorism, secession and collusion with foreign forces, now punishable with sentences as severe as life in prison.

Beijing is handling domestic unrest in much the same way Barr wants to manage protests in the U.S. states, sending in federal troops in unmarked gear. But when China does it, it's unacceptable to Barr.

"As its ruthless crackdown of Hong Kong demonstrates once again, China is no closer to democracy today than it was in 1989, when tanks confronted pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square," Barr said in a speech last week.

If the U.S. is allowed to crack down on terrorism, shouldn't other nations be able to do the same? Of course, there's the argument that some countries could use the fight against terrorism as a pretext to label political opponents as terrorists. But isn't that what's happening with protesters in the U.S., who are all being tarred with the *antifa* brush?

The U.S. government is hardly in a position to criticize another country's exploitation of the war against terrorism, having cited questionable national security threats as a bogus pretext for everything from fruitless foreign invasions to massive global data dragnets - you know, the kind of data collection that Barr has been warning that China might do with Huawei 5G technology.

Barr's domestic antiterrorism tactics are no different than the Chinese government's tactics in Hong Kong. The fact that Barr and the Trump administration are even attempting to pass judgment - let alone economic sanctions - is a farce.

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PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION

ARTICLE MCCCXVIII. **PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION**

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Our city is reeling from serial tragedies. The death of **George Floyd** was a searing event and a stark reminder of the deeply rooted **systemic racism** we must eliminate from the culture of the **Minneapolis Police Department** (MPD). The destruction of livelihoods and needed services along Lake Street and West Broadway compounded the horror. And now, our community is enduring an alarming spike in senseless gun violence that has overwhelmingly claimed African Americans as its victims.

At stake is the future of our city, which faces an almost existential crisis. From our perspective, communities of color have been doubly victimized. We've had to endure episodes of flat-out **police racism** and excessive force. At the same time, our communities have been victims of crime well beyond our share of the population.

We depend on an imperfect police force lest we have an even worse situation. Solving this crisis will take awesome persistence, serious discussion, bold thinking and follow-through. It is imperative that we reform and reinvent our approach to effective and just public safety for all our citizens.

Unfortunately, the City Council's response to this crisis is a proposed charter amendment that will solve nothing. The council wants to eliminate the current MPD and transfer to itself the mayor's authority over law enforcement.

In reality, beyond bumper sticker slogans and announcing a new bureaucracy, the council has not done the hard work of designing a specific and actionable new public safety system to replace the current one. They haven't told us what comes next, let alone shown us that it will work.

All we know is that the council plans to remove the mayor's authority to run whatever (if any) law enforcement operation replaces the current MPD. They want to create a new bureaucracy run by a bureaucrat answerable to council members. Simply put, the council's proposal makes 13 council members and one bureaucrat accountable for law enforcement instead of the mayor and the police chief.

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In the real world, of course, having 14 people "accountable" means nobody is really accountable.

Interestingly, two years ago the council proposed the same idea. The Charter Commission quite properly delayed putting it on the 2018 ballot. The council had 24 months to put it on the 2020 ballot but waited until now to insist that it appear. It does seem that some council members are using the current crisis as a cover for rushing an ill-formed idea to the November ballot.

The fact is that the mayor and City Council can enact and enforce significant reforms without changing the city's charter. Frankly, major police reform has not been a city priority for quite some time, perhaps because reform costs money. What we need now is hard thinking, political will and wise use of resources.

More community policing and giving the mayor and the police leadership the authority to discipline and sanction officers without having decisions routinely overturned by arbitrators are just the beginning. Some reforms the city can implement unilaterally. Others may require changes in state law. None require changes to the charter.

We are also concerned that the council proposal eliminates the job of our current chief and makes him ineligible to oversee the newly imagined public safety department. If anything, given Chief Medaria Arradondo's highly regarded ethics, compassion, ability and experience, the council should give him the resources he needs to expand the MPD's community outreach efforts. This is essential if we truly want to shrink the "warrior mentality" that we all know afflicts too many officers.

We share everyone's bottom line: to change the culture of the *Minneapolis Police Department*. But changing the Minneapolis charter is not the place to start. It may be necessary at some point, but only after the architects of the current proposal can tell the voters what the new system will actually look like and whether it will actually work.

The council hurried its proposed charter amendment to the Charter Commission with no extended discussion and not one public hearing. So now it's up to the commission to initiate a detailed and inclusive discussion of how to transform the MPD into an agency that reflects the best values of all our Minneapolis residents. If that means waiting until next year to change the charter, so be it.

It is false to assert that it's the city's charter preventing transformative change to the MPD. Yes, the voters have a right to vote on major changes to the city's charter. But city leaders have an obligation to give the voters the chance to make an informed choice. The proposed amendment only gives the voters a choice between doing nothing or giving the City Council a blank check to "defund the cops" and eliminate the mayor's role in running law enforcement.

That is not a path for transforming the law enforcement culture of Minneapolis.

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Minneapolis council shifts police media duties to city staff

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MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL SHIFTS POLICE MEDIA DUTIES TO CITY STAFF

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The Minneapolis City Council voted Friday to shift police media duties from the Police Department to city staff in what one council member called a move to improve trust, amid calls for changes in policing after ***George Floyd***'s death.

The change was approved 9-3. Some council members wanted more time to consider the move, while journalists said they worried it could make it harder and take longer to get information.

The vote came as the city revised its budget to address a \$156 million revenue dip due to the coronavirus pandemic. The shift in media duties won't affect the city's bottom line, but was seen as emblematic of a struggle over the future of policing in Minneapolis, where a majority of council members favor replacing the current department with a different kind of public safety agency. Overall, the City Council members redirected more than \$1 million from a \$193 million police budget Friday.

Council Member Steve Fletcher said the communications change is part of the larger process of examining whether functions currently handled by the Police Department could be done by someone else. Some council members also cited erroneous information given out by police after Floyd's death: In an initial statement, spokesman John Elder said Floyd "appeared to be suffering medical distress" after he resisted arrest and was handcuffed.

Cellphone video recorded by a bystander showed Floyd pleading for air as a white officer, ***Derek Chauvin***, pressed his knee into the Black man's neck for nearly eight minutes and people nearby urged officers to help him.

Elder has told the Associated Press that the initial description came after he was briefed by supervisors, and that he had not had time to review body camera video.

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Lisa Goodman, a council member who voted against the change, said it "almost feels like it's retaliatory" against Elder, whom she said thought he was giving correct information.

"This is hardly transformational change," she said, repeating a phrase used by council members who have said they want to significantly remake the department.

Fletcher conceded the change was small, but added: "People are asking us to do change. People are asking us to do this work, and I think it's very important that we move forward."

Suki Dardarian, managing editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune, told one council member in an email that it's important to have city spokespeople who are trusted, credible, understand the subject matter and appreciate the need for transparency. When it comes to law enforcement, those spokespeople need to be accessible at all hours.

In an interview with the AP, Dardarian said she was concerned about revamping the city's communication structure when so much is at stake, and fears the move will make transparency more difficult and decrease access to timely information. She said journalists work to track down information from multiple sources, including authorities, to get the truth.

"If we don't have the information to begin with, it's hard to really seek the truth," she said.

The board for the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists sent City Council members a letter discouraging the move, saying it was also concerned about access, and that placing the media position under city direction "would further erode public trust."

Fletcher, who said there was a "pattern of inaccuracy" in information coming from the Police Department, said he was committed to ensuring access to reporters and was "convinced this is a move that can move us forward, rather than backward."

When later asked to elaborate on other inaccuracies, Fletcher pointed to a June night in which multiple people were shot in a popular nightlife area. Police initially reported that one person died in that shooting, but later learned the fatality was from a separate shooting in another location, citing confusion when multiple shooting victims went to the same hospital.

Fletcher said rushing out information stoked fear in the community, and narratives that dramatize situations do the public a disservice.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, who opposed the change, released a statement saying the department has been lucky to have Elder help serve as the face and voice of the department, and the media position has helped the agency build relationships.

When previously asked to address the information about Floyd's death, Elder told the AP the Police Department realized its initial statement was inaccurate hours later when the bystander video surfaced. By then, state investigators took over and Elder said he didn't have authority to send out a correction.

"I will never lie to cover up the actions of somebody else," Elder told the AP.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Three other officers - ***Thomas Lane***, J. Kueng and ***Tou Thao*** - were charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired.

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Roseville man accused of threatening to burn neighbors homes 'while you sleep in it' over Black Lives Matter signs

ARTICLE MCCCXX. **[ROSEVILLE MAN ACCUSED OF THREATENING TO BURN NEIGHBORS HOMES 'WHILE YOU SLEEP IN IT' OVER BLACK LIVES MATTER SIGNS](#)**

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A Roseville man is accused of threatening his neighbors who displayed ***Black Lives Matter*** signs outside their homes in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death.

Kevin Jay Karjalahti, 49, was charged Thursday with three counts of making threats of violence, according to a criminal complaint filed in Ramsey County District Court. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison and \$30,000 in fines.

Karjalahti was arrested Wednesday and his first appearance before a judge is scheduled for Friday.

"I want to thank Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Roseville Police Department for their special diligence in pursuing this case to the point where we can seek justice for the victims in this case," Ramsey County Attorney John Choi said in a news release. "Members of our community should be able to express their feeling about issues that are important to them without the fear of threat or reprisal."

Between May 30 and June 1, a handful of homeowners along Fernwood Avenue in Roseville and St. Paul reported to police that they received handwritten, profanity-laced notes demanding they remove ***Black Lives Matter*** signs from their yards.

Three of the notes threatened to burn down the occupants' houses if the signs stayed up.

"Your neighbors are sick of riots and your SJW (social justice warrior) Sh-t," one note read. "Your 'Bullsh-t Matters' comes down or you and your Home will Burn real Quiet While you Sleep in it!"

The notes were discovered in the days after the unrest that followed Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police, during which dozens of Twin Cities buildings were burned.

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Investigators submitted the notes for fingerprint analysis to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which matched prints found on the notes to those on file for Karjalahti, according to the charges against him.

During an interview with police on July 22, Karjalahti denied any knowledge of the notes, even after being confronted with the fingerprint evidence, the charges say.

Karjalahti's wife, however, allegedly admitted her husband wrote the notes because he was "frustrated after the city was destroyed during the civil unrest."

A spokesman for the Ramsey County attorney's office said it does not appear this case is related to other instances in which ***Black Lives Matter*** signs [*were vandalized or stolen from Roseville homes*](#).

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John Kass: Something grows in the big cities run by Democrats: an overwhelming sense of lawlessness

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***JOHN KASS: SOMETHING GROWS IN THE BIG CITIES RUN
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And naturally, the Democratic mayors, backing Joe Biden, are on the defensive, upset that the president might win political advantage, even as the mayors feud with their own police departments, as the violence rises in their towns, as children are gunned down.

But these Democratic cities are also where left-wing billionaire George Soros has spent millions of dollars to help elect liberal social justice warriors as prosecutors. He remakes the justice system in urban America, flying under the radar.

The Soros-funded prosecutors, not the mayors, are the ones who help release the violent on little or no bond.

In Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, St. Louis and elsewhere, it is the mayors who are the faces of their cities, not the prosecutors.

And the mayors properly take the heat as the violence spikes.

How do the people process all of the politics, amid those stories counting the dead and wounded?

Politicians speak with their tongues. Taxpayers don't hold news conferences. But they do vote with their feet. And they leave.

The mayors play to their base, condemning Trump publicly for federal overreach, even as their overwhelmed police departments welcome all the help they can get.

John Kass: Something grows in the big cities run by Democrats: an overwhelming sense of lawlessness

Chaos is indeed a ladder.

If Trump truly wants to help the cities, he might privately call the mayors and ask them about the prosecutors backed by Soros.

These prosecutors are among the few politicians in America who have delivered on their promises. They promised to empty their jails through the social justice warrior policy of "decarceration." They also help give repeat, violent criminals little or no bond when arrested.

And in many of the violent cities, the prosecutors have delivered on their promises, not to keep the violent in jail, but to let them out.

In Democratic Chicago, for example, the Soros prosecutor is Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx. In her 2020 campaign, she reportedly received at least \$2 million from a Soros-backed political action committee.

Foxx doesn't have a stellar legal reputation. Her office is under investigation for how it handled that Jussie Smollett fiasco. But she'd like to climb the ladder and become a U.S. senator.

She's the protege of Cook County Democratic boss Toni Preckwinkle, the president of the Cook County Board. And Cook County Chief Judge Tim Evans is on the Preckwinkle social justice warrior team too.

Foxx announced years ago she wouldn't aggressively prosecute shoplifters. This preceded a wave of shoplifting gangs violently hitting the boutiques on North Michigan Avenue, long before looting and unrest grew out of the *George Floyd* protests.

And Lori Lightfoot takes the heat. She'll have to decide whether to call Foxx out herself, or just keep taking that heat.

Foxx put out a memo on June 30 reinforcing her wokeness, informing Chicago's City Hall and police that she will not prosecute "peaceful protesters."

In the hours after the Floyd protests here, many were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and curfew violations. These are tools used by mayors to compel order in cities.

But Foxx doesn't see it that way. She sides with the woke.

A recent Chicago Tribune investigation found that of 162 offenders arrested and charged with felonies before the Floyd protests - and who were bailed out by liberal social justice warrior groups - more than 1 in 5 were charged with new offenses.

Other Soros-backed prosecutors in other cities play a similar game.

They won't anger their base when they release violent offenders back into poor neighborhoods to commit other violent acts on poor people. The left is their base. This is what they want, what Soros paid for.

In Democratic cities across America, the shootings increase, the murder rates soar, and street gangs are emboldened. Meanwhile, the angry white woke world, with their *Black Lives Matter* allies, continue to attack public monuments to Western culture. And police.

John Kass: Something grows in the big cities run by Democrats: an overwhelming sense of lawlessness

This all leads to scenes such as the one in Chicago the other day, with cops trying to protect a statue of Christopher Columbus in Grant Park, overwhelmed by a large, angry mob. Dozens in the crowd carried black umbrellas to hide their identities, as they dumped cases of frozen water bottles on the ground. And the mob threw them like bricks at the heads of officers.

Lightfoot, nationally famous for her anti-Trump commentary, was somewhat measured about federal agents coming to Chicago. And the other day she was incensed at what she termed a "coordinated attack" on cops at the Columbus statue.

At least 49 police officers were injured and 18 required hospital treatment after the rage at the Columbus statue, where those frozen bottles, along with rocks and fireworks, were thrown at them.

I suppose this is the place where I'm supposed to adopt newspeak and characterize the mayhem as "mostly peaceful protests." But no.

If you're a Democrat, you might worry that Trump will score political points by sending federal agents to the violent cities.

If you're a Republican, or an independent with a new police scanner app on your cellphone, waiting for your firearm owners permit in the mail, you might say it's about time.

And if you're trapped in one of the violent urban neighborhoods, you're hoping that your children won't be killed as they sit on your front porch.

You can see that something is growing in the big cities:

An overwhelming sense of lawlessness.

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Rally decries federal officers in Portland

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RALLY DECRIES FEDERAL OFFICERS IN PORTLAND

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Highlight: Activists gathered in downtown Minneapolis, with many predicting a presence here as well.

Body

Several hundred people gathered in front of the federal courthouse in Minneapolis on Thursday evening to protest the use of federal officers in Portland, Ore., where sometimes violent rallies against police brutality have been going on for weeks.

Activists from more than a dozen groups, including ***Black Lives Matter*** Minnesota, the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the National Lawyers Guild, expressed concern that Minneapolis could experience the same federal presence soon - something they would vehemently oppose.

Sam Martinez, an organizer from the Twin Cities Coalition for Justice 4 Jamar, said he helped coordinate the rally just over 24 hours ago and was pleased with the turnout.

"This is not something we do regularly, but it's good to know people are ready ... to defend the community," Martinez said. "It just shows that Minneapolis, it was the epicenter, and we're not going anywhere."

Among the sculpted mounds of green grass in front of the courthouse, leaders of various groups decried police brutality and racial injustice.

Several people who said their loved ones were killed by police officers spoke emotionally.

Attendees held cardboard signs and fabric flags reading "Silence is violence," "Feds in Portland, proving our point" and "Demilitarize the United States."

Latahvoni Smith, who described herself as a spoken-word artist and new mother, shared two poems with the crowd.

In one, she decried police violence against people of color.

"I'm a little girl, but I have a big voice," she said, referencing her height.

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Misty Rowan of the Anti-War Committee asked the crowd if it was prepared to protest if federal officers arrived. She also said she wanted to give the crowd hope.

"It is our job to take this opportunity, take this momentum, and run with it," she said.

Following the speeches, the group marched around downtown.

"Black lives, they matter here," marchers chanted, walking or riding their bikes through the otherwise quiet streets.

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Seeing racism as a public health crisis

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SEEING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 8A**Length:** 456 words**Highlight:** The symbolism is welcome but must produce meaningful public policy.**Body**

Several of Minnesota's largest local governments have declared that racism is a public health emergency. But what exactly does that mean, and what impact can those declarations have on discrimination, racism and public health?

Since early July, the Minneapolis and St. Paul city councils and Ramsey and Hennepin county boards have approved similar resolutions. They've joined numerous U.S. cities and counties as part of a national reckoning on race, sparked by the killing of **George Floyd** while in Minneapolis police custody.

Adopting the declarations, local officials say, is a first step to toward officially acknowledging racism, then developing policies to end it. In Minneapolis, council members listed multiple actions, including having a racial advisory committee review the city charter and other policies, reforms to criminal justice and public safety and doing annual reports on the health of residents of color.

City leaders also directed the establishment of a long-term funding source for youth programs and financial support for small businesses and housing to "reverse and repair the harm experienced" by residents of color.

"**Systemic racism** is among the greatest long-term threats our city and nation are facing, and the last two months have made that reality painfully clear," Mayor Jacob Frey said in a statement. "For Minneapolis to be a place where everyone can live and thrive, we must recognize this crisis for what it is and approach policymaking with the urgency it deserves."

Disturbing disparities between whites, Blacks and other people of color in Minnesota have been well-documented, including in a 2019 Star Tribune news analysis of U.S. census data. Black people have higher rates of poverty, unemployment and health problems, as well as lower educational achievement and homeownership. State data show that Black people and other people of color are at higher risk of severe consequences of COVID-19.

People of color are also significantly more likely to be involved in use-of-force incidents involving law enforcement and to experience prejudice in their professional and personal lives, which in turn leads to stress - a major factor in conditions such as heart disease and high blood pressure. Some of the nation's leading medical organizations have also released statements highlighting racism as a public health threat.

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Acknowledging the damage done by racism is a critical step in improving the lives of all Americans. Yet the declarations will be nothing more than symbolic without effective action.

The challenge ahead for state and local leaders is to find new solutions while also protecting the resources needed to sustain current programs as budgets are stretched in the contracting coronavirus economy.

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Dorsey & Whitney chief on growing Black attorney ranks and moving back to the office

ARTICLE MCCCXXIV. ***DORSEY & WHITNEY CHIEF ON GROWING BLACK
ATTORNEY RANKS AND MOVING BACK TO THE OFFICE***

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Byline: Patrick Rehkamp

Body

Bill Stoeri took over as managing partner of Dorsey & Whitney in January 2019 - and year two has been wild compared to year one.

Stoeri has had to navigate remote working and sagging financials due to the economic slowdown and respond accordingly to the death of **George Floyd** while in Minneapolis police custody.

As the leader of the largest law firm headquartered in Minneapolis, Stoeri is planning for the future on several fronts. He recently spoke with the Business Journal about what the firm has done and what some of its plans are going forward. The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Financially, how is the firm doing? What business lines are doing well and which ones are soft? We had our best year financially in 2019, so we came into the year strong. However, there's no question the pandemic will have a negative impact on the legal business. Once the pandemic started, we anticipated a slowdown and have been tracking it pretty carefully. In general, we're in line with our revised expectations.

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Labor and employment, financial restructuring and health care have all been strong. Some areas of litigation have been strong. We're just waiting for the courts to proceed opening, and a lot of litigation is piling up and ready for release. The ones that have been down are emerging companies, real estate and trademark.

The firm has announced [two rounds of compensation cuts](#). Are more on the way? We took the steps we thought were necessary for the whole year. However, nobody knows how this will all play out. We don't anticipate anything further.

The firm recently [ended a roughly 40-year relationship with the city of Minneapolis](#) to provide legal assistance in the prosecution of misdemeanor cases. How did that come about? It was my call and our policy board unanimously supported it. Concerns about the program had been arising before **George Floyd**. We were looking at ending it anyways, but I wouldn't say it was an easy decision.

In the wake **George Floyd**, a slew of diversity issues have risen to the surface. What is the firm doing in response? Externally, we've done a lot in the wake of this. We've ramped-up minority business assistance and supported businesses damaged from the riots. Our foundation set up \$50,000 matching grants. Internally, I have been focused on this since I took over. Our management committee is now half female and a quarter of the board is people of color. All that being said, we need Dorsey and the legal community here to increase the hiring of Black attorneys. We also need to work on retention and promotion of Black attorneys. A big part of it is to create a culture of understanding. There's no magic bullet. These are deep-seeded issues that need to be approached from the ground up.

When will the firm go back into the office? We are somewhat back. If an employee has a need or a special desire, they can go back in. Right now, about 20 to 40 people [out of about 600] are in the office. We'll see what happens in the fall. Frankly, if schools open back up, it might be easier for people not to come in.

It's been reported that remote working has been better than anticipated. Do you think the firm will need less commercial real estate in the future? Yes. I'd rather invest in technology than real estate if I can. I do think it's important for younger employees to still come in and learn from older attorneys.

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Walz signs landmark bill on police reform

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WALZ SIGNS LANDMARK BILL ON POLICE REFORM

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Twenty-five days after *George Floyd's* death by Minneapolis police, top lawmakers in Minnesota's divided Legislature came together in a third floor Capitol conference room for their first substantive talks on police reform.

House Democrats, led by members of the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus, had put forward a far-reaching list of proposals, from use-of-force restrictions to voting rights for felons. Senate Republicans, wary that the House plan went too far, countered with an offer that included some, but not all of the DFL ideas.

Offers traded throughout the long night went nowhere. At dawn the following morning, June 20, the Legislature adjourned at loggerheads, ending an inconclusive special session. Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said the sides appeared "a session away" from agreement.

Fast forward to Thursday, and Gov. Tim Walz was signing a bill ushering in some of the most substantial changes to law enforcement and police accountability in a generation, sweeping legislation that cleared both chambers with broad bipartisan support. The new law, which takes effect Aug. 1, includes bans on chokeholds and warrior-style trainings, a duty for officers to intervene in misconduct, and changes to provide more data and independent oversight on police matters.

Walz called it "meaningful legislation that will impact our communities in a positive way" and "a critical step toward criminal justice reform."

But for weeks, that step was far from certain, even amid waves of protests - some of them violent - spreading from Minneapolis to around the globe, following the viral video of Floyd's death.

"It seemed pretty bleak," said Rep. Rena Moran, a St. Paul Democrat at the center of the negotiations. "I thought that maybe we'd get one or two or three provisions."

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Reaching a hard-fought compromise brought together a diverse array of lawmakers and advocates, including law enforcement groups, the business community and the families of other Minnesotans killed over the years by police. Mounting public pressure, especially from legislators representing communities of color, and personal relationships between top lawmakers from opposing parties, finally pushed the deal over a finish line that many thought they'd never reach.

"So many people worked very hard, especially [POCI] Caucus members," said House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, DFL-Golden Valley. "It was a team effort all around. Many law enforcement groups, including police unions, came forward to compromise. We had broad support from the business community and from both sides of the aisle."

Talks appeared to stall after the first special session. But around the July 4 weekend, with another special session coming up, more serious negotiations resumed.

Democrats and Republicans agreed on some elements of a package, but a gulf remained on key issues, including adding more citizen oversight to the state police licensing board. "We had partisan differences, we had philosophical differences, we had differences between different constituencies, all engaged on the sidelines to bring this matter at least up to a public discussion," said Republican Sen. Warren Limmer, chairman of a judiciary committee. "There were times when we just had to go back to our corners and reconsider and think about each other's thoughts and different ways to approach the goals."

Over a month of stop-and-start negotiations, the two sides exchanged at least 16 offers, according to House Speaker Melissa Hortman. At one point, Moran said she feared disagreement over a single word in one provision - "apparent" - could torpedo the whole deal. But amid rising frustration, she sensed a genuine desire to reach a deal.

"We had a sense of the importance of this work, recognizing that we hear the moans and groans and the cries from the community across the state ... and across the country," Moran said.

Personal relationships, including a strong working dynamic between Hortman and Gazelka, pushed legislators back to the table when negotiations became strained. Close work between Gazelka and Rep. Carlos Mariani, a St. Paul Democrat helping lead the DFL's effort, added another layer of trust.

Major police groups were brought into the process, offering input and draft language. Moran and Brian Peters, a former Brooklyn Park police commander who heads the Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Association, developed a bond over months working together previously on a deadly force working group where they shared stories about their families and experiences.

"He understood where I was coming from as I talked about police officers, as I talked about the community, as I talked about the need for a stronger relationship," Moran said. "Those things are not happening unless we are engaging each other, unless we are at the table with each other."

The influence of the deadly force working group, led by Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington and Attorney General Keith Ellison, went beyond building personal relationships. Bloomington Police Chief Jeff Potts, past president of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, said the group's discussions and recommendations "helped in the process to getting us to where we are today."

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The pressure wasn't just coming from activists. It also was coming from the business community. In June, the Minnesota Business Partnership and more than 80 chief executives in the state sent a letter to lawmakers calling for police accountability legislation.

"The ***George Floyd*** killing really touched a nerve for everyone," said Charlie Weaver, executive director of the Minnesota Business Partnership. "Their employees were telling them, enough is enough. We expect action, we expect you to lead on this."

As the July special session neared, negotiators on both sides sensed they were getting closer. Hortman and Gazelka kept talks moving behind the scenes. But as they ironed out the details, internal hurdles within each majority caucus remained. Moran worked with the POCI Caucus and community activists who wanted to see even bigger changes. Convincing them to accept a pared-down package, she said, was "one of the hardest conversations I've probably had in my tenure." Some Senate Republicans remained unconvinced that any changes were needed, Limmer said.

Friday, four weeks to the day after the first negotiation fizzled, Walz facilitated a conversation with Gazelka and the families of individuals who died after deadly encounters with police. Gazelka said the exchange, his second meeting with families, helped change his mind on some proposals.

"They make a compelling case for things that really, totally changed their lives," he said.

"I heard a lot of precious tears from where they are coming from. You have to take every piece of an issue, and that was one piece."

By 10 p.m. Monday, facing a self-imposed midnight deadline, the final language was rolled out and cleared by wide margins in both chambers.

"This is the beginning of the work that we set out to do," Moran said. "It is not the end."

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Jamelle Bouie: The border war in Portland

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JAMELLE BOUIE: THE BORDER WAR IN PORTLAND

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Length: 1363 words**Byline:** Jamelle Bouie**Highlight:** Something dangerous is taking shape within the Department of Homeland Security. We got our first glimpse of it last week in Oregon, when unidentified federal agents clad in camouflage and tactical gear descended on Portland, beat and tear-gassed protesters and pulled others into unmarked vehicles for arrest and questioning. Apparently cobbled together using personnel from [...]**Body**

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Apparently cobbled together using personnel from Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Transportation Security Administration and the Coast Guard, these "rapid deployment teams" are formally tasked with securing federal buildings from graffiti and vandalism in tandem with the Federal Protective Service, which is ordinarily responsible for the job. But they're being used to suppress protests in what appears to be an election year gambit by the Trump administration to create images of disorder and chaos on which the president can then campaign. "This political theater from President Trump has nothing to do with public safety," Kate Brown, the Democratic governor of Oregon, said last week, "Trump is looking for a confrontation in Oregon in the hopes of winning political points in Ohio or Iowa."

The official tasked with coordinating all this action, the acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Chad Wolf, is an enthusiastic participant, casting protesters as "violent *anarchists* and extremists" in order to justify what's been done to them. "The city of Portland has been under siege for 47 straight days by a violent mob while local political leaders refuse to restore order to protect their city," Wolf said. "This siege can end if state and local officials decide to take appropriate action instead of refusing to enforce the law."

On Sunday, Wolf's deputy, Ken Cuccinelli (whose official title is "Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security"), told NPR that Homeland Security would be taking these tactics nationwide. Wolf affirmed this, telling Fox News that his agency can act with or without local cooperation. "I don't need invitations by the state, state mayors or state governors to do our

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job," he said. "We're going to do that, whether they like us there or not." President Donald Trump likewise vowed to send federal law enforcement agents to several more cities, amid reports that a Portland-like force was headed to Chicago.

There's more. In addition to its rapid deployment teams, the Department of Homeland Security has also authorized domestic surveillance of Americans on the basis of the president's June executive order on the protection of statues and monuments. Writing for the Lawfare blog, the legal scholars Steve Vladeck and Benjamin Wittes explain that the "animating premise" of the new rules "is that the threat to monuments and statues is a homeland security threat warranting intelligence analysis and collection by federal officials." The administration, they continue, is using the "cover of minor property damage" to "justify intelligence gathering against ordinary Americans" for "peacefully protesting their government."

The United States is no stranger to the use of military or quasi-military force against protesters. During the Whiskey Rebellion, a tax revolt of farmers and distillers in western Pennsylvania that culminated in 1794, President George Washington raised a federal militia to meet insurgents in the field. To break the Pullman Strike of 1894, during which workers shut down rail traffic in much of the country, President Grover Cleveland deployed federal troops to Chicago, sparking a confrontation that ended in the deaths of 30 workers. And in 1932, under orders from President Herbert Hoover, Gen. Douglas MacArthur confronted the Bonus Army - a group of World War I veterans who camped out in Washington, D.C., petitioning the government for their promised bonuses for military service - with infantry, cavalry and tanks.

The difference lies less in the acts themselves than in the ways these events developed. Use of military force against strikers and protesters is certainly controversial, but for the most part it unfolds along clear lines of responsibility and involves powers expressly granted to the president. As the example of Washington and the Whiskey Rebellion demonstrates, it was part of the constitutional design. Trump's internal security force was, by contrast, created out of public view, using loopholes and expansive interpretations of the law. The reason Customs and Border Protection can be used to police a protest in Portland is, for example, because the Department of Homeland Security can supplement law enforcement from one agency with personnel from another.

There are other elements beyond the fact of its existence that make the emergence of an internal security force extremely troubling. As a candidate, Trump actively cultivated both the leadership and the rank-and-file of the border police and ICE. In turn, they gave him his support - unions for both agencies endorsed Trump for president. Under his leadership, these agencies have shown themselves to be deeply simpatico with the administration's draconian approach to immigration at the southern border, with aggressive action against migrants, asylum-seekers and unauthorized immigrants.

A secretive, nationwide police force - created without congressional input or authorization, formed from highly politicized agencies, tasked with rooting out vague threats and answerable only to the president - is a nightmare out of the fever dreams of the founding generation, federalists and antifederalists alike. It's something Americans continue to fear and for good reason. It is a power that cannot and should not exist in a democracy, lest it undermine and destroy the entire project.

Democrats, thankfully, seem to recognize this. "We live in a democracy, not a banana republic. We will not tolerate the use of Oregonians, Washingtonians - or any other Americans - as props in President Trump's political games," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Saturday, in a joint statement with Rep. Earl Blumenauer of Oregon. "The House is committed to moving swiftly to curb these egregious abuses of power immediately."

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But rhetoric isn't enough. The House must act and act now. In addition to holding hearings and investigations - including eliciting testimony from Wolf and other officials - Democrats should condition final passage of its Homeland Security appropriations bill on a complete halt to operations in Portland and other cities and the dissolution of the response force. Should Democrats find themselves in control of both legislative branches and the White House next year, they should also use the opportunity to amend the relatively obscure Federal Vacancies Reform Act, which Trump has used to install loyalists in high-level positions without Senate confirmation.

There's also the issue of the Department of Homeland Security itself. Since its creation in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, the department has been criticized for its size, scope and waste. "It goes without saying that I observed up-close the dysfunction, turf battles, and inherent limitations in an entity that does so much," Matt Mayer, a Homeland Security official under George W. Bush, wrote in 2015. Report after report - from congressional oversight committees, from the Government Accountability Office - show an agency practically defined by waste and dysfunction. And if the Trump years have shown anything, it is that the agencies within DHS, and especially ICE and CBP, are in desperate need of root-and-branch reform or some other fundamental change.

Should Trump fail to win reelection, perhaps the way to prevent a replay of the abuse in Portland is to dismantle the institution behind it. Just as local communities do not need militarized police officers, the federal government does not need an alphabet soup of militarized law enforcement agencies, as well as the cultures of prejudice and brutality that have gone along with them. If and when we close the book on Trump, perhaps we should use the opportunity to close the book on Homeland Security, too.

Jamelle Bouie writes a column for the New York Times.

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17-year-old boy is city's 37th homicide victim of 2020

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**[17-YEAR-OLD BOY IS CITY'S 37TH HOMICIDE VICTIM OF
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Body

A 17-year-old boy was shot to death Thursday evening on Minneapolis' South Side, the city's 37th homicide of the year.

Police responded to a report of shots fired just after 6 p.m. in the area of Chicago Avenue and E. 35th Street, several blocks north of the ***George Floyd*** memorial site.

Officers arrived to find the boy suffering from at least one gunshot wound and started CPR, according to police and scanner traffic reports.

He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he died, according to a police spokesman.

His name wasn't immediately released.

The shooting continued a violent stretch dating back to the unrest after Floyd's death. At least 274 people have been struck by gunfire so far this year - a total that exceeds all of 2019 and is about 56% higher than the five-year average of shooting victims for this time of the year.

Of the 37 homicides so far this year, 10 have occurred in July.

No one has been arrested in the teen's death.

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Longtime NBA player Arron Afflalo leading bid to buy Timberwolves

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[LONGTIME NBA PLAYER ARRON AFFLALO LEADING BID TO BUY TIMBERWOLVES](#)

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Highlight: An ownership group led by longtime NBA player Arron Afflalo is putting together an offer to buy the Minnesota Timberwolves, two people with knowledge of the bid said. The people spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity Friday because the deal was still in the process of being submitted. The group will consist [...]

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An ownership group led by longtime NBA player Arron Afflalo is putting together an offer to buy the Minnesota Timberwolves, two people with knowledge of the bid said.

The people spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity Friday because the deal was still in the process of being submitted. The group will consist of two to five individuals with a net worth of more than \$10 billion. According to the people, Afflalo's group will submit the bid no later than this weekend.

Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, who bought the club in 1994 to keep it from moving to New Orleans, has put the franchise up for sale on the condition it remain in Minnesota. Taylor has hired a merchant bank, The Raine Group, to broker talks. There are multiple groups interested, the 79-year-old Taylor said earlier this week. He also owns the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx.

The Timberwolves have a lease at the city-owned Target Center that lasts through 2035. A \$140 million renovation project on the arena was finished in 2017. In the latest sports franchise valuations from Forbes business magazine, the Timberwolves ranked 28th out of the 30 NBA teams, but still at \$1.375 billion, albeit before the pandemic began.

Basketball hall of famer Kevin Garnett announced he's part of one group trying to buy the team he starred for from 1995-2007. Garnett and Taylor had a falling out after his return to the Timberwolves in 2015. Garnett told The Athletic in an interview earlier this year that he doesn't "do business with snakes," but on Twitter this week Garnett said he looks forward to trying to work with Taylor to "achieve my dream" of NBA ownership.

Minnesota Vikings owners Zygi Wilf and Mark Wilf were recently contacted about their interest in buying the franchise. According to a person with knowledge of that situation, speaking on condition of anonymity

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because of the confidential nature of the negotiations, the Wilfs had back-and-forth conversations about a potential acquisition, but those talks are not active.

The people familiar with Afflalo's group said the team won't be relocated. The 34-year-old Afflalo would be the face of the group, with venture capitalist Brock Berglund spearheading the financing. The only Black primary owner in the NBA now is Michael Jordan in Charlotte, N.C.

It's a diverse group seeking to place minorities in positions of power and uplift the community in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd***, the handcuffed Black man who died after a Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into his neck for nearly 8 minutes.

Known for his defensive tenacity, Afflalo played in 762 games over a dozen years for Detroit, Orlando, Denver, New York, Sacramento and Portland. His career earnings from NBA salaries topped \$58 million, according to Basketball Reference.

Afflalo was drafted 27th overall in 2007 by the Pistons, where his first coach was the late Flip Saunders and who started Afflalo in the first game of his rookie season. Saunders' son, Ryan, is the current coach of the Timberwolves.

A native of California, Afflalo helped UCLA advance to the national title game during the 2006 NCAA tournament before falling to Florida. One of the iconic images of the tournament was when Afflalo stopped his celebration after his team beat Gonzaga to console Adam Morrison, who was lying on the floor in tears. The gesture was hailed as a picture of sportsmanship.

[*Glen Taylor exploring sale of Timberwolves and Lynx; Kevin Garnett wants to buy, Wilfs are 'serious candidate'*](#) Afflalo was also featured in a song by Grammy Award-winning hip-hop artist Kendrick Lamar. In the song "Black Boy Fly," Lamar wrote: "I used to be jealous of Arron Afflalo. He was the one to follow. He was the only leader foreseeing brighter tomorrows."

Lamar and Afflalo went to the same high school in Compton, Calif.

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TCF unrolls \$1B small-business loan commitment

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TCF Financial stepped up its commitment to minorities in the wake of the [George Floyd](#) killing and related demonstrations.

CEO Craig Dahl, who merged TCF with Detroit's Chemical Financial Corp. in 2019, on Thursday announced a \$1 billion loan commitment to minority- and female-owned small businesses over five years. The company will also spend \$10 million to assist lower-income home buyers during the period.

The commitment grew out of a denunciation of discrimination by Dahl and TCF Chairman Gary Torgow following Floyd's death at the hands of police in Minneapolis on May 25.

"Minority-owned and women-owned small businesses have historically had a more difficult time obtaining loans," Torgow said in a statement. "As a bank committed to strengthening individuals, businesses and communities, we are inspired to help these business owners create wealth and pursue their dreams."

In an interview, Dahl said Chemical Financial already was investing in the small-business revitalization of Detroit, and with TCF will accelerate the new loan programs.

The small-business loans of up to \$1 million will focus largely on Detroit, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Chicago, Cleveland and Grand Rapids, Mich.

The home-loan program will include up to \$3,000 to help cover closing costs for customers who earn less than 80% of local median income, or who purchase homes in a lower-income neighborhoods. TCF plans to fund 750 grants in 2020, compared to nearly 300 grants in 2019.

"We wanted to make sure that if we took action that we would really make a mark," said Dahl, who also works out of offices in the Twin

Cities."This is not a Detroit-only initiative."

TCF unrolls \$1B small-business loan commitment

Minorities make up 80% of the Detroit population and about a quarter of the Twin Cities population. TCF runs the third-largest bank in Minnesota after Wells Fargo and U.S. Bank, both of which have also announced plans to expand lending to Black- and other minority-owned businesses.

"We recognize that access to funds for a down payment is the single largest hurdle to homeownership," Dahl said. "As communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize that we can make a difference."

Dahl said that TCF plans to fund the minority-loan initiative in part with revenue it made on the Paycheck Protection Plan forgivable loan program. The Small Business Administration funded the loans and paid banks a 5% fee for originating them.

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 7A**Length:** 888 words**Byline:** KATHERINE KERSTEN, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** THE NEW RELIGION? // The "woke" movement is built on shows of "right thinking" and Puritan-style intolerance.**Body**

Since the death of [George Floyd](#), a movement that condemns America as "systemically racist" has convulsed our public consciousness. Sixty years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - and despite decades of affirmative action, massive social welfare spending and a two-term Black president - we are told that "white supremacy" deforms America today, as it has throughout history.

The movement to eradicate "[white privilege](#)" manifests in demands to [defund police](#) and in the toppling of statues - not only of Confederate generals, but of figures such as Theodore Roosevelt, Ulysses S. Grant, even George Washington.

Educational, business, media, nonprofit and entertainment institutions have taken up the "[systemic racism](#)" mantra with breathtaking speed, issuing statements declaring their virtue and right thinking.

Yet something is profoundly amiss in the frenzied movement that has America in its grip. This movement elevates passion over reason and dogma over data. It contemptuously rejects, and attempts to silence, calls for objective analysis as self-evidently racist.

In the process, it requires adherents to turn a blind eye to its stark inconsistencies. For example, while its votaries blocked Interstate 94 and torched whole neighborhoods in the name of justice for Floyd, who died at the hands of police, they are silent about the rain of gunfire and soaring death toll from Black-on-Black violence in Minneapolis since then. As of Friday, the city had had 37 homicides in 2020 - nearly twice as many as this time last year - and at least 274 people have been shot, nearly a 60% increase. Nationally, about 90% of Black murder victims are killed by other blacks, where the race of the killer is known, according to the FBI.

What is unfolding before our eyes is a new secular religion. For all its claims of "inclusivity," this new faith is deeply intolerant. It has roots in the American past that would likely surprise its adherents: the Puritan era of our nation's earliest religious zealots. Progressives are now engaged in doing theology without God. " Woke is the new Saved," in the words of commentator John Zmirak.

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Parallels abound. One of Puritan theology's core tenets is "innate depravity" - the doctrine that humans are inherently wicked as a result of original sin. The woke faith preaches an updated version: America's original sin is white supremacy.

For white people, "having racist assumptions is inevitable," according to Robin DiAngelo, author of the bestselling book "White Fragility." "Straight white men have been involved in a witness protection program" that "absolves them of their crimes," she declares.

The Puritans divided humans into the saved and the damned, the saints and the sinners. The woke faith does the same, classifying people as either oppressors (white) or victims (nonwhite).

The new faith's adherents view themselves as the "elect," redeemed, as it were, by a predestined grace. They are convinced they possess a higher truth, and are committed to imposing it on others.

Like their Puritan forebears, the woke faith's adherents believe that heretics - whose false doctrine imperils the larger community - must be rooted out. Dissenters must be humiliated, shunned and branded with Hester Prynne's scarlet "A" of shame.

Yet the new faith does offer a way for white Americans and other sinners to find salvation. To join the righteous, they must confess their sins - "check their privilege" - beg forgiveness, do penance and vow to become an "ally" of the oppressed.

Today, a Puritan-inspired witch-hunt mentality is ablaze all around us, bent on destroying the reputations and livelihoods of those who show the slightest hesitation to profess true doctrine. "Bigot and hater" are the new "witch and wizard," as commentator Mary Eberstadt has observed.

The list of heretics fired or compelled to resign grows every day. It includes a New York Times editor who dared to publish an opinion piece - reflexively branded as racist - by U.S. Sen. Tom Cotton; Grant Napear, the Sacramento Kings announcer, who tweeted that "***ALL LIVES MATTER***...EVERY SINGLE ONE!!!"; and leaders of the Poetry Foundation, who issued a statement denouncing ***systemic racism*** that some deemed too vague.

"Forced conversions" to the new faith are also becoming commonplace. Drew Brees, the New Orleans Saints quarterback, first criticized athletes' kneeling during the national anthem and then issued a groveling apology. Dan Cathy, CEO of Chick-fil-A, sought absolution for past sins by shining the shoes of a Black rapper. Politicians kneel in repentance and whites in tony neighborhoods display a "***Black Lives Matter***" sign on their lawn.

What explains this lightning-speed capitulation? For many young people - restless after the COVID-19 lockdown and often knowing little of history or religion - conversion to the woke faith can be part of a search for meaning in our post-Christian society. For corporations, professing "solidarity" with the new religion is good business.

But for the movement's leaders, this secular faith offers much more. Its goal is to dismantle as irredeemably racist the sinful nation in which we live and to build - in the Puritan phrase - a new City on a Hill, made in their own image.

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Members of the Twins take a knee to protest racial inequality

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MEMBERS OF THE TWINS TAKE A KNEE TO PROTEST RACIAL INEQUALITY

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Highlight: CHICAGO - Twins manager Rocco Baldelli conducted his pregame Zoom press conference wearing a ***Black Lives Matter*** shirt. Many members of his team were sporting the same T-shirt during batting practice. With both teams lined up pregame, a video from the Players Alliance, a collection of current and former Black baseball players, played on the [...]

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With both teams lined up pregame, a video from the Players Alliance, a collection of current and former Black baseball players, played on the big screen, voicing a plea for unity and change and then a short message narrated by Morgan Freeman played. Both teams held the same single black cloth, and the Twins' manager, along with reliever Zack Littell, knelt on one knee.

Baldelli remained kneeling while the national anthem played, joined by members of his team, to silently protest racial inequality. Baldelli was joined by bench coach Mike Bell and first base coach Tommy Watkins as well as outfielders Byron Buxton, LaMonte Wade Jr., Aaron Whitefield and pitchers Taylor Rogers, Trevor May, Sergio Romo and Tyler Duffey in kneeling during the anthem.

"From an organizational standpoint, from ownership on down, credit to them and everybody in the organization that we support everyone's individual right to express themselves and do it in a peaceful manner and a healthy manner," president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said. "I think there's nothing more that's representative of being here in this country and in this community and in this environment than having the ability to express your individual convictions. I think our players did and did it in a really respectful manner as Rocco did as well. I think it was a powerful moment and a powerful tribute on a lot of levels to starting off this season using our platform appropriately."

Baldelli said before the game that team has been having conversations about the topic in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death in police custody in Minneapolis in May, and the team has had many active participants in that discussion. No matter what decision his players made, Baldelli said, they would support it.

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After the game, Baldelli said the moment had allowed players and coaches a chance to express themselves in a meaningful way. He said the moment meant a lot to him and he was happy to have been a part of it.

"We support every one of our players and our staff in every way. Our guys are there for each other. Of course, every person is different and has a different mindset when asked different questions. But everyone has been open to talking about it," Baldelli said pregame. "I've found that the more you look around and the more you converse with people, the more that you find a lot of common ground on a lot of different things, on a lot of different topics. And I find that a very beautiful thing."

The Twins' team owners, the Pohlad family, announced a \$25 million commitment to racial justice causes in the Twin Cities in June, and the Twins have made plans to honor Floyd during Tuesday's home opener.

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The Twins plan to pay homage to Floyd by unveiling a picture of him on the outfield wall that will remain all season. They also plan to stop the game at 8:46 p.m. for a moment of silence. That time signifies the amount of time that former police officer ***Derek Chauvin knelt*** on Floyd's neck.

"We've shared a lot of deep conversations, emotional conversations at times. What it shows me is how much everybody cares about one another, the community, the issues that are going on in the world," Bell said Wednesday. " ... The word unity gets thrown around a lot. You can look at someone standing somewhere or kneeling, but ultimately unity is what's in each person's heart, and what they stand for. The physical action isn't nearly as important as what's in each person's heart."

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Gun violence eclipses usual spike

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GUN VIOLENCE ECLIPSES USUAL SPIKE

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At least 275 people have been victims of gunfire in Minneapolis so far this year, eclipsing the entire annual totals of all but two of the past 10 years, according to Police Department records.

Gun violence tends to spike in the city every year during the hot summer months, but this year's surge in shootings dating back to the unrest after the death of *George Floyd* is worse than usual.

MPD records show that 269 people were shot in Minneapolis in all of 2019 - a grim milestone that the city reached on July 20 this year. The shooting tally is also nearly 60% higher than the five-year average for this time of the year, records show.

The city's 37 homicides have also nearly doubled from this time last year.

Victims were mostly concentrated in the Fourth and Third precincts. They included a 14-year-old girl who was grazed by a wayward bullet while she lay in bed and a taxi driver who was killed when he confronted two men breaking into his cab.

The recent upswing in violence has factored into a fierce debate over the future of policing in Minneapolis, as elsewhere, sparked by Floyd's death and the ensuing riots: Some law enforcement groups and their supporters have cited the spiking gun violence as reminiscent of the "Murderapolis" era of the mid-90s, while activists argue that the recent bloodshed is proof that the existing public safety system isn't working.

On Friday, the City Council adopted a revised 2020 budget that cuts roughly \$1.5 million from the MPD's \$193 million budget - most of which was to be diverted to the Office of Violence Prevention, which may use the money to fund a program patterned after the Cure Violence program that uses trusted "messenger" to mediate street conflicts and persuade high-risk youth to take a different path.

Meanwhile, police officials and community leaders have been searching for solutions to the problem.

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Around the time of the unrest, the department combined several investigative units to form the Gun Violence Response Unit, which is focused on getting weapons off the streets and applying pressure on gangs that authorities say are driving most of the violence. The strategy has paid off in some ways, with court filings showing that authorities are close to solving several recent shootings, including the June 21 running gun battle in Uptown in which more than 70 rounds were fired and 11 people were injured. Investigators have identified at least one of the suspected gunmen involved, a member of the FreeShotz gang, thanks to an informant's tip. Police say they are also on track to top last year's total of 946 recovered guns.

Department brass have reshuffled staff to beef up the patrol division, although some in the department argue those efforts have fallen short of covering all the staffing gaps created by recent departures.

Police Chief Medario Arradondo and Mayor Jacob Frey have sought help dealing with the crime spike from federal law enforcement agencies including the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Secret Service.

Kyle Loven, a former FBI agent, said in an earlier interview that it's not uncommon for "local police chiefs and sheriffs" to partner with the feds, who can add considerable manpower and crime-fighting technology.

"The FBI has a lot of technology at its disposal that it can bring to bear to assist local departments," said Loven, who left the bureau after 22 years to join a Minneapolis-based digital forensics firm.

Some activist groups on Friday expressed their disappointment that the proposed cuts fell far short of the \$45 million they had sought.

"With our communities facing a pandemic, an economic crisis, and an unreformable police department, we demanded a major budget cut from MPD, and funding to meet our communities basic needs. The Mayor and the Council need to move much, much faster on their commitments to transformative change. Justice cannot wait another year," Sheila Nezhad of Reclaim the Block said in a news release.

Community groups such as Racial Justice Network and Communities United Against Police Brutality have accused the council of acting hastily and recklessly in announcing their desire for abolition, without offering any specific plan on how to deal with the violence that continues to affect poor, ethnically diverse neighborhoods.

Statistics show that the 275 shooting victims through Thursday are higher than any other yearly total over the past decade, with the exception of 2017 and 2016, when 280 and 341 people were shot, respectively. The most recent year for which comprehensive data were available was 2006, when the city logged 339 shootings.

Other cities have experienced a similar rise in shootings, notably Chicago and New York. Nationally, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an uneven effect on crime, although several large cities have seen upticks in violence since the unrest that followed Floyd's death.

Some criminologists say the causes are unchanged - inadequate housing, ***systemic racism***, poverty and other forms of neglect, coupled with a seemingly bottomless supply of illegal firearms. Adding to that combustible mixture is the pandemic and the unrest following Floyd's death, they say.

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Additionally, authorities say that violent crime tends to escalate around this time of the year, not only because warmer weather is drawing more people outside, but because the summer months have so many death anniversaries of slain high-profile gang members.

Many of the victims have been young Black males, such as Elijah Whitner, 20, who was gunned down July 10 near Farview Park in a shooting that also left his pregnant girlfriend seriously injured.

In another example, a 17-year-old boy was shot outside a South Side convenience store Thursday, blocks from the Floyd memorial site, after what police say was a struggle with a longtime rival.

Jamar Nelson had left the store minutes earlier and was driving past when he saw the boy lying on the ground and stopped to help, thinking at first that he may have overdosed. But as he got closer, he noticed the blood pooling around the body and immediately started to perform CPR with the help of a bystander. Nelson said the boy briefly regained consciousness but ended up dying in his arms before paramedics arrived.

Nelson, who is part of the street outreach group A Mother's Love, recounted the episode tearfully Friday, saying that the boy reminded him of his own son who is about the same age.

"That was somebody's baby, and at that point, he was my baby, you know, holding that boy," he said. "I had to call my son, and he said, 'I'm at work and I can't talk right now,' and I said, 'I just wanted to tell you that I love you.' "

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GUNSHOTS IN MINNEAPOLIS JUMP IN JUNE

At least 275 people have been victims of gunfire in Minneapolis so far this year. Over 80% of those were Black.

Total homicide and non-fatal gunshots by month

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Race of gunshot victims

Black 82%

Native American 5%

White 8%

Unknown 4%

Note: Does not add up to 100% due to rounding

* Through July 20

Source: *Minneapolis Police Department*

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ARTICLE MCCCXXXIII. **COUNCIL TRIMS POLICE BUDGET**

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Minneapolis is poised to cut \$1.5 million from the city's Police Department - and elected officials are promising more substantial changes in the coming months.

The City Council approved the changes Friday morning when they signed off on a larger effort to reduce the city's \$1.6 billion budget to deal with financial losses from the coronavirus pandemic. While the cuts amounted to less than 1% of the Police Department's budget, the bulk of the money will be shifted to pay for trained civilians who work with families, crime victims and others to interrupt the cycle of violence.

Mayor Jacob Frey said he will approve the cuts to this year's spending and that he plans to unveil larger changes next month. "The 2021 budget is the appropriate budget for deeper structural change, and that will be the direction for the budget I propose," Frey said. "It will include a well-thought-out vision for MPD."

That vision is still under development, he said.

Meanwhile, plans to reshape the city's approach to public safety after the police killing of **George Floyd** are moving forward on several fronts.

Some City Council members are pushing a plan that would end the requirement to maintain a Police Department and instead have a wider community safety department - which could employ police officers but wouldn't be required to do so. Frey has blasted that idea, saying it's too vague.

The Charter Commission, meanwhile, is considering a plan that would keep a Police Department - but eliminate the requirement to maintain a specific force size based the city's population.

As the city's leaders move forward, they'll have to balance conflicting messages from residents, with some saying change isn't happening quickly or drastically enough and others urging them to move more slowly.

They also have to figure out how to support a police force whose members are increasingly frustrated with City Hall as they respond to a deluge of calls during an abnormally violent summer.

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John Elder, a spokesman for the Police Department, said they are still trying to understand the impact of the cuts.

"Everything's on the table," Elder said. "We have core responsibilities as a law enforcement agency, and our responsibility is to meet those necessities."

The funding for Elder's own job got transferred out of the Police Department and into the city's main communications office after the council voted 9-3 to approve the move.

A spokesman for Frey's office said they do not believe the cuts will impact 911 service.

The cuts represent a small portion of a larger effort to balance the city books, primarily by relying on cash reserves, furloughs and, potentially, some layoffs.

When they approved the 2020 budget last fall, the city's elected leaders included \$193 million for the *Minneapolis Police Department*. The city estimates it will save about \$8.6 million as a result of a citywide hiring and wage freeze implemented earlier this year to offset the effects of the pandemic.

The budget approved Friday by the City Council calls for transferring \$1.1 million from an MPD fund that is used for salaries to the Office of Violence Prevention for a program called Cure Violence.

When shootings happen, trained workers go out in the community and to the hospitals "to cool down emotions and prevent retaliations - working with the victims, friends and family of the victim, and anyone else who is connected with the event," Sasha Cotton, director of the Office of Violence Prevention, said in a statement this week.

The workers try to stay in touch with the parties, sometimes for months, and track big changes like arrests and releases from prison, in hopes of mediating potential conflicts before they escalate into violence again, Cotton said.

In addition to that change, money will also be taken out of the Police Department to fund programs helping people with HIV and AIDS and to promote "healthy living" in low-income housing, among other efforts. In some cases, the precise sources of those cuts are unclear, leaving them up to the discretion of the police chief.

The cuts fell far short of the \$45 million some activists sought. The divisions in the community over the scope of changes have played out on the council as well.

Linea Palmisano, chairwoman of the budget committee, repeatedly urged her colleagues to be precise in their proposals so they could evaluate the full trade-offs of any cuts or transfers.

Council Member Steve Fletcher said he feared the repercussions of not acting quickly.

"As a city, we have been oriented toward doing change in a way that is extremely cautious. We weigh the costs of unintended consequences of changes extremely heavily in our calculations," Fletcher said. "We weigh the costs of unintended consequences of sitting still extremely lightly in our calculations."

In some areas, the council has been able to find common ground. Members agreed to set aside \$100,000 to begin planning a memorial for Floyd. They approved a separate measure to begin transferring some theft calls to the city's 311 department. That department already takes about 4,600 police reports each year, for

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issues ranging from car break-ins to stolen credit cards or lost property, according to city spokeswoman Sarah McKenzie.

The council and Frey also committed to soliciting a year of public feedback on what the future of public safety should look like in Minneapolis. They were scheduled to receive an outline for those plans on Friday, the same day the council approved the cuts. That presentation was postponed to Aug. 6.

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Faces in the crowd still have a place

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FACES IN THE CROWD STILL HAVE A PLACE

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Highlight: Images of ex-Twins and other 'celebrities' will fill seats, add atmosphere at Target Field.

Body

There won't be any fans watching the Twins play at Target Field this season, at least not for a while. But some famous faces will be visible in the stands anyway.

The Twins will populate their seats behind home plate with giant 4-foot-tall heads seeming to watch the game.

TV viewers will be able to pick out the faces of legendary Twins players and other local and perhaps national celebrities; more than 80 such heads, which are commonly used as free-throw "distractions" by students in some college basketball arenas, have been readied for Opening Day thus far.

"We wanted to do something fun to fill that space," said Matt Hoy, Twins senior vice president for operations. "We're still working out exactly how it will look," and whether the faces will change over time or remain the same, he said.

The Twins rejected a plan to turn that space into a revenue generator like the Dodgers', which was unveiled on ESPN's broadcast Thursday night. The Dodgers allowed fans to buy seats - at \$299 apiece - in the Dugout Club directly behind home plate at Dodger Stadium and have their own cardboard-cutout likenesses installed in those spots.

Fans will notice a few other changes to Target Field starting Tuesday, too, some more subtle than others. Open-air awnings have been erected behind each dugout to allow players who are not in the game to sit in the stands, socially distanced.

It's possible the Twins' extra players, who work out daily at the St. Paul Saints' CHS Field in case they are needed later by the major league team, will be invited to attend games and sit nearby, since they are tested for the coronavirus every other day.

Like most MLB teams seeking to generate revenue or fulfill sponsorship agreements, the Twins have covered several sections of outfield seats with tarps bearing large logos of prominent Twins sponsors

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(including the Star Tribune). In the left field upper deck, an enormous 53-foot-long printed photo mosaic, featuring more than 3,000 Twins fans, will be displayed on the Home Run Porch in section 331.

Large red letters spelling out TWINS are being installed at the edge of the grassy Gate 34 plaza behind the right-field seats, and will be visible from much of the ballpark.

And on the flagpoles atop the right-field scoreboard and ad boards, the Twins will fly huge pennants commemorating the franchise's six World Series appearances - including, new for this year, the Washington Senators' 1924 World Series title, and their 1925 and 1933 AL championships.

The field itself won't look much different, although like all MLB stadiums, an MLB logo and "BLM," for ***Black Lives Matter***, will be visible in the dirt on the back of the pitcher's mound.

There will be no organ music from Sue Nelson this season, but PA announcer Adam Abrams will be on duty.

Many of the thousands of juniper plants that make up the batter's eye above the center field wall have been replaced, too, after some died over the winter. As an experiment in preparation for the still-scheduled NHL Winter Classic between the Wild and Blues on New Year's Day, the grounds crew left the plants in place during the offseason to see how they would fare in the Minnesota cold.

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Pick Six is a half-dozen cool things in music, from two points of view.

Jeff Larson of Rochester:

1 Jesse Colin Young, July 4th. Without official fireworks, we discovered some great musical skyrockets on television, notably with Young on CNN. The Youngbloods founder reprised "Get Together" backed by the excellent preteens known as "Little Kids Rock" (these kids are a revelation).

2 "Bob Dylan Gems at the Bitter End," YouTube. I believe the singers are either in the cast of "Girl From the North Country" or otherwise on Broadway. It was great to hear Dylan gems like "All Along the Watchtower" coupled with "Tight Connection to My Heart" and "Slow Train Coming" tied soulfully with "License to Kill." Great gems indeed and some of the best singing anywhere.

3 Ringo Starr, AXS TV. This ever-charming lad celebrated his 80th birthday with some good cheer, worthy fundraising ("Water Aid," ***Black Lives Matter***, et al.), and lots of musical guests - Sheila E., Joe Walsh, Gary Clark Jr., Sheryl Crow and Sir Paul McCartney, who, with Ringo, made "Helter Skelter" dangerous again.

Chris Riemenschneider of the Star Tribune:

1 Anderson .Paak, "Lockdown." A darkly grooving epic like this one by the Los Angeles-area singer/rapper - with its references to riots, unemployment, police shootings, etc. - wouldn't normally be a contender for the song of summer. But this is far from a normal summer.

2 The Chicks, "Juliana Calm Down." Not to downplay all the fiery songs directed at her ex-husband and other dumb white men on her band's long-awaited album "Gaslighter," but the standout track might be this tender mantra of a song that the incomparably voiced Natalie Maines seems to be singing to herself.

3 "Palm Springs" soundtrack. There's not actually a formal soundtrack available from Hulu's sleeper hit comedy starring "SNL" alum Andy Samberg, but playlists are floating around the internet with its fun mix of desert-breezy hidden gems by Khruangbin, John Cale, Los Straitjackets and even Genesis.

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Neighborhoods and the buildings in them are cultural expressions of the people who built and shaped them over time. In the Twin Cities, African Americans, Indigenous people, Jews and others were often denied the opportunity to design, build, work and even live in certain areas.

In the unrest following the killing of *George Floyd*, it's time to take a hard look at who has the power to shape our environment today.

We talked with three nationally recognized Black architects about practicing architecture in Minnesota: James Garrett Jr., the owner and managing partner at 4RM+ULA architects in St. Paul; Mohammed Lawal, CEO and principal architect at LSE Architects in Minneapolis; and Brazilian-born Damaris Hollingsworth, owner of Design by Melo. The conversation has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Limited urban exposure

To Garrett, many of the buildings and streetscapes in the metro area are uninviting for many of the people who live here.

"A major reason," he said, "is that the majority of architects and people in charge of the built environment - from

city officials to planners and designers - are not from cities.

"Their formative years were often spent in bastions of homogeneity, such as small towns and newer suburbs, where there were few people of color or recent immigrants."

A limited exposure to urban living accounted for mistakes like the 1970s closing of Nicollet Avenue at Lake Street, then a thriving neighborhood, to build a suburban-scaled Kmart.

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Garrett, Lawal and Hollingsworth also said that design for public housing projects often isolated people in their apartments and that public art in the cities often had little local or cultural references.

They also said they felt the need to speak out after Floyd's death.

"I've been exhausted and talking a lot," said Garrett, who has been part of stories in national architecture magazines, podcasts and social media posts.

"Each one of us is a firm owner," Lawal added. "We understand the importance of our voices as business leaders. But we must nurture more minority-led architecture firms to expand our impact."

A fresh approach

The practice of architecture is imbued with so many white cultural norms and procedures that most people never question them.

For example, architects who are working on public projects are generally required to facilitate "public participation" and get local input in shaping the design. But Garrett, Lawal and Hollingsworth agreed that the process, determined by largely white firms, doesn't work well for people of color.

Public participation events for new libraries, schools and parks tend to adhere to a strict schedule, beginning and ending on time. But for audiences who have felt left out for generations, that is not the best approach.

"For public project meetings, I tell my clients that if you're asking me to lead this event, I reserve the right to stay as long as people have questions," said Lawal.

When he was designing the award-winning Sumner and Webber Park libraries in Minneapolis, Lawal stayed well into the night at several meetings until every voice was heard.

Hollingsworth questioned the value of formal public participation, arguing that public meetings don't work for people who have hourly jobs or children.

"Public comment sessions are often poorly promoted," she added, citing a recent St. Paul project in the Rondo neighborhood where announcement fliers appeared in neighbors' doors the night before the event.

In their practices, all three architects said they strive to talk directly with people in neighborhood settings such as barber shops, churches, mosques and senior living centers.

"That's why I de-emphasize the importance of all this public meetings foolishness and lift up the significance of other means of engaging," Garrett said. "People who attend public design input sessions tend to be older, whiter and wealthier. They have the time on their hands."

A largely white profession

There are fewer registered Black architects in the state than there were 20 years ago, said Lawal. Today, there are only 18.

In relatively homogenous states like Minnesota, reasons for this disparity include a lack of role models, access to mentors and the cost of attaining an architecture degree.

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In 1992, Lawal founded the Twin Cities chapter of the Architectural Youth Program to introduce minority high school students to architecture. The program included visits to design offices, building tours and personal mentoring. In its 17 years, about 1,000 students went through the program and several became architects.

"Our real goal was to raise their sense of potential," Lawal said. "To encourage these kids to explore career options and to go to college."

Yet, despite such efforts, the profession remains largely white.

"A lot of Minnesota firms say they want to become more diverse, but claim that it's difficult to find talented, BIPOC architects here," Garrett said. "I respond, 'Then go look outside the state. ... There are a number of quality architecture programs at historically Black colleges and universities.' I can name dozens of people whose talent could be recruited to come here - and make a great impact."

Garrett acknowledged that "after *George Floyd*'s murder, many larger design firms are talking more about equity and offering to do pro bono work in underserved, poor communities. But will they still care four months or four years from now?"

Lawal added, "We live with a history of structural racism that's been around for 400 years. Diversifying who gets to shape the built environment is going to take a much deeper structural change than talk of good intentions from our profession."

Frank Edgerton Martin, a landscape historian and writer, has written for Landscape Architecture and other magazines.

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Twins reliever Trevor May aims to be an ally in fight for social justice

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[TWINS RELIEVER TREVOR MAY AIMS TO BE AN ALLY IN FIGHT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE](#)

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There was shame and guilt attached to that decision, he said, and it was important to May, who had heard a quote from Tigers outfielder Cameron Maybin about looking for allies, to show that he was one. May aimed to do that Friday night when he knelt during the the national anthem.

"That was my way of saying, 'I'm here. I'm at your disposal. I recognize your suffering and the things that I'll never have context for, no matter how much I try. But I'm going to just continue trying,' " May said. "I want to get to a point where in this country, we feel like the people directly affected by this system and these policies, they feel like they don't need to kneel anymore. I think I have a role to play in that. I think that everyone has a role to play in that."

May, along with teammates Byron Buxton, LaMonte Wade Jr., Aaron Whitefield, Taylor Rogers, Sergio Romo and Tyler Duffey, and manager Rocco Baldelli and coaches Mike Bell and Tommy Watkins knelt on Friday.

More and more conversations have sprung up within the clubhouse about racial inequalities in the United States, and they're conversations that May welcomes. He said the fact that everyone is thinking and listening is step one and has been an encouraging and hopeful sign to him.

"We're living in a time where empathy is sometimes more publicly going by the wayside, but we're all brothers in this clubhouse, and it's definitely not by the wayside here. It's been really eye-opening," May said. "There's a lot of things and soul searching that I've realized about my life. Most people consider themselves thinking or being a certain way, and to have that shaken is hard. Things that you've done in your

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past that just weren't OK and you didn't know at the time, things of that nature, and we're having those conversations and having those realizations in real time now, and these guys mean a lot to me."

A quicker ramp-up period and the introduction of the three-batter minimum - relievers must face three batters upon entering the game or finish off an inning - likely will play a big role in how bullpens are deployed this season, especially in the early going.

The Twins used May, Tyler Clippard, Tyler Duffey and Cody Stashak to lock down Friday's 10-5 Opening Day win, and Zack Littell, Devin Smeltzer and Matt Wisler pitched on Saturday. Twins relievers have been anticipating a slightly heavier workload near the beginning of the season with starting pitchers not fully stretched out, and Baldelli said he wasn't necessarily opposed to using pitchers in back-to-back games.

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"I think we will see some guys going back-to-back games early for us. Will it be every guy? Maybe not initially, especially guys that are maybe going up-and-down and things like that," Baldelli said. "Then again, it's going to come down to the individual, because some guys are certainly capable of a lot more than others at this point."

Rich Hill, who the Twins pushed back from starting on Saturday, threw a bullpen instead, and reports came back positive. The 40-year-old veteran is scheduled to start against the Cardinals on Wednesday night at Target Field against St. Louis righty Miles Mikolas. ... Homer Bailey will make his Twins' debut on Tuesday night for the team's home opener against Carlos Martinez. ... Baldelli said Byron Buxton, who is making his way back from a sprained foot, is aiming to be ready for the home opener, and if he's not ready by Tuesday, it probably wouldn't be more than a day or two later than that.

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Trump's policing is an abuse of power

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Highlight: Federal force wasn't requested by cities and isn't the norm in the United States.

Body

President Donald Trump's ad hoc assemblage of a federal police force to send to the cities of his choice - without collaborating with state and local officials - is an overreach of power with political overtones and should be stopped.

In the case of Portland, it happened over the objections of both the mayor and Oregon governor. Other cities threatened with such action also have objected.

A key question is whether the federal officers are there to quell violence or inflame it. From the needless camouflage uniforms - they are not on the battlefield, after all - to their aggressive tactics, these agents seem to think they are at war. And who are the combatants? Some troublemakers, to be sure, but many who simply are exercising their right to protest, including phalanxes of middle-aged women wearing T-shirts that say "Summoned Mama," a reference to [George Floyd](#)'s dying call-out to his dead mother.

As often is the case, the Trump administration presents mixed messages rather than a coherent, strategic plan. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf, faced with serious pushback, has painted Portland as an extraordinary case, with a level of violence and threat to federal sites that warrant his assemblage of Border Patrol and Customs agents - many untrained in quelling civil unrest - and U.S. marshals.

Trump, on the other hand, was candid about his true purpose. At a recent news conference, flanked by his Attorney General William Barr, he vowed that Portland was just the start of federal deployments to cities across the country, including Seattle, Albuquerque and Chicago. Seattle officials have already objected, while Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is attempting to negotiate terms of engagement. "I've drawn a very, very sharp line," Lightfoot said in a recent TV interview. "We are not going to agree to or accept anything like what's happening on the streets of Portland We're not going to have unnamed federal agents patrolling our streets, pretending to be the police, sweeping people off and denying them of their constitutional rights. That is not going to happen in Chicago."

But why is it happening at all? Police powers are reserved to the states under the Tenth Amendment. Trump should not, under the legal pretext of protecting federal property, march in to "dominate" cities to bolster his new "law and order" stance. He's even named his campaign - "Operation Legend."

Trump's policing is an abuse of power

In Minneapolis, hundreds of protesters gathered Thursday to signal their concern over potential federal involvement. Mayors of 16 cities signed on to a letter stating that "The unilateral deployment of these forces into American cities is unprecedented and violates the fundamental constitutional protections and tenets of federalism."

The one restraint exercised came from a district court judge, who has blocked federal forces in Portland from attacking, arresting or dispersing journalists attempting to cover the events.

The federal government has intervened before on occasion. But this is different. Trump has assembled what essentially is a federal police force, stitched together from agencies under his control, that he can deploy at will. That has not been the norm in this country, nor should it be.

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U students confront racism in academia

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U STUDENTS CONFRONT RACISM IN ACADEMIA

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Graduate school students at the University of Minnesota are pressuring faculty to respond to the nation's racial reckoning by improving the academic climate and diversifying their departments and curriculum.

Students in three departments at the U let out their long-simmering frustrations with faculty in open letters following the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd*** by Minneapolis police. They are calling on professors and department heads to update curriculum to address ***systemic racism*** and create a learning environment that is welcoming to all students, not just those who are white.

"What we see is faculty members getting tenure, becoming full professors, moving up the ladder ... whereas what we're experiencing is behavior from those faculty that is incredibly problematic that has gone unaddressed for years," said Joy Hamilton, a Ph.D. candidate in the U's Communication Studies Department.

Hamilton and other communication studies graduate students are pushing for several changes within their department: They want administrators to prioritize hiring people of color for tenure-track positions and they want faculty to come up with plans to "combat anti-Blackness in their classrooms," among other things. The Communication Studies Department, they say, has long favored white students for preferred teaching assignments and research assistantships.

If their demands aren't met, the students threatened in their open letter to warn prospective graduate students and faculty hires of the department's "inability to create an equitable, anti-racist environment."

Department Chairman and Prof. Robert Walter Greene said faculty have since committed to inviting more Black and Indigenous speakers to research seminars, increasing graduate student representation at faculty meetings, and prioritizing candidates of color for open teaching positions.

The action by University of Minnesota students coincides with ongoing protests and discussions over racism and inequality that have taken place across the country since Floyd's death. Students in the Minnesota State

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system of public universities and community colleges have also pressured leaders to update their law enforcement programs using an "anti-racism and equity-focused lens."

Sociology students at the U called on faculty to review their curricula in early June after learning that two of the officers charged in Floyd's death were former undergraduates in the department. In a joint statement, sociology students expressed "disbelief, anger and disappointment" in response to a department message urging them to direct any media inquiries about past students to public relations staff.

"The murder of *George Floyd* has brought to light our department's complicity in *systemic racism* and anti-Blackness," the students' statement said.

The Sociology Department issued a statement a few days later, conveying regret that its initial message to students "was not clear" and "caused additional harm." The department wrote in its statement that it will develop strategies to support students of color and review curricula to ensure it "challenges *systemic racism*, anti-Blackness, and state violence."

In the U's Ecology, Evolution and Behavior department, graduate students say they have grown frustrated by "persistent instances of discriminatory behavior and racism," according to an open letter. The department does not have a sufficient system for students to anonymously report harassment or racism, the students say, which makes it difficult to hold faculty accountable.

Students have asked faculty to participate in a series of mediated discussions about racism in academia. They also want the department to establish a task force on diversity, equity and inclusion and are asking the larger College of Biological Sciences to hire a diversity and inclusion officer - a position that exists in other U colleges.

"Faculty are uniquely positioned to be leaders in these efforts," the students' letter said. "Faculty - especially tenured faculty - are relatively permanent members of the EEB community with much greater power, security, and institutional knowledge."

Associate Prof. Emilie Snell-Rood is working with Ecology, Evolution and Behavior leaders to address student concerns. The department recently held a mediated Zoom listening session on racism with more than 125 students, faculty and staff. These open discussions will continue, Snell-Rood said, and faculty will soon begin meeting in small groups to increase their own awareness of racism.

The department is also working to establish the requested task force and is joining students' call for the hiring of a diversity and inclusion officer in the college, she said.

"I think in general we have been dismayed to hear from the students that our graduate program, it's not experienced by all of them as a welcoming and nurturing environment," Snell-Rood said. "We join with the students in recognizing that racism is a significant problem in the field and in science and academia."

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Body

Charred, boarded up, spray painted and fenced off, the abandoned Third Precinct station sits at E. Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue in Minneapolis - Stars and Stripes still flying - as a nation comes to grips with what the fall of the police station means.

Home to the four Minneapolis officers involved in killing *George Floyd*, an unarmed Black man, the complex was a focus of the explosive protests. When it went up in flames on May 28, there was shock and disbelief.

"It was like watching your house burn down," said retired Minneapolis police officer Val Goligowski, who worked in the station for more than two decades.

The destruction of a police station is unprecedented in modern U.S. police history. The last time one was destroyed appears to have been in the New York Draft Riots of 1863, when a deadly race riot erupted targeting African Americans, said University of Nebraska policing historian Samuel Walker.

In interviews, people described what the fall of the Third meant to them: a deep betrayal of trust, a loss of control, a symbol of change and a breaking point.

"We're done backing down. We're [done] rolling over. We're done dying," said protester Queen Jacobs.

In a 1985 Star Tribune article about the opening of the new Third Precinct building, it was hailed as state-of-the-art station, designed to be more inviting. It had skylights and an atrium and resembled a middle school. It was supposed to be a new day in policing.

"We want to break down the stereotyped police station atmosphere that people are afraid to come into," then-Deputy Police Chief Bob Lutz said at the time. Then-Precinct Capt. Al Pufahl called the new station "a symbol of law enforcement" that "says something to people who will be working in and around it."

Today, the future of the building itself is uncertain. But what its fall meant is distinct to many.

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Queen Jacobs, 26, protester

Jacobs, a north Minneapolis swim instructor, said the killing of ***George Floyd*** moved her to protest for the first time in her life. She protested for about eight days straight, she said, getting tear gassed, Maced and flashbanged.

It was about midnight, Jacobs said, when she finally got to the Third Precinct on May 28. It was already ablaze, and she stood in shock with the crowd watching the flames leap. Jacobs, who is Black, described the experience as "liberating."

"I think we all felt a sense of strength and community, and of a piece of what our ancestors went through, and when they were able to be liberated," she said. "We showed them, by physically removing them from what should be their safe place. We can't go outside and be safe, so why should they be able to hide in that building with all their weapons?"

"If they don't want to hear us asking and begging to be treated like humans ... if they can't treat us like humans ... then I am not going to be quiet, and I'm not going to be peaceful, and they're going to hear me one way or another."

Joey Sandberg, 55, retired MPD sergeant

Sandberg, a native of south Minneapolis, spent 31 years in the Third Precinct before retiring in 2018. He picked the precinct and chose to stay, he said, "to work in the community I grew up in." He watched the station burn on television at his house.

"That was my home for 31 years. I did the very, very best I could do in police work to serve my people," he said. "To see that go up in flames like that was very hard for me to take."

Sandberg said he remains troubled by Mayor Jacob Frey's order for officers to evacuate the precinct as protesters continued the onslaught.

"I couldn't sleep that night. I was just fuming," he said. "I could not believe that the politicians would just do this. That's not just a building to us, it's a symbol of pride for us."

The officers remaining at the Third that night felt completely abandoned, he said. "A lot of them feel like they were left for dead."

"I gave my heart and soul to that precinct," he said. "To see those people cheering and throwing rocks ... it almost seemed like all the work I did for 31 years was for nothing."

James Works, 47, resident near Third Precinct station

There is no love lost between Works and the Third Precinct. Works, who is Black, is a food delivery driver who works along Lake Street. Over the years officers have repeatedly pulled him over, he said, without good reason and harassed him.

In 2017, he went to the police station to take the matter to a supervisor but was tossed out and cited for trespassing. A lawyer got the ticket dropped, Works said, and obtained bodycam footage from inside the station. It shows one officer referring to Works using an expletive.

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Still, Works said the station house should not have been destroyed. He's a veteran, he said, and feels strongly about law and order. He watched it burn from his apartment.

"Even though I have issues with the police, I feel like they shouldn't have given up the police station," Works said. "They should have stood their ground. Once you take down a police station, anything goes."

"We still need to uphold the law," said Works, who said his father is a deputy sheriff in Georgia. He called the station house a symbol - not of authority, "but of what we stand for, like law-abiding citizens."

Burning down a precinct station doesn't change the department's culture, he said.

"They're going to be right back there with the same officers doing the same stuff," he said, and we "got nowhere."

Juno Choi, 41, business owner

Choi and the other co-owners of Arbeiter Brewing say they have no idea how their startup was spared from damage. The brewery, which sits in a brick building a few doors down from the Third Precinct station, hadn't even opened yet when the protests began.

The first two days, they stood guard. On the third, they boarded up and went home, not knowing what would be left the next day. Choi said he felt torn between protecting the business and joining in the protests.

"We don't exactly know why our building did not burn down," said Choi. "I think it had a lot to do with luck."

The deserted station represents more than a Minneapolis precinct, he said. "It has become sort of symbolic of police brutality and systemic racism across the country. It was really a protest about what's been going on all across the nation for a long, long time."

It's also a constant reminder now, said Choi, of why his group wanted to start their brewery: to create a gathering space for people to talk, exchange ideas and build their community. With a bit more luck, that will start happening next month, after Arbeiter Brewing's grand opening.

Jacob Frey, 39, mayor of Minneapolis

To many, Frey's decision to evacuate the Third Precinct station is the moment he lost control of the city. Gov. Tim Walz the next day called the city's handling of the riots an "abject failure." But Frey says he'd had several conversations with Walz earlier and that the governor had never disagreed with the Third Precinct strategy in those conversations.

"There will be things I look back on and wish I would have done differently, but the decision regarding the Third Precinct is absolutely not one of them," he said. "If I had ordered the chief to hold the precinct at all costs, hand-to-hand combat would have been inevitable. There was a possibility of serious injury or even death."

Frey said he and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo were united on a strategy with three goals: to preserve life, to protect property in other neighborhoods and to de-escalate the situation. "The route we took accomplished all three," Frey said.

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"There were no good options on the table," he said. "Imagine what would have happened to our city if either an officer or a member of the public was killed. The crisis we would have experienced would have dwarfed even what we saw."

Jennifer Starr Dodd, 36, emergency relief worker

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, about two blocks from the Third Precinct station, still operates the emergency relief program it started during the protests when the neighborhood lost its grocery stores. A recent Wednesday finds site manager Starr Dodd coordinating volunteers under a shade tree as families line up.

In the charred police station, Starr Dodd sees the pain and injustice people of color have experienced. She also sees hope.

"People aren't going to be quiet anymore," she said. "People are moving forward. They're going to fight and protest until there is justice for all. It represents the hope to end police brutality, a clean slate."

"I think of it as the Pentecost," she said, referring to the Christian holiday following Easter when the Holy Spirit visited the followers of Jesus and flames appeared. "It's like a holy anger. The spirit came and it was a great fire, and everybody changed in that moment of Pentecost. I see the burning of the Third Precinct as the same. It changed everyone, whether they like it or not."

Melanie Majors, 53, executive director, Longfellow Community Council

At first, Majors said, the destruction shocked her. It wasn't the buildings, she said. What she saw was destroyed jobs and investments, loss of access, loss of visitors to the neighborhood and a destroyed sense of safety.

"Later," Majors said, "I thought this place [the Third Precinct station] right there made this community a target, and what does that mean for the future?"

"You've got four officers now who have been charged, and no one knows what those outcomes are going to be," she said.

"If there are outcomes that are really offensive to the community, and the Third Precinct is still in greater Longfellow, then that makes the area a target again. We just got past this crisis period. If we will be a target again in the future, what message would that send to those who A) want to rebuild and B) who have invested in the rebuilding?"

Majors said outrage over police treatment of Black people isn't new for her. She said her father, who was Black, was brutalized by Minneapolis police through the 1970s. She has seen outrage come and go.

Majors said she fears that once the outrage passes, people trying to make changes will "hit the political and financial wall."

"The symbol keeps people's eyes open, but I don't know that they provide for sustained change over time."

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Lynx finish strong to win season opener

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The team's second-round draft pick scored seven of her 10 points in the fourth quarter, Napheesa Collier added nine of her 11 in the final five minutes, and the Lynx rallied to beat Connecticut 77-69 in the season opener for both teams.

"Crystal changed the game," said coach Cheryl Reeve.

Minnesota (1-0) opened the fourth quarter on a 12-2 run for a 62-59 lead. It outscored Connecticut 27-12 in the frame.

The stretch included four quick points by Dangerfield - a steal and layup followed by a drive - a 3-pointer from Shenise Johnson and was capped by a reverse layup from Collier, last season's WNBA Rookie of the Year.

"We really fed off her energy," said Collier, who played with Dangerfield for three years at the University of Connecticut. "It felt good to be back in Storrs for a little bit."

Dangerfield, whose 3-pointer sparked a late 10-0 run to secure the win, acknowledged having success with Collier is "fun," but she knows there's more.

"The chemistry that we built over the last weeks of training camp, there was a look in everyone's eyes ... and we were able to pull out to a lead and get the win," she said.

Reeve said the plan was not for Dangerfield to see significant minutes, but the game situation dictated the move: "We were looking for something different at the guard spot and she made the most of it."

Lynx finish strong to win season opener

Starting guards Johnson and Lexie Brown finished with 13 and four points, respectively, but were a combined 5 for 19 shooting with one assist. Brown had three turnovers.

Collier missed her lone first-half shot attempt, and sat much of the second quarter with foul trouble. She fouled out late.

"I had to push my own frustrations aside and just keep going and fight through it," Collier said.

Steady throughout was Sylvia Fowles. The center finished with 17 points, 18 rebounds and four blocks. Her 16 defensive rebounds tied her Lynx single-game record.

Fowles also tied assistant coach Rebekkah Brunson for the most rebounds in team history in a season's first game, and is now six rebounds (3,350) behind Brunson for the most in league history.

Plus, the 13-year veteran was vocal at halftime.

"She doesn't usually get that way, so we know when she does we are really messing up," Collier said. "It happened because we had a really bad first half. We didn't do anything that we set out to do. ... Syl getting mad, I think kind of sparked us a little bit and made us kind of wake up and get our heads out of our butts."

Alyssa Thomas had 16 of her 20 points in the opening half as the Sun led 37-28 at the break.

Minnesota made more free throws (10 of 11) than baskets (9 for 28), included 0 for 8 from outside the arc, in the opening 20 minutes.

The Lynx also committed 11 of its 14 turnovers and struggled to play good transition defense.

Social justice

Before the game, Lynx and Connecticut players wore shirts with "***Black Lives Matter***" on the front and "Say Her Name" on the back. Coaches sported them during the contest.

Players from both teams also stood shoulder to shoulder for silence in 26 seconds to honor 26-year-old Breonna Taylor, who was killed in March when Louisville police executed a no-knock search warrant.

"It felt really powerful," Collier said. "We as athletes are trying to use our platform to enact change and do whatever we can to bring attention to this issue. ... I thought it was nice we got to honor Breonna Taylor that way."

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Apparel businesses weighed down by extra-large inventories

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APPAREL BUSINESSES WEIGHED DOWN BY EXTRA-LARGE INVENTORIES

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The switch to "quarantine style" clothes - sweats and T-shirts and occasionally a "zirt," a stylish shirt to throw on before Zoom meetings - is yet another hit to apparel stores, already a suffering sector before the coronavirus pandemic.

The result is a glut of inventory, especially late winter and spring clothing, rampant discounting and retailers needing to reinvent their assortment as consumer preferences change. The disruption also created a windfall for companies such as Eagan-based Proozy.com, built as an e-commerce clearance store for excess, unsold inventory.

"Apparel retailers have seen a world of pain, nearly as much as travel and entertainment," said Beth Perro-Jarvis of Ginger Marketing in Minneapolis. "They were wobbly going into the pandemic because we're over-retailed. Everyone's selling a white T-shirt, blue blazer and jeans."

The result of stay-at-home orders that closed brick-and-mortar locations, along with the style shift, has accelerated financial issues for the industry.

Last week, Ascena Retail Group - which owns Ann Taylor, Lane Bryant and Justice - filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It joined such players as Brooks Brothers, Neiman Marcus and J.C. Penney.

Nearly 25,000 retail stores are expected to close by the end of the year, according to Coresight Research in New York. Nearly 60% of the closures are expected in U.S. malls.

Yet specialty stores, including those based or located in the Twin Cities, are also feeling the pinch, both in terms of

sales dollars and reacting to the change in preference.

"Customers used to come in regularly to the stores, but without that traffic, retailers have to let them know what's new in the store and why they need it," said Kevin Quinn of Styled Retail, a consultant based in western Wisconsin.

Apparel businesses weighed down by extra-large inventories

Hubert White in the IDS Center has closed and reopened twice, first because of the pandemic stay-at-home order and then because of unrest following the Memorial Day police killing of George Floyd.

"Or sales are nowhere near normal," said Bob White, president of the 104-year-old men's store. "The two worst retail scenarios right now are indoor malls and downtown retail. The IDS Tower is probably only 5 to 10% occupied now."

Plus, the store serves professionals, many of whom are working at home and dressing down.

Natalie Sudberry, owner of Style Niche in Rosemount, has done what she could this year. She quickly put up an e-commerce site when the state's stay-at-home order came down. She pushed curbside pickup with regular customers.

But not nearly as much inventory as expected moved.

"The amount we had left over from winter definitely weighed on us," Sudberry said.

Rather than putting it on clearance racks when her store reopened in May, she put new summer merchandise out, trying to draw customers back in.

She plans to clear out the winter leftovers with a pre-season clearance in August. "We'll start the season with a bang-up blowout event with everything marked "\$10, \$15, \$20 or \$30."

It looks like Edina-based Evereve, which has 90 stores in 26 states, will close only one store because of the pandemic and has moved ahead with five new planned stores this year, said Mike Tamte, co-founder and co-CEO.

Still, like for other retailers, it has been a bad year.

"We lost about \$8 million in eight weeks, \$150,000 a day," Tamte said. "We'll probably have sales of about \$120 million this year. Without COVID, it probably would have been about \$200 million."

Evereve launched "Dressing Room to Go" in which a stylist picks 12 to 15 items based on a customer's preferences. After pickup, the customer has 48 hours to try the outfits and return items not wanted before being charged.

"It was created for COVID for the customer who wants to skip the store but still have the guidance of a stylist," Tamte said.

Jason Hammerberg, founder of Eden Prairie-based Hammer Made men's sport shirts, has seen sales decline about 30% since the pandemic and has had to try to get consumers buying where he can.

For example, the store pre-pandemic sold a lot of ties, but he found a way to transform an out-of-favor product - men's ties - into an item that fits the times.

"We took the fabric that an Italian neckwear company made for us and shifted it from ties to a pocket square that's also a face mask," he said.

The silk mask is worn over a cotton mask, and it has sold out online and in the nine Hammer Made stores across the country, four of them in the Twin Cities. The retailer recently got in the second shipment of the masks.

Apparel businesses weighed down by extra-large inventories

Yet Hammer Made and other retailers still need to deal with the switch to casual styles.

"Everyone is feeling price pressure on unsold inventory," said Rob McGovern, chief executive of consumer-data company PreciseTarget in Washington D.C. "Holding your ground on price can be risky these days."

Hubert White is discounting high-end brands Zegna and Brunello Cuccinelli 30%, which rarely go on sale except at the end of the season.

Reddit's message boards are lighting up with consumers sharing major markdowns. Macys.com had 85% off suits for women and men last week. J. Crew recently had a flash sale with dresses under \$20 and men's tech pants for \$24.50.

Eagan-based Proozy.com, an apparel clearance site, found itself in the right place at the right time since the pandemic.

"The new hot product isn't our niche," said Proozy founder Jeremy Segal. "We deal with the C-Suite to move older [brand name] inventory."

The company just had its three biggest months since it was founded five years ago. Sales are up 400 to 500%, which means Proozy will likely end the year with \$140 million in sales, Segal said.

Proozy sells brand-name overstock from previous seasons at 50 to 90% off, including tees, shorts, joggers, shoes and hoodies from Nike, Under Armour, Adidas, Oakley, Ray Ban and Reebok.

Proozy has added other customers this year because of overstocks or canceled orders caused by the pandemic, including Nordstrom, Kohl's, Costco, Sam's Club, T.J. Maxx, Dick's Sporting Goods and Sierra Trading Co., Segal said.

Sales for Proozy, a made-up name that sounded like "Google" to Segal, have been so strong for so long that Segal is looking to expand in the Edina area. The 65,000-square-foot location would house more warehouse space but also be a step similar to those taken by Amazon and other successful e-commerce businesses - a clicks-to-bricks retail store.

Segal hopes to have it open by the holidays.

"I used to believe we could be a \$500 million company in five years, but COVID has expedited that," he said. "Now I think we can do it three years. We're in complete shock and feeling blessed."

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Freedom Fighters celebrate a personal milestone

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**FREEDOM FIGHTERS CELEBRATE A PERSONAL
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Randy Chrisman, center, celebrated with Mayor Newz, left, and their fellow Minnesota Freedom Fighters as it was announced he'd been promoted

from intern to full member of the group during a meet-and-greet Saturday outside Cub Foods on West Broadway. The Freedom Fighters formed during

the ***George Floyd*** protests to offer neighborhood safety patrols and provide security during protests. The event offered a chance to engage with

community members.

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Minnesota lawmakers repeatedly said the eyes of the world were on them in the two months that followed [George Floyd's](#) killing by Minneapolis police.

But in the end, only a handful of eyes saw a sweeping package of police accountability proposals crafted in response to his death before legislators approved it in the dead of night.

In some ways, it's a tale as old as politics: closed-door deal making, secretive horse trading and last-minute lobbying in smoke-filled rooms. Whenever former DFL Gov. Mark Dayton retreated into sensitive negotiations with Republicans in the Legislature, they instituted a "cone of silence," a joke both parties recycled legislative session after legislative session.

There's always some excuse for it, too. Lawmakers can't speak freely in the public eye, meaning they would never actually reach a compromise. Deadlines, like those set in the middle of the night, are the only way to put pressure on lawmakers to get the work done.

This time, it was the COVID-19 pandemic that complicated things. The public health crisis forced the Capitol to mostly shut down to the public in March. Then, the unrest that followed Floyd's death on May 25 made the building a target for destruction. Barricades still surround the Capitol, and State Patrol troopers are on constant watch.

Even reporters, who are supposed to get access to news conferences, struggled to navigate the tight security and inform the public about what lawmakers were debating.

"A big part of it is the COVID-19. It does bother me that the press cannot be more engaged. It's hard for them to get in the Capitol," Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-East Gull Lake, told WCCO the morning after adjourning the second special session of the summer. "We try to do more on Zoom, but Zoom is not the same."

HOT DISH POLITICS

House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, blamed Republicans for adjourning the first special session of the summer in June - triggered by Gov. Tim Walz's extension of his emergency powers - forcing negotiations to go behind closed doors. Ideally, she said, differences on policing bills would have been worked out in public Zoom hearings with members of both chambers.

"It takes two bodies that are willing to do it that way," she said.

But even Zoom hearings were almost nonexistent during the July special session, called as Walz extended his emergency powers for another 30 days.

Instead, lawmakers set a midnight deadline to finish their work on Monday and retreated behind closed doors until nearly 11 p.m. They emerged with a sweeping package of proposals to change policing in the state, from banning most chokeholds and warrior-style training to a requirement for officers to intercede in cases of excessive force.

Some had been debated in public hearings weeks earlier, but others were entirely new creations, hatched in private. Within a few hours, while most Minnesotans were sleeping, lawmakers passed the deal and sent it off to Walz's desk.

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Looted businesses lament delay in aid

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LOOTED BUSINESSES LAMENT DELAY IN AID

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Two months after the death of ***George Floyd***, construction crews are few and far between in the riot-torn neighborhoods of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

A handful of workers can be seen installing new windows and Sheetrock, but most of the activity involves big companies with deep pockets like Target and Speedway.

Hundreds of small businesses that were torched and looted in the days following Floyd's death remain boarded up. While some buildings have been torn down, the rubble remains. On Chicago Avenue, where Floyd was killed, the mood is more funereal than commercial. At the front of one burned-out shop, someone has planted flowers in a scorched steel girder.

A few doors down, Kaltuma Hassan stands in the wreckage of her grocery store and wonders if anybody is going to help her rebuild. Like her neighbors, Hassan is frustrated by the failure of state lawmakers to pass legislation that would have put much-needed cash in the hands of struggling business owners.

"If they want to help us, what are they waiting for?" asked Hassan, who won't be able to rebuild Bismillah Grocery without assistance because her insurance policy will cover just \$100,000 of her \$500,000 loss. "It makes you angry. It is destroying our chance."

Though Democrats have proposed giving small business owners as much as \$300 million to cover uninsured damage, Republicans have blocked the legislation from moving forward, citing concerns over the size of the bailout as well as the role local officials played in the disaster. Some key Republican leaders said they won't support the rebuilding effort unless local officials in Minneapolis and St. Paul contribute to the program.

"It is not outrageous to think that Minneapolis should have skin in the game," said state Rep. Jim Nash, a Republican from Waconia who serves as assistant minority leader in the House. "They clearly have their fingerprints on what happened. So they should not look solely to the state for help."

Looted businesses lament delay in aid

The mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul said they will do what they can to help small business owners, but they said the scope of the losses dwarfs their ability to cover much of the damage. Gov. Tim Walz has told federal officials that property damage is expected to exceed \$500 million, making the Twin Cities riots the second-costliest act of civil unrest in the nation's history.

"The notion that the Twin Cities did this to ourselves is patently false," said St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter. "We literally had people drive two or three hours to come and start fires in the Twin Cities."

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey has come under intense fire from GOP lawmakers, who accuse him of mishandling the crisis. At recent hearings at the State Capitol, Minneapolis police officers testified they could have done more to protect the city if local officials hadn't tied their hands.

Frey said the police did everything they could to protect store owners, but he said there were simply too many calls to handle.

"A crisis is no time for pointing fingers, and it is not a good approach in the aftermath of a crisis either," Frey said.

Hassan was trying to protect her store from rioters when a group of eight men attacked her at her back door. One of the robbers hit her on the head with his gun. She was robbed of \$7,000.

While she was recovering in the hospital, her store was looted and set on fire. Like other business owners who were notified of a break-in by their private security contractors, Hassan immediately called the police.

"They said they can't help until morning," Hassan recalled. "When I got there, there was nothing left. The whole building had collapsed."

Store owners said their concerns about public safety didn't end with the riots. At El Chuchi Market on Lake Street, which was looted during the protests but reopened a week later, owner Luis Tamay said he is tired of being one of the few entrepreneurs to reopen in his neighborhood. Tamay said crime levels have returned to where they were seven years ago, when he first opened a restaurant next to his corner grocery. The restaurant was destroyed in the rioting.

"We see people breaking into cars and making graffiti every night," said Tamay, who watched as glass workers installed \$50,000 worth of new windows at his store last week. "We need more security."

Tamay said he would like to reopen his restaurant on Lake Street, but he isn't sure if his landlord will rebuild. His restaurant was uninsured, so Tamay has raised more than \$107,000 in charitable donations through his GoFundMe account. Other riot-damaged businesses have taken the same approach, with varying levels of success.

"I think a lot of people have the money to reopen, but they don't want to," Tamay said. "It's not safe yet."

Republican lawmakers said the Minneapolis City Council's move to disband the police department is contributing to that anxiety and fueling a wave of departures. A union lawyer has said that nearly 200 out of 850 officers are currently seeking disability status.

"I think business owners look at that and say, 'Why the hell should I go into Minneapolis and rebuild my business if it isn't going to be safe,'" said Sen. Scott Newman, a Republican from Hutchinson who oversaw the recent hearings on the riots.

Looted businesses lament delay in aid

Newman and other Republicans said they are willing to support financial aid for small business owners hurt by the riots when the Legislature reconvenes in August, but they urged owners to explore other options first, including seeking help from private foundations as well as the city councils in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

"Rural Minnesotans look at this and say, 'This is a man-made disaster created by years of poor policy and weak and ineffective leadership,' " said Rep. Barb Haley, a Red Wing Republican who is working on her own relief program for small business owners in the Twin Cities. "So until those entities come to the table, it is a challenging discussion for outstate Minnesota."

Haley said one idea for helping riot-damaged businesses is to provide up to \$100 million in quick cash while owners wait for their insurance checks. She said some owners may have to wait as long as a year for their money, since many of their records may have burned when their shops were destroyed.

"I think it is incumbent on all of us to support these business owners," Haley said. "Minneapolis ... is the center of our economic region. It is an economic engine that we have to restore."

Frey said he is already working with local foundations to raise money for small businesses, but he declined to say how much money he hopes to raise through the effort. "It will be sizable," he said.

The presidents of the city councils in Minneapolis and St. Paul said they have already contributed several million dollars to small businesses hurt by the pandemic. They declined to commit to any additional funding for riot-damaged businesses.

"St. Paul has an annual budget of \$600 million, so this is beyond the scope of what a city the size of ours can manage on its own," said Amy Brendmoen, president of the St. Paul City Council.

Democratic lawmakers said Republicans may regret requiring riot aid contributions from the Twin Cities, noting they haven't made similar demands when rural towns sought assistance after a tornado or other disaster.

"I am fine with the idea of Minneapolis and St. Paul kicking in direct aid as a part of this package, but then that would apply to everyone who seeks disaster assistance from the state," said Ryan Winkler, a Golden Valley Democrat who serves as House Majority Leader. "That is the new standard then. ... The fact is, they want Jacob Frey to suffer for what happened, but there are a lot of ways for him to be accountable."

Small business owners, meanwhile, said this is the wrong time for partisanship.

"Anybody who drives down Lake Street nowadays is going to see a war zone," said Ali Barbarawi, who is rebuilding his dental practice on Chicago Avenue. "We have to make a decision: Are we going to leave it like this? Rubble? And have people get scared of what they see and move away? Or are we going to fix this as soon as possible?"

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May, Buxton both determined to show support for justice

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MAY, BUXTON BOTH DETERMINED TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE

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Body

CHICAGO - Here are two stories about two Twins players who were determined to show their support in the fight against racial injustice before Friday's season opener.

Righthander Trevor May headed straight for the Twin Cities from Florida after baseball shut down in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The native of Washington state was in town during the death of **George Floyd** and the resulting protests and riots.

"Watching protests out my window," May said Saturday, "and knowing the season was going to start soon and not really - knowing for my job that being down there probably wasn't the smartest move to make, just for me moving forward - but there was some shame and some guilt attached to that for me and my wife and my family. It's something I feel strong about."

May and his teammates have had many serious and difficult conversations about current events, touching upon subjects that normally don't take place in a clubhouse. But it's allowed May to see different sides of his teammates.

"Just like any other workplace. The common adage with politics, religion and money. You usually don't go into those," May said. "Only go in those with your closest friends and your family, right? So this kind of gets into a more serious nature of things, but it's phenomenal that I think guys are really, really open to have the conversations, and you're hearing things from guys that you've never heard before and that is kind of the key. That is the point of this whole thing, is to have the conversations and to listen to stories and to get some context."

And May joined several of his teammates and coaches Friday in kneeling in the name of justice and equality during the national anthem. He then was the winning pitcher in the Twins' season-opening 10-5 victory over the White Sox.

Meanwhile, center fielder Byron Buxton - as it turned out - did not join teammates in Chicago to play. The plan is for him to debut sometime during the upcoming homestand.

May, Buxton both determined to show support for justice

Buxton, recovering from a left midfoot sprain, made the drive into town Friday just so he could be part of the pregame activities.

"I think Buck made the decision and wanted to make the decision to drive down to be with his teammates on Opening Day," said Derek Falvey, Twins president of baseball operations. "Having just made that drive as well, it's not too bad. It's pretty quick. You can get down here pretty quickly and he wanted to be down here for his teammates, for Opening Day for baseball, but also for being a part of what transpired pregame, something that he felt really strongly about and wanted to make that trip."

Buxton was with Taylor Rogers and LaMonte Wade Jr. along the first base line when they all knelt during the anthem. Buxton came to the park Saturday to get treatment and work out. And the Twins are confident that he will enter the lineup sometime next week, perhaps Tuesday's home opener.

But they were supportive of him driving 400-plus miles to make his statement.

"It was a very, very important day for a lot of people," said manager Rocco Baldelli, who also knelt during the anthem. "I know it was exceptionally important for Byron to be there on Opening Day with us, to be with his teammates, to take part in the pregame ceremonies."

Hill back on hill

Lefthander Rich Hill was scratched from Saturday's start so he could get a couple more days of rest before making his Twins debut. The Twins acknowledged Wednesday that the 40-year-old was feeling a little sore and needed the extra time.

Hill played catch Friday and threw in the bullpen Saturday and told the Twins he felt good.

So Hill is scheduled to start on Wednesday vs. St. Louis at Target Field. Homer Bailey will start Tuesday's home opener.

Remembering Costello

The Twins are wearing a black patch with white "RC" letters in honor of minor league infielder Ryan Costello. The 23-year-old Connecticut native, who was to play in the Australian Baseball League over the offseason, was found dead in his New Zealand hotel room in November.

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READERS WRITE DISTANCE FROM SHORE MAY NOT HELP

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WAKEBOARDING

The July 19 article about wakeboarding ("Making waves") did not adequately describe the downside of the practice. If you are located on the shoreline near where surfers are repeatedly going back and forth wave-bombing you, it's awful. If you live in a protected cove or such, you may not realize what your neighbors have to endure - like waves that bowl over kids playing in shallow water, soil erosion that kills trees, damage to moored boats and docks, loons abandoning their eggs and nests, and the incredibly loud music. Lakeshore owners and associations need to band together to help control this.

Most of these wave problems are already illegal, but hard to enforce. Focusing new laws on the distance from shore as a measure of how bad the waves are may not help much. The reason is that these boats are highly engineered to create "perfect waves," which carry on quietly across the lake with remarkably little deterioration for easily 1,000 feet! A 300-foot limit may not be sufficient.

I recommend that legislators consider banning or limiting the use of the ballast tanks these boats use. These tanks hold hundreds of gallons of water to sink the stern and make higher waves. Also, emptying and refilling them with lake water risks spreading aquatic invasive species from lake to lake. These tanks are the difference between wake boats and all others that makes them so destructive. Perhaps research and legislation on the use of the ballast tanks would be most effective.

John Graber, Minneapolis

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To add to the information in the wakeboarding article, as residents on a small lake in a northern suburb we have experienced the safety and shoreline erosion concerns caused by the massive wakes created by wakeboard boats. The size of their wake capsizes kayaks, paddle boards and canoes and makes fishing and pontooning a rock 'n' roll adventure.

Wakeboard boats are very expensive, and their effect is to allow their privileged owners to access the lake while effectively limiting other lake users because the wake size threatens their safety. Added to the safety concern is the immense shoreline erosion caused by these massive wakes. Wake boats may be fun for a very

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few, but the reality is that they greatly affect lake usage by many others while impacting the lake environment.

Debra and Wayne Eck, New Brighton

FIFTH DISTRICT RACE

Let's have a rule about where the campaign money can come from

The July 19 article regarding Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District's upcoming primary ("Primary will test Omar's 1st term") noted that "millions of dollars from all over the country" are flowing into the district. I find this very problematic, and I do not feel it is right for anyone other than Fifth District residents to be having a say in the race. While it may concern others, they do not live there.

A good step toward voting reform would be to allow campaign contributions to come only from those who can vote for you. Or, put another way, a person can contribute only to a candidate who will be on their ballot. I should not be allowed to donate money to, say, a Senate candidate in Kentucky if I live in Minnesota. They do not represent me. Whoever wins the primary and likely goes on to be the representative of the Fifth District should go to Washington for the people of their district, and nobody else. Or at least that is the way it is supposed to be.

Chris Bradshaw, Columbus

THE COST OF REBUILDING

An out-of-towner sees Minneapolis only as he wishes to see it

Leave it to someone from Edina to care less about what happens in Minneapolis ("No federal aid? Good. This chaos was all on you, Minneapolitans," Readers Write, July 19). The writer is accurate to say that the damage was not caused by a natural disaster. That was as far as it goes. The state has its part in the terror the Third Precinct inflicts. The state's citizens were the majority of looters and destroyers, not the city's. And this last one is important: Minneapolis is the state's economic engine, not its drain. Why are you so intent on destroying it? Because it doesn't meet your political vision?

Susan Bloyer, St. Louis Park

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Would well-off private schools kindly return the money?

A July 20 article reported on how various organizations had received Paycheck Protection Program grants for use in their organizations. One company, 75F, had decided to return the \$600,000 that had been awarded to it. The president and board felt that since they had just received \$18 million in growth capital, it was incorrect to receive the grant.

The same article mentioned that two private schools, Breck and Blake, each had received \$5 million from their grant requests. Both are among the more elite private schools in the state. It would appear that the students who attend these schools come from well-established families with the financial resources to pay for the student expenses of the school.

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From information on the schools' websites, many of the personnel on their boards have high-level positions and may have knowledge of what it takes to obtain grants as well as the resources to better complete the application process.

Many if not all private and public schools in the state are struggling right now, not only with how to set up education plans for the future due to the coronavirus but also with having the financial resources to pay for the education.

The board and leadership of 75F saw that it was correct to return the grant to the federal government. My recommendation is that the boards and leadership of both Breck and Blake do the same. How about it?

Rich Gruenhagen, Chaska

STYLE AND USAGE

Uppercase 'Black' but lowercase 'brown'? That's half a good decision

First off, let me say I am white. And, privileged. I have watched as events have unfolded in Minneapolis and around the country since the death of George Floyd. It has been concerning to me.

A Sunday news article " Primary will test Omar's first term," speaks about the challenges the first-term congresswoman faces in her Fifth Congressional District battle.

My concern falls on page two of the story (paragraph five). It refers to a statement by Omar's challenger, Antone Melton-Meaux: "That's Black and brown folks, that [sic] immigrants, that's union workers."

The Star Tribune has professed a need to change black to Black in your pages since Floyd's death, which is commendable (editor's note, July 2). However, why does a group that also is oppressed, Hispanics, just get the designation of "brown"? No caps?

You can't pick winners or losers. You have to treat all afflicted groups by the same metrics on your newspaper pages.

Don Leathers, Austin, Minn.

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Teen will keep pushing for mural

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TEEN WILL KEEP PUSHING FOR MURAL

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Highlight: St. Anthony voted down a Philando Castile tribute at City Hall, but Semhar Solomon is undaunted.

Body

Organizing a rally for Philando Castile on the four-year anniversary of the night he was killed by a St. Anthony police officer was the catalyst of Semhar Solomon's activism.

The 16-year-old entering her senior year at St. Anthony High School isn't backing off her goal of getting a Castile mural painted at City Hall, despite the St. Anthony City Council recently denying her proposal on a 4-1 vote.

While Solomon plans her next course of action, a massive mural that she and several friends created for the rally earlier this month on the anniversary of Castile's death is moving around the city.

The six sheets of painted plywood, inspired by artwork depicting **George Floyd**, reads "Rest in Power Philando Castile & many more," with an image of Castile smiling.

A long list of people have volunteered to host the plywood mural until a new one would go up on the side of City Hall. Its first stop was across the street from the home of Council Member Jan Jenson, who opposed the Castile mural. He felt it's meant to spite the police department, which is adjacent to the City Hall and community center building where Solomon wants to paint the mural.

Mayor Randy Stille said at the July 16 council meeting that public facilities must remain "neutral." An unintended consequence of the mural, he said, could be to affect the mental health of officers.

"I think we do need to be supportive of our police department," he said. "Common sense tells me that daily punishment of the police when they walk in that door [is] not a good thing."

But Solomon said the mural wouldn't be anti-cop, and dozens of residents who voiced support for the mural said it's about honoring Castile's life.

An online petition has garnered more than 3,000 signatures backing the mural. Solomon plans to start a resident petition and discuss the mural with police. She has raised money for supplies and upkeep.

Teen will keep pushing for mural

Existing policy bars such a mural from city-owned property, according to City Manager Mark Casey.

"There are no facilities named after or otherwise pay tribute to any individual," he said in an e-mail, adding that the city doesn't accept gifts that come with naming conditions.

Resident Sandi Sherman said applying the policy to the mural proposal is "a big stretch" because no one is donating money or asking for a building to be renamed.

"We are asking for a piece of art - art that reflects something that happened to our community ... as a way to acknowledge, to memorialize and as a way to heal," she told the council. "

Council Member Bernard Walker, who cast the only vote for the mural, said he's open to amending policy and working with the community to come up with a solution, since most residents he's heard from support the mural.

"We don't simply say, 'No, let's move on.' That to me is like a slap in the face," he said. "If this is reflective of the community, then we have a policy that is incongruent with sentiments of the community."

Solomon said getting city approval for public art shouldn't be this difficult, but that any fight for justice creates division. "The mural is going to represent the face of change in St. Anthony that's long overdue," she said.

The six-panel mural will continue moving around St. Anthony before Solomon gives it to Castile's mother, Valerie, for permanent display at the Philando Castile Peace Garden in Falcon Heights. The memorial off Larpenteur Avenue marks the spot where St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez fatally shot Castile during a traffic stop in 2016.

Yanez was acquitted of all charges and signed a separation agreement with St. Anthony. But Solomon said the city hasn't done enough to acknowledge the tragedy and allow the community to heal.

"A man got murdered by our police department. We should not be turning away, white people should not be turning away because it makes them uncomfortable. They should be facing it and using it to change," Solomon said. "It's just making a horrible situation into something graceful and beautiful."

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Tips for maintaining mental health during the pandemic: mindfulness, routines, less junk food

ARTICLE MCCCXLIX. ***TIPS FOR MAINTAINING MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE PANDEMIC: MINDFULNESS, ROUTINES, LESS JUNK FOOD***

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Highlight: A side effect of the coronavirus - anxiety - is spreading even faster than the disease itself. Sue Abderholden, executive director of the state's chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, says the signs are everywhere of mental health under siege. In March, when the virus first arrived in force in the United [...]

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Sue Abderholden, executive director of the state's chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, says the signs are everywhere of mental health under siege.

In March, when the virus first arrived in force in the United States, calls to a crisis hotline jumped fivefold, according to the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. NAMI's website, namimn.org, has seen a surge of interest.

Experts like Abderholden always have recommended social contact as a way to promote mental health. But during the pandemic, that advice can be fatal. So, they've been forced to find new ways to promote emotional and psychological well-being.

Abderholden answered the following questions for the Pioneer Press on July 15:

What is the state of Minnesota's mental health? Mental health is not so great right now.

How is coronavirus harming mental health? With COVID, there is great uncertainty. We were told at first it would be only a few weeks. Now we are told months. It has more people on edge.

If people isolate themselves, what's the result? They miss graduations, birthdays and wedding parties. They will experience grief.

Is it tougher for single people? Everyone is struggling. Look at parents, who are at home but also working. They worry about catching COVID and giving it to their families.

Then there is the economic collapse, which hurts people who aren't even sick. That affects everyone.

Tips for maintaining mental health during the pandemic: mindfulness, routines, less junk food

Does the killing of ***George Floyd*** make it worse? Oh, yes. That adds to the sense of angst and hopelessness. If you are a person of color, your distress is even higher.

What do you recommend? Practicing mindfulness. Be mindful of your breathing. Be mindful of what you have. Before you get out of bed in the morning, name three or five things you are grateful for. Put your mind in a positive space.

That's not easy, after you see the daily news. Frankly, you should limit that. Limit how much news you consume.

I am stuck inside all day. What should I do in my own home? Create a schedule, and stick to it. Create some normalcy. Also, limit the junk food. [*Simon Cowell has surgery for broken back after bike accident*](#) [*Morikawa delivers great shot in quiet moment to win PGA*](#) [*Trump's end run around Congress raises questions*](#) [*US tops 5 million confirmed virus cases, to Europe's alarm*](#) [*Trump orders more unemployment pay, a payroll tax deferral*](#)

What new approaches have you introduced? We have free classes for workplaces, families, teachers, teenagers and farmers. We have classes on stress eating, suicide prevention, and minority mental health. We have links to online and in-person support groups. We have movie discussion groups. We have a class summarizing the 2020 legislative session.

When you connect on a computer, what do you do? You can play games. My daughters and I play Bananagrams together. Or you can watch a TV show together, then comment on it.

Are there any substitutes for face-to-face contact? You can have Zoom calls, where you can actually look at someone. But don't sit there and say, 'How are you doing today?' Have other things to talk about.

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Sue Abderholden, executive director of the National Alliance of Mental Illness in Minnesota (Courtesy photo)

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The Minnesota Attorney General's Office did not offer a reason Monday when it opposed allowing cameras in the courtroom for the former officers' trials. But in a filing Tuesday, Assistant Attorney General Matthew Frank said that while the prosecution supports a public trial, prosecutors are concerned that live audio and visual coverage in the courtroom "may create more problems than they will solve."

Audio-visual coverage could alter the way attorneys present evidence, subject participants to heightened media scrutiny - distracting from the trial - and may intimidate some witnesses, Frank wrote, reiterating points made last month by Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison.

"Testifying in public is challenging enough; live audio and visual testimony could potentially deprive the State of the testimony of certain witnesses," Frank wrote. But he said the issue perhaps can be revisited as trial approaches.

Derek Chauvin and three other former officers are scheduled to go on trial in March. Under Minnesota court rules, a judge can allow the recording and reproduction of criminal proceedings if both sides consent. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill has yet to rule on the matter, but the state's position - unless changed - makes it unlikely that he will allow cameras at trial.

Last month, Cahill ruled that cameras would not be allowed during pretrial proceedings, after prosecutors objected.

Floyd, who was Black, died May 25 after Chauvin, who is white, pressed his knee against the handcuffed man's neck for nearly 8 minutes. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and

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second-degree manslaughter. J. Kueng, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***Tou Thao*** are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired after Floyd's death.

Defense attorneys have said they would be open to audio and visual coverage of the trials, saying the recordings are necessary to guarantee the officers get a fair trial - especially during a pandemic when public access to the courtroom is restricted.

[*Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case*](#) [*Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say*](#) [*Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case*](#) [*Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots*](#) [*Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police*](#)

Graphic

Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, ***Derek Chauvin***, ***Tou Thao***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***J. Alexander Kueng***

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Hagedorn gets corporate blowback from BLM comments

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Tech company Intel this week asked the Hagedorn campaign to return the \$4,000 it donated in 2018 and pledged to refrain from future campaign donations to the first-term congressman, according to news sources.

UnitedHealth Group has made a similar promise, saying it regrets its past contribution to his re-election campaign, which has amounted to \$7,500, news sources say.

"We were unaware of these egregious and hurtful statements attributed to Rep. Hagedorn and they in no way reflect the values of our company," UnitedHealth Group said in a statement.

The corporate blowback comes a month after a Facebook post by Hagedorn that some praised as a defense of Western culture and Christian values and others criticized as tone deaf to the larger cause espoused by **Black Lives Matter** of ending racism and police brutality.

Hagedorn's post came in response to Twitter comments by activist Shaun King, who is aligned with the **Black Lives Matter** movement, after he called for images depicting Jesus as white to be torn down. He said such images are a form of white supremacy.

In reply, Hagedorn denounced BLM as a "radical movement" that is "orchestrated and growing. We must never let them take power. We must stand up and defend our country, our nation's identity, our Judeo-Christian values and our American way of life."

The debate over **Black Lives Matter** and what it stands for comes after the killing of **George Floyd** on May 25 while in Minneapolis police custody, a videotaped event that shocked people and sparked global

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demonstrations calling for an end to institutionalized racism. Some of those demonstrations have turned violent.

The actions, including those that have occurred in Rochester and smaller surrounding towns and cities, have brought together a range of ethnic and racial groups in defense of BLM's goals.

Hagedorn is running against DFL challenger Dan Feehan, who lost to Hagedorn by a little more than 1,300 votes in 2018.

The revelation that Intel was seeking a refund was first publicly reported by Popular Information, a progressive news website.

On Wednesday, Popular Information posted a story noting that Hagedorn's 1st Congressional District is not far from where Floyd was killed. It said his rhetoric and history of "racist, sexist and homophobic screeds" were at odds with the values of racial justice and equality espoused by many of his corporate donors, including U.S. Bank, Intel and Best Buy.

It then proceeded to contact these businesses, seeking comment on why they had donated to Hagedorn's campaign. Intel was the only one to seek a refund.

"Several weeks ago, a national ***Black Lives Matter*** organizational leader encouraged the destruction of images of Jesus Christ and Christianity because, in his view, they represented white supremacy," Hagedorn said in a statement released to the Post Bulletin on Friday.

"I publicly responded by calling on the American people to reject such violence and destruction and stand up for America, our history, culture and the values we hold dear that make us the greatest country in the world. We are one nation, under God. I have and will continue to fight for liberty and equal justice under the law for every citizen of our country, no matter their race, religion or background, while rejecting extremist political rhetoric and tactics."

Brian Evans, the DFL Party's communications director, said there was no surprise that former supporters were "fleeing Hagedorn's campaign" after "he used hateful rhetoric to slander people working towards racial justice and equality."

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"Instead of trying to unite Minnesotans around solving our shared problems, Congressman Hagedorn is hurling vile and inflammatory insults meant to divide communities for his political gain," Evans said. "Minnesotans should expect so much better from our political leaders, especially in times of crisis."

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ARTICLE MCCCLII. [AD AGENCIES MAKING A NEW PITCH FOR DIVERSITY](#)

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Body

In the wake of *George Floyd's* killing and nationwide protests that followed, 32 Minnesota ad agencies have promised to disclose their racial employment data and hire more people of color in the hopes of having a staff that more closely reflects society's diversity.

In the last few weeks, Fallon, Carmichael Lynch, Colle McVoy, Padilla, Periscope, Solve and other advertising and marketing mavericks joined the #CommitToChange effort led by 600 & Rising, the newly formed nonprofit that is shining a spotlight on the persistent lack of Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and Indians in advertising.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage of ad managers who are Black shrank from 0.8% in 2010 to 0.7% last year. The percentage of Asians rose from 2% to 7%, while Hispanics, at 9%, and Native Americans, at 1%, stayed the same.

Desperate for change, two Black advertising executives from Minnesota and New York founded 600 & Rising and published an open letter to the industry last month. They asked ad agencies to publicly release their race employment data and improvement plans.

The letter, which now has 3,000 signatures, has helped convince many ad agencies to pledge to release race numbers and improve hiring and training. Similar racial equity efforts are brewing

in law firms and media outlets.

For ad firms, "We're at 90 agencies nationwide right now and 32 in Minneapolis. That is a pleasant surprise," said Nathan Young, president and co-founder of 600 & Rising and Group Strategic director at Periscope in Minneapolis.

Until now, agencies were unwilling to disclose race data, he said. That's changing since *George Floyd's* killing by police and public outcries to end *systemic racism*.

"Now, some [agencies] said 'We want to make sure that at least 50% of the people we hire are people of color or that 50% of the applicants are.' Others are investing in internships programs. We left it up to the

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agencies to make their own commitments," said Young, one of 179 employees to walk out of Periscope earlier this month, when the Wisconsin parent company, Quad, ordered workers to remove any references to the phrase ***Black Lives Matter*** on social media posts.

The walkout prompted an apology from the firm's CEO, the release of employment data (showing 16 employees of color, including four Blacks out of 179 total workers) and a promise to conduct diversity training and hire more people of color.

#CommitToChange advocates at advertising and marketing firms that represent brands like 3M, Target, Land O'Lakes, Walgreens, Subaru, and the Minnesota Twins, said having an inclusive creative team can make ads richer with input that represents larger segments of the population.

"What gets measured gets action. It's an act of courage and transparency to share with the world where we are today," said Mike Caguin, chief creative officer at Colle McVoy and board chairman of the BrandLab, an internship program designed to introduce students of color to the ad industry. "When ***George Floyd*** was killed, everyone here was deeply affected by that. Much like the rest of the world, we took a look in the mirror ... [Joining #CommitToChange] is about how we can contribute to making our community and industry better than we are today."

For a decade, Colle McVoy worked with the BrandLab nonprofit to hire high school and college students of color as interns and introduce them to advertising careers. But there is more to do, Caguin said.

A week ago, Colle McVoy posted on Twitter that 90% of its 240-member Minneapolis staff was white. The company website now states a promise. "We will recruit more BIPOC [Black, Indigenous, people of color] employees at all levels across the agency. We will mentor, champion and advance BIPOC employees into senior roles We will conduct more anti-racism training for managers and the agency."

Carmichael Lynch CEO Marcus Fischer said his Minneapolis firm will soon post its racial makeup on Instagram. People of color comprise 12% of all its workers. "But if we look around the office? It is not where we want to be. It is not reflective of the population," Fischer said. Black employees represent 1.7% of all workers. Whites comprise 87.7%.

After a decade of financing BrandLab internships, mentoring and working with ADColor and the American Advertising Federation's Mosaic Center for Multiculturalism, more initiatives are in the works to boost recruiting and retention.

"Like every agency, we have always been committed but our efforts are woefully short," Fischer said. "What Nathan [Young] and #CommitToChange have done is a great thing, because it is forcing a level of transparency and accountability."

Dorion Taylor, who worked at three Twin Cities ad agencies before becoming a director at Carmichael Lynch, said there has been some progress. But the industry is "still horrifically behind. You went from being able to count the people of color from one hand to two hands in advertising. That's a low, low percentage," said Taylor who left the agency in November to become a marketing manager at Pohlads Cos.

He wants more diverse leadership in advertising and marketing and meaningful career development.

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"Not seeing others like me in any higher roles? It didn't give me a lot of hope that there really was opportunity for me for advancement," Taylor said. "A lot of agencies can probably tout they hired a person of color, but they have not done a good job of developing [leaders]. That is a huge problem."

And nationally, said Christopher Boulton, an associate communications professor at University of Tampa who wrote his doctoral dissertation on race in advertising.

"Despite four decades of seeking to 'expand the pipeline' of Black employees through small, targeted scholarships and internships, advertising maintains a Black/white labor gap that is 38% larger than the labor market in general," he said.

Change will require firms to make their race numbers public. "To me, that single demand will make the most impact. So [product makers] can see if their ad agency is being hypocritical," Boulton said. "The hope is that the exposure will shame advertisers into firing bad actors."

Young agreed. "It's the public pressure that has been compelling these agencies to act. We've had decades and decades to fix this problem."

Soon 600 & Rising plans to ask product makers to follow the lead of diversity trendsetters like General Mills and Verizon. "They already have diversity requirements," for their creative teams, sometimes requiring that 20% of the team be comprised of people of color, Young said.

Fischer at Carmichael Lynch said his goal is more than numbers. Retention is just as important as hiring.

"The industry as whole has high turnover," he said. "So making sure that our culture is welcoming and inviting to everyone is important, so they want to be part of [the company] and feel they can bring their full selves."

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National Data

Advertising leaders - 2019 race data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics-Household Data Survey

Total number of advertising managers in U.S. 55,000

Racial make up of advertising managers across the U.S.

White 89.5%

Black 0.7%

Asian 7.0%

Hispanic/Latino 9.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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I just read former U.S. attorney Andrew Luger's commentary on the proposed charter amendment to eliminate the requirement for a police department ("Charter change is reckless, unnecessary," July 23).

A week ago I read Downtown Council CEO Steve Cramer's stark warning that, overnight, Minneapolis has become an undesirable place to do business ("Business groups warn on defunding," July 15). I'm not normally one who would advocate something revolutionary like throwing open the door to abolishing the **Minneapolis Police Department**. But I've lived here for nearly 42 years and, finally, I wonder: What exactly does it take to reform the **Minneapolis Police Department**?

My answer: The department is beyond redemption. The MPD can't be reformed. If there's going to be meaningful change, if the people of Minneapolis are going to feel protected and served, it won't be by a "reformed" MPD. Because we've tried reform for decades and it doesn't work.

It's time to start fresh with something new. That requires letting the people vote on amending the City Charter and having a citywide conversation.

After a revolving door of chiefs and many attempts at "reform," the stark truth is that nothing has changed. Black men and people of color are still being brutalized and killed by the MPD at a much higher rate than white people. The only reason the death of **George Floyd** is different is that it was recorded on a cellphone camera.

In the time since, we've been reminded that 93% of MPD's officers don't live in Minneapolis. We've heard Sgt. Anna Hedberg recoil in horror at the very thought of going "to Cub Foods with my two beautiful little girls." She doesn't feel the need to bring them into "that kind of danger." We see a quarter of the department's officers suddenly file for disability. We hear them wail about feeling unappreciated and unsupported. We hear once-respected civic leaders raise the alarm against anarchy.

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I'm not a huge fan of the current City Council. But they at least have the clarity to understand that there are deeply ingrained systemic problems in the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** and that tidying things up around the edges won't work because it's never worked. And they have the courage and honesty to do something about it.

The proposed charter amendment leaves many unanswered questions. So it's high time we have a communitywide conversation to answer them. That conversation requires amending the charter so that everything's on the table.

Louis Hoffman lives in Minneapolis.

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The Rev. Edrin Williams, pastor of one of the most racially diverse churches in the Twin Cities, quickly launched an emergency food distribution center when rioting after the death of ***George Floyd*** destroyed neighborhood stores. Now he's taken on another role as well: dispensing food for thought to white faith leaders grappling with how to combat racism.

"I get calls nearly every day from around the country and even one from Switzerland," said Williams, of Sanctuary Covenant Church in north Minneapolis. "They ask, 'What should we be doing?' "

The national spotlight on racial inequities has injected new energy and placed new demands on African American religious leaders, long at the forefront of civil rights movements. Many are orchestrating their largest-ever food relief projects, fielding outreach from allies, working to quell community tensions and exploring new strategies to combat racial injustice.

A group of Twin Cities Black pastors has been discussing a proposal with Gov. Tim Walz to create a Minnesota "social compact" that would forge new investments and public policies to begin erasing racial inequities. Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church in Minneapolis is preparing to launch a project to transform one Minneapolis public school into a culturally appropriate model for Black achievement.

Minnesota's evangelical community has created what it hopes will be a \$1 million fund to support African American churches. Many Black pastors are in demand for speaking and consultation. And, for the first time, their food programs are attracting armies of white volunteers.

"There's something special happening at this moment," said Williams. "People are seeing the [racial] barriers who haven't seen them before. There's a captive audience."

Bishop Richard Howell of nearby Shiloh Temple International Ministries marveled that while participating recently in a panel before largely white religious leaders, the first question directed to him was, "What is ***systemic racism***?"

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"There's an openness to hearing us - finally - in a manner we haven't seen before," said Howell. "I've been preaching 40 years, and I've never seen our friends listen to the facts, and the painful facts, of African American history. We have an opportunity to share what we know with those who don't."

Whether it's just a flash of racial consciousness, or something deeper, is the big question, he said.

Surge of white volunteers

On a recent Friday, Williams stood in front of about 90 volunteers in his church parking lot. Wearing shorts, a T-shirt and face mask, he bowed his head and said a prayer moments before hundreds of neighbors streamed in to pick up groceries and other goods.

With the Cub Foods across the street still boarded up, they stopped at tents with signs announcing what was inside - apples, carrots, diapers. It's a massive undertaking created in just two months, assisted on the ground mainly by white volunteers from cities and suburbs.

How to tap that surge of support - from individuals, religious groups, businesses and philanthropy - and harness it to tackle institutional racism is a topic of great discussion. While grateful for the support, many Black faith leaders worry that volunteers leave with no greater understanding of the racial inequities that shaped the community they're serving.

That understanding, along with deeper personal relationships in the Black community, are needed to become strong allies for change.

"If ***George Floyd*** hadn't taken place, we wouldn't have these relations," said the Rev. Runney Patterson of New Hope Baptist Church in St. Paul. "We've had some in the past, but they fizzled out. I tell [white] pastors, 'Don't come here just to feel good.'... My hope is we can build real relationships and be intentional about it."

Building bridges

Bridging such divides has long been a mission of the Rev. Richard Coleman of Wayman AME Church. He oversees a monthly Bridge of Reconciliation luncheon for pastors and community leaders - of different races - focused on supporting north Minneapolis.

During this month's Zoom meeting, Coleman announced that his church and the Minneapolis nonprofit Hope United CDC planned to organize a network of community partners to help transform one Minneapolis school into a model for academic achievement by offering training for cultural competencies, curriculum, mentors and other services.

The project would mark Wayman's 101st anniversary.

"With the moment, the killing of ***George Floyd***, we wanted to pick something big and significant that can really make a difference," Coleman said. "There's a lot of energy right now. To deal with the problems in the Black community requires a systemic approach, and I believe we are in that space now."

The Rev. Alfred Babington-Johnson, CEO of the Stairstep Foundation in Minneapolis, also hopes to seize the moment. He and other clergy involved in His Works United, an ecumenical collaboration of African American religious leaders, have been talking with Walz and staff about a sweeping proposal to address racial disparities in housing, health, wealth and education.

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It is designed to have Black-led organizations develop the capacity to address their community's issues, he said.

Sitting at his desk, Babington-Johnson pulled up a PowerPoint slide listing about a dozen Black-led organizations behind the plan, including the Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce and the Phyllis Wheatley Center in Minneapolis. Community supporters include the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Metropolitan YMCA and Minneapolis St. Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership.

"We're having some very hopeful conversations with government, with corporate leadership," said Babington-Johnson. "What we have is the opportunity to be of service, because the whole society is riveted" by the inhumanity surrounding Floyd's death.

Other Black clergy are forging different paths. The Rev. Stacey Smith, senior pastor at St. James AME Church in St. Paul, typically isn't orchestrating protest marches. But she felt compelled to organize a clergy march last month, during which hundreds of faith leaders prayed silently while walking the streets of Minneapolis and St. Paul where violence had erupted.

The idea took shape on a Sunday night, when she began e-mailing invitations. By Tuesday morning she found herself walking past Floyd's memorial - in the largest march of faith leaders in memory.

"It was an outpouring unlike anything I've seen," she said.

Smith's church already is running a food program. Now she'd like to offer counseling and support for people suffering from trauma, whether from the COVID-19 pandemic, poverty or racism. She had considered the idea earlier but is convinced now is the time.

African American churches are getting support from other corners. Transform Minnesota, the umbrella group for Minnesota's evangelical Christians, was planning to raise money to support African American churches suffering financially because of COVID-19. That idea kicked into high gear after Floyd's death. It launched the One Fund with a goal of raising \$1 million before the anniversary of Floyd's death on May 25, said Carl Nelson, CEO of Transform Minnesota.

"It's one way to tangibly respond to the disparities we're now talking about," Nelson said.

As faith leaders look ahead, they remain hopeful, but guarded, about the prospects for societal change.

They recall that police killings of other Blacks nationally and locally, including Jamar Clark in 2015 in the Twin Cities, have ignited public attention and mobilized communities. But the outcry subsided.

"These things have been cyclical," said Babington-Johnson. "The difference this time is that folks are becoming aware of the inhumanity [confronting Blacks] in different and deeper ways - and the need for society to change."

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Ivanka Trump visits Duluth outdoor gear maker; mining protesters gather

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[IVANKA TRUMP VISITS DULUTH OUTDOOR GEAR MAKER; MINING PROTESTERS GATHER](#)

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DULUTH, Minn. - White House senior adviser Ivanka Trump visited Duluth on Monday morning for the signing of a pledge by a local business to expand programs that educate and train American workers over the next five years.

Trump was joined at Duluth Pack by U.S. Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt and U.S. Rep. Pete Stauber. Duluth Pack owners Tom Sega and Mark Oestreich signed the Pledge to America's Workers during a media event in the Canal Park store.

"It is a great pleasure to be here and in Duluth and to see firsthand an unbelievable example of American excellence in manufacturing," said Trump, daughter of President Donald Trump. "The president started the Pledge to America's Workers two years ago. He wanted to call upon the private sector to join forces with the government to invest in the skills of all Americans and to provide an on-ramp to opportunity, and to ensure that employers are making the commitment to their most valuable asset, which is the American worker."

Duluth Pack, which sells outdoors and camping gear and accessories, joins more than 430 companies and organizations countrywide that have signed the pledge, which contributes to over 16 million new education and training opportunities, according to the Trump administration. The pledge commits those who sign to expanding programs that educate, train and reskill American workers, from high school to near retirement, for jobs that need to be filled but lack qualified workers, according to WhiteHouse.gov.

The pledge was created in 2018 after President Trump signed an executive order establishing the National Council for the American Worker. This was pre-pandemic, when unemployment rates were low and companies were often struggling to find workers to fill open positions.

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"This investment is more important than ever, as so many people have been disconnected from the workforce and are experiencing tremendous vulnerability and fear thinking about their path forward," Ivanka Trump said Monday.

Trump left immediately following the signing, while Bernhardt and Stauber remained to answer media questions pertaining to the pledge and Twin Metals copper-nickel mining project in northeastern Minnesota.

Duluth Pack is known for making packs for visitors to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The Trump administration has returned leases to Twin Metals that the Obama administration rescinded. Critics of the mining project say it would pollute the Boundary Waters.

Duluth Pack has recently been criticized by the public due to the signing of the jobs pledge with the Trump administration and hosting Ivanka Trump. When asked by Forum News Service if they support Twin Metals and how they reconcile signing a pledge with an administration that is advancing this project, Oestreich declined to comment.

Bernhardt told a story of his teenage son receiving a small Duluth Pack backpack when he was in elementary school. The backpack, a camp souvenir, is still used by his son today.

"Everything has to go through a process and there's going to be a lot of rigor associated with it," Bernhardt said of the Twin Metals project. "So we'll go through the process and the cards will end up being what they are, but we will not sacrifice clean air or clean water for economic development."

During the media event Monday, protesters could be heard chanting and yelling outside the Duluth Pack store. About 50 people gathered in support of the Boundary Waters, ***Black Lives Matter*** and missing and murdered Indigenous women. Others stood outside the store to protest how the Trump administration has handled the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dressed in plague doctor costumes, Allen Richardson and Scot Bol, both of Duluth, wheeled a coffin across the street with a skeleton holding a sign reading: "Is there a pledge to America's workers for 140,000 plus Americans killed by COVID-19?" Richardson said the old theater props were "lying around for occasions like this."

"I think it is ridiculous that they are here to promote a pledge to American workers when it's the Trump administration's malice that has killed up to 140,000 American workers," Richardson said. "Where is the pledge for the Americans who have died of COVID?"

Another protester, Marlana Benzie-Lourey, of Kerrick, Minn., said it was difficult for her to see a company she has supported for more than 30 years host someone whose goal isn't to "protect what we have here."

"I've always been proud of this company. Not anymore," said Benzie-Lourey, who has bought Duluth Pack products and gifted them to her family as Christmas presents for years. "I don't know what I will do with the packs I have. Maybe tear the labels off, but that's not much of a statement. Maybe donate them?"

Sitting on the curb and holding a sign with a loon and the words, "No copper mine," Judy Derauf, of Duluth, shared similar views.

"I think it is disingenuous for Duluth Pack to be hosting this event," said Derauf, who returned from a Boundary Waters trip two weeks ago. "As a company that promotes Boundary Waters travel, how can they support this administration that supports things that put the Boundary Waters at risk?"

Ivanka Trump visits Duluth outdoor gear maker; mining protesters gather

After Trump left Monday, some protesters stayed and banged on the front doors of Duluth Pack shouting obscenities. A man, who asked to remain anonymous, cut a Duluth Pack badge in half and placed it on the window sill of the store.

"Personally, I hope they (Duluth Pack) get some heat for this," Andrew Slade, Great Lakes program director for the Minnesota Environmental Partnership, said. His office is adjacent to Duluth Pack.

After leaving Duluth, Ivanka Trump and Bernhardt [headed to the grand opening](#) of the missing and murdered Native American cold case office in Bloomington.

[Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch. 300,000 Minnesotans should mail their primary ballots 'ASAP.' Or vote in person. Voters, GOP lawmakers plan lawsuit over Walz's mask mandate at polling places. Burnsville police: Nothing found following bomb threat at U.S. Rep. Angie Craig's office](#)

Graphic

Duluth Pack's Mark Oestreich (left) and Tom Segal sign the Pledge to America's Workers on Monday as U.S. Rep. Pete Stauber, presidential adviser Ivanka Trump and Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt watch. Companies that sign the pledge commit to expanding programs that educate and train American workers. (Steve Kuchera / Forum News Service)

Scot Bol adjusts a sign hanging on a coffin he and Allen Richardson, both of Duluth, wheeled across the Duluth Pack storefront in Canal Park. "It's like a plague that we have no leadership here in America," Bol said. "We need unity to defeat this (COVID-19)." (Samantha Erkkila / Forum News Service)

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Help for businesses burned in Twin Cities riots is slow in coming

ARTICLE MCCCLVI.

***HELP FOR BUSINESSES BURNED IN TWIN CITIES RIOTS IS
SLOW IN COMING***

Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal (Minnesota)

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Byline: Mark Reilly

Body

Two months after riots tore through business districts in Minneapolis and St. Paul, much of the debris still hasn't even been cleared. And help that businesses say they need from the state has stalled once again in the Minnesota Legislature.

The Star Tribune [*reports on the rising frustration*](#) among business owners who are trying to rebuild after their buildings were damaged or destroyed in the nights following the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis Police custody. The Legislature [*ended a second special session*](#) this summer without a major relief package for communities; Republicans blocked a \$300 million, DFL-backed bill to cover uninsured damage, saying it was too large and that local governments should contribute more to the effort, though they said they'd consider legislation again the next time the Legislature convenes.

The federal government also rejected a plea from Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz for aid, saying the damages - estimated at \$500 million - [*was "within the capabilities of the local and state governments."*](#) City governments say they're tapped out.

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That leaves business owners with not much help at all. Insurance will cover some of the damage, but not all. Several businesses have turned to crowdfunding to raise cash to reopen. Luis Tamay, owner of El Chuchi Market (damaged in the unrest) and restaurant I Sabor Chuchi (which burned down), [*has raised more than \\$100,000 that way*](#) and is working to repair the store. He's not sure if the landlord will rebuild the restaurant building however, and he tells the paper the neighborhood still has security concerns that may keep entrepreneurs from coming back.

Apart from the money issues, businesses are also contending with regulatory hurdles. Jim Stages, the owner of Lloyd's Pharmacy on University Avenue, which burned down, is still trying to clear debris from the site, [*the Pioneer Press reports*](#). He got approval from the city, but Ramsey County blocked the work, saying the contractor didn't have the proper credentials to handle buildings with asbestos. A new contractor will cost Stages an extra \$60,000, which won't be covered by insurance.

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St. Paul school board elects Jim Vue to fill vacant seat

ARTICLE MCCCLVII.

ST. PAUL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS JIM VUE TO FILL VACANT SEAT

St. Paul Pioneer Press (Minnesota)

July 27, 2020 Monday

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Highlight: In a 4-2 vote, the St. Paul school board on Monday elected Jim Vue to step in for Marny Xiong, who died in June from COVID-19. The board interviewed 10 out of the 16 who applied for the short-term appointment over a videoconference meeting. Three of those who applied were former board members. Because the [...]

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Because the vacancy occurred more than 90 days before Election Day, state law required the board to appoint someone to fill the seat for the rest of this year.

Voters will decide Nov. 3 who will serve the final year of Xiong's term. While the school board asked that applicants seeking the short-term appointment not also run in the November special election, Vue voiced intentions to also run in November during his interview.

In his interview, Vue said in this position he hopes to listen to students, parents, teachers and staff while tackling current issues the school faces, like the coronavirus pandemic and conversation about racism following the death of ***George Floyd.***

"The ability to grieve for the loss of the way of life before COVID-19, the ability to grieve for the over-policing and killing of Black lives, the ability to grieve for Marny, for example - will be essential to the fellowship toward the changes we must face this year and in the coming years," Vue said during his interview.

The school district released the short-term applicants' names Monday, six days after the deadline to apply. They included former board members Jon Schumacher, Keith Hardy and Mary Doran.

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The others were Vue, Jenne Nelson, A. Ray McCoy, Carl Johnson, Samakab Hussein, Beatriz DeSantiago, Kevin D. Marquardt, Abu Nayeem, Eduardo Wolle, Libby Starling, Longkee Vang, Anne Kelly and Holly Windingstad.

The board narrowed down their nominees to Hardy, McCoy, Schumacher and Vue before selecting Vue in the final vote.

"I'm hopeful for the folks who were not selected, that they will stay engaged with our district," board member Steve Marchese said. "This is a tough time for us on the board and I think it's been a hard month for all of us, so I appreciate that in this tough time with COVID and the loss of our chair that you came forward and said you wanted to participate with us."

[Health officials say these MN districts can reopen schools. So, why won't they?](#) [St. Paul school board votes to start year with distance learning](#) [St. Paul school board not ready to approve distance learning for all students](#) [St. Paul superintendent calls for full-time distance learning this fall](#) [St. Paul Public Schools leaning toward online-only start to school year](#)

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READERS WRITE Compelling critique that was not

ARTICLE MCCCLVIII. [READERS WRITE COMPELLING CRITIQUE THAT WAS NOT](#)

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN)

July 28, 2020 Tuesday, METRO EDITION

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 6A**Length:** 1286 words**Body**

KATHERINE KERSTEN

Respectfully, Star Tribune readers of all ideological and political stripes deserve better than Katherine Kersten's "Racial justice: The new religion?" (Opinion Exchange, July 25). Kersten's piece sought to cast all who believe ***Black lives matter*** as self-righteous, unthinking dogmatists. In truth, it is Kersten (and the Star Tribune's opinion editors) who could stand to be a bit more thoughtful. Plenty of compelling critiques have been written of some of the phenomena Kersten seems to dislike - Robin DiAngelo's "White Fragility," "woke capitalism," "cancel culture." Kersten's piece isn't among them. It was a muddled and incurious screed, put forth to comfort Kersten and those of her ilk who remain reflexively hostile to the very concept of "***systemic racism***" even in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s death.

Incredibly, although Kersten herself makes a purely theoretical argument - proponents of racial justice are like 16th-century Puritans - she has the gall to tell us it is the proponents of racial justice who are scared of data and objective analysis.

Well, here's some data: In Minneapolis, Black people make up 19% of the population yet are the subject of 66% of police uses of force. In Minnesota, 65% of white fourth-graders are reading proficient, compared to 31% of Black fourth-graders. In Minnesota, the median income of Black households is 48.8% that of white households.

These are just a few examples of what people are referring to when they talk about "***systemic racism***." The Star Tribune should publish informed, diverse perspectives on the issue. But please: Do better than Katherine Kersten.

Eric Barstad, Minneapolis

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Before I clicked on the headline "Racial justice: The new religion?", I knew what the byline would be. Kersten's white-makes-right diatribes are as predictable as they are inflammatory.

READERS WRITE Compelling critique that was not

The Star Tribune publishes much better conservative commentary by D.J. Tice. I rarely agree with Tice, but his columns are thought-provoking. And his thoughts are clearly his own, rather than talking points from think tanks and political campaigns.

It's time to give Kersten a rest. At the risk of giving her a talking point, how about finding some regular commentators who are Black, Indigenous or people of color?

Ben Weiss, St. Paul

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In her commentary, Kersten attempts to draw a direct line from what she calls the "movement to eradicate 'white privilege' " back to a Puritan-era tenet she identifies as " 'innate depravity' - the doctrine that humans are inherently wicked as the result of the original sin." To bolster her argument, she includes quotes from conservative Catholic commentators John Zmirak (" 'Woke' is the new 'saved' ") and Mary Eberstadt (" 'Bigot and hater' are the new 'witch and wizard' ").

I am surprised that as Kersten criticizes young people for "often knowing little history or religion" in her article, she seems ignorant that the Puritan-era belief she ties to "a secular faith" - that everyone is born sinful - is not solely Puritan but in fact at the root of much of Christendom. And that according to Christian doctrine, absolution is found in recognizing and confessing one's sins followed by attempting to do better, although in Christian belief, Godlike perfection is not possible.

In attempting to "do better," the vast majority of white adherents to ***Black Lives Matter*** and the "woke movement" Kersten describes are in actuality practicing Matthew 7:12, the Golden Rule, which states "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets," although there is a realization that the perfection of this ideal may not be possible in this world.

Kersten's recitation of affirmative action reforms of the last 60 years as proof of all white America has done to improve race relations in this country rings hollow, considering six decades is but a small fraction of the 400 years of white supremacy built into our institutions. Indeed, all the malaise she decries - toppling of the statues of American presidents and the increase of "Black-on-Black" violence - are attributable to weak support for quality public education and lack of opportunity in marginalized communities, especially hard-hit by the current pandemic.

Kersten should recognize the Golden Rule. I just wonder how she wishes she would have others do to her.

Michael Riddle, Coon Rapids

SOCIAL UPHEAVAL

Nuanced, contradictory, fixable

Two people painted over portions of a "***Black Lives Matter***" mural on a California street. Supporters of the mural, along with many public officials, demanded that this couple be brought to justice. Yet these same groups offered little apparent objection following the desecration or destruction of statues of national anthem composer Francis Scott Key, former slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass, Union General Ulysses S. Grant or President George Washington. Let's acknowledge that contradiction.

READERS WRITE Compelling critique that was not

Some supporters of indiscriminate destruction of statues wonder how anyone can attach importance to statues and monuments - after all, they're just metal and stone. My response to that must echo their own: Why do they attach importance to destroying those metal and stone monuments if they're so unimportant? Let's acknowledge the symbolism for both sides.

Regarding police reform, we must learn from the past and do a better job in law enforcement, but not just because of the relatively modest numbers of cops killing unarmed Black people. According to the Washington Post, that total was 14 for 2019. Data from Statista shows that the number of Black people killed by cops, both armed and unarmed, was 235 for 2019. There are other measures relevant to determining a need for better policing. We should focus on those as well. And as we're improving law enforcement, let's work to find other even more significant causes of our cultural and racial tensions - they're there. Let's unite and get busy finding and fixing.

Steve Bakke, Edina

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I recall Seamus Heaney, the Irish Nobel laureate, saying that when confusion and conflict rule the day, it's a good time to hear from a poet.

This is such a time, and I think it good advice. So let's hear from Heaney himself. In his verse adaptation of a Sophocles play titled "The Cure at Troy," he has the following oft-quoted lines:

History says, Don't hope

On this side of the grave,

But then, once in a lifetime

The longed-for tidal wave

Of justice can rise up

And hope and history rhyme.

These words straddle the cavernous gap between optimism and despair. They acknowledge the persistence of evil in the human experience but refuse cynicism about it. One application for Heaney was the end of violence in Northern Ireland through negotiation between centuries-old enemies. It wasn't theoretical for Heaney. He grew up a Catholic amid the violence and had friends and family members murdered. (See his poem "The Strand at Lough Beg.") And he admits to not knowing how long this will last.

In our present time of confusion and conflict, we face a question: Is now a time when "hope and history" might "rhyme"?

I am not sure it is. There is a persistent streak of foolishness from all corners in our collective reactions to the killing of *George Floyd*. And yet there is also wisdom and hope. I am not one of those who thinks nothing has changed for Black Americans in the last 60 years. But I do believe not nearly enough has changed. It feels to me like the stage is set for a more quantum rather than incremental change. Which will depend, of course, on our collective actions rather than our collective words.

This poet has increased my hope. I'm pulling for a rhyme.

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Daniel Taylor, St. Paul

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Barr defends aggressive federal response to protests

ARTICLE MCCCLIX.

[BARR DEFENDS AGGRESSIVE FEDERAL RESPONSE TO PROTESTS](#)

St. Paul Pioneer Press (Minnesota)

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By MARY CLARE JALONICK, MICHAEL BALSAMO and ERIC TUCKER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General William Barr defended the aggressive federal law enforcement response to civil unrest in America as he testified for the first time before the House Judiciary Committee, pushing back against angry, skeptical Democrats who said President Donald Trump's administration is unconstitutionally suppressing dissent.

The hearing, held Tuesday as the late civil rights icon John Lewis lay in state steps away outside the Capitol, highlighted the wide election-year gulf between the two parties on police brutality and **systemic racism** in law enforcement. Massive protests have sparked unrest across the nation following the death of **George Floyd** at the hands of Minneapolis police, and calls for police reform are growing louder.

But Barr said "violent rioters and **anarchists** have hijacked legitimate protests" and argued the violence taking place in Portland, Oregon, and other cities is disconnected from Floyd's killing, which he called a "horrible" event that prompted a necessary national reckoning on the relationship between the Black community and law enforcement. But he also said there was no **systemic racism** in law enforcement.

"Largely absent from these scenes of destruction are even superficial attempts by the rioters to connect their actions to **George Floyd**'s death or any legitimate call for reform," Barr said of the Portland protests.

The hearing marks Barr's first appearance before the committee after 18 months in office, bringing him face-to-face with the panel that voted last year to hold him in contempt and is holding hearings on what Democrats say is politicization of the Justice Department under his watch. But little new ground was uncovered; fuming Democrats often used their five minutes to lay out their frustrations and cut Barr off as he attempted to answer questions.

Barr defends aggressive federal response to protests

The hearing comes during a tumultuous stretch in which Barr has taken actions cheered by President Donald Trump but condemned by Democrats and other critics. Among them: the Justice Department's decision to drop the prosecution of former Trump administration national security adviser Michael Flynn and Barr's urging for a more lenient sentence for Trump ally Roger Stone, a move that prompted the entire trial team's departure. Trump later commuted the sentence entirely.

The top Republican on the panel, Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, used his opening statement to show an eight-minute video that spliced together images of violence by protesters around the country.

Democrats retorted with a video of their own of more peaceful protesters, shown by Rhode Island Rep. David Cicilline.

"We fought for democracy, for the right to speak freely and you are attempting to take that away," Cicilline told Barr. "What's worse, you're doing it for the sole purpose of furthering the president's political agenda and generating footage for Trump campaign commercials."

Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler said the Trump administration had "twisted the Department of Justice into a shadow of its former self," serving the powerful before average Americans.

Nadler said Barr had "aided and abetted" Trump's worst impulses and excoriated him and the Justice Department for turning a blind eye to necessary reforms to police departments, for dismissing ***Black Lives Matter*** protests and for flooding streets with federal agents to stop protesters.

Under combative questioning, Barr acerbically defended himself but revealed little new information about his motivations or the Justice Department's recent actions on policing or otherwise.

His testimony underscored his department's ongoing effort to differentiate between increasing violence in some cities and Floyd's death, which has led to state charges against four officers and is under investigation by federal authorities. Massive but peaceful demonstrations followed Floyd's death in May.

The attorney general acknowledged that Floyd's death struck a chord in the Black community because it reinforced concerns Black people are treated differently by police. But he condemned Americans who he says have responded inappropriately to Floyd's death.

"As elected officials of the federal government, every member of this committee - regardless of your political views or your feelings about the Trump administration - should condemn violence against federal officers and destruction of federal property," Barr said.

Civil unrest escalated in Portland after federal agents were accused of whisking people away in unmarked cars without probable cause; the people were detained and later released. And in Washington, D.C., peaceful protesters were violently cleared from the streets by federal officers using smoke bombs and pepper balls last month before a photo op by Trump in front of St. John's church.

Barr defended the broad use of law enforcement power to deal with the situation, noting that protesters had earlier set fire to the church and "it was total consensus that you couldn't allow that to happen so close to the White House." The department's internal watchdog has opened investigations into use of force and other tactics by agents in Washington and Portland.

Barr defends aggressive federal response to protests

He also said the force was used because the protesters would not disperse from the area when law enforcement officials were trying to move back the security perimeter, a decision made the night before. When pressed on details, he pointed to the investigations.

The use of pepper spray was warranted, even if peaceful protesters were also harmed, he said.

Beyond the federal response to the demonstrations, Barr was pressed in detail about his intervention in the Flynn and Stone cases, both of which arose from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. Democrats criticized him for partly taking into account Stone's health and age, 67, and said those standards haven't been used in other similar cases.

Barr said he told the acting U.S. attorney that "we are going to leave it up to the judge" and that he ordered the revised recommendation to be filed when the prosecutors submitted an initial recommendation calling for a sentence of seven to nine years.

"And even though I knew I would get a lot of criticism for doing that, I think at the end of the day my obligation is to be fair to the individual," Barr said.

Barr also addressed Trump's assertions on Twitter that the 2020 presidential election will be "rigged." Asked by Louisiana Rep. Cedric Richmond if that could be the case, Barr said "I have no reason to think it will be." Barr also said he agrees with the nation's intelligence agencies that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, despite Trump's reluctance to embrace that point.

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A HOME OPENER LIKE NO OTHER

ARTICLE MCCCLX. [A HOME OPENER LIKE NO OTHER](#)

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 1C**Length:** 1065 words**Byline:** PHIL MILLER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** No fans, plenty of worry as baseball back at Target Field**Body**

If players draw energy from their cheering fans, if home-field advantage is derived, as some statistical studies suggest, from the pressure a loud, noisy crowd imposes on umpires, then COVID-19 and the elimination of ticket-holders has rendered Target Field impotent. Welcome to neutral-site baseball, right?

Quite the opposite, Rocco Baldelli figures.

"There's actually more ability to relax and breathe" at home now, the Twins manager said after experiencing five days in Chicago to open the brief 2020 season. "You're not on the go, you're not in different environments, you're not moving around constantly on buses and things like that. It eliminates a little stress for guys."

Considering his players were so stressed, they managed to score only an American League-high 27 runs on White Sox turf, it's easy to wonder whether they will even notice the surroundings Tuesday, the 60th home opener in Minnesota Twins history.

But this will be a home opener unlike any other, and not just because the paid attendance against the Cardinals is guaranteed to be 0.

For one thing, the Twins surely understand now how tenuous this season is, given Monday's news that more than a dozen Miami Marlins players and staff members had tested positive for the coronavirus during a weekend road trip to Philadelphia. No Twins regular has been infected since the active roster arrived for camp at the beginning of July, but there's no guarantee, and perhaps little chance, that their tests will remain 100% negative throughout the season.

Then again, there were plenty of moments over the past four months in which it appeared unlikely games would ever take place in Target Field in 2020.

"You talk to some people and they're hopeful and they make you feel good, and then you turn on the news and it's like, 'Oh man, I just hope we put on a uniform again at some point,' " bench coach Mike Bell said.

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"Obviously, a lot of it wasn't even about the game. It was about what families were going through with COVID. A lot of people struggling emotionally, mentally with different things."

Not only are the Twins mindful of the pandemic that has reduced the 2020 season to a nine-week hiccup - a group "first pitch" will be performed virtually by nine medical professionals who have treated COVID-19 victims for months - but they are also sensitive to the worldwide movement that was triggered by the horrific killing of George Floyd just 50 blocks away.

"Responsibility. That's the word I've been thinking about," Twins President of Baseball Operations Derek Falvey said of his franchise's obligation to memorialize Floyd. "You'll see some focus on that. You'll see some things that are reflective of that. For all of us who live here in the Twin Cities, we want to focus on what we've experienced in our local communities. Our players feel it, our staff does."

Fans will see it, too, in a graphic that will be displayed on the outfield wall throughout the season, and also when the game is halted at 8:46 p.m. - Floyd died May 25 after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for eight minutes, 46 seconds - for a moment of silence in his memory.

There will be plenty of other Opening Day traditions observed, too, even an Air Force flyover above an empty ballpark.

"I think the environment is going to be a lot of fun and maybe a little different from some of the games we have played so far on the road," Baldelli said. "Just a little more going on, and some real life in the ballpark."

Ultimately, the game will become the focus. Homer Bailey will make his Twins and Target Field debut, Josh Donaldson will make it his new home, and though there won't be any cheering to welcome them, beyond the generic prerecorded kind piped in over the public address system, the game - played at a ballpark where the Twins have won 56% of the time over the past three seasons - will settle into something approximating normal.

"That's what I noticed in Chicago - it's really strange, how quiet it is, but you get used to it and after a couple of innings, you're like, 'OK, this is just what it's going to be. This is all we can do, really,' " Falvey said.

"It will be nice to be in our home park, in familiar surroundings. I expect that will help. Not exactly normal, but nothing feels normal this year."

TWINS HOME OPENER HIGHLIGHTS

Opponent: St. Louis Cardinals

Game time: 7:10 p.m.

TV, radio: FSN, 830-AM

Spectators: None, as MLB games are being played with no fans because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Pregame elements: All will be prerecorded using proper safety protocols, the team announced.

Ceremonial first pitch: Nine frontline health care workers will join to throw the first pitch together: Berhane Gebre-Egziabher (an environmental services staff member at Hennepin County Medical Center), Catherine Gonzalez-Klang (an interpreter at HCMC), Richard Gray (a doctor at HCMC), Sophia Kim (a doctor at

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North Memorial Health Hospital), Dee Matara (a registered nurse at Methodist Hospital), Andrew Olson (a hospitalist at M Health Fairview Bethesda Hospital), Laurie Taylor (a lab technician at Lakeview Hospital), Vanessa Tschetter (an ICU nurse at M Health Fairview Ridges Hospital) and Kaila Vang (a progressive care nurse at Regions Hospital).

Anthems: "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be performed by Gospel artist Jovonta Patton. "Lift Every Voice and Sing" will be performed by Grammy Award winners Sounds of Blackness.

Moment of silence: For Twins minor leaguer Ryan Costello, who died in November in New Zealand of natural causes at age 23; victims of COVID-19; and **George Floyd**, who was killed on Memorial Day.

George Floyd Memorial: The team will unveil a memorial graphic on the outfield wall and will have an in-game moment of silence at 8:46 p.m. The time signifies the 8 minutes, 46 seconds Floyd had his neck compressed by a police officer before dying.

American flag raising: World War II veteran Alvin Donahoo, 101, of Spring Park, Minn.

Flyover: Pending final approval, the flyover will feature two C-130s from the Minnesota Air National Guard's 133rd Airlift Wing.

Seventh-inning stretch: Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Nicholls of Duluth will perform "God Bless America."

Target Field fan mosaic: The team plans to debut a 53-foot-by-38-foot printed photo mosaic featuring the likenesses of more than 3,000 Twins fans. The completed mosaic will cover Section 331 of the U.S. Bank Home Run Porch.

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'Umbrella man,' seen on viral video breaking windows in Minneapolis, is suspected by police to be white supremacist

ARTICLE MCCCLXI. **'UMBRELLA MAN,' SEEN ON VIRAL VIDEO BREAKING WINDOWS IN MINNEAPOLIS, IS SUSPECTED BY POLICE TO BE WHITE SUPREMACIST**

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Highlight: Investigators suspect the "Umbrella Man" seen smashing out windows at an Auto Zone store following ***George Floyd***'s death is a 32-year-old white supremacist who sought to "incite violence," according to a search warrant affidavit.

Body

Investigators suspect the "Umbrella man" seen in video phone footage smashing out windows at an Auto Zone store on Minneapolis' East Lake Street in the days following ***George Floyd***'s death is a 32-year-old white supremacist who sought to "incite violence," according to a search warrant affidavit.

In the search warrant affidavit filed Monday in Hennepin County District Court, arson investigator Erika Christensen of the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** wrote that an anonymous tip received by police indicates the man to be the person on video seen breaking windows.

The man is a member of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang and a "known associate of the Aryan Cowboys," according to Christensen.

The affidavit describes the Aryan Cowboys as a "known prison gang out of Minnesota and Kentucky."

As of Tuesday, the man had not been arrested or charged in connection with the incident.

UMBRELLA MAN

In the video footage captured of the incident, a man dressed all in black - in black gloves, a black mask and carrying a black umbrella - is seen using a hammer to break the windows of Auto Zone's storefront on May 27. Floyd died while in Minneapolis police custody on May 25.

In the [video footage](#), the so-called "Umbrella man" is approached by several people. While it's unclear what was said, body language of those involved suggests they were trying to stop his conduct, the affidavit said.

It was later determined that the same man spray-painted the words, "free (expletive) for everyone zone" on the store's front doors, according to the affidavit.

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'CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOSTILITY AND TENSION'

The store was looted and set ablaze shortly thereafter, marking the incident as a turning point in the unrest that followed the officer-involved fatality, Christensen wrote.

"This was the first fire that set off a string of fires and looting throughout the precinct and the rest of the city. Until the actions of the ... 'Umbrella man,' the protests had been relatively peaceful. The actions of this person created an atmosphere of hostility and tension," Christensen wrote. "(I) ... believe ... this individual's sole aim was to incite violence."

Christensen said she spent "innumerable hours" combing social media trying to determine the "Umbrella man's" identity but was unsuccessful.

She also spent about two weeks working on the case with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' National Response Team.

EMAIL TIP

The effort stalled until about a week ago, when Minneapolis police received a tip via email that suggested the 32-year-old was the suspect, the affidavit said.

Christensen researched the email and was able to contact the sender. The sender stated that she had learned of his involvement from another person who wanted to stay anonymous because the individual feared him, the affidavit said.

The person reported that the man is a member of Hell's Angels who wanted to "sow discord and racial unrest" by breaking the store's windows and writing on the doors.

SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT IN STILLWATER INCIDENT

Christensen later learned that the man was involved in a racially-motivated incident that took place in Stillwater on June 27, according to the affidavit.

In that case, a Muslim woman was reportedly "racially harassed by a group of motorcycle club members wearing Aryan Cowboy leather vests," the affidavit said.

The man was reportedly photographed with the group.

After looking at his driver's license photo and several booking photos, and comparing them to the "Umbrella man," Christensen said she observed a "striking resemblance in the eye, nose, bridge and brow area" between the two. She also noted that both appear to have a "slight variation in their left eyebrow" and that their height appears roughly the same.

RUMOR ABOUT 'UMBRELLA MAN' PROVEN UNTRUE

In the days of the riots in Minneapolis, a social media rumor - proven untrue - claimed the "Umbrella man" was a St. Paul police officer.

[St. Paul police later released evidence](#) that the officer was in St. Paul at the time of the incident at Auto Zone on East Lake Street.

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"This type of disinformation can jeopardize the officer's reputation and safety and chip away at the trust this police department has worked so hard to build with its community," St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell said in a statement at the time.

SEARCH WARRANT

Christensen filed the search warrant to request the man's cellphone records from Sprint, including "subscriber information and cell tower locations where the phone might be pinging off for the date of May 27, 2020 to further ascertain the identity of 'Umbrella man.' "

The man's criminal record includes gross-misdemeanor-level domestic assault and terroristic threats and misdemeanor-level fifth-degree assault. [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#). [Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case](#). [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#). [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#). [Minneapolis man sentenced to 33 years in prison for sex-trafficking young women and girls out of massage parlor](#)

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Commission's policing plan rebuffed

ARTICLE MCCCLXII.

COMMISSION'S POLICING PLAN REBUFFED

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 896 words**Byline:** LIZ NAVRATIL; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** At public hearing, most say they don't back the panel's proposal, which differs from the Minneapolis council's.**Body**

A small group of residents urged the Minneapolis Charter Commission late Monday to hold off on advancing their own proposal that would eliminate the minimum staffing requirement for the city's Police Department.

Speaking during a virtual public hearing Monday night - the first and only one on the commission's proposal - people offered varying reasons for not wanting it on the ballot in November.

Some prefer a different proposal, crafted by some on the City Council, that would replace the Police Department with a broader community safety department. Others feared both proposals were premature and required more thought.

The court-appointed commission must decide Wednesday night whether to put its proposal before voters on Nov. 3. It has more time to decide whether it wants to weigh in on the City Council's proposal or use its procedures to block it from the ballot this year. The commission will likely decide how it wants to handle that proposal at its Aug. 5 meeting.

The charter, which serves as the city's constitution, has become a focal point of discussions as residents and elected officials debate how to remake policing following *George Floyd's* death in police custody.

Monday's hearing drew a smaller crowd than prior meetings, where closer to 200 people signed up to discuss the council's proposal. The controversial proposal crafted by five Minneapolis City Council members would eliminate the requirement to maintain a Police Department. The community safety department that would replace it could include police officers but wouldn't be required to do so.

One caller, Shannon Puechner, urged the commissioners to let the council's proposal proceed instead of their own. She said she watched years ago when police shot a mentally ill man after her family called for help.

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"After his death, reforms were promised," Puechner said, "but it has been 15 years and the tragic situation has not changed. Reform is a failure."

Others, including former Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, said they feared the council's proposal wasn't ready for the ballot this year.

"The City Council has not presented a plan, a plan for the Minneapolis Police Department," she said. "They presented a resolution. My final remark is that the general outline of the vision that they put on this table does not constitute a plan that is ready for a public vote. The matter should be on the ballot next year, during an election cycle when everyone in the city is focused on municipal elections."

One of the few people who said he wanted the chance to vote on the commission's proposal was North Side resident Jeffrey Strand, who said he believed recent budget negotiations showed that the mayor and council already have wide authority over the Police Department.

Strand said he supports removing the minimum funding requirement but feared the council's proposal is "vague."

"I do support re-engineering public safety in Minneapolis, but it must be thoughtfully and planfully developed, not rushed," Strand said.

The remarks offered during Monday's public hearing represent a small slice of the feedback charter commissioners and elected officials are receiving from residents. People have submitted thousands of written comments; some have been released by the city and others are still under review to ensure they don't include private data.

The proposal up for discussion Monday night was written by Charter Commissioner Al Giraud-Isaacson after residents and some of his fellow charter commissioners raised concerns about the City Council proposal.

The measure crafted by Giraud-Isaacson would leave the charter largely intact. The city would still be required to maintain a Police Department, but the charter wouldn't contain language mandating its size. Decisions about staffing levels would be made by the mayor and City Council during separate processes.

When he introduced the measure last week, Giraud-Isaacson described it as a "simple, clear, understandable and straightforward ballot question."

If the charter commissioners want Giraud-Isaacson's measure to appear on the ballot this year, they will need to work quickly. There is a tight Aug. 21 deadline for adding items to the ballot.

But because of some additional processes that need to unfold, the commissioners would likely have to decide Wednesday whether they want to put it on the ballot. They have scheduled a meeting for 4 p.m. that day.

The commissioners can unilaterally decide to put a measure on the ballot. The City Council and the mayor, however, would get to choose how the question is worded when voters see it at the polls.

At the same time they're debating what to do with Giraud-Isaacson's proposal, the commissioners are also weighing the proposal sent to them by the City Council. The commissioners will likely decide by their Aug. 5 meeting how they want to proceed on that measure.

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They could offer a recommendation to approve or reject it, or offer a substitute charter amendment. The council would not be required to follow their advice.

The commissioners could also invoke their right to take additional time to review the measure, overshooting the deadline for adding it to the ballot this year. A public hearing on that proposal will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Depending on which actions the Charter Commission and City Council take, it's possible both items could end up on the November ballot.

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Media seek to unseal Chauvin divorce proceedings - Correction Appended

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 **Correction Appended**

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Highlight: Former Minneapolis cop and his estranged wife filed the motion to protect themselves from harassment.

Body

A coalition of local and national media partners is asking a judge to unseal court documents in the divorce proceedings of former Minneapolis police officer [Derek Chauvin](#), who is charged with killing [George Floyd](#).

A motion filed by the coalition Monday in Hennepin County District Court said the U.S. Constitution gives the media and public access to every stage of judicial proceedings, including divorces, and that the court sidestepped protocol in presumably sealing the divorce documents.

"This is a case of utmost public concern," said the motion filed by attorney Leita Walker. "That is a reason for more transparency, not less. Indeed, it would be nothing short of absurd to grant the parties to this case more privacy than the average divorce proceeding," she wrote.

The coalition includes the Star Tribune, the Associated Press, CBS News, WCCO-TV, KSTP-TV and other Hubbard Broadcasting Inc. properties, KARE 11, the New York Times Co. and the Minnesota Coalition on Government Information.

Kellie Chauvin filed for divorce in late May, days after her husband was charged with killing Floyd on May 25 by kneeling on his neck for several minutes during an arrest.

Kellie and [Derek Chauvin](#) filed a joint motion Wednesday asking a judge to seal their divorce case, making the existence of any proceedings or court documents invisible to the public.

Their filing argued that "rage and violence" have been directed at both of them, that several credit cards were opened in [Derek Chauvin](#)'s name and that both of their financial accounts were hacked, leading to attempts to secure cash advances for tens of thousands of dollars.

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"Allowing public access of this [divorce] file will allow further harassment of [Kellie Chauvin] and not allow privacy in this matter," said the Chauvins' filing.

They also argued that publicizing hearings in the case would make Kellie and ***Derek Chauvin***'s whereabouts known and "negatively affect the parties from a safety standpoint."

The move came the same day they were both charged in Washington County with felony tax crimes dating back to 2014. They allegedly failed to report more than \$460,000 in income.

Sometime Friday, their divorce case became unavailable in the state's public court system, presumably because a judge had granted the Chauvins' request.

The media coalition argued that the Chauvins cited "only cursory proposed findings" to justify sealing the case and that the court failed to provide the public and media an opportunity to be heard on the matter before the case disappeared from the public section of the electronic docketing system.

Case law and precedent have imposed a high threshold for sealing divorce cases, the coalition noted.

"That the divorce proceedings may be an attempt to shield the couple's assets from criminal forfeiture or from recovery by the Floyd family in their civil lawsuit serves only to increase the public interest in those proceedings," the coalition argued. "Likewise, the probability that this case will involve information relevant to the felony tax fraud charges filed against the couple makes transparency in the proceedings all the more important."

The motion noted that the Star Tribune previously successfully moved the court to unseal the divorce files of the late musician Prince Rogers Nelson and Manuela Testolini, and the files of Attorney General Keith and Kim Ellison.

State case law has found that divorce filings should be public and that sealing them is an "extraordinary deviation," the motion said. Other measures can be taken to protect Kellie Chauvin, such as security at court hearings, the coalition argued.

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Correction

This article about the divorce filings of former Minneapolis police officer ***Derek Chauvin*** and his wife, Kellie Chauvin, should have said the case is in Washington County District Court.

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Dems slam Cowboys for Trump boss for 'back to Africa' video

ARTICLE MCCCLXIV.

[DEMS SLAM COWBOYS FOR TRUMP BOSS FOR 'BACK TO AFRICA' VIDEO](#)

St. Paul Pioneer Press (Minnesota)

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Highlight: RIO RANCHO, N.M. (AP) - Democrats and civil rights leaders in New Mexico are denouncing the leader of the Cowboys for Trump group after he posted a social media video calling for some Black athletes to "go back to Africa."

Body

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS and MORGAN LEE

RIO RANCHO, N.M. (AP) - Democrats and civil rights leaders in New Mexico are denouncing the leader of the Cowboys for Trump group after he posted a social media video calling for some Black athletes to "go back to Africa."

The 35-minute speech from Otero County Commissioner Couy Griffin on Facebook live attacked Black NFL players who support standing before games for "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" - traditionally known as the Black National Anthem - as a gesture of solidarity against racial injustice.

"They want to destroy our country," Griffin said of the Black athletes and supporters of the song. "I got a better idea, why don't you go back to Africa and form your little football teams over in Africa and you can play on a(n) old beat-out dirt lot and you can play your Black national anthem there. How about that?"

Griffin also offered to give people of color what he called a "101" lesson on racial identity and said anyone who does not identify as "American" first or opposes the Second Amendment right to bear arms should leave the U.S. or "go home."

Griffin said he recorded the speech from a southern New Mexico mountaintop after fasting for three days as he contemplates the nation's political fate as the November election approaches.

New Mexico Speaker of the House Brian Egolf tweeted late Monday that Griffin's comments were racist and that he should resign his Otero County Commissioner seat.

"Nothing that happened on that mountain had anything to do with God," Egolf wrote. "You are a racist. You need to resign. To invoke the Lord in defense of your disgusting statements is the antithesis of the teachings of Christ. Shame on you."

Dems slam Cowboys for Trump boss for 'back to Africa' video

U.S. Rep. and Democratic Senate candidate Ben Ray Luján called on Democrats and Republicans to denounce Griffin.

"In a racist rant that Commissioner Couy Griffin posted, he says African-Americans should go back to Africa, Mexican Americans should go back to Mexico, and Chinese Americans should go back to China. This racist and hateful language does not reflect the values we know that New Mexico was built on," Luján said.

Devont'e Kurt Watson, a member of the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement in Albuquerque, said the "back to Africa" comment showed Griffin didn't see Black citizens as Americans who have a right to protest. "What we are doing is very American," Watson said.

Mike Curtis, spokesman for the Republican Party of New Mexico, declined comment on Griffin's comments in the video.

Griffin in an interview with The Associated Press defended his comments and said he was speaking out against a double standard that he says only holds white people responsible for racist behavior. He conceded that he may have poorly chosen his words that by suggesting that some Blacks go "back to Africa."

Griffin plans to attend a Wednesday appearance by President Donald Trump in the Texas portion of the Permian Basin oil region that stretches into New Mexico. He considers Trump a friend.

Cowboys for Trump hasn't disclosed how many members it has but a dozen or so supporters have showed up at campaign events around the country.

Earlier this month, an arbitrator ruled Cowboys for Trump must register as a political committee in New Mexico and pay \$7,600 in fines for not filing expenditure reports. The group has refused to disclose its records.

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Photos: Empty stands, masked players as baseball returns

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[PHOTOS: EMPTY STANDS, MASKED PLAYERS AS BASEBALL RETURNS](#)

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Highlight: A cardboard cutout of Tommy Lasorda at Dodger Stadium. The shouts of Tom Hanks hawking hot dogs at the Oakland Coliseum. A shot of Cubs pitcher Jon Lester sitting in the bleachers at Wrigley Field.

Body

A cardboard cutout of Tommy Lasorda at Dodger Stadium. The shouts of Tom Hanks hawking hot dogs at the Oakland Coliseum. A shot of Cubs pitcher Jon Lester sitting in the bleachers at Wrigley Field.

With every pitch, with every swing, with every inning in empty parks across the majors, this looks, sounds and feels like the most bizarre season in big league history.

"Going to be 2020 coronavirus baseball," Yankees star pitcher Gerrit Cole said.

Players wearing masks. Social distancing in the dugout. New rules. A skewed, 60-game season.

Plus, another sign of the times: Salutes to the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement, with players kneeling before and during the national anthem.

All of this against the backdrop of barren ballparks - no spectators allowed. Some teams are putting cardboard cutouts with fans' faces into the box seats. You can have your dog's likeness in the stands, too.

To make up for the stadium silence, clubs are piping in artificial crowd noise. It sounds like cheering, sort of. Perhaps the most unique audio effect is in Oakland: Hanks sold peanuts there as a teen, and the A's are blending his voice into the vendor track.

[John Shipley: Can baseball go the social distance? The Loop - Nipsey Russell's 2020 Baseball Preview](#)

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MAR: Minneapolis market still strong

ARTICLE MCCCLXVI.

MAR: MINNEAPOLIS MARKET STILL STRONG

Finance and Commerce

July 28, 2020 Tuesday

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FINANCE & COMMERCE**Section:** NEWS**Length:** 267 words**Byline:** Brian Johnson**Body**

To paraphrase Mark Twain, the death of the Minneapolis housing market has been greatly exaggerated. That's the upshot of a new Minneapolis Area Realtors report, which found that the city's housing market has remained steady amid the recent civil unrest that damaged hundreds of Minneapolis businesses and sparked cries for police reform.

Since the *George Floyd* protests, "there have been several misleading claims that Minneapolis residents are fleeing the city," MAR 2020 President Linda Rogers said in a statement. "Utilizing data from NorthstarMLS, MAR conducted a thorough analysis of the housing market and the data clearly shows otherwise."

The report "Minneapolis Housing Market: Are Homeowners Fleeing the City?" portrays a surprisingly robust Minneapolis housing market as measured by the number of days a home stays in the market, seller activity, prices and other metrics.

In June, for example, homes for sale in Minneapolis sold in 5.9% fewer days compared to June 2019. Other cities saw double-digit increases in days on the market, the report said.

In addition, Minneapolis sellers are still getting their full list price, and showings in Minneapolis have been comparable to other cities, according to the report.

"It is evident that Minneapolis properties are in high demand, with buyers snapping up available homes," Rogers said. "Buyers are still very interested and committed to living in the city."

MAR officials will discuss the report during an Aug. 6 webinar. More information is available at <https://www.mplsrealtor.com/events/>.

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Real-life issues, real entertainment

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Section: VARIETY; Pg. 1E**Length:** 740 words**Byline:** CONNIE NELSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Body**

Robb Armstrong tackles racism, classism, homelessness and bullying, and he does it quite deftly - in a comic strip.

But "Jump Start," which is celebrating its 30th year of syndication, isn't a polemic. Instead, the strip - which revolves around Joe and Marcy Cobb and their middle-class Black family - is by turns heartwarming, silly and laugh-out-loud funny.

"Jump Start" has run in the Star Tribune's weekday comics pages for years. It's now part of the Sunday lineup. We took this opportunity to talk to Armstrong about being a cartoonist, dealing with racial disparity in comics and the "Peanuts" character that bears his name.

The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: You got "Jump Start" syndicated shortly after you graduated from college. It was one of the first strips by a Black man about a Black family. Now you've reached a big milestone. What's it like?

A: I have wanted to get to this point since I was 3. I remember being asked what I wanted to do, and I said, "I want to be in the papers just like Snoopy."

Q: I've read that Charles Schulz, the creator of "Peanuts," was a friend and a supporter of yours.

A: I met him after I'd been in syndication for about a year. I sent him an original strip and flew out to California to see him. He told me, "You're onto something. What you have here are great characters, characters who stand for something, characters who can stand the test of time."

Q: Looks like he was right. Your strip is running in more than 300 newspapers. But "Jump Start" isn't a remake of "Peanuts," is it?

A: Charles Schulz was an inspiration to me and an icon. But I had to do what I had to do. I didn't want the strip to be saccharine or glowing.

Real-life issues, real entertainment

I wanted it to be as close to reality as the form allows. It gets very real.

Q: How so?

A: Both of my main characters are on the front lines. Joe is a cop and a Black man. His wife, Marcy, is a very dedicated nurse and a mom. These are not costumes just slapped on them. I have a connection to these characters that makes me test them, push them, find their failures.

Q: How do you show their failures?

A: Joe is narrow-minded when it comes to criminals. He takes the "once a criminal, always a criminal" approach. Because of his looks, his [older white] partner Crunchy is profiled as being a racist cop.

Q: The strip is based in real life, and partly on your life. But it's often, well, funny. There isn't a sense of anger, of outrage.

A: That's not what this world needs. My friends don't need to hear how outraged I am. I have to be part of the cure. I created a cop who actually believes in protecting and serving others. I can make this happen [in a comic strip] even if I never see it in real life.

Q: Have the protests over the death of George Floyd affected the strip?

A: This is a flash point that I have to handle correctly. I didn't want to go all crazy, but I knew I would deal with police reform. In early August, the department will be going through police reform. Joe is going to be way more disgruntled under the reform than Crunchy.

Q: That's a bit unexpected.

A: You see prejudice in "Jump Start," but when you do, it's Joe being prejudiced against an ex-con.

Q: As a fan of the strip, I admire your multiracial cast of characters. But it's so large, I can't keep their names straight.

A: I'm probably the only one who can. There are over 30 characters in "Jump Start." In my new book ["On a Roll!: A Jump Start Treasury"] that's coming out in October, I put in a family tree.

Q: You feature a lot of kids, including Joe and Marcy's four. How do they function in the strip?

A: They represent not just childhood, but the hopefulness that comes with being a child. They have their own dreams, their own hopes, their own ideas of how the world they live in should be.

Q: You have some tough-kid characters as well, Willarbee, Percival and Cross, who are often foiled in their attempts to bully. What's their role?

A: Bullying is a hovering menace, and that's why I show them as shadows, not as cartoon characters. We're not afraid of what happens to us, we're afraid of what could happen to us.

Q: Oh, and that "Peanuts" character? Which one is named after you?

A: The Black dude, Franklin. He didn't have a last name. One time, Charles Schulz called me up and asked if Franklin could have my last name.

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I didn't think about it at the time. But when Franklin turned 50, I did an interview about it, and it made me realize what an honor it was.

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Suspects sought in carjackings, robberies

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[SUSPECTS SOUGHT IN CARJACKINGS, ROBBERIES](#)

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Highlight: No arrests had been announced in series of crimes in Minneapolis.

Body

Minneapolis police are looking for suspects they say are behind a weeklong spree of armed carjackings and robberies across the city, including one episode Sunday in which a father was dragged a short distance as he tried to stop a man from stealing his vehicle with his wife and child inside.

The mother and child escaped, but the father suffered serious injuries in the incident Sunday afternoon in the northeast Second Precinct, and was brought to a hospital for surgery, police said. His condition wasn't immediately known on Monday.

Detectives are trying to determine whether the would-be carjacking was the work of a robbery crew they believe has been responsible for dozens of armed stickups over the past three weeks, most of which occurred in the Third and Fifth precincts on the South Side, although some reports have also surfaced downtown. No arrests had been announced.

Police said that the incidents follow a familiar pattern: Victims are approached by three or four men, often wearing face masks, and ordered to turn over their vehicles or possessions at gunpoint; the suspects typically flee in a car with no plates.

The spree started about three weeks ago and has included dozens of incidents, ranging from purse-snatchings to car thefts to robberies. In one recent episode, a motorist was driving in south Minneapolis when he was "boxed in" by several suspects, who pulled him out of the driver's seat and assaulted him, before taking his car, police say.

On Sunday, suspects stole a running car with a dog inside from a gas station in the Lowry Hill East neighborhood while the owner was inside paying; the dog was found a few blocks away, but it wasn't clear whether the vehicle was recovered. The same day, a woman was reportedly accosted by five suspects, between the ages of 14 and 16, and had her purse stolen while she was walking in the area of W. 31st Street and S. Blaisdell Avenue - about a block west from the Fifth Precinct police station. The suspects were said to have fled in a gray, newer model Camry with no plates.

Suspects sought in carjackings, robberies

The spree comes amid a surge in crime, particularly shootings, since the police killing of ***George Floyd*** and the unrest that followed two months ago, which itself has become part of a fierce debate around the future of policing in the state's largest city.

Citywide, the number of robberies has jumped about 35%, to 886 compared with 657 at this time last year, according to Police Department statistics.

In the Third Precinct, armed stickups have more than doubled, while such crimes have gone up about 47% in the Fifth Precinct, which covers the city's mostly affluent southwestern corner, statistics show.

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Wild defenseman Matt Dumba nominated for King Clancy Memorial Trophy

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WILD DEFENSEMAN MATT DUMBA NOMINATED FOR KING CLANCY MEMORIAL TROPHY

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Highlight: Wild defenseman Matt Dumba has been nominated for the King Clancy Memorial Trophy, which goes annually to the player who best exemplifies leadership qualities on and off the ice and who has made a significant humanitarian contribution to his community. While former fan favorite Jason Zucker took home the honor last year, and deservingly so, [...]

Body

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While former fan favorite Jason Zucker took home the honor last year, and deservingly so, Dumba is equally as deserving this year based on his philanthropic endeavors over the past year.

"I was very honored," Dumba said. "It's awesome. I don't really have words for it. Just happy to be a part of something like that."

He most recently launched an initiative to help rebuild Lake Street in Minneapolis following *George Floyd's* killing at the hands of a former Minneapolis police officer. He partnered with the Lake Street Council, specifically, and will match donations up to \$100,000. In addition, the Wild and the NHL each donated \$50,000 to Dumba's initiative to help rebuild Lake Street.

He also is actively involved in the newly created Hockey Diversity Alliance, an independent organization started by minorities who play professional hockey. In that, he has been joined by San Jose winger Evander Kane and former NHL player Akim Aliu, who will serve as the co-heads, and an executive committee that includes Detroit defenseman Trevor Daley, Buffalo winger Wayne Simmonds, Philadelphia winger Chris Stewart and recently retired NHL player Joel Ward. The mission of the coalition is to eradicate racism and intolerance across the sport.

Dumba is actively involved in other organizations, too, including Athletes Committed to Educating Students (ACES). He has been a mentor for the past few years, committed to bettering the lives of youth in the Twin Cities community. He also donated \$5,000 to ACES during Give to the Max Day this year and made an additional donation to families impacted by COVID-19.

Wild defenseman Matt Dumba nominated for King Clancy Memorial Trophy

The finalists for the King Clancy Memorial Trophy will be announced in early August and the winner will be revealed during the conference finals. The winner will receive a \$25,000 donation to benefit a charity or charities of his choosing.

SOUCY EXCITED

No player benefited from the shutdown more than Wild defenseman Carson Soucy. After dealing with a nagging wrist injury a few months ago, he has fully recovered heading into the restart.

"It's definitely exciting that we have this chance to finish what we started," he said. "Just knowing that I get a chance to finish this season and we have a chance to make a run in the playoffs here is exciting."

Even more exciting for Soucy is the fact he undoubtedly will slot into the bottom pairing on a regular basis. That has pretty much been set in stone with fellow defenseman Greg Pateryn out indefinitely.

[Wild goaltender Devan Dubnyk vows to return better next season](#) [Was that the final game for Wild captain Mikko Koivu? 'It's still too early'](#) [Five Wild storylines heading into a pivotal offseason](#) [Wild's season ends abruptly as Canucks score 11 seconds into overtime](#) [Wild star Kevin Fiala laments 'stupid penalties' in Game 3](#)

"It's been a long time off for everyone," Soucy said. "Just to get that comfortability and that timing back for the first game. Just trying to get comfortable playing with (Brad Hunt) again. Hopefully we pick up right where we left off when the team was rolling toward the end of the season."

KAPRIZOV UPDATE

It's still unclear when exactly top prospect Kirill Kaprizov will arrive in Edmonton.

While the Wild were forced to leave an open spot for him in their 52-member traveling roster, Kaprizov still hadn't arrived as of Tuesday afternoon.

Asked regularly about Kaprizov's situation over the past week, coach Dean Evason has provided few details.

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Police say 'Umbrella Man' aimed to incite violence

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POLICE SAY 'UMBRELLA MAN' AIMED TO INCITE VIOLENCE

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Body

A masked man who was seen in a viral video smashing the windows of a south Minneapolis auto parts store during the ***George Floyd*** protests, earning him the moniker "Umbrella Man," is suspected of ties with a white supremacist group and sought to incite racial tension, police said.

A Minneapolis police arson investigator said the act of vandalism at the AutoZone on E. Lake Street helped spark a chain reaction that led to days of looting and rioting. The store was among dozens of buildings across the city that burned to the ground in the days that followed.

"This was the first fire that set off a string of fires and looting throughout the precinct and the rest of the city," Sgt. Erika Christensen wrote in a search warrant affidavit filed in court this week. "Until the actions of the person your affiant has been calling 'Umbrella Man,' the protests had been relatively peaceful. The actions of this person created an atmosphere of hostility and tension. Your affiant believes that this individual's sole aim was to incite violence."

Police identified "Umbrella Man" thanks to a tip that came via e-mail last week, Christensen said.

The Star Tribune could not independently verify the police account, which has so far only surfaced in the search warrant, and isn't naming the man because so far he has not been charged with a crime. The man, who has a criminal history that includes convictions of domestic violence and assault, did not respond to messages seeking comment. Spokespersons for the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which is also involved in the investigation, declined to comment.

Floyd's death under the knee of a since-fired police officer set off protests that spread around the world and stirred widespread reckoning over racial injustice. ***Derek Chauvin*** is charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter, and three of his former colleagues also at the scene, ***J. Alexander Kueng***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***Tou Thao***, have been charged with aiding and abetting Chauvin.

Police say 'Umbrella Man' aimed to incite violence

At least two people died in the subsequent riots, which eventually spread as far as north Minneapolis and South St. Paul, and caused roughly \$500 million in damage. Authorities have since charged a handful of people with arson-related crimes.

A widely shared livestream video from May 27 - two days after Floyd's death - showed the man walking casually along the front of the former site of AutoZone at E. Lake Street and Minnehaha, breaking out its windows with a 4-pound sledgehammer, prompting some protesters to confront him and demand that he stop. Before that, police say, the man, clad head to toe in black and carrying a black umbrella, had spray-painted "free [expletive] for everyone zone" on the double front doors.

At the time, activists seized on the footage as proof that outside "provocateurs" were trying to derail what had been a mostly peaceful demonstration. But others on social media pointed out that at least some looting had gone on before the video surfaced.

Christensen wrote in the affidavit that she watched "innumerable hours" of videos on social media platforms to try to identify "Umbrella Man," to no avail. Investigators finally caught a break when a tipster e-mailed the MPD identifying him as a member of the Hells Angels biker gang who "wanted to sow discord and racial unrest by breaking out the windows and writing what he did on the double red doors," she wrote.

Police have also connected the 32-year-old man to a widely publicized incident in Stillwater late last month, in which a Muslim woman was confronted by men wearing white supremacist garb.

A subsequent investigation revealed the man was also an associate of the Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood, a small white supremacist prison and street gang based primarily in Minnesota and Kentucky. Several of its members were also present at the Stillwater incident.

Andy Shoemaker, a former St. Paul police officer who has investigated criminal motorcycle gangs, said the Aryan Cowboys are relatively new with loyalties to the Hells Angels, who operate across the state.

"They're another group that's basically a farm system, a minor league for the Hells Angels," he said, adding the Angels occasionally recruit members from some of these offshoot clubs.

The weeks that followed Floyd's death brought dozens of reports of racially motivated assaults against minorities and minority-owned businesses.

Leaked intelligence briefings show that federal authorities were monitoring the movements and online activity of white nationalists and other *extremist groups* that descended on the city during the riots. The president of the Hells Angels summoned 75 members of the Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood to the help protect the club's headquarters in north Minneapolis, according to an intelligence memo, which surfaced in June as part of a massive trove of leaked law enforcement documents dubbed "Blue Leaks." A club member later posted a warning to protesters on Facebook saying that while the Angels agreed with the anti-law enforcement message, any protests that reached the clubhouse or "any of our neighborhoods" would be "met with a very unfriendly welcome party."

Another leaked memo suggested that local biker gangs were taking advantage of the unrest to step up their drug trafficking in the metro area, and that bikers "associated with white racially motivated violent extremists" had discussed inciting riots while posing as members of the anti-fascist group *Antifa*. It wasn't immediately clear from the leaked materials whether any of these threats materialized.

Police say 'Umbrella Man' aimed to incite violence

After the protests began, footage of "Umbrella Man" roared around social media, prompting speculation about the man's identity. One persistent rumor argued "Umbrella Man" was an undercover St. Paul police officer seeking to incite violence, a claim apparently based on a tweet citing information from a woman who claimed to have once been married to the officer.

In response, St. Paul police released time-stamped surveillance videos showing that the officer was in St. Paul at the time of the incident, and Police Chief Todd Axtell released a statement scolding social media users for spreading misinformation that could "jeopardize the officer's reputation and safety and chip away at the trust this police department has worked so hard to build with its community."

Justin Terrell, executive director of the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, said conversations around Floyd's death and the ensuing riots are important, but they often fail to account for the persistence of structural racism.

"I think at the end of the day, we need to start dealing with those issues, because I think this 'Umbrella Man,' he is a rotten piece of fruit at the farthest branch of the tree, [but] we've gotta get to the roots," Terrell said. "I think we have to do the work to get there, which America has never done, and Minnesota sure hasn't."

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Jamelle Bouie: Trump doesn't speak for the 'silent majority'

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[JAMELLE BOUIE: TRUMP DOESN'T SPEAK FOR THE 'SILENT MAJORITY'](#)

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Highlight: President Donald Trump believes he represents the "silent majority" of the country against a dangerous, radical minority. He says as much on Twitter, frequently yelling "SILENT MAJORITY" at his followers. Accordingly, his campaign for reelection has tried to appeal to this "majority" with displays tailored to its perceived interests. Because Trump believes that this silent [...]

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President Donald Trump believes he represents the "silent majority" of the country against a dangerous, radical minority. He says as much on Twitter, frequently yelling "SILENT MAJORITY" at his followers. Accordingly, his campaign for reelection has tried to appeal to this "majority" with displays tailored to its perceived interests.

Because Trump believes that this silent majority is protective of Confederate statues and other monuments, he marked Independence Day with a speech on July 3 denouncing "angry mobs" for "defacing our most sacred memorials" and "unleashing a wave of violent crime in our cities." Because he also believes that this silent majority fears integration and diversity, he has issued constant warnings to the "suburban housewives of America" that Joe Biden, the former vice president who is his opponent in the election, will destroy their neighborhoods with affordable housing. "People have worked all their lives to get into a community, and now they're going to watch it go to hell," he said last week. And because he believes that this silent majority is hostile to *protests against police brutality*, he has deployed federal law enforcement officers to Portland and other cities to suppress "*anarchists*" and generate "law-and-order" images for his campaign.

Unfortunately for Trump, there's quite a bit of distance between his perception and our reality. Most Americans support efforts to remove Confederate statues and monuments; most Americans welcome racial and ethnic diversity and few believe their communities should be less diverse; and most Americans are supportive of the *Black Lives Matter* movement and *protests against police brutality* - 67%, according to the Pew Research Center.

There is a silent majority in this country, and it is arrayed against a radical, extremist minority. But it stands against Trump, not the other way around. He and his allies are and always have been in the minority, acting in ways that frighten and disturb the broad middle of the electorate. And as long as Trump cannot see this -

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as long as he holds to his belief in a secret, silent pro-Trump majority - he and his campaign will continue to act in ways that diminish his chance of any legitimate victory in the 2020 presidential election.

It's worth unpacking the phrase "silent majority." It dates back to a speech given in late 1969 by Richard Nixon defending the Vietnam War at a moment when anti-war sentiment was on the rise. "As president of the United States," Nixon said, "I would be untrue to my oath of office if I allowed the policy of this nation to be dictated by the minority who holds that point of view and who try to impose it on the nation by mounting demonstrations on the street." He continued: "And so tonight, to you, the great silent majority, my fellow Americans, I ask for your support."

Nixon's basic view of American politics was that the country was divided between a disruptive, countercultural left (enabled by feckless, liberal elites) and a broad middle of Americans who craved order and stability. Less than a month before that speech, he convened a secret group he called the "Middle America Committee," tasked with reaching a "large and politically powerful white middle class" that is "deeply troubled, primarily over the erosion of what they consider to be their values." These Americans, in the view of the committee, felt that they had "lost control of a complicated and impersonal society which oppresses them with high taxes, spiraling inflation and enforced integration."

Nixon identified with that middle - he spoke directly to its fears and anxieties about race, crime and rapid cultural change, as well as its resentments toward those groups (like the Black Power or women's liberation movement) that might try to overturn the existing social order.

And he could do this, in part, because the "the great silent majority" within Middle America shared a similar position in the social and economic landscape of the country. They were nearly all white (of varying ethnic origins); some were college-educated but the vast majority were not; they had left the cities for the suburbs, part of the "white flight" that transformed the built environment of the country.

The silent majority of 1969 was a singular grouping of Americans. The silent majority of 2020 is not. It is diverse, made up of many millions of Black, Hispanic and Asian Americans as well as whites. It is still largely working and middle-class, and it still lives in the suburbs, but those suburbs are also more diverse and heterogeneous. This "silent majority" isn't as worried about crime and disorder - violent crime is still near a 30-year-low - but it is concerned with economic security and the rising cost of housing, health care and education. Faced with *protests against police brutality*, this "silent majority" wants reform and sees racism as a serious problem for the country. And in the midst of a deadly pandemic, it wants the federal government to take control and manage the crisis as best as it can, rather than try to wish it away.

What the silent majority doesn't want are spectacles like the crackdown in Lafayette Square or the current operation in Portland. What it doesn't want are endless displays of cruelty for its own sake. Although this silent majority has no uniform view of how to handle issues like immigration, it stands against the hostile rhetoric and draconian policies of the present administration.

To Trump and his allies, the country is filled with "shy" supporters just waiting for the right time to reveal themselves; they think they can rally this public to their side with a violent demonstration of "law and order." They think they can run the Nixon playbook again, not realizing that to the broad middle of the country, they are the ones who represent the politics of division, disruption and disorder.

Or maybe they do realize it. Last week, Trump issued a memorandum directing Wilbur Ross, the commerce secretary, who oversees the Census Bureau, to exclude immigrants in the country illegally from the final

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report for the purposes of apportionment in the House of Representatives. Like last year's blocked attempt to add a citizenship question to the census, this would reduce representation for states and localities with heavy immigrant populations - legal or otherwise - shifting power to more rural, more white, more Republican areas of the country.

This is not the move of a president who believes his party holds a majority of the country. It is the move of a president who knows he is in the minority, who knows his coalition cannot win a fair fight for future political power.

The silent majority of the country is against Trump, his allies and his would-be successors. He is trying to build a world where that doesn't actually matter.

Jamelle Bouie writes a column for the New York Times.

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Twins' Byron Buxton returns to lineup

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[TWINS' BYRON BUXTON RETURNS TO LINEUP](#)

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Just over two weeks after spraining his left foot, the Twins' center fielder returned to make his 2020 debut on Tuesday night during the team's home opener at Target Field.

Buxton had made the trip to Chicago on his own and was with the team on Opening Day, but he returned to Minnesota ahead of his teammates to continue getting at-bats and workouts in with the group training in St. Paul.

"The energy that we always talk about when he's out there and patrolling center field and doing his thing, and getting on base and making things happen - it's a big pick-me-up for guys," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "Sometimes it's hard to put your thumb exactly on why that is, why certain players have that. But one thing we know and anyone knows that's spent time with Buck, played with him, coached him, is that he has it."

Buxton, always an elite defender, was having his best career year offensively in 2019 before a shoulder injury and subsequent surgery cut his season short. The Twins know how important a healthy Buxton is to their lineup and since he missed much of camp, Baldelli said they will assess him after the game to determine his playing schedule.

"We will probably treat this first week a little bit differently than you normally would in the middle of a long season," Baldelli said. "We'll evaluate him continuously and keep talking with him."

BIG HEADS

Missing Target Field? Want to come watch a Twins game?

Twins' Byron Buxton returns to lineup

While the Twins can't let actual fans into the stands at this point, they've come up with a new plan to let fans into the park: Fans can buy a "big head," (a picture of their face) to be placed in the lower-level seats.

The Twins began their season with "big heads," of Twins legends, from Rod Carew to Kirby Puckett to Torii Hunter and beyond, behind home plate. For \$80, fans can purchase a 2.5-foot "big head" of their own. The offer is available to season-ticket holders for half off.

Each "big head," will be given back to fans after the season ends. The cutouts are limited in quantity.

GORDON UPDATE

Nick Gordon, the Twins' first-round draft pick in 2014, still has not reported to the Twins' alternate site camp in St. Paul after testing positive for COVID-19.

Gordon, who president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said had been showing symptoms, is now feeling fine but still has not been cleared to rejoin his teammates.

"There are some protocols as to when you would test and subsequently test from an onset of symptoms and then from whenever symptoms do stop, so he's in that protocol," Falvey said. "Our doctors and medical staff are taking care of him."

BRIEFLY

The Twins honored former minor leaguer Ryan Costello, who passed away this offseason, COVID-19 victims and *George Floyd*, among others, during their pregame ceremony. ... New elements in the ballpark include coverings so players can social distance instead of sitting in dugouts, advertising on outfield seats and signage that reads, "*Justice for George Floyd*," and "*Black Lives Matter*. United for Change." ... Tuesday marked the beginning of a stretch where the Twins will play 36 games in 37 days. ... Miles Mikolas, the Cardinals' scheduled starter for Wednesday will miss the rest of the season and undergo forearm surgery.

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Ex-Minneapolis cop argues for dropped charges in Floyd death

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[EX-MINNEAPOLIS COP ARGUES FOR DROPPED CHARGES IN FLOYD DEATH](#)

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A second former Minneapolis police officer charged in the death of [George Floyd](#) will seek to have the charges against him dismissed.

Defense attorney Robert Paule filed a motion Wednesday saying [Tou Thao](#) will ask the judge to dismiss the charges at a hearing on Sept. 11. An attorney for former officer [Thomas Lane](#), Earl Gray, also has filed a motion saying he will argue to dismiss the charges against his client.

Paule said he will argue that the charges against Thao are not supported by probable cause. Prosecutors must prove that Thao knew former officer [Derek Chauvin](#) and others were going to commit a crime and "intended his presence or actions to further the commission of that crime," Paule said in his motion.

Paule said Thao's body camera video will show the lack of probable cause. Thao, 34, was seen in cellphone video standing near a crowd of bystanders as Chauvin pressed his knee to Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes on May 25 even after Floyd, who was Black, pleaded for air.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Thao, Lane and another officer, J. Kueng, are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Tou Thao. (Courtesy of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office)

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Twins avoid COVID complacency

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TWINS AVOID COVID COMPLACENCY

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The Twins on Tuesday received results of their first COVID-19 tests since returning from Chicago, and all were negative. That's both a relief and an affirmation, especially in light of the Miami Marlins' 17 positive tests this weekend that already have put Major League Baseball's nine-week pandemic season in jeopardy.

"Proud probably is the right word. I think our guys from the get-go have taken this really seriously," Twins President of Baseball Operations Derek Falvey said. "We've gone through a travel trip, we've gone through some exposure in another location outside of here at Target Field, and so far, so good. Now we need to continue to be vigilant, though. We can't become complacent."

Even the strictest rules, the most vigorous enforcement, however, can be foiled by a highly contagious virus, which the Twins understand. "Obviously we've seen that now, what is possible and what could happen," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "So far, we've been fortunate. [The road trip] turned out OK for us. Doesn't mean that things couldn't change, but that's why we stay vigilant."

The Marlins' positive tests in Philadelphia will keep the team idle for at least a week, and forced shuffling of other teams' schedules as well. So far, MLB intends to continue playing, but further outbreaks could imperil those plans.

"I'm certainly concerned. ... I'm concerned first and foremost for the health of all their players and staff," Falvey said. "We need to take a step back, learn from what transpired, what we can gather from travel protocols."

Gordon still out

Twins 2014 first-round draft pick Nick Gordon suffered some symptoms of the coronavirus after testing positive early this month, and he has not yet been cleared to take part in the team's daily extra-player workouts in St. Paul.

Gordon, brother of Mariners infielder Dee Gordon, tested positive at his Florida home and never reported to Twins' summer training camp. He has recovered and is feeling good again, but has yet to fulfill the two-

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negative-tests requirement to take part in workouts, Falvey said. Is there a chance, given that the season is only nine weeks long, that Gordon, might be told not to report?

"It may come to that, but we're not there yet," Falvey said. "... We're still planning on having him here."

Long stretch begins

Tuesday's home opener is the first of a stretch of 36 scheduled games in 37 days for the Twins, a daunting stretch that closer Taylor Rogers said the team is built for.

"It gives us a little bit of ease mentally," Rogers said, citing the trio of backup starting pitchers on the current roster. "Similarly with our position players, Marwin [Gonzalez] is a huge advantage to have - letting him play every position and give each guy a day off here and there. Jake Cave has been playing well to start the year, to give the guys in the outfield a day off."

Added Baldelli: "We're as prepared as you could possibly be. MLB gave us all a good leg to stand on with the expanded [30-player] rosters, which really does help. I would say that 36 games in 37 days is daunting if you look at it like that, but frankly, if you start looking ahead too far, you can go astray. Our guys know, we worry about today, we focus on today."

Justice for Floyd

The Twins debuted several new looks at Target Field, most notably a "***Justice for George Floyd***" sign on the right field wall that will remain there all season. A moment of silence was held at 8:46 p.m. in Floyd's memory, timed to reflect the 8 minutes, 46 seconds that a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck.

Near the memorial to George is another new sign on the outfield wall: ***Black Lives Matter*** / United for Change.

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Minneapolis panel rejects referendum on eliminating minimum police staffing requirement

ARTICLE MCCCLXXV. **MINNEAPOLIS PANEL REJECTS REFERENDUM ON
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The 15-member commission voted 8-6 against putting the proposal on the November ballot, with one member absent. The proposal was an alternative to a more aggressive change in the city charter that would lead to dismantling the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death.

Commissioner Greg Abbott said removing the 60-year-old provision in the charter that requires a minimum police force based on Minneapolis' population would be a first step toward police reform and would remove the charter as a barrier.

"It removes a mistake," said Abbott, who voted for putting the amendment on the ballot.

But opponents said the commission was moving too fast on the recently proposed amendment and that it could wait until 2021. They also argued that some neighborhoods in Minneapolis were seeing a spike in crime and that the city needs a strong police force.

Commissioner Dan Cohen said he believes if Minneapolis voters approved either amendment, the result would be "a giant self-inflicted wound."

"Crime would soar. Property values on our homes would fall. Residents both Black and white would flee the city. Businesses would close, and leave," Cohen said. "All to punish the many, the decent cops, for the horrific actions of the few in taking the life of ***George Floyd***."

Floyd, a handcuffed Black man, died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. Floyd's death sparked protests around the world.

Minneapolis panel rejects referendum on eliminating minimum police staffing requirement

The commission did not take up the proposal by the Minneapolis City Council to abolish the Police Department and replace it with a new agency, the Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention. Last month the City Council unanimously advanced the proposal to change the city's charter, or constitution. Voters would need to approve the amendment.

The charter commission meets again on Aug. 5.

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BARRIER-BREAKING JUDGE FACES BIG CHALLENGES

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Hennepin County Chief Judge Toddrick Barnette was in his second year of law school at the University of Minnesota when a client insisted on speaking to him alone, away from the professor overseeing his work at the school's clinic.

Barnette had doubts about staying in law school after his first year buried in books. But when the client, who was Black, wanted advice from him, an inexperienced Black student, and not the white professor, his desire to be an advocate was cemented.

"Even though you're in law school and he knows it, he's trusting you to handle it," Barnette said.

Now 54, the veteran public defender, prosecutor and judge has begun a two-year tenure as the chief judge of Hennepin County, making him the first person of color to hold the post. He takes the helm during unprecedented upheaval, facing the challenges of COVID-19 and a global racial reckoning sparked by the death of **George Floyd**, a Black man killed by four former Minneapolis police officers.

"He walked into a job with more on his table than probably any other chief in ... decades, if not ever," said his longtime friend, Ramsey County District Judge JaPaul Harris.

Barnette will oversee the state's busiest judicial district, which has a maximum of 63 judges and saw 460,000 cases last year. He took over July 1 and he understands the moment.

"This is the time for us to really understand what our role is and what the community needs is to walk in here and feel like they're being heard," Barnette

said, adding that "**Black Lives Matter**" is not complicated. "It's: Treat me like a person," he said. "Treat me like that person over there."

Barnette said he will push for more diversity in hiring.

"People at the counter should see people who look like them," he said.

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Barnette will oversee the legal machinations leading up to and eventually the trial of the former officers charged in Floyd's death outside Cup Foods on May 25. He's made it a point to be present at every hearing to troubleshoot logistics so that judges, attorneys, court staff, defendants, news media and the public experience as few disruptions as possible.

He appointed a longtime colleague - Judge Peter Cahill - to preside over the cases. Cahill was the chief deputy in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in 2004 and recruited Barnette from the public defender's office to work for the county attorney. Cahill said Barnette had the qualities he was looking for: "good demeanor, good work ethic and good judgment."

Harris, who is Black, got to know Barnette about 10 years ago, and said his election as chief judge was a long time coming. "It's important to have Black and brown voices at the leadership table," Harris said.

There are 17 Black judges in the state, Harris said, adding that they face the challenge of shouldering the expectations of the Black community while navigating misperceptions in the workplace.

"It's a duality," he said. "You're trying to make sure that you continue to represent and speak to the concerns of the [Black] community, and do that in a way that you can also be an effective judge."

Barnette, a native of Washington, D.C., was raised by a single mother and his grandmother. His father was in federal prison in Sandstone for much of his youth. "As a public defender, the people that I saw were like the people in my family, just a different name, a different state," Barnette said.

The judge met his wife, Gretchen Hoffman, when they were law clerks in the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office, where she still works. They have two minor children.

Barnette served two years in the County Attorney's Office before then-Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed him to the bench in 2006.

His law professor Steve Simon, who oversaw his clinic work and was passed up by the client who confided in Barnette, said he has the people skills to manage egos in the courtroom. "Todd is a mensch with sechel," he said, using Yiddish to describe wisdom, integrity and common sense.

Barnette has handled high-profile cases, including the murder trial of a 21-year-old in the random shooting of a bystander near Block E in 2006, and the trial of a man who was convicted of killing three people at a Brooklyn Park home day care in 2012.

His work goes beyond the courtroom. For the last 15 years he has been a mentor to students at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where for the past three years he's been an adjunct professor.

Assistant Hennepin County Attorney Jabari Barner was a second-year law student at St. Thomas when he e-mailed Barnette an invitation to the Black Law Students Association's annual event.

Barnette couldn't attend, but he hired Barner for a two-year clerkship in his office and invited him to family Christmas parties. "He's a consummate professional and somebody I look up to," Barner said.

As Barnette's clerk from 2014 to 2016, Barner saw the judge run a friendly yet professional workplace.

Barnette was "always smiling, always has a positive attitude," Barner said. "But when it comes down to business ... he can turn it on."

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Before Barnette came to Minnesota for law school, his connection to the state was the occasional childhood trips to Sandstone's federal prison to visit his father. His chambers at the Hennepin County courthouse reflect someone now rooted in the community: He displays the nameplates of many retired colleagues, and their pictures intermingle with pictures of his family, friends and former clients.

No one needs to see diplomas or certificates, Barnette said.

"If the changes that we need to make in our system are going to happen," he said, "why not have me at the forefront for criticism or success?"

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Forget analytics, aesthetic Arraez should hit leadoff

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Body

Before the first pitch of their home opener, the Twins hit all of the right notes, honoring former members of the organization and big-league luminaries who had passed, saluting front-line workers and paying homage to ***George Floyd*** and ***Black Lives Matter***.

The Twins made only two mistakes. They had two military planes conduct a flyover ... of an empty ballpark. And they didn't bat Luis Arraez leadoff.

The modern Twins brain trust is not easy to second-guess. The front office has built an elaborate and well-staffed analytics department. The manager, Rocco Baldelli, won 101 games in his rookie season and was named American League Manager of the Year.

After the Twins beat the Cardinals 6-3 on Tuesday night, Baldelli's record as a big-league manager is 104-62.

When devising a lineup, Baldelli considers player comfort, analytics, deep analytics, deeper analytics and at least three Ouija boards. So I'm not saying Baldelli is wrong to bat Arraez seventh in the lineup - just that even supercomputers need tuneups once in a while.

I'd bat Arraez leadoff every game, for the rest of his Twins career.

Tuesday, in the smallest of sample sizes, Arraez offered a demonstration of his unique leadoff skills, including savvy, attitude, combativeness and bat control.

He led off the bottom of the second. The Twins had threatened but not scored in the first. Cardinals starter Carlos Martinez started Arraez with a fastball for a strike.

Seven pitches later, Arraez, having worked the count full, blooped a single to right. He scored on Byron Buxton's grounder to third, sliding headfirst across the plate to beat a throw home from shortstop Paul DeJong.

Forget analytics, aesthetic Arraez should hit leadoff

That's what a leadoff hitter should do, even in the age of home-run records and bouncy baseballs.

Baldelli has favored Max Kepler and Mitch Garver as his leadoff hitter, and both have produced. That's why lineup debates aren't all that consequential. If the manager gets his best hitters the most at-bats, he's doing his job. And last year Kepler and Garver were the two Twins who greatly exceeded power expectations.

Player comfort matters, and Kepler hit a career-best 36 homers last year while looking quite comfortable in the leadoff spot.

But even in the launch-angle era, there remains value in a leadoff hitter who wears down pitchers and gets on base. Last year, Arraez had the best on-base percentage of any Twins regular, at .399. Kepler's was .336. Garver's was .365.

And if your lineup is stacked with power hitters, why not let your best on-base performer get on base before the homers fly?

"It's definitely something that we've talked about," Baldelli said. "We spend a lot of time discussing our lineup, and we do it as a group sometimes, we get everyone together.

"There are a lot of people who would be in favor of seeing him at the top and watching him do his thing.

"The guy has tremendous at-bats. Luis does everything right in the batter's box, and he has since the first day he got here. That being said, Max Kepler also is a fantastic option to bat leadoff."

The only consensus necessities in the lineup are having Nelson Cruz and Josh Donaldson bat somewhere in the first four slots.

My favored lineup, when facing a righthanded pitcher, would be: Arraez (lefthanded hitter), Donaldson (righthanded), Polanco (switch hitter), Cruz (RH), Kepler (LH), Garver (RH), Sano (RH), Rosario (LH) and Buxton (RH).

Of course, with Kepler and Garver batting leadoff last year the Twins set a big-league record for home runs, and there is some comfort in the ability to take a 1-0 lead after one batter.

"It's refreshing to see," Donaldson said. "I've been on some teams that have strictly relied on the home-run ball. This team has the ability to do that. We also have the ability to create some runs without just the home-run ball."

Even if the deepest analytics disagree, Arraez should bat leadoff for the sake of aesthetics. No Twin stages a drama in the batter's box quite the way Arraez does, with attitude and style.

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Take me out near the ballgame

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Highlight: For a few fans, just being close to the home opener was worth the trip.

Body

A tiny crew of cheerfully dedicated Twins fans showed up Tuesday at Target Field for the 2020 home opener - despite being locked out of the ballpark because of the pandemic.

Two hours before the 7:10 p.m. game time, Luke Widbin and Nathan Heerts had front-row seats with no view of the game.

"We're going to stay here as long as we legally can," said Widbin, a 31-year-old baseball coach at Northwestern University-St. Paul, who popped open a portable chair along with former Northwestern pitcher Heerts, 25, of Minneapolis.

They set their chairs outside the metal gates surrounding shuttered Gate 34, Target Field's downtown-facing entrance near the fan-favorite catcher's mitt sculpture. Translucent images of Twins players wrapped the gates, blocking a clear view of the field.

In a normal year, the Twins would have played their first home game in late March or early April. The ballpark plaza would have been buzzing with fans in knit caps and jackets buoyed by baseball's promise of spring, summer and a pennant race. They would have arrived around midday to eat and drink in bars surrounding the ballpark.

But this is not a normal year and there was only a trickle of fans in downtown Minneapolis taking in the opener. Many popular bars were shuttered. Gluek's had a "***Black Lives Matter***" board across its door and a "Rest in Power ***George Floyd***" sign on the big front window. Kieran's Irish Pub patio on Block E, normally spilling over with fans on big game nights, was closed.

As people work from home during the pandemic, downtown Minneapolis is a much quieter place these days, and the ghost-town feel carried over into Tuesday night. Not only did COVID-19 force Major League Baseball to delay its opening until last week, the 60-game season carries the caveat that fans can't watch the game at the ballpark.

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The LED sign above the closed Twins ticket windows encouraged fans to "stay home when able," and to "wear a mask."

Just before the start of the game, the crowd outside the gate had swelled to about two dozen. On a grassy area near the Target Field LRT station, about 40 people were waiting to watch the game on a big screen.

Listening for the bats

But some fans weren't entirely dissuaded.

Tony Voda, a 36-year-old reinsurance analyst from Plymouth, put on a Twins cap, face mask and T-shirt and biked down to Target Field.

"Me and a buddy have gone to every home opener since 2010. So we're meeting here, then watching the game at home," he said.

Voda noted the contrast with the "party atmosphere" of Target Field's 10 previous openers.

"It's not [a party], which is also a good thing because everyone's taking it seriously," he said, referring to the pandemic.

Greg Rotunda, who wore a Brad Radke jersey and a Twins cap, drove in from Carver with wife Christy and three kids, Morgan, 11, Cameron, 9, and Teagan, 6, to also keep his opening-day streak alive.

"I just wanted to come down to say I was here at some point during the day," Rotunda said, adding that he, too, has been to every Target Field home opener.

He looked around and pondered the moment. "It's weird. It's different," he said. "It's nice that they're playing again but it is kind of sad to have an opening day and not be able to go to the game."

Nearby, Emily Clausman stood in her whimsical hot dog headpiece to record a video for her social media page.

"I'm a super fan but I would never want baseball at the expense of anyone's health or life," she said. "Today is just another reminder we're in this together."

Season-ticket holders Rick and Ronna Gerber of Circle Pines had purchased more-expensive seats this year that were closer to the field. They drove in hours before game time to load up on new caps and shirts with their son Erik, who was visiting from Riverside, Calif. They planned to pick up dinner and gather at home to watch the game with other family members.

"It makes me sadder now that I'm down here," Rick Gerber said. "We should be sitting in there on a nice summer night watching the game."

From outside Target Field, there was no clear view into the ballpark.

But hours before game time, bats could be heard hitting balls during practice, just what the coach and his former pitcher were hoping for.

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"Maybe we'll at least hear some of the sounds and we'll just enjoy a nice night," said Widbin, who was wearing the cap of the Twins' opponent this evening, the St. Louis Cardinals. Widbin said the Twins and Cards are his two favorite teams.

Heerts, a full-on Twins fan, was relaxed despite the obstructed view of the field. "We'll listen to it on the radio and experience it as best we can," he said.

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2 women charged with beating Wisconsin state senator during Madison protests

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[2 WOMEN CHARGED WITH BEATING WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR DURING MADISON PROTESTS](#)

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Highlight: MADISON, Wis. - Prosecutors on Wednesday charged two women, including a high school social worker, with attacking a Wisconsin state senator during a chaotic night of violence outside the state Capitol last month. Kerida O'Reilly, 33, and Samantha Hamer, 26, were each charged with one count of being a party to substantial battery, a felony [...]

Body

MADISON, Wis. - Prosecutors on Wednesday charged two women, including a high school social worker, with attacking a Wisconsin state senator during a chaotic night of violence outside the state Capitol last month.

Kerida O'Reilly, 33, and Samantha Hamer, 26, were each charged with one count of being a party to substantial battery, a felony punishable by up to \$10,000 in fines and three-and-a-half years in prison, online court records show.

Both women were arrested Monday after they turned themselves in to police. They were scheduled to make initial court appearances on Wednesday afternoon.

O'Reilly's attorney, Nathan Otis, said in an email to The Associated Press that it will become clear that she didn't commit any crime, and that the lack of evidence will become clear as the case progresses.

In a separate email to the AP, Hamer's attorney, Adam Welch, said his client is "absolutely not guilty" and that prosecutors' case against her "is shockingly thin."

Investigators believe the women attacked Democrat Tim Carpenter during June 23 protest outside the state Capitol, one of a series of protests in downtown Madison that took place after the May 25 death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis.

The protest that night was sparked by the arrest of a Black man who shouted at downtown restaurant customers through a megaphone while carrying a baseball bat. Protesters also toppled two statues outside the Capitol and threw a Molotov cocktail into a government building.

Paramedics treated Carpenter, but he decided against going to the hospital.

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O'Reilly is a physical therapist and Hamer is a social worker with the Mount Horeb School District. She was listed on the district's website as a resource for high school students and their families who need help dealing with emotional distress and other issues. The district placed Hamer on leave on Monday.

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Kerida O'Reilly, left, and Samantha Hamer are shown in these two July 27, 2020, booking photos provided by the Dane County (Wisc.) Sheriff's Office. Prosecutors charged both women Wednesday, July 29, 2020, with battery in connection with an attack on Wisconsin state Sen. Tim Carpenter, during a protest against ***police racism*** outside the Wisconsin state Capitol in Madison, on June 23. (Dane County Sheriff's Office via AP)

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ACLU sues over wounding of protesters in Minneapolis

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[ACLU SUES OVER WOUNDING OF PROTESTERS IN MINNEAPOLIS](#)

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Leading law enforcement figures in Minnesota were sued Tuesday on allegations that officers violated protesters' civil rights when they wounded them during the late-spring unrest in Minneapolis following the death of ***George Floyd*** while in police custody.

The suit filed in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis names as defendants Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, state Department of Public Safety (DPS) Commissioner John Harrington, State Patrol Col. Matthew Langer and Minneapolis Police Federation President Bob Kroll.

The suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and a Twin Cities law firm lists four Minneapolis plaintiffs - Nekima Levy Armstrong and husband Marques Armstrong, Terry Hempfling and Rachel Clark - but is requesting class-action status, which could lead to many more joining.

Messages were left for all the defendants late Tuesday morning seeking their response to the suit. None has addressed the specific allegations, but the DPS said in a statement that it "defends and supports citizens' constitutional right to First Amendment expression when exercised in a lawful and nonviolent manner."

This is at least the third federal lawsuit against law enforcement in connection with the protests. In early June, the ACLU sued seeking a temporary restraining order to prevent officer misconduct directed at the news media. The suit said officers threatened, assaulted and, in several cases, arrested members of the media, even after they identified themselves as journalists.

In mid-June, freelance journalist Linda Tirado alleged in her suit that officers blinded her in one eye with a nonlethal projectile fired at her despite her declaring in words and documentation that she was a member of the news media.

According to Tuesday's suit, Minneapolis police and the patrol used unnecessary and excessive force to suppress the free speech rights of protesters with tear gas, pepper spray, foam bullets and other devices.

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The officers often fired without warning and inflicted injuries to the four named plaintiffs that remain two months later, the suit says, listing severe bruising and vocal difficulties from the tear gas as among the afflictions.

"No one should face tear gassing, foam bullets or pepper spray while exercising their right to peacefully protest," Teresa Nelson, legal director for the ACLU in Minnesota, said in a statement released in concert with the suit's filing. "That law enforcement here followed their typical pattern of using indiscriminate force rather than respecting the First Amendment, especially following the brutal murder of George Floyd by four of their own, is disgraceful and an affront to our Constitution."

Levy Armstrong, a civil rights lawyer and activist, added in her own statement: "As one of the protesters who was teargassed, I still feel the lingering effects of such a strong chemical agent. We are participating in the lawsuit to protect our First Amendment freedoms of speech and the right to peaceably assemble in protest."

The suit details what the Armstrongs say they endured while at the Third Precinct police station at E. Lake Street and S. Minnehaha Avenue on May 27 during their second day of protesting:

Early that evening, officers on the precinct roof sprayed tear gas into the crowd without warning that reached the Armstrongs while they were peacefully demonstrating.

Nekima Levy Armstrong felt tingling and burning in her throat and chest, while both struggled to breathe. Since that encounter, her voice has yet to return to normal, and she has had "lingering lung issues."

Hempfling was in the same area on the same day, the suit says, and was struck on the back of her right arm by "a rubber bullet and/or less-lethal munition fired by the MPD," according to the suit.

On May 29, a few hours after a statewide curfew went into effect, Hempfling and Clark were confronted by officers near the Fifth Precinct station at E. 31st Street and S. Nicollet Avenue. Within a minute or two of a dispersal order being issued, the Minneapolis police fired tear gas and nonlethal munitions at the women.

Hempfling was hit four times: twice on her back and once each on her breast and thigh. The bruising has remained for two months. Clark was hit on one arm, a hip and an ankle. Her bruises also have yet to heal.

The lawsuit seeks a declaration that this police conduct violated the First, Fourth and 14th amendments to the Constitution, an injunction against similar actions by law enforcement in the future and unspecified compensation for damages and attorneys' fees.

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After pro-police billboards defaced with graffiti in Twin Cities, sponsors offer \$10K reward

ARTICLE MCCCLXXXI. **[AFTER PRO-POLICE BILLBOARDS DEFACED WITH GRAFFITI IN TWIN CITIES, SPONSORS OFFER \\$10K REWARD](#)**

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Highlight: A handful of billboards in support of law enforcement have been vandalized in the Twin Cities, including one that was altered with graffiti in Minneapolis to say "Shoot Our Police" rather than "Support Our Police."

Body

A handful of billboards in support of law enforcement have been vandalized in the Twin Cities, including one that was altered with graffiti in Minneapolis to say "Shoot Our Police" rather than "Support Our Police."

The Center of the American Experiment is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to the prosecution and conviction of the person or people responsible, John Hinderaker, the president of the Golden Valley-based conservative-leaning think tank, said Tuesday.

The center launched a public awareness campaign last week, saying it is seeking "to inform Minnesotans of a dramatic increase in violent crime in the Twin Cities and give law enforcement supporters a voice in the public debate over the role of police in our communities."

The 38 billboards put up in the greater metro area include headlines from local media reports, such as, "Multiple shootings in metro area overnight." A billboard with that message in the area of Marshall and Snelling avenues in St. Paul was altered with graffiti to say "Multiple police shootings," and an expletive about police was added underneath.

A Center of the American Experiment staff member talked to an officer Tuesday to file a police report. The group is quickly replacing the vandalized billboards, Hinderaker said.

A poll of 500 registered Minnesota voters, commissioned by the center in June, found 85 percent have confidence in police. The organization posted a petition at [SupportMNpolice.com](https://www.supportmnpolice.com) and Hinderaker said thousands of people have signed it.

"We're hearing every day from many, many people who are appalled at these extreme leftists who are committing these acts of vandalism," he said.

Is the sentiment in the Twin Cities about policing different from what the center found in the poll elsewhere in Minnesota?

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Hinderaker said the only places they "found any significant support for the idea of 'defunding' the police" - which has come up since the death of ***George Floyd*** in Minneapolis police custody - was in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

"If you go into the suburbs, that is an overwhelmingly unpopular concept," he said.

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As caterer Chelles' Kitchen pauses for pandemic, Healthy Roots Institute sprouts in its place

ARTICLE MCCCLXXXII. *AS CATERER CHELLES' KITCHEN PAUSES FOR PANDEMIC,
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Body

Chelles' Kitchen's main revenue source, catering for events, was decimated in March when Covid-19 struck.

Nonetheless, owner Lachelle Cunningham still had clients contacting her for delivery, hungry for the soul food fusion cuisine on which she'd built her reputation over the past decade. Perhaps delivery could keep her afloat during the pandemic.

Those hopes were crushed when the West Broadway Avenue kitchen Chelles' rented for operation shut its doors during the pandemic. At that point, the prospects of receiving a license to use another kitchen from a bogged-down Minnesota Department of Health looked dim.

The abrupt pause on Chelles' Kitchen is a significant blow to the Twin Cities catering scene. Cunningham's comfort food has been featured at events held by prominent names like the Blue Cross Foundation, YWCA St. Paul, CareerForce, MEDA, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the cast of the 2014 film "Dear

As caterer Chelles' Kitchen pauses for pandemic, Healthy Roots Institute sprouts in its place

White People." And there aren't many caterers anywhere that can pull off collard greens and sweet potato ramen.

Chelles' is "taking a nap," but Cunningham is confident it'll wake back up eventually, she said. In the meantime, she's pivoted to focus on another of her ventures, Healthy Roots Institute, an educational service providing lessons on how to run a food-centered business, cooking and how to use food for physical and spiritual healing.

She's already established clientele for cooking and business lessons, and she has experience in teaching both. She taught a food business course at the Neighborhood Development Center and worked as a culinary instructor at St. Paul College in 2018. Cunningham's food business knowledge is highly sought after - she's recently consulted for TRIO Plant-based and Breakfast Bar of Minnesota, both in Minneapolis, and the soon-to-open POCO Mexican Restaurant in Mahtomedi.

Cunningham's goal is to develop a website so she can teach courses online and acquire a physical location where she can teach courses sometime during the next couple of years. While Healthy Roots Institute won't be designed to exclusively serve cooks and entrepreneurs of color, she hopes it will diversify the Twin Cities food scene.

"The business of food is, to me, a bigger piece of healing and social justice," Cunningham said. "Because teaching people how to be empowered as entrepreneurs and really build their businesses and get the business acumen they need is to me another level of social justice and impact that I can make."

Though delivery didn't work out for Chelles' Kitchen, Cunningham did service some big delivery orders since Covid-19 struck: She made hundreds of meals for the community during the uprising that followed the killing of ***George Floyd***. Much of the food went to residents who'd been displaced from the Sheraton Hotel and residents who'd taken up refuge at Powderhorn Park, she said.

The death of ***George Floyd*** and the fires and protests that followed took an emotional toll on Cunningham, both because the police killing of a black man was a tragedy and because many of the areas hit hardest during the riots are where she made many of her childhood memories.

As Cunningham develops Healthy Roots, the Twin Cities' recent social uprising spotlights the importance of its mission to empower black entrepreneurs in the food industry.

"Specifically Black-owned food businesses are few and far between and have only really been starting to pick up in the past couple of years," Cunningham said. "I want to continue the work of helping other businesses, specifically Black-owned food businesses be able to get established and be successful."

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Corrections

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An article on page B1 Tuesday about the divorce filings of former Minneapolis police officer **Derek Chauvin** and his wife, Kellie Chauvin, should have said the case is in Washington County District Court.

A listing on page D2 Monday should have said Castlake has acquired some convertible debt this month in Nevada Copper Corp. It is not acquiring the company.

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Charges added in killing of a pregnant woman

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A longtime criminal was in court Tuesday on charges that he fatally shot a woman who was six months pregnant with their child but still gave birth to a girl weighing less than 2 pounds.

Zachary V. Robinson, 27, of St. Paul, was booked into the Hennepin County jail Monday night ahead of a court appearance on second-degree murder and other charges in connection with the shooting on July 5 of Leneesha H. Columbus, 27. Bail was set at \$1.5 million, and he's due back in court on Aug. 25.

Columbus was shot during an argument while sitting in an SUV near the memorial to *George Floyd*, who died on May 25 while being detained by police.

Paramedics took her to HCMC, where she gave birth that night before being pronounced dead from a gunshot to her upper torso despite the lifesaving efforts of bystanders, the charges filed on July 8 noted.

With an additional count added last week to account for the newborn's critical state, Robinson now stands charged with second-degree intentional murder, first-degree assault on an unborn child, second-degree assault and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The amended complaint filed on July 23 spelled out in detail the precarious medical condition of the infant and revealed that she weighed 31½ ounces at birth about six months into the pregnancy.

"The baby victim suffers from hypotension, neonatal seizures, neonatal jaundice, had a successful cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and continues to suffer from respiratory distress in critical condition," the charging document read. "Withdrawal of medical treatment would result in organ failure and/or fatal deterioration."

A GoFundMe page established to help the family with expenses said on July 21 that the baby "is growing very healthy. Her heart is strong." The girl is named Leneesha, in her mother's memory, said Markisha Hester, Columbus' sister.

A man who had been "working in a peacekeeping role" at the memorial to Floyd confronted Robinson about shooting the woman, the complaint said. Robinson then shot the man in the right foot, the charges noted.

Charges added in killing of a pregnant woman

Tips received by police described Robinson as the newborn's father and Columbus as his wife, according to the charges.

Robinson has a long and violent criminal history in Hennepin County that dates back at least to when he was 15 years old. He's been convicted on five counts of assault in connection with two cases, and he has cases pending on other assault and firearms possession allegations in the county.

In addition, Hennepin County prosecutors charged Robinson with first-degree riot for his role in a June 14 gun battle in north Minneapolis during which one man was fatally shot in the head.

The conflict began at Broadway Pub & Grille, and the gunfire erupted soon afterward, with most shots fired outside the 4th Street Saloon two blocks west of Broadway Pub.

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Happy to be back home

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Highlight: Bailey, Donaldson impress despite an absence of fans

Body

The Twins' two most expensive free-agent acquisitions last winter cost a combined \$99 million, though it's a rather lopsided split. In their first game in their new home park, those investments, both big and small, began paying dividends.

Homer Bailey, the \$7 million righthander, gave up two runs over five innings in his Minnesota debut, and Josh Donaldson, who will collect the other \$92 million (at least), drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and an opposite-field home run as the Twins won their Target Field opener for the fourth consecutive season, 6-3 over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday.

"Yeah, that's probably the first of many," manager Rocco Baldelli said of Donaldson, the 2015 AL MVP who started the season with only one hit in 10 at-bats - albeit with four walks - in Chicago. "He always has a lot of energy, so you can never really tell if it's extra energy or just normal. But I'll tell you, he's had really good at-bats throughout."

No. 3 hitter Jorge Polanco also provided his first home run of the season, crushing a Carlos Martinez pitch onto the vacant right-field plaza to cap a five-run second inning, and the Twins improved to 3-1 in this long-delayed 2020 season.

The Twins battered Martinez, who is returning to the St. Louis rotation after serving as closer last year, with six hits in the first two innings, and Donaldson ended Martinez's night two innings later by lifting a middle-of-the-plate fastball onto the overhang in right field.

"Using the whole field at it, too. That right field porch can definitely be your friend if you stay on the ball and drive it that way, and that's what we get to see," Baldelli said. "It's nice."

It was the 11th Target Field homer in Donaldson's career, but the first that produced cheers by the home crowd.

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Wait, no it didn't. Target Field was eerily empty, as it figures to be throughout this nine-week season. It probably made sense that the most memorable noise of the night was a moment of silence. The game was halted in the fifth inning at 8:46 p.m., to memorialize George Floyd and the 8 minutes, 46 seconds that ended his life.

"I felt like it was different," Donaldson said. "I think it was needed."

The Twins' 60th home opener in Minnesota began with plenty of ceremonies, remembrances and demonstrations, including Baldelli, six players and a coach kneeling during the national anthem, all of it for a television audience instead of a live one. Then the game began and quickly settled into the pattern of the Twins' season-opening series with the White Sox: Big inning early, and little chance of change in the outcome as the game wore on.

With no fans, none of the usual trappings of Opening Day - bunting draped over the upper decks, teams lined up for introductions, even an Air National Guard flyover - were needed, but the Twins gamely staged them anyway. During the game, however, each pivotal moment was greeted only by fake and faint cheers.

There is a home-run siren in the ballpark to fill some of the silence this year, but that addition was lost on Donaldson.

"I honestly don't remember hearing it," he said. "I was pretty excited running around the bases, but I'll listen for it next time."

There was no siren for St. Louis' two homers, just a stunned oh-no stillness. In the case of Tyler O'Neill's fifth-inning blast off Bailey, his only real mistake of the night, it was in awe of the 438-foot trajectory into the seats above the bullpens.

In the case of Byron Buxton's not-quite-a-catch of a Tommy Edman's eighth-inning homer off Trevor May, it was a hold-your-breath moment as he lay in the dirt at the base of the wall. Buxton was unhurt, but angry that he mishandled the catchable fly ball.

"He's going to want to make the play every time. Not almost every time. Every time," Baldelli said. "He expects to make every play. ... Like, that's who he is. He may be the best outfielder in the world."

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IMPACT PLAYER

Josh Donaldson, Twins

Make yourself at home: A single, a sacrifice fly, and an opposite-field home run in his first Target Field game with the Twins.

BY THE NUMBERS

33 Runs scored by the Twins in four games, tying them with the Rays for most in the majors.

1970 The lone season the Twins scored more runs (34) in their first four games than this one.

11 Career home runs by Donaldson in Target Field, 10 of them as an opponent.

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ON DECK

After newcomers Kenta Maeda and Homer Bailey recorded victories in their Twins debuts, Rich Hill gets his chance in the finale of two-game series. Miles Mikolas had been scheduled to start for St. Louis, but instead he will miss the season because of forearm surgery; Daniel Ponce de Leon will start instead.

PHIL MILLER

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MN labs tested by supply shortage

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Minnesota reported its busiest stretch of COVID-19 diagnostic testing ever last week, but health leaders warned of delays in results because of national supply shortages that have temporarily reduced the state's daily testing capacity.

Mayo Clinic's national reference lab in Rochester is down to about 11,000 COVID-19 tests per day from a capacity of about 20,000, though it is prioritizing Minnesota samples, and HealthPartners' daily capacity has dropped from 2,000 to as low as 1,200.

Delayed results are frustrating for people waiting to find out if they're infected and have exposed others, or if their employers won't let them work without a rule-out test, but they are unavoidable right now, said Dr. Mark Sannes, a HealthPartners infectious disease specialist.

"As the burden of COVID-19 has really ramped up across the southern United States, the consumption of testing reagents has ramped up with it," he said. "There really is a finite supply of that nationwide. ... We are not able to get everything we're asking for."

Providers are taking steps to increase capacity and minimize wait times. The University of Minnesota recently gained accreditation for its veterinary diagnostic lab - one of the largest in the nation - to test COVID-19 samples. It can now perform 180 human COVID-19 tests per day.

Mayo switched to heavier use of its in-house COVID-19 test, which is slower but isn't as reliant on equipment that is in short supply. Waits that were 72 to 96 hours two weeks ago are now down to 24 to 48 hours in many cases.

Officials with the Minnesota Department of Health are monitoring the delays closely, because they can hinder the state's ability to track the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak and warn people of their infections before they expose others.

"That concerns us deeply," said state Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm, "because it does compromise our ability to help people isolate and quarantine quickly enough to have the full effect on mitigating the spread."

MN labs tested by supply shortage

The state on Tuesday reported 52,281 infections confirmed through diagnostic testing of the virus that causes COVID-19, and 1,580 deaths. Hospitalizations on Tuesday crept up to 294 - with 138 of those patients needing intensive care.

The state only reported 9,076 diagnostic test results on Tuesday, but totals on that day of the week have been lower as they reflect reduced sample collections on weekends.

Last week was the first in the pandemic in which the state reported results for more than 100,000 diagnostic tests, which check for the virus in nasal or throat samples.

Even so, retired physician Mark Carter of Eagan said his family had trouble this week locating testing for his 17-year-old granddaughter, despite her fever and respiratory symptoms that make COVID-19 a suspicion.

CVS had no availability and her Allina Health doctor initially discouraged testing until the family pressed the health system to get her scheduled, Carter said.

"She was told all sorts of things like she wasn't sick enough to be tested. That's ridiculous," he said. "The spectrum of disease is just enormous."

Positivity rate rises

The state hasn't backed off its current broad testing guidance, which allows for the testing of people who have been exposed to COVID-19 cases but haven't developed symptoms. People with asymptomatic infections are still at risk to spread the virus to others at greater risk of COVID-19 complications.

The statewide positivity rate of COVID-19 tests has risen to nearly 5%, which Malcolm said is an early warning threshold that the spread of the virus is increasing.

Rising case rates in southern and western states over the past month eventually led to more hospitalizations and deaths. Minnesota only reported four deaths on Tuesday, though, and hasn't reported 10 or more deaths since July 2.

The state is prioritizing testing for certain populations, and for universal testing of workers and residents in long-term care facilities with outbreaks. Health officials earlier this month also discouraged testing for rule-out purposes before allowing workers to return to their jobs or children to participate in sports or camps.

"Even for individuals who have had COVID we are not recommending a test-based strategy for returning to work or any activity," said Kris Ehresmann, state infectious disease director. People are clear to return to activities 10 days after symptom onset, as long as they don't have a fever or any symptoms for three straight days, she said.

Mayo has not changed its recommendations to its clinicians on who should be tested, but it is discouraging them from clogging up their lab with low-priority tests that would delay results, said Dr. Bobbi Pritt, Mayo's chair of clinical microbiology.

"Providing a result several days after the specimen was obtained just doesn't do anyone any good," she said. "When we cannot provide the turnaround time that we want, we have been limiting the tests that we are doing."

MN labs tested by supply shortage

'All hands on deck'

Problems are episodic depending on which commercial testing platforms labs use, because those systems require the use of their own equipment and chemical reagents. Current shortages of supplies for the Hologic Panther system are affecting turnaround times for HealthPartners and Mayo.

Mayo is buying three new test platforms that will diversify its capacity and make its lab less sensitive to shortages from any one supplier. That addition next month will increase Mayo's capacity to as many as 30,000 COVID-19 diagnostic tests per day.

The U's addition of the vet lab to COVID-19 testing offers the same benefit, because its testing platform is different from the one used by the medical school.

The lab is handling its usual responsibilities such as surveillance of poultry or swine herds, and diagnosing outbreaks at individual farms, but it can divert more resources if needed to handle more COVID-19 tests, said Jerry Torrison, vet lab director.

"It's all hands on deck, let's solve this problem together," he said.

M Health Fairview prioritizes testing for select patients such as those undergoing surgeries, partly because of the complications that could occur during their recoveries if they were infected. The U affiliate has set up test clinics in high-need areas as well, including after the mass protests over the police killing of George Floyd in May.

North Memorial Health has two walk-up sites for asymptomatic and symptomatic people, and it is reporting a turnaround time of three to seven days for results. Further delays are possible given the national spread of COVID-19 and testing demands, though, said spokesperson Katy Sullivan.

Allina has maintained rapid turnaround of tests at its own lab, but sends most samples to external labs that are experiencing delays, said Heather Dawson, Allina's vice president for lab services.

The health system analyzes lags in test results and contacts multiple labs to decide where to send samples. Dawson said demand has shifted toward asymptomatic people with individual exposure risks and away from people whose infections could have occurred during mass protests.

"We're far enough past those," she said, "that we feel we are kind of switching out one population for another."

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Minnesota cases, daily change*

52,281 -- Total cases

480 -- July 28 new cases

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,580 -- Total deaths

MN labs tested by supply shortage

4 -- July 28

NOTES: The Minnesota Department of Health did not update numbers on July 4.

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

U.S. cases, new daily

4,303,813 -- Total cases

59,179 -- July 27

U.S. deaths, new daily

148,450 -- Total deaths

1,696 -- July 27

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

Sources: New York Times, Minnesota Dept. of Health

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MN tobacco age increases to 21 on Aug. 1

ARTICLE MCCCLXXXVII. [**MN TOBACCO AGE INCREASES TO 21 ON AUG. 1**](#)

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Highlight: Starting Saturday, Minnesotans must be at least 21 to buy tobacco products, including vapes and e-cigarettes. The Tobacco 21 law makes Minnesota consistent with federal and local tobacco laws and aims to keep tobacco products away from youth and schools. It was passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Tim Walz in May. The [...]

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The federal government increased the age Americans can purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 in December. The state passing its own law should clear up confusion among retailers, said Laura Smith, senior public affairs manager with ClearWay Minnesota, a nonprofit working to reduce tobacco use.

A main goal of the new law is to prevent young people from starting to smoke and becoming addicted to tobacco products, said Sen. Carla Nelson, R-Rochester, who has been advocating for increasing the age to 21 for years. Research shows the brains of younger people are more susceptible to addiction.

"It's to stop the start. The vast majority of addicted smokers started under the age of 21," Nelson said. "If we can delay the start of smoking to past 21, we will have fewer addicted smokers."

The law prohibits Minnesota retailers from selling tobacco and e-cigarette products to those under the age of 21, enforceable by a \$300 penalty on first offenses and more subsequently.

Some legislators said the bill didn't go far enough, saying young adults who buy or possess tobacco products underage should be penalized if they are caught, similar to the state's under-21 alcohol laws. An effort to add such penalties were rejected as others argued young people should be deterred from tobacco with education, not legal punishment, and retailers should ultimately be held responsible for their sales.

"The reality is, they don't need to have a criminal record because of this. We can say, 'Let's as a community empower our local jurisdictions to address the issue,' " said Rep. Heather Edelson, DFL-Edina.

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Several said the bill went too far, arguing that if a legal adult can get married, buy a house or serve in the military, the state shouldn't prevent them from smoking or vaping, the Forum News Service reported.

After years of trying, the effort to raise the tobacco age gained steam after more than 70 lung injuries and three deaths in Minnesota were reportedly linked to vaping last year. Then the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey found rates of vaping have jumped among middle and high school students, with a quarter of 11th-graders saying they had used e-cigarettes in the previous month.

Last week, the [Minnesota Department of Health sent out an alert](#) regarding 11 more cases of lung injuries due to vaping. While most of these cases were tied to THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the main ingredient in marijuana, lawmakers said it's another issue that needs to be addressed.

"There's a lot more we can do; we're not done," Smith said.

Several other new laws will go into effect Aug. 1, including:

A new law making changes to police training and use of force, in light of the killing of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody on Memorial Day. Officers will also get more training on mental health. The marriage of minors will be prohibited. Previously, 16- and 17-year-olds could get married with the consent of a parent or guardian.

This report includes information from the Forum News Service.

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New traveling music festival kicks off Thursday at the State Capitol

ARTICLE MCCCLXXXVIII. **[NEW TRAVELING MUSIC FESTIVAL KICKS OFF THURSDAY
AT THE STATE CAPITOL](#)**

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Highlight: A new festival will kick off at 3 p.m. Thursday at the State Capitol and travel to four other outdoor spaces in the Twin Cities. The Minneapolis Revitalization Festival started as an online auction and has grown into "a diverse and expansive celebration of art, music, community, diversity, kindness and inclusion." The fiscal sponsor for [...]

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The fiscal sponsor for the festival is local nonprofit Invent Minnesota. Proceeds will go to artists, a fund for children whose families have experienced police violence and organizations that are committed to rebuilding Minneapolis in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death.

Thursday's festival includes stops at the Walker Art Center at 4 p.m., Nicollet Mall at 4:30 and Juxtaposition Arts at 5. It wraps with a performance at the corner of West Broadway and Dupont in North Minneapolis. Performers include the Hurst Family Experience, Mari Harris, Dave Dvorak, Don Strong, Travla and other local musicians.

Events continue in August with a three-day online auction featuring the work of more than 50 artists from around the world, including a painting by Sharon Stone and works by Minnesota artists Ta-coumba Aiken, Christopher Harrison and Ellie Bryan. The festival, which runs Aug. 4 through 6, also includes speakers, workshops and a film festival.

For further details, see inclusivi-tee.com.

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Oregon governor says US agents will start leaving Portland

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[OREGON GOVERNOR SAYS US AGENTS WILL START LEAVING PORTLAND](#)

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Highlight: PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Federal agents who have clashed with protesters in Portland, Oregon, will begin a "phased withdrawal" from the city, Gov. Kate Brown said Wednesday.

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By GILLIAN FLACCUS and JONATHAN LEMIRE

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Federal agents who have clashed with protesters in Portland, Oregon, will begin a "phased withdrawal" from the city, Gov. Kate Brown said Wednesday.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said in a statement the plan negotiated with Brown over the last 24 hours includes a "robust presence" of Oregon State Police in the downtown of the state's largest city.

"State and local law enforcement will begin securing properties and streets, especially those surrounding federal properties, that have been under nightly attack for the past two months," Wolf said.

Agents with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will begin leaving the city's downtown area on Thursday, Brown said. Federal Protective Service agents - who are always posted at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse - will work alongside state police to guard the exterior of the courthouse and a limited number of other federal agents will remain inside the courthouse, she said.

Wolf said that although federal agents will leave the downtown area, they will maintain a presence in Portland "until we are assured that the Hatfield Federal Courthouse and other federal properties will no longer be attacked and that the seat of justice in Portland will remain secure." If conditions in Portland "improve significantly," then the U.S. government will reassess its staffing levels in the city, he said.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler applauded the end of what he called "an illegal occupation" in a lengthy Twitter post, saying the news came on the same day that the City Council would vote on whether to refer a major police reform initiative to voters in November.

"The federal occupation of our community has brought a new kind of fear to our streets. Federal agents nearly killed a demonstrator, and their presence has led to increased violence and vandalism in our

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downtown core," he said. "The work of reform deserves our community's full and complete attention, and I know that Portlanders will stay engaged."

Before departing Wednesday for a trip to Texas, President Donald Trump insisted federal troops would not leave Portland until local authorities "secured their city."

"Either they're gonna clean up Portland soon, or the federal government is going up, and we're gonna do it for them," he said.

The announcement was an abrupt about-face from just two days earlier, when the U.S. government said it might send more federal agents to Portland instead.

The U.S. Marshals Service and Department of Homeland Security had been weighing this week whether to send in more agents. The marshals were taking steps to identify up to 100 additional personnel who could go in case they were needed to relieve or supplement the deputy marshals who work in Oregon, spokesman Drew Wade said.

Brown, who worked with Vice President Mike Pence on the withdrawal, cautioned Wednesday that the departure of the Border Protection and immigration agents may not immediately resolve the conflict at the courthouse. Protests have roiled Portland for more than two months since the death of George Floyd, a Black man who died after being pinned at the neck by a white Minneapolis police officer.

Like many other protests nationwide, they sought to highlight and call for an end to racial injustice, but they had increasingly focused on federal property even before the U.S. agents arrived.

"I have grown increasingly concerned at the nightly confrontation between local community members and federal officers. We need to recognize that the protests in Portland are not solely about the federal presence," Brown said.

Many protesters want to see the Portland Police Bureau defunded and are angry that officers used tear gas on protesters multiple times before the federal government arrived and tensions escalated further. Brown said the departure of the federal agents was a chance to address that anger and begin to make improvements in community policing.

"I will work with community leaders and elected officials to take bolder action to reform our police practices - including those of the Portland Police Bureau. We need to get this right," she said.

The nightly Portland protests often spiral into violence as demonstrators target the U.S. courthouse with rocks, fireworks and laser pointers. Federal agents respond with tear gas, so-called less-lethal ammunition and arrests.

Protesters have tried almost every night to tear down a fence erected to protect the building, set fires in the street and hurled fireworks, Molotov cocktails and bricks, rocks and bottles at the agents inside. Authorities this week reinforced the fence by putting concrete highway barriers around it.

Demonstrators near the courthouse Wednesday were met before dawn with tear gas, pepper balls and impact munitions fired by agents, the Oregonian newspaper reported.

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Lemire reported from Washington.

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Panel might slow police proposal

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PANEL MIGHT SLOW POLICE PROPOSAL

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Highlight: Charter Commission group recommends keeping it off Nov. ballot.

Body

A working group of the Minneapolis Charter Commission voted Tuesday to recommend keeping a police reform measure off the November ballot - an indication that the commission could slow down the movement to dismantle the police department.

The full commission is scheduled to vote Wednesday on the proposal, but the 4-2 vote of its working group signaled that some members of the commission feel the push to change the city's charter is moving too fast.

The proposal, brought by Commissioner Al Giraud-Isaacson, was widely described as the simpler of two measures up for consideration as the city debates how to remake policing following *George Floyd's* death. Giraud-Isaacson's proposal would remove the requirement to maintain a minimum police force based on the city's population, but leave intact the requirement for a Police Department.

"I'm going to assume that taking more time on my amendment, it probably means that we're going to do the same thing with the City Council's proposal, so I'm opposed to that," he said.

The debate about how to change policing has centered on the city's charter - which serves as its constitution - and it has raised fundamental questions about how the city should be governed. It has also challenged the commission, which is made up of 15 volunteers appointed by a judge. It generally takes months to debate proposals but is now tasked with evaluating them in just over a month.

Some have questioned whether the Charter Commission truly reflects the community it is meant to serve. The Charter Commission Chairman, Barry Clegg, said at least three of the 15 commissioners describe themselves as people of color. The 12-member City Council has three Black council members and one Latina council member.

The City Council wants Minneapolis voters to consider its own proposal, which eliminates the charter's requirement for minimum police staffing and replaces the department with a new safety agency.

Panel might slow police proposal

But all such changes have to go through the Charter Commission, which can't stop the council's measure but could delay the process beyond the deadline for adding items to this year's ballot.

Giraud-Isaacson offered his proposal as a possible compromise after some people said the City Council's amendment went too far.

On Tuesday, he urged his fellow commissioners to recommend his proposal. He said he understood their desire to do more research on the measure before it heads to voters. But, he added, "As a person of color and as a member of the LGBTQ community, that's something that we hear a lot when we are advocating for a change, or for rights."

He said it took decades for LGBTQ people to get assurances that they wouldn't be able to be fired from a job, solely because of their sexuality or gender identity. "It's not the right time," they were told over and over again, he said. "These are the things that we hear a lot when we're trying to make change, so I struggle with that while understanding the complications of these amendments."

Another commissioner, Jill Garcia, also offered thoughts, but because she is not a member of the work group, she could not vote Tuesday on Giraud-Isaacson's proposal. She will be allowed to vote when the commission convenes Wednesday.

Garcia said she has grown frustrated with some people who have tried to - falsely - paint the court-appointed Charter Commission as an all-white body. Giraud-Isaacson's remarks, she said, "added to the complexity of the whole picture that I am wrestling with as a person of color."

Unlike Giraud-Isaacson, Garcia feels the commission should save this question for next year's ballot. She said she feared that conversations hadn't included enough input from Medaria Arradondo, the city's first Black police chief. She said she thought it might be helpful to have a more thorough examination of the Police Department and the police union. And, she said she believes there is plenty that the mayor and City Council can do to change policing without first changing the charter.

"Having a plan, having conversations on multiple levels to prepare for this on the ballot next year, when it is a municipal-focused ballot and the City Council members are also up on the ballot, I think is a very appropriate coalescing of both council members and this ballot question," Garcia said.

Her comments echoed those of some of the work group members who raised concerns about putting Giraud-Isaacson's proposal on the 2020 ballot.

Charter Commissioners Andrew Kozak, Matt Perry, Lyall Schwarzkopf and Clegg voted against recommending the measure. Giraud-Isaacson and the work group chairwoman, Andrea Rubenstein, voted in favor.

Similar divisions have played out in the community, where people's thoughts on police reform do not always fall predictably along racial, geographic or gender lines.

Some people who support abolishing the city's Police Department have identified the Charter Commission as an obstacle. Others, who fear the proposals are advancing too quickly, are asking the commission to act as a safety net.

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The commission will have until Aug. 5 to decide what it wants to do with the council's measure. Minnesota law dictates that the commission can offer a recommendation to approve or reject a proposal brought by the council, or offer a substitute in its place. The council is not bound by their recommendation.

The commission could also invoke its legal right to take additional time to review the measure, ending its chances for getting on the ballot this year. Both items could come up again in 2021.

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PPE sales 3M's silver lining for Q2

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PPE SALES 3M'S SILVER LINING FOR Q2

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 733 words**Byline:** MIKE HUGHLETT; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** But the Maplewood-based company still ended up posting double-digit declines.**Body**

3M reported double-digit declines in second-quarter sales and profits, falling short of Wall Street forecasts, as coronavirus-induced economic distress continued to dog the giant manufacturer.

Still, Maplewood-based 3M on Tuesday posted a nice increase in sales for personal protective equipment - a small silver lining from the coronavirus outbreak - while the company's overall revenue trends have been improving so far in the third quarter.

July sales have risen in the low single digits over the same time last year, and the improvements are "broad-based," the company said.

Investors reacted to 3M's results Tuesday by pushing its stock down \$7.91 or nearly 5%. It closed at \$155.33.

"While our results were significantly impacted by the global economic slowdown, we executed well, managed our costs and delivered another quarter of robust cash flow," said CEO Mike Roman in a statement. "We are taking actions to navigate near-term challenges."

3M posted second-quarter adjusted earnings of \$1 billion, or \$1.78 per share, down 16% from the same time last year. Stock analysts on average were forecasting profits of \$1.80 per share.

3M's second-quarter sales tallied \$7.2 billion, down 12% year-over-year, and a notch below Wall Street expectations of \$7.3 billion.

With its array of industrial products, 3M is often seen as bellwether for the U.S. economy and an indicator of global economic trends, too.

For instance, as global auto production has fallen by 45% this year; 3M's sales to that industry dropped by 44%.

Meanwhile, the COVID-caused surge in elective surgery and dental cancellations have socked 3M's health care sales; the company's "oral solutions" business was down nearly 60% in the second quarter.

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Some 3M businesses were helped by COVID-19 - biopharma, cleaning products and particularly N95 respirators. N95 masks are the gold standard for filtering out particles - like viruses - and 3M is the leading U.S. producer.

3M's global production of N95s and other respirators hit nearly 800 million in the first half of 2020. About half of that was distributed in the U.S., primarily to health care providers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 3M said.

The company reiterated that it's on track to meet its U.S. and global goals for N95 production. Yet for U.S. health care providers, that won't be enough as the COVID-19 menace keeps rolling. "Demand continues to far outpace what the industry can supply," Roman told stock analysts in a conference call Tuesday.

3M expects that respirator sales will add 3 to 3.5% to organic revenue growth during the third quarter.

The company's third quarter has started out decently, with sales picking up in several business sectors and regions, notably China.

"It's adding up everywhere a little bit and that is making a difference," Roman told stock analysts. "I am encouraged by what I see," though he cautioned it's "still early days in the third quarter."

Indeed, 3M said Tuesday that it "continues to believe it is prudent not to provide guidance." The company earlier this year withdrew financial guidance due to uncertainties caused by COVID-19.

Not surprisingly given the auto-manufacturing slump, 3M's transportation and electronics business was hit hardest during the second quarter. Its sales of \$1.9 billion were down 21% over the same time last year, while its operating income fell 35% to \$382 million.

While sales of 3M's N95 masks boomed, the company's overall safety and industrial business saw a 9.2% decline in revenue to \$2.7 billion. Still, the division's operating income was down only 1.6% to \$636 million.

In health care, 3M posted sales of \$1.8 billion, down less than 1%, though the segment's operating income fell 37% to \$306 million.

3M's fourth major business segment, consumer, experienced a 6.2% decline in sales to \$1.2 billion, while its operating profits fell 4.8% to \$287 million.

In the call with analysts, Roman noted *George Floyd's* recent death at the hands of Minneapolis police, saying it "was jarring for all 3Mers, especially our African American employees." The company plans to "accelerate inclusion and diversity."

"While we have made good progress in recent years, we have much more to do," he said. "At the same time, we are working with other companies on actions that will make a difference here in Minnesota, and we have made initial investments as part of these efforts."

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Struggling merchants, insurers battle over pandemic coverage

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STRUGGLING MERCHANTS, INSURERS BATTLE OVER PANDEMIC COVERAGE

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Highlight: Restaurants, bars and other merchants struggling to stay afloat during the coronavirus pandemic are desperately reaching out for a lifeline from insurers that in turn contend they are being miscast as potential saviors.

Body

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

Restaurants, bars and other merchants struggling to stay afloat during the coronavirus pandemic are desperately reaching out for a lifeline from insurers that in turn contend they are being miscast as potential saviors.

Shutdowns and crowd restrictions imposed by state and local governments to limit the spread of the virus have resulted in more than \$1 trillion in estimated losses so far for thousands of rapidly sinking small businesses.

That has prompted a flood of claims under business interruption insurance policies that have been almost universally rejected for a variety of reasons, including boilerplate provisions inserted by insurers after the SARS outbreak in 2003 to exclude disruptions caused by virus and bacteria.

"This is an existential threat," said John Houghtaling, a New Orleans attorney who is representing restaurants and other businesses seeking about \$8 billion in losses that he estimates they will suffer during the pandemic. "A lot of people who did the right thing and bought this coverage thinking they would be thrown a lifeboat if disaster struck are now being told, 'Sorry, let the Coast Guard come and get you instead.'"

So many lawsuits have been filed against insurers in the U.S. that a Thursday hearing has been scheduled before a federal judicial panel in Washington to decide how to manage them all in the months - and possibly years - ahead. The panel's review involves more than 200 federal complaints in addition the other lawsuits filed in state courts by the owners of meat-and-potato cafes as well as some of the nation's best-known and most exclusive restaurants, such as the French Laundry in Napa Valley's wine country and California cuisine pioneer Chez Panisse in Berkeley, California, which sued its insurer, AMCO, for breach of contract earlier this month.

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"The servers, cooks, farmers, ranchers and other hard-working people in the Chez Panisse family are seeing their livelihoods in jeopardy because AMCO has declined to live up to its responsibilities," said Alice Waters, Chez Panisse's owner.

President Donald Trump weighed in on the thorny issue in April when he told reporters that he suspected many insurers were dodging their obligations. "You have people that have never asked for business interruption insurance (payments) and they've been paying a lot of money for a lot of years for the privilege of having it," Trump said. "And then when they finally need it, the insurance company says, 'We're not going to give it.' We can't let that happen."

Although sympathetic to their policyholders' plights, insurers say most business interruption policies were designed to cover shutdowns caused by catastrophes such as hurricanes and terrorist attacks while excluding pandemics that cause widespread losses too staggering to cover, even for an industry sitting on \$850 billion in reserves. Only a small number of businesses sought additional coverage that specifically includes losses caused by pandemics, said David Sampson, CEO of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, an industry trade group.

Even so, Lloyd's of London has estimated the insurance industry still will pay out \$107 billion in pandemic-related claims, more than the combined amounts doled out after the terrorist attacks in September 2001 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Besides businesses that bought special coverage, the claims include payouts to major sporting and entertainment events that bought cancellation policies coverage, such as the Wimbledon tennis tournament that is collecting about \$140 million under its pandemic policy. Insurers also are paying workers' compensation claims for employees who get sick on the job.

"This popular meme out there that the insurance industry isn't paying for losses is just not true," Sampson said.

But the claims insurers are paying only a small fraction of the \$231 billion to \$431 billion in monthly losses piling up at U.S. businesses with fewer than 100 employees, according to the industry's estimates.

At that rate, insurers would have no money left to cover non-pandemic claims for auto accidents, home fires and even damages to businesses during the protests across the country since *George Floyd* died at the hands of Minneapolis police in May, according to industry consultant Robert Hartwig of the University of South Carolina's risk and management center.

The denial of business interruption coverage is also hurting bars across the country, many of which haven't been able to offer pick-up or outside dining like restaurants have. The Ivy Room, which also offers live music during normal times its Albany, California, venue, has had to lay off most of its 20-employee staff since March and is now raising money from community donations while it fights its insurer over its business interruption claim.

"Everything is so uncertain that we really don't know what we are going to do," said Summer Gerbing, one of the Ivy Room's co-owners.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in California and several other states have drawn up legislation that would force insurers to cover the business interruption losses that have piled up since March - a requirement that, if imposed, the industry is already vowing to fight as unconstitutional.

Struggling merchants, insurers battle over pandemic coverage

The dispute boils down to whether business interruption policies can be applied to instances when there is no physical damage or destruction to a restaurant or store that is being prevented from conducting business as usual.

In one of the first decisions issued on that question earlier this month, a Michigan state judge sided with an insurer's rejection of a claim for \$650,000 for two months of losses that Nick Gavrilides said he suffered at two restaurants, the Soup Spoon Cafe in Lansing, Michigan, and the Bistro in nearby Williamston, Michigan.

Gavrilides' lawyer, Matthew Heos, contended business interruption coverage should apply because authorities prohibited customers from physically entering the property, an assertion derided as "nonsense" by Judge Joyce Draganchuk during a July 1 hearing posted online.

"There has to be something that physically alters the integrity of the property," Draganchuk concluded in her dismissal of Gavrilides' case.

Gavrilides is now serving customers inside both restaurants but only at half capacity, a restriction that is making it difficult to stay open even though they are operating with skeletal staffs. The Soup Spoon Cafe now has 12 to 15 employees, down from 40 just before the pandemic.

"It's literally day to day for us now," Gavrilides said. "I feel let down for everybody. I thought by paying my premiums for the past 14 years and if my service was ever interrupted, I would be rescued. But I guess that isn't going to happen now."to

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Suspect accused of robbing central Minnesota bank for second time in 13 years

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SUSPECT ACCUSED OF ROBBING CENTRAL MINNESOTA BANK FOR SECOND TIME IN 13 YEARS

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The suspect, James Richard Ardito, was arrested Monday at a residence in Andover, according to the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office.

On Friday morning, a Deerwood Bank teller went to the front door to help a man, according to the sheriff's office. The suspect threatened the teller, and said to shut off the bank's alarm system. The teller was able to get away and call 911. The employee was not hurt and the suspect took an undisclosed amount of money from the bank in Garrison.

Ardito was convicted of robbing the same bank in September 2007. According to the Brainerd Dispatch, he pleaded guilty in 2009 to one count of armed robbery in federal court in Duluth.

Ardito, a resident of Coon Rapids at that time, was convicted of armed bank robbery, admitted to using force, violence and intimidation to take close to \$3,000 from a teller at the bank. He also admitted he assaulted and put in jeopardy the life of another person by use of a dangerous weapon in committing the bank robbery.

In October 2018, Ardito escaped custody from a supervised halfway house in Minneapolis.

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Thao seeks dismissal of felony criminal charges

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Highlight: The former Mpls. officer is among 4 charged in the death of **George Floyd**.

Body

Another of the three former Minneapolis police officers who were charged last month for failing to stop former officer **Derek Chauvin** from fatally restraining **George Floyd** by kneeling on his neck has filed a motion to dismiss two felony charges against him.

Attorneys for **Tou Thao**, who was seen on a bystander's cellphone video keeping people at bay while Floyd was being held down, asked Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill to toss the two aiding-and-abetting charges "on the grounds that they are not supported by probable cause."

The lawyers, Robert Paule and Natalie Paule of Minneapolis, argue in their three-page motion that county prosecutors had failed to show that Thao knew that Chauvin and the other officers were going to commit a crime. They also argue that prosecutors failed to show that Thao's presence or actions at the scene were done "to further commission of that crime."

The Paules wrote that they will submit evidence, including video from Thao's body camera, police training materials, and video from the bodycam of former officer **Thomas Lane**, 37, who also has been charged. Like Thao, Lane is seeking dismissal of the aiding-and-abetting charges. Thao lacked the required mental state required to support the charges against him, his lawyers wrote.

Floyd was killed in police custody May 25, provoking protests in Minneapolis and in many other cities across the U.S. and the world.

Thao, 37, was charged with one count of aiding and abetting unintentional second-degree murder, which carries a sentence of up to 40 years, and one count of aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter, which carries a sentence of up to 10 years.

Former officers Lane and **J. Alexander Kueng**, 26 face two similar charges. Chauvin, 44, faces second- and third-degree murder charges and second-degree manslaughter. Thao's attorneys are asking for a hearing on their dismissal motion on Sept. 11. Cahill gave prosecutors until Aug. 17 to respond.

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Sano slowly regains his timing

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Body

When Miguel Sano cracked a second-inning double down the left-field line in the home opener against the Cardinals on Tuesday, it might have provided a bit of relief for the Twins about the status of their only player known to have come down with COVID-19.

Sano missed nearly two weeks of training camp, and though he reported no symptoms of coronavirus while he was out, and had looked healthy once he returned, he also had only a week to regain his timing at the plate, all while adjusting to a new position in the field. So it was difficult to tell whether his 0-for-8 start in Chicago - he's now 1-for-14 (.071) with six strikeouts after Wednesday - was anything more than two quiet days.

"It's getting there. He's hit some balls very hard," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said of his new first baseman. "He's going to need some at-bats before, I'm sure, he looks at all of us and says, 'Now I'm all the way back. Now I'm 100 percent, timing-wise, and feeling good at the plate.' But that being said, he had good at-bats."

One thing Baldelli said he's definitely not worried about is Sano's physical condition. "He's in good shape. One amazing thing about Miguel, even though the COVID issues and everything, his body does hold up as well as anyone we have," the manager said. "He's a big guy [who] has dealt with some injuries. But as far as the way he holds up day to day to the baseball schedule, watching him out there when it's 95 degrees outside, he holds up as well as anyone."

Awesome Aussies

Lewis Thorpe has recovered from the bruised left knee he suffered Sunday in Chicago, and said he is ready to pitch again. Thorpe was hit by a Jose Abreu ground ball that "got me in the right spot, and it just locked up," Thorpe said, and was bruised afterward. "It hit me in a weird spot, to where I really couldn't push off on it, so that was concerning." He left the game but said the limp was gone by Tuesday, and he was available again to pitch.

Sano slowly regains his timing

Thorpe said he is enjoying having fellow Australian Aaron Whitefield as a teammate. "It's awesome. We have a bit of banter going back and forth, and I'm making him feel comfortable here," Thorpe said of the rookie outfielder. "All of Australia back home is really proud of us," he said, as evidenced by the deluge of text messages he and Whitefield receive daily.

Support for Floyd

Baldelli said the Twins' midgame interruption Tuesday at the symbolic hour of 8:46 p.m. to memorialize **George Floyd** "was a great moment," one he believes fulfills the Twins' obligation to lead.

"Being in Minneapolis ... I do feel like we should be ambassadors in some way for baseball," Baldelli said. "This is something we wanted to make sure we did right. We made it a point to make a meaningful acknowledgment and to share our feelings and our thoughts, and we've encouraged every one of our guys to express themselves."

A sign on the right field wall reads "**Justice for George Floyd**," one of the many ways the Twins have noted his death.

"We discussed many initiatives, many different ways to show our support for **George Floyd**'s family, for the community. For the most part, we said, 'We should do them all,' and take this opportunity to make this a very meaningful one for our group and for the Twins," Baldelli said. "There's only so many times where you have a platform to bring something to somebody's attention, to bring it to the fans, to bring it to the community. This is one of those times."

Fans to get face time

The Twins originally didn't plan to sell "seats" to fans behind home plate, choosing instead to fill the spaces with large cardboard-cutout heads of several dozen of their greatest players. But they've changed that policy, now that TV viewers have seen the big faces during broadcasts.

Beginning with the next homestand on Aug. 14, the 30-inch faces will be interspersed with those of fans, who can pay \$80 (or \$40 for season-ticket holders) to be included, and afterward keep the giant likeness as a souvenir. More information is available at twinsbaseball.com/fanface.

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· Jake Odorizzi, on the injured list because of a sore back, was scheduled to throw a bullpen Wednesday or Thursday, but Baldelli and pitching coach Wes Johnson have not yet decided whether the righthander will make his 2020 debut during this homestand.

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Protesters vary as much as their arrests, AP analysis shows

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[PROTESTERS VARY AS MUCH AS THEIR ARRESTS, AP ANALYSIS SHOWS](#)

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Sheena McFerran was two rows behind a line of police at a protest in Portland, Oregon, when she saw officers pepper-spraying a Black man.

"I said, 'Hell no,' so I pulled his backpack back really hard and stepped into the space he was in," said McFerran, a 34-year-old manager for the Sierra Club who's white.

Edward Schinzing, 32, was just around the corner on another night. Prosecutors say he and 30 others broke into a building with a jail and courtrooms, destroyed an office and set it ablaze.

Both were arrested. Their disparate circumstances highlight what The Associated Press found in an analysis of more than 200 arrests: even those accused of breaking the law during the liberal city's nightly rallies don't neatly fit into President Donald Trump's depiction of protesters as "*anarchists* and agitators."

A review of court documents, social media posts and other public records from people arrested by federal and local authorities since mid-June reveals a group whose motives are as varied as the acts leading to their arrests.

They're *Black Lives Matter* activists who have been in the streets since *George Floyd* died at the hands of Minneapolis police in May, groups of self-proclaimed parents using leaf blowers to drive away tear gas and black-clad provocateurs taking advantage of the nightly chaos that's gripped downtown Portland for over two months and led Trump to deploy federal agents in early July.

The AP found that 95% of those arrested by police and federal agents were local. The vast majority have no criminal record in Oregon. Many appear to be college students. Their average age was 28, court records show.

They're mostly charged with misdemeanors like failing to comply with a lawful order, while some face felonies like arson and assault on an officer. Most people have been released, and some have been arrested more than once for similar offenses.

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The federal government agreed Wednesday to draw down the number of agents whose presence has swelled the ranks of the protests. Federal forces have drawn more black-clad people accused of setting fires or assaulting officers but also military veterans seeking to lower tensions and a self-titled "Wall of Moms."

"They have acted as an occupying force & brought violence," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown tweeted of the U.S. officers.

Soon before the announcement, Trump insisted agents wouldn't leave until local authorities "secured their city." He's spent weeks running Portland through the political playbook he used during the initial wave of nationwide demonstrations after Floyd's death: painting those on the streets as anarchists and seeking to tie them to Democratic rival Joe Biden.

The U.S. Justice Department and Homeland Security officials have often highlighted destructive cases like Schinzing's in their portrayal of protesters. The nightly unrest often follows a script: authorities declare a riot, sending hundreds of peaceful protesters home as smaller groups of demonstrators target the U.S. courthouse with bricks, laser pointers and fireworks. Federal agents respond with tear gas, stun grenades and arrests.

But AP's analysis shows many of those arrested do not fit the caricature of an anarchist bent on destruction.

Moments before her arrest, police threw McFerran, the Sierra Club manager, to the ground, yanking off her mask and binding her wrists in zip ties. She was released after eight hours in jail and faces charges of disorderly conduct and interfering with police.

McFerran, who lives in Seattle, said she started protesting in her city and in Portland almost nightly after realizing she could do more in the fight for racial justice. Until Floyd's killing, McFerran says she was a "tourist protester."

"I realized I need to be participating in this legitimately every day," she said. "I need to do this work."

McFerran said she and her boyfriend, a former Army medic, provide security services and try to act as a "shield" between protesters of color and law enforcement.

Some of those charged with more serious offenses, such as assaulting officers and destroying property, have criminal histories. Most are white, according to court records.

Schinzing, who was photographed burning papers inside the county Justice Center, was ordered detained this week by a federal judge. He faces a felony arson charge, on top of unrelated harassment and assault charges from February, court records show. His court-appointed attorney declined to comment.

Acting Homeland Security Chief Chad Wolf said federal agents have made 94 arrests in Portland since July 4.

"Our federal officers have faced assaults with Molotov cocktails, mortar-style, commercial-grade fireworks, accelerants, IEDs and other violent weapons," Wolf said at a news conference about the withdrawal of federal agents.

Lisa Hay, Oregon's federal public defender, said her office is representing "mothers, college students, lawyers" and others from across the state and country.

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"It should concern everyone that there were arrests by unmarked police officers of Oregonians who were asking what's going on and weren't being given any answers," Hay said.

The state sued over those allegations, which the Trump administration denies, but a judge found the state did not have standing to win an immediate court order restraining the federal agents.

Some Black activists say the political fight distracts from the focus on combating racist policing.

Mac Smiff, a 39-year-old father and analyst for a utility company, was arrested on June 6 and charged with interfering with a peace officer. He's confident the charge will be dismissed, saying he got caught up as police swept through downtown after a protest.

A veteran activist, Smiff took to the streets after seeing a prominent politician talking about reducing funding for police on TV. He thought the wave of rallies following Floyd's death seemed different, more focused, but said Trump deriding protesters as violent extremists is a familiar strategy.

"If you make the blame indiscriminate, then you can make the response indiscriminate. That's just a tactic to justify using escalating force and chemical weapons against us," Smiff said. "I own my house. I'm a professional human being. I'm out here fighting against corruption and police brutality. And the response is I'm a terrorist? That's laughable at best."

He welcomed the news that the federal presence in Portland would be winding down, saying the agents were a "distraction."

"That was a side mission," he said. "We came out here to defund the police."

This version corrects the spelling of a protester's last name to McFerran, not McFarren. It also corrects that a judge found that the state did not have the standing to win an immediate court order restricting operations of federal agents in the city, not that the judge dismissed the case.

Naishadham reported from Atlanta, and Bleiberg from Dallas. Associated Press reporters Gillian Flaccus in Portland, Oregon, Lisa Marie Pane in Boise, Idaho, and AP/Report for America Statehouse News corps member Sara Cline in Salem, Oregon, contributed to this report.

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Solemn by day and violent by night, future of George Floyd memorial site is an open question

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GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SITE IS AN OPEN QUESTION**

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Body

By Tim Arango and Matt Furber

Still, they come - from all over the country and beyond. From New Mexico, Texas, Massachusetts. From Africa and Europe. One man even said he walked a thousand miles, all the way from Alabama, just to be in Minneapolis.

"They are coming to feel the energy and pay tribute," said Bianca Dawkins, 28, a local resident who has met many of the visitors.

Two months after the police killing of *George Floyd*, the four-block area of South Minneapolis where he gasped his last breaths remains a sacred space, a no-go zone for officers. There is a neatly trimmed garden, anchored by a sculpture of a raised fist. There are colorful murals and the words "*I can't breathe*" painted across the pavement, as well as the names of dozens of other Black people killed by the police.

At night, though, the space is increasingly a battleground, with shootings and drug overdoses. The area has had an uptick in gun violence similar to what other cities have seen in the wake of protests.

At all times, the neighborhood brims with emotion. In its totality, it feels like the raw center of America's reckoning with racial injustice.

The chaos at night has presented city officials with the challenge of how to reassert control of the space without setting off new waves of anger, all while maintaining it as a solemn place to honor Floyd. In Ferguson, Mo., where the police killing of Michael Brown set off protests in 2014, tensions were reignited when officers moved to clear out a memorial.

But in Minneapolis, at least for now, the city is moving cautiously.

Solemn by day and violent by night, future of George Floyd memorial site is an open question

"Opening up too quickly will have a devastating effect on people still mourning," said Angela Conley, a Hennepin County commissioner, who has been leading community discussions about the future of the area where Floyd was killed.

Even so, elected officials are fielding a growing number of calls from residents concerned about the violence and loud noise at night in the area, where, among several incidents, a pregnant woman was recently killed.

"What people aren't recognizing is that people who live there are having a very, very challenging time from the unlawfulness that is occurring after the sun goes down," said Andrea Jenkins, a member of the City Council whose district includes the memorial space. "There are constant gunshots every night. Emergency vehicles can't get in. Disabled people are not able to access their medications, their appointments, their food deliveries, et cetera. It's a very challenging situation."

Jenkins, who noted that the area has historically been plagued by gang violence, has also been taking a leading role in discussions over how to memorialize Floyd's killing. One proposal suggests making the garden permanent. Other ideas include a civil rights museum and renaming Chicago Avenue in honor of Floyd. Activists are finding ways to preserve the street art that was painted over the plywood boards that went up to protect businesses during the protests.

From Baltimore to Ferguson to New York, organic memorials to mark where Black men have been killed by the police have taken shape in recent years.

But time has also worn many of them away. On Staten Island, New York, there is a plaque where Eric Garner was killed by police in 2014, but a memorial with flowers and candles was set on fire a year after his death. In Baltimore, where Freddie Gray's death in a police van sparked protests, a graffiti mural in honor of him was destroyed when the housing project where he lived was torn down this year. In Ferguson last year, on the fifth anniversary of Brown's death, a memorial that had been taken down was rebuilt.

Even before the killing of Floyd, Jenkins and other activists in South Minneapolis said they had hoped to build a site to recognize the history of racial injustice in the city. "I've been talking about a museum for the last three years," Jenkins said. "My top priority is to build a center for racial healing in the city of Minneapolis because Black people have been in pain for hundreds of years."

The conversation over what to do with the space comes as many activists in the city are fighting to defund the Police Department and reimagine public safety. But that push for reform happening amid a rise in violence. Many Black residents of South Minneapolis, especially those who live near Cup Foods, the convenience store where Floyd was accused of using a fake \$20 bill to buy cigarettes before he was killed, say they are caught between two emotions: anger at the police but fearful for their safety now that officers have pulled back from the area.

Dawkins lives a few doors down from Cup Foods, and on a recent afternoon was selling candy and drinks and promoting a GoFundMe campaign to raise money to avoid foreclosure. When the pandemic hit, she was furloughed from her job at Nordstrom, and her fiancé is also out of work.

But financial worries are only one thing on her mind. She has two children, including a 6-week-old baby. She says the daytime is fine, and she has met many people who have traveled to pay their respects to Floyd.

"But when the other crowd comes at night, I can't call the police, and that scares the hell out of me," she said. Dawkins pointed to a gunshot in the windshield of her car, a gold sedan.

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"We have kids in this home, so I do want police to protect families," she said. "It's a hard balance. I'm happy this incident brought change, but I want to feel safe."

As the protests gained momentum in late May, Dr. Jackie Kawiecki set up a medic station near Cup Foods, administering first aid to injured protesters. Since then, she has maintained a group of medics who treat minor ailments like abrasions and heat exhaustion during the daytime.

Sunset to sunrise is very different from sunrise to sunset, she said. "My nighttime world, after sunset, I have taken care of double gunshot wounds, drug overdoses." One night a man wounded by gunfire drove a bicycle past the barricades, she said, before collapsing outside her tent and yelling: "I'm shot! I'm shot!"

After the pregnant woman was killed nearby in early July, and having dodged gunfire herself, Kawiecki limited the hours of her medic station from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

But residents say that nothing happening at night diminishes the atmosphere that prevails in daylight. The other day, Anna Raeker, 25, was greeting visitors to the space and directing people to a pamphlet taped to a table: "This is a space community members want to decentralize white feelings and prioritize Black pain."

"I think it's important that white people are intentional with the ways they are using this space," said Raeker, who is white.

Nearby, next to a large mural of Floyd, a local rapper, Jordan Wallingford, was taking a break from filming a music video. Wallingford, who performs under the name Haphduzn, said he at least wanted to see the garden, roundabout and raised fist sculpture stay permanently. "Because that was the spark that changed the world," he said.

Deborah Straub, who for weeks has been handing out snacks to children from the neighborhood - "free candy, free chips, free popcorn, free hot dogs," she said - said the area should be preserved.

"Leave everything the way it is," she said.

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FILE - Outside Cup Foods, at the intersection of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis, the memorial for **George Floyd** is filled with flowers, signs and messages from people who came to pay their respects on June 15, 2020. Two months after the killing of Floyd, the four block area of South Minneapolis where he gasped his last breaths remains a sacred space. (Caroline Yang/The New York Times)

FILE - Outside Cup Foods in Minneapolis, a woman visits the memorial for **George Floyd** on June 15, 2020. Two months after the killing of Floyd, the four block area of South Minneapolis where he gasped his last breaths remains a sacred space. (Caroline Yang/The New York Times)

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Backers press for Bottineau line

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BACKERS PRESS FOR BOTTINEAU LINE

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Supporters of the Bottineau Blue Line are calling for "meaningful action" from the governor and others to push the stalled \$1.5 billion light-rail project forward.

But for now, the proposed extension of the existing Blue Line linking downtown Minneapolis to the northwestern suburbs appears stalled.

"Our patience is gone," wrote suburban mayors and community representatives along Bottineau's route in a July 23 letter to Gov. Tim Walz, federal, state and county officials, as well as the chairman of the Metropolitan Council. "We need your leadership to stand up for our communities."

The governor received the letter and "would welcome a meeting" with its authors, Walz's spokesman Teddy Tschann said Wednesday.

The Bottineau project has languished for about a year, and questions have surfaced whether a different route or transit type, such as buses, should be considered - moves that would delay the line and likely increase its price tag.

About \$129 million from local and state coffers has already been spent planning the project, which has been in the works for more than three decades.

The letter's authors said the project has a heightened sense of urgency after the killing of **George Floyd**, which has prompted new conversations about racial equity in the Twin Cities.

They are adamant that the Bottineau line remain as planned: light-rail trains serving north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park, some of the most impoverished and transit-dependent communities in the Twin Cities.

Any change "without community conversation is an affront to our residents," they wrote, noting "this is an example of traditional power structures ignoring communities of color and is **systemic racism** in action." There has been no formal response to the letter.

Backers press for Bottineau line

The project's delay is tied to stalled negotiations with BNSF Railway. About 8 miles of the line's 13-mile route would be shared with the freight giant, which is not interested in such an arrangement.

BNSF reiterated its longstanding stance Wednesday. "We are a freight railroad that moves the goods that we all use every day; we provide a vital service, particularly in these unprecedented times. The proposed Blue Line light rail project does not meet our high standards," the railway said.

But Golden Valley Mayor Shep Harris, who signed the letter, said there's been "no transparent and significant effort to push back" on BNSF.

Brooklyn Park Mayor Jeff Lunde, another signatory, said the lack of access to discussion about the Bottineau's fate "is the most troubling aspect of all this. Why are we not in the room?"

The chairman of the Met Council, Charlie Zelle, said he understands the frustration regarding BNSF's stand. The council vows to invest "in a transitway that connects people to local and regional opportunities," he said in a statement.

Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat, who represents several cities along the Bottineau corridor, said there's "seemingly no one who can dislodge the railroad from its unreasonable position." One resolution might involve slightly altering Bottineau's alignment to eliminate BNSF from the picture, he said.

But Blue Line Coalition organizer Ricardo Perez said years of meticulous planning involving communities along the line would be for naught if the route is changed.

"All that work would go to waste," he said.

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REPRESENTATION IN EDUCATION

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The merciless killing of ***George Floyd*** launched protests affirming Black lives and prompted a public denunciation of racism across the globe. Due to the punitively unjust oppression of diverse populations, people of color and many of their white counterparts came together and took to the streets in protest. None of these actions would have happened if society had been more equitable toward people from diverse backgrounds.

As we all move forward, the Minnesota School Board Directors of Color (MNSBDOC) are committed to strengthening equity and inclusion in education, despite the hurdles that may threaten to prohibit that effort from moving forward.

By way of background on MNSBDOC, approximately one-third of the public-school pupils in Minnesota are students of color, according to a 2017 analysis by Minnesota Public Radio, while only 3% of directors are people of color. This large disparity led to the founding of MNSBDOC in 2016 by Helen Bassett and Abdi Sabrie, of Robbinsdale and Mankato, respectively.

Sabrie, the first person of color to serve on the Mankato school board, was looking for ways to connect with other board members of color who have had shared cultural experiences. Sabrie met with Bassett, a trailblazer on the Robbinsdale school board, who was elected in 2003. They formed an affinity group and joined with Latinx, Asian and Indigenous directors in 2017.

With the killing of ***George Floyd*** and the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with persistent divisiveness in America, angry discussions are firing up on social media. School districts have been feeling vilification from all sides of the political spectrum. Anger arises over many topics, both big and small.

Even those who side with us on issues of equity and inclusion have used social media to rail against districts' inability to make change at the speed of light. MNSBDOC acknowledges that people are hurting, that

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change is needed. Many MNSBDOC members have been working for years advocating for and influencing change.

There is nothing wrong with pushing a school board to do the right thing or to speed up its timetable. But this should be done via e-mails, phone calls and/or at board meetings, not through an airing of grievances in the social media echo chamber.

To continue with this inflammatory language from afar creates a toxicity that will prevent other people of color from wanting to take teaching or leadership positions, at the risk of being called a "sellout" or "Uncle Tom," and being perceived as merely placating those with power and privilege.

We need to stop the rhetoric and defamation to create what longtime activist Loretta Ross described in a commentary in the New York Times as a "call-in" culture - "a call-out done with love" - that will help everyone learn and change.

Learning begins at an early age. Therefore, it is necessary to instruct our children through an anti-racist perspective to make them better prepared to live, work and play. As we continue to grow our leaders of color, our education systems are still white-centered and are led by predominantly white educators.

Layla F. Saad explains in "Me and White Supremacy": "White centering is the centering of white people, white values, white norms and white feelings over everything and everyone else." It establishes a false norm that diminishes and disregards "others," that blinds us from seeing oppression, inequality and suffering while giving us a false sense of intrinsic equality, even at the expense of marginalized white people.

This makes it even more critical to teach our youth from an anti-racist point of view.

As MNSBDOC moves forward, we will continue to foster excellence in good governance, support effective leadership, and prepare school board members from diverse communities to champion high-quality, public education for all students with a special focus on acknowledging the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of Minnesota students and families.

We all need to view everything through an anti-racist lens to change our policies and actions that continue to keep our students of color in the shadows. We must work together with the hope that our younger generation will learn from our mistakes and break the cycle of fear and negativity that permeates our society and transform it into one of love and respect.

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Sorting through 'humongous haystack' of evidence, St. Paul police working to ID people who damaged businesses, looted them

ARTICLE MCD. **[SORTING THROUGH 'HUMONGOUS HAYSTACK' OF EVIDENCE, ST. PAUL POLICE WORKING TO ID PEOPLE WHO DAMAGED BUSINESSES, LOOTED THEM](#)**

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Highlight: Photos of suspects and vehicles cover the walls of a large room in St. Paul for investigators to review - but you'd likely have to multiply those images by 100 to get the full scope of the evidence they're combing through. The St. Paul Police Department's Civil Unrest Investigative Taskforce is "sorting through that humongous [...]"

Body

Photos of suspects and vehicles cover the walls of a large room in St. Paul for investigators to review - but you'd likely have to multiply those images by 100 to get the full scope of the evidence they're combing through.

The St. Paul Police Department's Civil Unrest Investigative Taskforce is "sorting through that humongous haystack" to determine who broke into buildings, who stole merchandise and who damaged property in St. Paul after the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody on May 25, said Cmdr. Axel Henry, who is leading the task force.

"The police department in St. Paul, we feel awful about what happened to Mr. Floyd, but we have a great city and we don't want to see it get treated this way," Henry said. "A lot of the businesses we've spoken to said they feel very violated - these were businesses that were put together with blood, sweat and tears - and they obviously didn't ask for this and didn't deserve it."

City officials estimate there was \$73 million in damage to properties and nearly \$9 million in damage to businesses' inventory and assets. The Midway area was the hardest hit, particularly on May 28.

300 CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION

The Civil Unrest Investigative Taskforce couldn't get running right away because most of the police department's investigators were pulled from their regular work to assist patrol officers in the streets during the unrest and in the weeks that followed to ensure there wasn't a return to rioting, Henry said.

The department moved eight investigators from various units, along with a crime analyst, to launch the task force about six weeks ago. Their first order of business was sorting through thousands of calls for police

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service and police reports from a 72-hour period beginning May 28 to determine which were duplicates, which needed reports and which were connected to incidents outside of St. Paul.

They identified about 300 cases - all with multiple suspects - that have elements that could lead to solving them, Henry said. Some businesses were also looted various times.

Long-time employees at the police department can't remember another investigation with a larger scope than the one that's underway.

The task force is focusing on felony-level crimes.

They're looking into people who were involved in multiple instances of vandalism or theft - "we start to figure out that many of the people that were involved in an incident at 1:30 in the afternoon on Thursday were also present at four or five incidents later in the day, so sometimes the individuals push themselves to the front of the list," Henry said.

Police attention is also focused on people who initially smashed windows to get into businesses and those who stole many valuables.

"If you went inside of a business that already had a broken window and you stole a 12-pack of pop, I don't think anybody, including the police department's really looking for you to get a felony burglary charge on your record, and those aren't really the cases that we're the most concerned about," Henry said.

Jim Segal, who owns Ax-Man Surplus on University Avenue and says their insurance claims will exceed \$200,000, thinks finding the people who damaged his store throughout and stole items would be "like finding a needle in a haystack."

"There were so many people coming through the building," said Segal, whose business has reopened. "It's not like one person took a truckload of stuff, it's like hundreds of people ended up taking a truckload of stuff. People were basically carrying out handfuls of stuff."

Plus, Segal said he knows the unrest came from community members feeling mistreated, "so these are huge social issues. My property loss pales in comparison to that. I'm not going to run around chasing people who did that. If the police find them, I do think criminal activity deserves to be prosecuted, but I'm not sure what the appropriate punishment is."

WHO WERE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED?

Some of the people involved appeared to have been "caught up in the moment," while others were organized groups "that were seizing the opportunity to go around and really hit strategic spots," Henry said. Police have found people selling stolen merchandise online.

While Minneapolis police have identified a man who smashed out windows at an Auto Zone store on East Lake Street as [*a white supremacist who sought to "incite violence."*](#) according to a search warrant affidavit, St. Paul police so far haven't identified similar instances, Henry said.

That's not to say there weren't agitators in the groups in St. Paul.

"Some of the people that were committing crimes here were not committing crimes for profit, they were committing crimes just to damage things," Henry said.

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Overall, more than half of the people involved in property damage and looting appear to live locally - in St. Paul or the suburbs, said Henry, though he doesn't have hard numbers yet.

VIDEOS ARE KEY TO SOLVING CASES

Videos and photos are the key to identifying suspects, along with tips from community members, Henry said. Police continue to ask people who have photos and videos to submit them to the police department.

There are thousands of hours of footage from businesses' surveillance cameras, video cameras posted on street corners and transit stops, officers' body cameras, and images the public has provided. Investigators are analyzing them to identify who was involved in looting and vandalism.

Many of those in the images are wearing masks - that could have been because of the coronavirus pandemic, to conceal their identity or both, Henry said. But finding multiple images of suspects, including when they're not wearing their masks, can help identify them.

For example, police have footage of a woman breaking the glass window of a cellphone store. She's wearing a mask and it's hard to tell who she is, but her clothes are identifiable.

About 45 minutes later, a passerby saw a woman sitting on a nearby sidewalk with a big bag, which had cellphones visible inside. She was wearing the same clothes as the woman in the video - and this time, she didn't have a mask on, Henry said. The passerby took photos of her and submitted them to police.

It's those puzzles that police say they're putting together by asking other law enforcement agencies whether they recognize suspects, or releasing photos publicly and requesting people who have information come forward.

SOME CHARGED, MORE EXPECTED

The task force's 300 cases don't include arson because, while police are assisting in those investigations, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is the main investigating agency. That's taken a weight off St. Paul police investigators, Henry said, and led to federal charges in seven arson cases, three of which were in St. Paul.

Police are also working with the Drug Enforcement Administration on investigations into pharmacies that were broken into during the unrest - Henry said there were about six in St. Paul from which drugs were stolen.

The Ramsey County attorney's office charged 27 people, primarily for entering boarded-up buildings and for property damage, between May 28 and June 19.

More recently, the task force has arrested about 10 people, and has sent approximately 20 cases to the county attorney's office for charging review, Henry said.

Maher Safi, who manages the family-owned Midway Tobacco Outlet Plus on University Avenue, said restitution for businesses is important.

"For the people that looted and stole products, I would say instead of jailing them and costing the state millions of dollars, what they need to do is have them financially compensate the stores or the businesses

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they stole from," said Safi, who added that he thinks people should face more serious consequences if they were involved in more serious offenses.

The store, which has reopened, was remodeled earlier this year, but it was seriously damaged and people wiped out their merchandise; Safi thinks the insurance claim will top \$200,000.

When cases are charged, the Ramsey County attorney's office will make restitution recommendations after consulting with the businesses that were affected, according to a spokesman for the office. Judges have the final say in ordering restitution during the sentencing phase.

The St. Paul Police Department is asking people who have photos or videos of arson, theft, looting or property damage during the civil unrest to submit them at stpaulpdmn.evidence.com/axon/citizen/public/CivilDisturbance.

People, who can remain anonymous, can also contact police with information at 651-266-5900 or SPPD-CUITF@stpaul.mn.us. [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#) [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#) [Minneapolis man sentenced to 33 years in prison for sex-trafficking young women and girls out of massage parlor](#)

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Cmdr. Axel Henry talks to reporters about the St. Paul Police Civil Unrest Investigative Taskforce in his office in St. Paul on Thursday, July 30, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

A classroom has been converted into an investigation headquarters, part of the St. Paul Police Civil Unrest Investigative Taskforce, seen in St. Paul on Thursday, July 30, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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Chances of cop reform in 2020 dim

ARTICLE MCDI. **[CHANCES OF COP REFORM IN 2020 DIM](#)**

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The Minneapolis Charter Commission narrowly voted Wednesday to keep one police proposal off the November ballot - dimming the prospects for voters to weigh in this year on how to remake policing following ***George Floyd***'s death.

The commission voted 8-6 to block a proposal that would ask voters to remove the requirement to maintain a police force at a level based on the city's population. That was widely viewed as the simpler of two police proposals up for consideration this year.

The debate about how to remake policing - and how quickly - has divided the city. As they debated for nearly an hour Wednesday evening, it was clear the court-appointed commissioners are just as torn as the community they serve.

Some view the commission as a gatekeeper, tasked with deeply researching proposals and ensuring there wouldn't be unintended consequences before voters weigh in. Others feel the commission's role is solely to determine whether the questions are appropriate for voters - and then to trust residents to make the best decisions for themselves.

"At some point, we need to have a discussion about what our job is," said Charter Commissioner Jan Sandberg, who voted to place the measure on the ballot this year, "because some of the things I've heard in the last hour or so about what our job is with respect to this or any ballot initiative, I do not agree with. And I think we need ... to come up with some kind of consensus on that."

The commission will convene again next week to consider a more far-reaching proposal to reshape policing brought forward by the City Council.

Conversations about how to change the Police Department have zeroed in on the city's charter, which serves as its constitution, and particularly on the clause that requires the city to fund a police force of a certain size.

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Since Floyd's death, activists and some officials have called for the city to end its Police Department. Others, including many alarmed by a wave of shootings and other violent crime, have called on the city to pause and first develop a more detailed plan for how to proceed.

Some commissioners who voted against placing the measure on the ballot this year argued that they felt there hadn't been enough time for public engagement while both proposals moved through an expedited process. They favored more research to ensure that people could weigh any unintended consequences before casting their votes.

Commissioner Dan Cohen, a former City Council member and one of the commission's most vocal supporters of police, said he feared that if either measure passed, "crime would soar, property values on our homes would fall" and residents "would flee the city."

"I believe that if one of these measures were to pass the voters of Minneapolis, the result would be a giant self-inflicted wound," he said.

Multiple commissioners who voted to block the measure said they felt the panel needed to consider the political climate. While a vote on this charter amendment wouldn't have directly reduced the size of the police force, it would have handed that power to City Council members who have pledged to do so.

"We wouldn't put it in a charter if we were drafting the charter anew," Commission Chairman Barry Clegg said of the minimum staffing requirement. "But it's there now and the fact is that it's become code for 'defund the police.' So I think it takes on bigger meaning than just some quirky add-on that was done 60 years ago."

Commissioners who voted to put the proposal on the November ballot argued that they must divorce their own feelings about defunding the police from the issue of whether residents should get to vote on the matter.

"I don't know that I would vote for it" if it appeared on the ballot, said Commissioner Christopher Smith. "But I don't think it's the role of this commission to stop this from going before a vote."

The lean of the commission became clear Tuesday when a Charter Commission work group voted 4-2 to recommend keeping the item off the ballot this year.

On Wednesday, eight commissioners voted to block the proposal from the ballot: Cohen, Jill Garcia, Peter Ginder, Andrew Kozak, Jana Metge, Matt Perry, Lyall Schwarzkopf and Clegg.

Voting to put the item on the ballot were commissioners Greg Abbott, Al Giraud-Isaacson, Toni Newborn, Andrea Rubenstein, Sandberg and Smith. Commissioner Barbara Lickness was absent during the vote.

The more closely watched vote will come next week, when the commission decides on an amendment written by five City Council members.

That proposal would eliminate the requirement to keep a police department. In its place, the city would have a broader community safety department that might or might not include officers.

The commission could offer a recommendation on that amendment - which the council could ignore - or it could take more time to review it, thereby missing the deadline to get on this year's ballot.

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Good Samaritan shot helping robbery victim

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Body

Piercing screams for help sent employees and customers scrambling outside the Sherwin-Williams paint store in Minneapolis' Lyn-Lake neighborhood on Tuesday afternoon.

"They put a gun to my head," yelled the woman, who said two men had just tried to rob her and take her car.

Store manager Jacob Babcock and others went after the men, who had jumped back in their car and fled. He pounded on the back window as someone inside rolled down a window and shot three times. A bullet ricocheted through his back, leaving him bleeding on the street.

Babcock, a father of two, was recovering from surgery Wednesday.

The shooting comes amid a violent trend in the city since the police killing of ***George Floyd*** on Memorial Day, with homicides doubling the pace of a year ago and a majority of the City Council voting to defund the Police Department.

Police sent out an alert Tuesday about 100 robberies and 20 car robberies in south Minneapolis in July. Last month, 11 people were shot in Uptown, a few blocks from the attempted robbery.

Police confirmed that the attempted robbery and shooting outside the store Tuesday were done by the same suspects involved in a police chase and standoff on Minneapolis' North Side this week and other robberies in the city.

The suspects in Tuesday's shooting may also be connected to the fatal shooting July 20 of a taxi driver who had confronted two men breaking into his cab, according to police.

The victim was shot about 4:30 p.m. on the 1000 block of E. 22nd Street.

The victim of the attempted robbery told her story to the Star Tribune, but didn't want her name published out of concern for her safety.

Good Samaritan shot helping robbery victim

She said she pulled into a parking lot in a nearby alley near W. Lake Street and Harriet Avenue around noon to return a can of paint.

She left her purse in the car and starting walking to the store, she said, when two men jumped out at her and held two guns to her head.

They demanded money, but she told them she didn't have a purse or cash on her. The men tried to grab her car keys but she said she let out a "bloodcurdling scream," which sent the men back into their car. She suffered large bruises on her arms.

The woman and her family have expressed their gratitude to Babcock and the others who tried to help.

"Jacob ran out of his store to assist my family member," said a man who donated \$250 to Babcock's GoFundMe page. "I am humbled and awed by his selfless action."

Kristina Martin, Jacob's sister, told Fox 9 that he is in intensive care with injuries to his shoulder blade, ribs and lung.

"He has a chest tube in and then they're cleaning his gunshot wound because of the entry in back, no exit and kind of watching bullet fragments right now," she told the station.

After the car sped off, the victim of the attempted robbery said things became hazy. She said she screamed for someone to call 911.

"And at that point I was hiding under a car," she said. "I was screaming, 'Is he dead? Is he dead?' "

She had just returned to town after spending 11 days in Voyageurs National Park. She said she wants to sell her Kingfield house and say "adios" to Minneapolis. When the incident unfolded, she thought it had to be a joke.

"I was in the woods with no internet, no Wi-Fi, no news, and it felt wonderful," she said. "And 24 hours later, I had two guns pointed on my head. Resting on my temple."

Her main goal now, however, is to give thanks: "I want the good Samaritans of the Sherwin store to be recognized. The employees."

Babcock's GoFundMe page had already raised more than \$20,000 by Wednesday evening.

Hundreds of people posted, including Benjamin Verhasselt, who wrote:

"Jacob has helped me and co-workers with so much in my short time with Sherwin. Jacob is the picture of integrity, and so many people are grateful for him!"

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Jessica Kopp: We can acknowledge that this is hard for everyone

ARTICLE MCDIII. **JESSICA KOPP: WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS HARD FOR EVERYONE**

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At four in the morning on March 13, the first teacher strike in St. Paul in over 70 years ended. With little rest, the district negotiations team who had spent days in intense, closed negotiations, after spending weeks and months in public negotiations, went right back to work continuing to plan for an anticipated closure of Minnesota schools due to COVID 19. This planning had started weeks before, running concurrently with both negotiations and the daily operation of the state's second-largest school district. When schools were closed the following week, we heard the phrase, "unprecedented times" a lot. We knew things would never be the same, we just didn't how different they would be.

Once schools were closed, everyone who doesn't work in and around public education learned what those of us who do have always known: schools are deeply connected to the communities they serve. Due to strong leadership and immense talent and operational capacity, Saint Paul Public Schools was well-positioned to respond immediately to community need and did so by repurposing staff duties and restructuring its nutrition services to distribute and deliver, to date, more than 6 million meals to St. Paul families. We also delivered tech devices and hotspots and enrichment activities. We provided childcare to first responders and essential workers. Educators from Early Childhood through Adult Education moved their classes online. We developed a virtual partnership-based program, Saint Paul Summer Connect, to keep our community close while we had to stay apart.

All of this proactive, compassionate planning began in late February and ran concurrently with an emotional and contentious teacher strike. What we didn't know at the time is this planning would also happen alongside our community's deep and sustained racial reckoning following the killing of ***George Floyd*** and the devastating illness and death of Board of Education Chair Marny Xiong. This planning was and is accounting for the deeply personal nature of education and the many ways our families live and work in our community. Reflection and readjustment have been present from the beginning to assess implementation and, in real time, change to meet needs in an unpredictable environment.

Jessica Kopp: We can acknowledge that this is hard for everyone

While paying close attention to the feelings connected to school closure, the team has also relied on data, best practices, and expertise from all corners of education and community to ensure not only a good start to the 2020 school year but meaningful transformation of our system of education in the future.

I am fortunate to know this team and watch them work, and the connection to Saint Paul schools runs deep among district administration staff. Many are long-time St. Paul residents, parents, aunties, and neighbors who have more than a professional stake in how this job gets done - they have personal accountability to their communities and families. No one inside of SPPS is thinking about doing enough to get by, they are thinking about how to make it better - even the best of what is possible in unusual times and whatever lies beyond. Saint Paul Public Schools demonstrated incredible leadership in the early days of the statewide school closure and has shown a remarkable ability to adapt, and it's precisely because of this track record I am confident as an SPPS parent and Saint Paul school board member that we will meet the challenges ahead.

As district plans roll out, please remember this: Most people are not interested in making a political statement with their back-to-school preference but rather, they are thinking about how to best care for their families.

The parent who says I need an in-person school option because I have to be at work to pay the bills and can't support my child at home during distance learning or who is concerned about learning loss is not a villain, nor is the parent who is fearful that in-person learning exposes members of their family to risk of illness, nor is the educator or nutrition-services worker concerned about keeping themselves and their families safe. All these things are true.

And because they are true we can choose to show love and compassion for all our neighbors who are living through the pandemic, the fight against racial injustices, personal grief and losses, and any combination of ongoing health concerns and economic anxiety.

We can acknowledge that this is hard for everyone.

We can recognize and act on our deep connection and responsibility to one another and decide to do all we can to ease burdens that may arise with what will be an imperfect and evolving back-to-school plan.

Social media victory laps or pointing to a political scoreboard has never taught one child how to read or provided families reliable access to wi-fi, so what we choose to do next and how we choose to treat one another matters a great deal.

In Saint Paul, I'm looking forward to unprecedented collaboration and extraordinary acts of love and kindness in the weeks and months ahead to support our schools. If you believe education is important, stand up and be counted. It's time to go to work.

Jessica Kopp of St. Paul is a member of the Saint Paul Public Schools board. She wrote this column from her own perspective and not on behalf of the school board.

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Minneapolis home sales steady after riots, report finds

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Homes in Minneapolis are still in high demand, despite the civil unrest following the death of [George Floyd](#) while in police custody.

A report released this week by the Minneapolis Area Realtors (MAR) found there was no significant change in the Minneapolis housing market compared to surrounding cities following the death of Floyd on May 25, the ensuing riots and the police reform movement. New listings in Minneapolis and surrounding cities went down for the week ending May 30. While listings have increased since then, the number is still lower than 2018 and 2019.

"Since Mr. Floyd's death, there have been several misleading claims that Minneapolis residents are fleeing the city," said MAR President Linda Rogers. "Utilizing data from NorthstarMLS, MAR conducted a thorough analysis of the housing market and the data clearly shows otherwise."

Minneapolis home sales steady after riots, report finds

Minneapolis was the only city to show a decline in the number of days a home stays on the market. Last month, homes sold in 5.9% fewer days in Minneapolis compared to the same time last year. Meanwhile, St. Paul, Golden Valley, Eden Prairie and Minnetonka all saw double digit increases in market times.

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"It is evident that Minneapolis properties are in high demand, with buyers snapping up available homes," Rogers said. "Buyers are still very interested and committed to living in the city."

Minneapolis home sellers are continuing to receive 100% of their list price in June. Eden Prairie and Bloomington saw gains in their selling price, while all other cities went down.

The report concludes that even if a large share of homes went on the market, the high demand would absorb the extra listings, limiting the negative impact on values.

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Portland, Oregon, protests relatively calm after US drawdown

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By GILLIAN FLACCUS and ANDREW SELSKY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Leaders in Portland, Oregon, caught their breath and moved forward with cautious optimism Friday after the first nightly protest in weeks ended without any major confrontations, violence or arrests.

The dramatic change in tone outside a federal courthouse that's become ground zero in clashes between demonstrators and federal agents came after the U.S. government began drawing down its forces in the liberal city under a deal between Democratic Gov. Kate Brown and the Trump administration.

As agents from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Marshals Service and Immigration and Customs Enforcement pulled back, troopers with the Oregon State Police took over. There were no visible signs of any law enforcement presence outside the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse, where a protest lasted into early Friday.

"Last night, the world was watching Portland. Here's what they saw: Federal troops left downtown. Local officials protected free speech. And Oregonians spoke out for ***Black Lives Matter***, racial justice, and police accountability through peaceful, non-violent protest," Brown said in a tweet Friday.

Mayor Ted Wheeler also struck an optimistic tone but cautioned that there was much work to be done after more than 60 days of protests - and not just in cleaning up downtown Portland.

Leaders in Oregon are pushing for a raft of measures that would address ***systemic racism*** in everything from policing to housing. Those proposals could be fast-tracked for consideration in a special legislative session later this summer.

The governor also announced the creation of a Racial Justice Council to advise her on criminal justice reform and police accountability, health equity, economic opportunity, housing and homelessness, and environmental justice.

Portland, Oregon, protests relatively calm after US drawdown

"The council will examine and begin to dismantle the racist policies that have created grave disparities in virtually every part of our society," Brown's office said in a statement.

A majority of the group's members will be people of color and include state lawmakers to help get policies passed next year.

Portland's City Council also voted this week to refer a ballot measure to voters in November that would create a police review board independent from any elected official or city department.

"We need the time to heal. We need the time to allow people to come back downtown and experience the great downtown that people remember from just a few months ago," said Wheeler, a Democrat. "The mass demonstrations that we've seen over many, many weeks, those demands have been heard. The demands have been understood."

The scene outside the federal courthouse stood in sharp contrast to the violent clashes between protesters and the agents that President Donald Trump sent to Oregon's largest city in early July. Protests have roiled Portland for more than two months following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

And while thousands have marched and rallied peacefully, Portland's federal courthouse became a target for some protesters. Smaller numbers of demonstrators tried to tear down a fence erected to protect it, lit fires at the courthouse entryway and hurled fireworks, flares and bricks at the agents holed up inside. Most nights, the agents responded by firing tear gas.

But at the protest that began Thursday night, there was little violence and few signs of confrontation as several thousand people gathered near the courthouse .

A handful of protesters pointed lights and lasers at the building, but state troopers remained inside and did not respond. Soon afterward, hundreds of demonstrators gathered about a block from the courthouse to listen to speeches, with little sign of a law enforcement presence. The mood remained calm into early Friday as the crowd dwindled to about 500 demonstrators.

In preparation for the handover from federal authorities to state troopers, the local sheriff and Portland police met and agreed not to use tear gas except in situations with a threat of serious injury or death, the mayor said.

Wheeler, who was gassed when he joined protesters outside the courthouse last week, added that tear gas "as a tactic really isn't all that effective" because protesters have donned gas masks and often return to the action after recovering for a few minutes. He apologized to peaceful demonstrators exposed to tear gas used by Portland police before federal officials arrived.

Under the deal announced by the governor, the agents will withdraw in phases. But federal officials insisted that the agents will not leave the city completely and will be kept on standby.

Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell said he believes the new collaboration between local law enforcement agencies will be seen "as a victory in many ways."

"A lot of people came out to express their displeasure of folks from the federal government here and engaging in crowd control with members of our community," Lovell said. "So I'm hoping that on many levels that people are happy in this development."

Portland, Oregon, protests relatively calm after US drawdown

The U.S. government had arrested 94 people as of Wednesday, the most recent accounting. Since the protests began, Lovell said local police made more than 400 arrests.

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ARTICLE MCDVI. [READERS WRITE NAME-CALLING CHANGES NO MINDS](#)

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RACISM

In his commentary "I am a racist. So is Katherine Kersten. She can't admit it" (July 27), Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer discusses implicit bias to broaden the definition of who is a racist. Although he does not say that all white people are racist, he does say that he is racist and that "if you are a white person reading this, odds are you are, too."

Nelson-Pallmeyer draws on critical race theory, which holds that all white people are racist. It also holds that whites who will not admit they are racist are the most racist of all, since the very act of denial proves that the person making it is racist. This is twisted logic that must be rejected.

Clearly many more people are racist than will admit to being so. However, their minds will not be easily changed by such tactics. Studies in conflict resolution show that we build bridges between people by creating situations where they can talk to each other respectfully and where those with a grievance can be heard. Such situations demand empathy and a willingness by all sides to listen.

I am sure that Nelson-Pallmeyer, being a professor of justice and peace studies, knows of this work. So, if Kersten is a racist, why would he call her such? As a peace leader, wouldn't it be more constructive for him to initiate a respectful dialogue with her about their differences? We need conflict transformation professionals to help us all learn how to communicate constructively, rather than modeling name-calling as a response to disagreement.

Ruth Henriquez Lyon, Duluth, Minn.

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I read Nelson-Pallmeyer's opinion piece with interest. I will state at the outset that I am no fan of Kersten ("Racial justice: The new religion?" Opinion Exchange, July 25). Nelson-Pallmeyer is a professor emeritus of justice and peace studies at the University of St. Thomas. Presumably, he has spent much of his adult life striving to advance causes of social justice, and he is certainly to be commended for that. However, two things are clear, based on Nelson-Pallmeyer's argument: 1) it is virtually impossible for any white person in the United States not to be classified as a racist and 2) it is virtually impossible for any white person in

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the United States to do "enough" to escape this status. Under this extraordinarily broad definition, the concept of being "a racist" loses its meaning. For example, calling President Donald Trump a racist has no substantive meaning because, as a white person, he is by default a racist just as Nelson-Pallmeyer is.

Peter Langworthy, St. Paul

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If you are having trouble accepting the idea that you as a white person are a racist, consider your participation in how you and the larger white majority community benefit from systemic racism. A fundamental example that feeds many of today's racial disparities is the fact that Black folks have been systematically denied the means to build capital over the entire history of this country starting 400 years ago with unpaid labor. In the last century white families benefited financially from government programs over generations that almost completely excluded Black families: Federal Housing Administration loans and the post-World War II GI bill home loans and education benefits. The individual financial stability of many white families and communities originated in systemic racist policies. And many white families and communities continue to benefit, while Black families and communities continue to suffer because of this legacy of systemic racism. And to deny that these foundations of our economy have their roots in systemic racism is, in fact, racist.

And no, our job is not to be weighed down by guilt over this, but rather to acknowledge this legacy as an example of systematic racism that white folks continue to benefit from, to teach the injustice of this history and how it shapes current economic disparities, and to work for changes that don't perpetuate these inequalities. And I believe we need to work for some type of reparations that would acknowledge the injustices of the past and serve to level the playing field for all races and communities in our country.

Carol Witte, Minneapolis

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Nelson-Pallmeyer paints Kersten and apparently all white people as "racist." He distinguishes between "overt" racism, as displayed by militant white supremacists, and institutional racism, which includes implicit bias and all manner of sins. Apparently in his worldview, all whites are guilty of being racist simply by birth - like original sin. This is essentially the "raceology" that Kersten was assailing in her July 25 piece.

My problem with Nelson-Pallmeyer's perception of racism is that it fails to acknowledge that it is possible for nonwhites to be racist. If a Black militant hates all white people, or all Asian people, or all non-Black people, is that person a racist? Not in Nelson-Pallmeyer's universe. According to white privilege orthodoxy, racism can only be manifested by members of the dominant culture. We are thus to believe that all the problems minorities experience are the result of white oppression, and never because of their own behavior. To me, this belief that race is the primary determinant of human success or failure is in itself a racist philosophy, if you accept the Merriam-Webster definition that racism is "a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race."

Donald Wolesky, Minneapolis

NAZI IMAGERY

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Not your political ammunition

Wednesday's editorial and the comments of Steve Hunegs, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, are exactly right in condemning the couple who wore the swastika masks into that Marshall, Minn., Walmart ("Condemning hate at Minnesota Walmart"). Like the Facebook post that compared our mask mandate to Nazi Germany forcing Jews to wear the Star of David, such uses of Nazi imagery do, like Hunegs says, a historic injustice to World War II veterans and Holocaust survivors. And the editorial is correct when it concludes, quoting David Goldenberg, that "we all need to speak out" because "that's the only way you're going to put this genie back in the bottle." But I would add to this admonition: that we speak out indiscriminately, without regard to who is the one using Nazi imagery.

I would like to have seen similar condemnation when Rep. James Clyburn and Speaker Nancy Pelosi called the federal agents deployed to Portland to protect federal property "storm troopers" using "Gestapo tactics." Using such historical analogies does exactly what Hunegs and the editorial condemn - using Nazi imagery to promote a political opinion.

Ronald Haskvitz, Golden Valley

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Jennifer Brooks penned the well-written article "This is us: Shoppers wearing swastikas" (July 28) rightfully vilifying the despicable behavior displayed by an obviously radicalized couple wearing swastika face masks in the Marshall Walmart. However, I question her decision to end the column with a "choose your side" rallying cry. Although I cannot fathom how anyone would choose the other side of this issue, demanding that we make a choice is exactly what led these two to believe that their actions were justifiable. Choosing a side demands allegiance, stifles debate, prohibits compromise, foments radicalism and incubates incredible stupidity in some people.

A moderate might point out that the requirement of wearing a protective face mask is not an infringement on our civil liberties and that the Constitution does not protect us from being offended. Some of us find hope in the belief that a pragmatic moderate will likely be our next president.

Dan Eittrheim, Minneapolis

We want to hear from you. Send us your thoughts here.

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Virus hits top officers in Mpls. police ranks

ARTICLE MCDVII. [**VIRUS HITS TOP OFFICERS IN MPLS. POLICE RANKS**](#)

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Body

The *Minneapolis Police Department*, already faced with staffing shortages from a wave of departures since the *George Floyd* protests, has seen a rise in the number of employees testing positive for COVID-19, including three deputy chiefs and a senior civilian staff member who were all infected around the same time.

An MPD spokesman confirmed that the department has had 24 coronavirus cases as of Wednesday and that a "vast majority" have since recovered and returned to work.

"Our sworn personnel in the chief's office are all operational and working," said spokesman John Elder, who declined to give their ranks, citing medical privacy laws.

But four sources with knowledge of department operations say that three of the department's four deputy chiefs tested positive, prompting the rest of the command staff, including Chief Medaria Arradondo, to self-isolate at home as a precaution. Another positive case was a senior civilian official who had to be hospitalized, the sources say.

The revelations come amid the continued spread of the deadly virus; state health officials on Thursday announced 745 new cases as the state passed more than

1 million diagnostic tests conducted.

The department has taken certain precautions, such as requiring officers to wear masks on all calls and screening visitors to its police stations and other department buildings. Officers are also being encouraged to take their temperatures at home and not report for work if they have a fever.

For months, the department has been largely spared the type of major outbreak that has hit other departments such as Detroit, New York City and Los Angeles, which last week had its first officer death from the virus.

In Minneapolis, officers had previously been assigned protective equipment such as masks, gloves and hand sanitizer, but until recently hadn't been required to use the gear on all calls.

Virus hits top officers in Mpls. police ranks

At the same time, department officials have been scrambling to fill staffing gaps amid rising crime, with dozens of officers leaving the force or taking temporary medical furloughs in the wake of Floyd's killing on May 25 while in police custody. Some units have been disbanded due to budget cuts related to the pandemic, officials say.

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Letters: Learn more about why people are protesting

ARTICLE MCDVIII. [LETTERS: LEARN MORE ABOUT WHY PEOPLE ARE PROTESTING](#)

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Highlight: How to move forward I almost choked on my coffee when I read the July 22 letter from Jack Herrick, "One wonders how informed people are." The writer obviously has no idea why people are protesting the racism that does not allow many people in this great nation to "be successful and build a better [...]"

Body

I almost choked on my coffee when I read the July 22 letter from Jack Herrick, "[One wonders how informed people are.](#)" The writer obviously has no idea why people are protesting the racism that does not allow many people in this great nation to "be successful and build a better mousetrap."

Fully funding schools, providing access to health care and affordable housing, and a fair system of justice might start to close the gap between the haves and the have-nots. This is far from socialism; it is improving life for our fellow citizens.

We cannot continue to say "I got mine, you are on your own." We need to look at policies that keep the poor and underclass down. A thriving middle class and a hopeful lower class with opportunities would benefit the whole economy, and corporations would not have to resort to sleight-of-hand tricks to look good every quarter on Wall Street.

The letter writer and others who think as he does should spend time learning about the reasons why people are protesting and figuring out ways to help rather than closing their minds. Does he ever read the opinion columns in this very paper, the ones that explain how we got here and how we can move forward? John Kass has a very narrow viewpoint, which I read to stay informed. I suggest Mr. Herrick read the other opinion columns and some of the countless books that are available on the subject to broaden his knowledge.

Cynthia Spellman, Shoreview

A recent edition of the Pioneer Press reported on retribution by Intel and UnitedHealth Group for comments made by U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn of Minnesota; both companies intending to withdraw financial support for Rep. Hagedorn because he opined that [Black Lives Matter](#) supports the ongoing riots and that they seek to undermine our culture.

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While we almost unanimously support elimination of police brutality, equal treatment under the law, equal educational and equal economic opportunity for all, those are not the only goals of BLM. Alicia Garza and Patrisse Cullors, two of the founders of BLM, are openly avowed supporters of Marxism. BLM has supported, and does support, the violent riots; it supports defunding the police even as violence against police and property regularly occurs at the nightly riots; among other radical ideas, it supports diminishing the role of the nuclear family, an institution which I believe is the greatest hope for addressing the poverty and violence in our cities.

One can support the goals of racial equality and not support the radical aspects of the BLM organization. Rep. Hagedorn's comments do not imply racism on his part or lack of sympathy and support for the fair and equitable treatment of all.

Let us put love and respect for one another at the forefront of our efforts at resolution of racial issues, yet let us be free to voice sincere points of view which differ from those required by political correctness.

On Monday Minnesota GOP Chairwoman Jennifer Carnahan sent out her Weekly Update email. In it she said, "Since June 21st, with the exception of two days, Minnesota has seen single-digit deaths due to COVID-19, with a majority of those in long-term care facilities. While we all wish for no deaths due to this disease, the statistics show we are doing well as a state."

This surprised me since Ms. Carnahan usually says the governor has failed miserably in addressing Covid-19.

Ah, then she went back to her usual attack mode, continuing with, "Last Saturday is when the mandate of wearing masks was implemented across Minnesota, based on yet another executive order from our Supreme Leader. It's time for this madman to release his powers."

Madman? Really? Well, for a madman Gov. Walz sure is doing a great job. I guess Ms. Carnahan is just confused. While she tries to figure it out, wear a mask, folks. It's the right thing to do.

K.C. Simmer, St. Paul

The politicians in St. Paul who want desperately to spend money and possibly buy votes this fall are calling this legislative session's "bonding bill" the "local jobs and projects" bill. The goal is to foster the idea that when the state of Minnesota spends money, jobs are "created."

This is a popular idea, but is simply not true. A competent economist will tell you that jobs "created" by such spending are always at the cost of jobs destroyed somewhere else. This is because the money spent by the state is taken in taxes from citizens elsewhere. If money to be spent is borrowed, its costs are imposed on future citizens. Those citizens are unable to "create" jobs with their own spending.

If state spending really did "create" jobs, then why not spend more? Why limit it to \$1 billion? Why not spend \$5 billion or \$100 billion? It's because like any third party, the State takes a "cut" for its "help." When the state spends on your behalf, you end up with less in the end, and let's not even talk about waste, fraud and abuse.

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Sensible politicians and sensible citizens know this is a scam. State spending has a cost, and citizens pay for it. The incentive for politicians is that they get to play Santa Claus, and politicians love that. They tell us that it's 100% benefit, but it's just not true.

You can't power your sailboat forward by blowing really hard into your sail. Perpetual motion machines don't exist. Don't let the politicians tell you otherwise.

Don Lee, Eagan

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Periscope has had a rocky year, even by 2020 standards. What's its new president doing about it?

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Cari Bucci-Hulings started as president of the Minneapolis-based advertising agency July 6 with a lengthy to-do list, including navigating the upheaval the coronavirus brought to the ad industry and managing an office that had walked out en masse just days before, protesting what employees said was interference from owner Quad/Graphics Inc. over Periscope's support for the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement. In the spring Quad laid off dozens of workers, including some from Periscope. Plus there's still a pending lawsuit from a former employee claiming sexual discrimination at the agency.

She recently spoke with the Business Journal to talk about why she took the job and what will change under her leadership. The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

The ad agency has had some issues. There's the sex discrimination lawsuit, the walkout. How are you handling this?

Periscope has had a rocky year, even by 2020 standards. What's its new president doing about it?

Well, just to be clear and fair, I cannot discuss the lawsuit. On Periscope's website, we published a [four-point action plan on racial issues](#) that are being discussed across the country. We are moving forward assertively on those points. We have also received a lot of support from Quad on this. We're working on the culture at Periscope and getting it right and really leaning into change.

Why did you take the job?

Periscope has an exceptional creative team. With Periscope and Quad taken together, it's a great integrated offering. We also have the resources to move quickly on projects and ideas.

How is business shaping up for 2020? Any [more layoffs](#) within the organization?

Business has been pretty stable as of late. We saw some early disruptions because of the coronavirus. If things stay as is, we're in a pretty solid position and won't expect layoffs. I think revenue-wise, we'll see some falloff from 2019, which was roughly \$49 million.

When do you expect the office to open back up?

We're prepared to work remotely as long as need be. We're following guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and local governments. We're also watching when and if schools open. I think we're looking at the end of the year, but that's to be determined. I also think there's a bit of work-from-home fatigue.

How is coronavirus and working remotely going to change the ad industry?

I think the competition for top talent is going to change dramatically and become more fierce. As we loosen up the focus on locations, talent can come from more places. There will also be an expansion of the gig-economy in advertising.

Can a conservative printing company, like Quad, and a creative ad agency, like Periscope, ever realistically get along?

I think the lesson of what is going on in the world today is that no matter where you come from, an authentic desire for progress and collaboration are key. Quad and Periscope share the desire to innovate and transform at the pace of culture and the pace of business. It is our aligned mission and the ability to listen to varied perspectives that make that transformation possible. So yes, we are able to work together and function well. We function well now, which is how we can weather disruption and change, coming out collectively better for it.

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All eyes on this group for police reforms

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Body

A little-known police licensure board that has come under fire for letting officers escape accountability is now at the center of Minnesota's attempt to build trust in law enforcement.

The Peace Officer Standards and Training Board emerged from the reckoning that followed the Minneapolis police killing of *George Floyd* with a series of mandates intended to increase police accountability statewide. The Legislature tasked the board with bolstering its citizen oversight, setting a model use-of-force policy, creating a database to track officer misconduct, discouraging warrior-style training and developing autism training requirements.

Those new responsibilities are part of what interim POST Board Executive Director Erik Misselt calls a "watershed moment" for a licensing authority that has seen relatively little change since it was created in 1977. Misselt recently asked an international organization to audit the board's police education, training and regulatory processes and see how they stack up against other states.

And last week the board agreed to conduct a comprehensive overhaul of its standards and training rules.

"If you want to reform policing, you have to reform the POST Board," Board Chairwoman Kelly McCarthy said, because without the board changes, police practices in Minnesota would be local and piecemeal. "It really is the best place to make those statewide standards."

However, McCarthy said the board she helms is not in a position to ask for the public's trust. The POST Board hasn't "put our best foot forward in the past," she said, and needs to earn public trust by holding officers responsible and showing that members are addressing questions of racism in policing.

A Star Tribune investigation in 2017 found hundreds of officers had been convicted of crimes over the past two decades without losing their professional licenses. After that, the board changed its standards for which criminal offenses would prompt a reconsideration of officers' licensure.

Michelle Gross, with the advocacy group Communities United Against Police Brutality, said she is hopeful about McCarthy and Misselt's leadership. Her organization has criticized the board in the past and urged it

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to take a stronger role in police discipline. Currently that responsibility resides largely with the local agencies.

Gross said she was disappointed with the compromise police reforms the Legislature passed earlier this month, saying they did not go far enough.

However, she said the POST Board reforms are significant.

For police accountability advocates, one of the most significant changes was the creation of a new citizen group - the Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council - that will recommend POST Board reforms. "They better get that it's a new day and we better see real changes," Gross said. "This is the state licensing agency for police, and they had damn well better step up and make some real changes here."

The POST Board reforms were among the most controversial items in the police accountability bill, said Rep. Carlos Mariani, DFL-St. Paul. Lawmakers reached a compromise on the reform package after nearly two months of debate on how to prevent another incident like that involving Floyd, a Black man who died in Minneapolis police custody.

The makeup of the advisory council was a key sticking point. Lawmakers ended up including fewer citizens and more law enforcement than Mariani wanted. He said legislators need to closely watch the work of the POST Board and ensure the new advisory council is not a paper tiger, and that its recommendations result in change.

"I'm going to be watching," Mariani said of the reviews and changes to the POST Board. "Their history doesn't give me a whole lot of confidence."

Brian Peters, executive director of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, was involved in negotiating the POST Board reforms and said they reached a good balance in the makeup of the advisory council.

"I don't want it to turn into an attack on cops. This needs to be something that is fair," Peters said.

Peters said he supports the POST Board's re-evaluation of its training and licensure processes.

"Law enforcement is notorious for not changing very quickly," he said, adding that the board needs to make sure its requirements are relevant to the times and consistent throughout the state.

The creation of a centralized database to track officer behavior was less controversial, but both McCarthy and Mariani said it could have a long-term impact. They said it could shift the board from a reactive role to proactively identifying officers with patterns of misbehavior.

"We're going to be able to make better decisions going forward. We're going to be able to spot problem officers," McCarthy said. "We're going to be able to do some prevention and not just response."

Peters said the data could also illuminate broader systemic issues in a department or among an agency's leadership.

"We're trying to fix the rank-and-file cop," he said. "But nobody is focusing on the leadership at some of these departments."

All eyes on this group for police reforms

The various sides involved with creating the Legislature's police reforms called it a first step and said more work is needed.

Misselt and McCarthy said one of their next goals for the POST Board is to work with federal and state governments to allow the board to do national criminal history checks when someone is trying to renew a license or enter a police academy.

In the near-term, Misselt said the Legislature needs to address confusion around the timeline of the start of the advisory council and the creation of the database that tracks misconduct. He hopes lawmakers straighten out those start dates during an anticipated special session in August.

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POST BOARD CHANGES

Expand the board, which is largely made up of law enforcement officials, from 15 to 17 members. The governor will appoint the two new members.

Add a council that will ensure that board policies and regulations protect civil and human rights and work on reforming police-community interaction.

Build and operate a database that tracks officer misconduct.

Develop an updated model policy for use of force and help agencies implement it.

Discourage "warrior-style" training.

Create a training policy for interacting with people with autism.

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ART REVIEW

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Body

The pandemic blew up museums' exhibition schedules, delaying opening dates for months or even years, leaving artists and visitors disappointed.

The quietly powerful show "Don't Let This Be Easy," which opened Thursday at Walker Art Center, didn't meet that fate. It was pushed back only two weeks from its original opening date, in part because it draws from the center's own collection.

The exhibition features 76 works in every media by 30 women artists. Most of the works were created from the 1970s through the 1990s, with the exception of a few recent acquisitions such as Ojibwe artist Andrea Carlson's screen print tackling settler colonialism and Native histories and Christina Quarles' "Feel'd," an abstract

painting confronting race, sexuality, gender and queerness.

Curators Nisa Mackie and Alexandra Nicome, who are part of the Walker's education department, have organized the show to inform without being didactic. More broadly, it looks at structural inequality in the art world, focusing on how that plays out in the Walker's collection.

The show utilizes an intersectional feminist framework, focusing on "womxn," a term that centers transgender, nonbinary and nonwhite women. It was organized as part of the Feminist Art Coalition (FAC), a platform that collaborates with arts institutions across the country on social justice and structural change.

"Don't Let This Be Easy" is about having those difficult conversations, so it's opening at a perfect time, as institutions reconsider what "equity and diversity" really means following the killing of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis police custody.

The works are both familiar and surprising. Howardena Pindell's iconic "Free, White and 21" (1980), a video about racism she experienced as a Black woman in America, marks both the entrance and exit in this

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content-rich heavy show that jams everything into one big seventh-floor gallery space. Pindell alternates between telling stories as herself, a Black woman speaking in a deadpan manner. At one point, she talks about discrimination in hiring practices for a picture researcher position, then pivots to herself as a blonde white woman who remarks: "Don't worry, we will find other tokens!"

That woman "could be considered a 'Karen' of today," said co-curator Mackie, director of education and public programs at the Walker, referencing the current slang for an entitled, middle-aged white woman who is often racist without realizing it.

More than half the works in this show are artist books in glass cases, arranged in the middle of the gallery. One, dated 1986, feels like it could've been made last month - Adrian Piper's "My Calling (Card) #2," located under glass in the show's "Humor" section. The business card becomes a way to call out a racist comment. "Dear Friend, I am Black," the card begins. "I am sure you did not realize this when you made/laughed at/agreed with that racist remark."

The exhibition also critiques the ways that institutions form collections.

The Walker owns pioneering Postminimalist sculptor Eva Hesse's " 'Untitled,' From the Portfolio '7 Objects/69' " (1969), a brick-size sculpture made of gauze, rubber, balloon and powder that looks like a thick piece of wax or folded flesh. Mackie pointed out that while the Walker often collected such male contemporaries of Hesse as Bruce Nauman, Alan Saret and Richard Serra, the museum has only this one work of hers in the form of a small multiple.

Similarly, a collection of three mixed-media works made in the 1970s by feminist artist Ree Morton weren't acquired until 2011. Mackie discovered that during the '70s, artworks by men were collected at the time they were made, but for women it took decades longer.

"There are lots of women artists who practice their whole lives and are virtually undiscovered, or get picked up by male curators while they are in the later years of their lives and heralded as 'grandmothers,'" said Mackie. "When does a woman artist get to be famous? It's either when you're a bright young star, or when you're much older."

Works by women artists now account for 21% of the Walker's collection, Mackie said.

While this show is focused largely on works from decades ago, it's hard not to think about how so many of them feel ominously contemporary, marking histories that viciously repeat themselves.

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Bail-paying nonprofit halts services at jail

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Highlight: It says Ramsey County has not taken sufficient coronavirus precautions.

Body

The Ramsey County jail is under fire from a bail-providing nonprofit alleging that coronavirus-related health conditions are so dangerous inside the facility that it is halting its services for low-income inmates.

The Minnesota Freedom Fund, which gained momentum after jails in Minneapolis and St. Paul started taking in people arrested in connection with the unrest over the police-involved death of [**George Floyd**](#), said it can no longer risk its staff's safety when posting bail for inmates who otherwise can't afford to do so.

Greg Lewin, executive director of the organization, said in a letter this week to Sheriff Bob Fletcher that his group suspended bailing out Ramsey County inmates on July 22 because of several troubling aspects for anyone in the space for bail transactions, which must be made in person and in cash, although bail bond companies can make electronic transactions:

- No partition between where the bail is paid and where an inmate is released.
- Tight quarters where bail is posted, which can get crowded with others there transferring money to inmates, making calls to the jail or awaiting someone's release.
- Lax enforcement of mask use by civilians and Sheriff's Office deputies.
- Prolonged exposure in the bail-payment area. Transactions run anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes.

"You'd think a jail wouldn't have to play catch-up to Trader Joe's" when providing a lower-risk environment, Lewin said Thursday, "especially when they speak the language of public safety."

Lewin said the Sheriff's Office replied to his letter and pledged to follow up. The Star Tribune also has requested a response from Fletcher or other senior staff to the fund's points.

In the meantime, Lewin said, there are at least a dozen inmates in the jail who have requested bail assistance from the fund but now are left with three options less appealing than being released as their criminal cases proceed: remain locked up, pay a bail bond company to post the bail, or plead guilty to a crime, possibly to one that would not have otherwise led to conviction.

Bail-paying nonprofit halts services at jail

Lewin suggested in his letter to Fletcher that bail transactions be moved to a safer neighboring space, where other clerical duties are conducted and inmate photos are provided. He said it compares similarly to the layout in Hennepin County.

"This change, along with appropriate signage about masks and readily available hand sanitizer, will improve conditions and will eliminate unnecessary risks for our bail payers," Lewin's letter continued.

Andy Skoogman, a spokesman for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, said the bail payment area receives "extra cleaning" as part of the effort to counter the spread of the coronavirus. In addition, he said, visitors lacking a mask are provided with one and there is hand sanitation in the jail's public lobby.

Lewin also told Fletcher that his organization has heard from several public defenders who are "sharing incidents of exposure to symptomatic individuals, sometimes without any warning from jail staff."

Jim Fleming, the county's lead public defender, said he's fielding complaints from his attorneys about "a breakdown in social distancing, and the lack of masks and enforcement of policies."

Fleming said he's had lawyers who have contracted COVID-19, but he's at a loss to know for sure whether the illnesses are work-related because "nobody is doing contact tracing. And I don't know how many lawyers are asymptomatic."

"We are on the front end of this," he said. "I don't want to be seen [as] sending my lawyers over a cliff."

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Calhoun Beach Athletic Club closing to public

ARTICLE MCDXIII. [CALHOUN BEACH ATHLETIC CLUB CLOSING TO PUBLIC](#)

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Section: BUSINESS; Pg. 1D**Length:** 360 words**Byline:** DEE DePASS; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** The pandemic shutdown dealt a crippling blow to its operations; redevelopment being studied.**Body**

COVID-19 has claimed yet another economic victim, this time the Calhoun Beach Athletic Club in Minneapolis. It will close its doors to the public Sept. 30.

In a letter to members, club owner Aimco wrote: "The pandemic has presented additional obstacles related to membership and operations that have accelerated our plans to consider redeveloping the space. While we figure out the best way to serve our community, we've made the difficult decision to close the athletic club. ... Removing the operational and financial constraints of serving the general public allows us to focus entirely on transforming the athletic club for the better."

Sections of the 40,000-square-foot facility will remain open as a fitness center, but only for residents of the adjacent apartment building that Denver-based Aimco also owns.

The letter was sent to club members of the Uptown facility on July 27, the same day the club was expected to resume its group exercise classes. The athletic center has been open for 44 years, but the coronavirus may have proved its death knell.

"The pandemic has presented a number of obstacles, and it just didn't make financial sense to keep the club open," said Aimco spokesperson Jamie Alvarez in an e-mail

Thursday. "We're still very early in the planning phase and redevelopment of the community isn't confirmed."

In its letter to members, Aimco said that it intends to study other uses for the facility over the next few months and could ultimately decide to include a "fitness complex" in the next development. "If it does, we hope you'll choose to return to our club," officials said.

The historic Calhoun Beach Athletic Club sits adjacent to the former Lake Calhoun, named for the staunch 19th-century slavery advocate John C. Calhoun. The lake was recently re-christened Bde Maka Ska, its original Dakota name.

Calhoun Beach Athletic Club closing to public

The building was in the news last month after officials announced they will drop the name Calhoun from the apartment and the athletic club facility. The name-change decision followed the May 25 police killing of ***George Floyd*** and protests that demanded the end of racial inequities.

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Minneapolis clears second large homeless camp

ARTICLE MCDXIV. [**MINNEAPOLIS CLEARS SECOND LARGE HOMELESS CAMP**](#)

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A week after Minneapolis officials dismantled a large homeless site at Powderhorn Park, officials cleared another encampment on the city's South Side on Wednesday.

As police looked on, residents broke down their tents and crisscrossed the encampment on a city-owned lot at E. 26th Street, between S. 15th and 14th avenues, with pushcarts piled high with clothes, pillows and other belongings. A group of social service providers and volunteers were also on the scene to provide assistance. City workers hung back for a while, before moving in to clear trash with a small front-loader.

It was the latest encampment to be cleared since an executive order passed by Gov. Tim Walz for the coronavirus pandemic. Days after the Park Board issued an eviction notice, workers joined park police officers to clear out one of the two tent camps at Powderhorn Park, which became a haven for people displaced in the aftermath of the *George Floyd* riots, but also picked up a reputation for trouble. About 20 people were arrested during the operation, which some critics called unnecessarily heavy-handed.

Some of those helping said that Wednesday's operation appeared a bit smoother. However, Angel Beaumaster said that camp residents were promised a bus to help in the move, but one never showed up.

"These people want to work, they're willing to work," said Beaumaster. "Maybe they're not 9-to-5ers, but they're good workers."

What started as a handful of tents at the site grew to as many as 50 in a matter of weeks, said Linda Julik, adding that its residents lived with the constant uncertainty that the encampment could be dismantled at any time.

"Every time they displace them, mentally it knocks them down another degree," said Julik, who along with her fiancé does community outreach work in the surrounding neighborhoods. "And you wonder why they stay in their [drug] addiction."

A few minutes earlier, a fire crew showed up after being called about a possible overdose.

Minneapolis clears second large homeless camp

An MPD spokesman said that on Wednesday the dispersal order was given by the city's Community Planning & Economic Development department.

In announcing the move, officials said in a statement that their goal was "for all people to gain access to permanent housing that is safe, stable and something that they can afford over the long term," pointing out that a planned "new, culturally specialized" shelter was set to open this fall.

The statement said that the city had avoided moving other encampments on its property since the pandemic started, but that in "this particular instance, the size, public health and safety concerns had reached a level where the encampment posed a serious risk to both encampment residents and surrounding neighbors."

"Encampment residents were given a week's notice that they would have to move," the statement read. "The city worked with outreach teams to try to identify housing and shelter options for as many people as possible, and to offer transportation to encampment residents."

One resident who agreed to speak about his experience if his name was not revealed, said he had "mixed feelings" about the move.

The 25-year-old man, whose nickname is "Urkel," said he understood the need to address coronavirus-related health hazards, but he added that the encampment had been "kind of like a refuge for a lot of people" with nowhere else to turn.

Officials said in their statement that the city had spent more than \$70 million on affordable housing over the past two years. Earlier this week, government leaders announced plans for developing three new shelters, each targeting particularly vulnerable populations.

Earlier this month, the Park Board voted to limit the homeless tent camps that have sprung up across the city's parks, creating 20 designated sites where future encampments will be permitted. Under the resolution, no encampment can have more than 25 tents, and advocates and nonprofit organizations will have to apply for a temporary permit to legalize an encampment; those without permits would be disbanded.

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Rodeo-goer tests positive for coronavirus; AG Ellison files enforcement action

ARTICLE MCDXV. **[RODEO-GOER TESTS POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS; AG ELLISON FILES ENFORCEMENT ACTION](#)**

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Byline: Christopher Magan

Highlight: People who ignored crowd limits at the North Star Stampede rodeo in Itasca County should get tested for the coronavirus if they're sick because one spectator was likely contagious with COVID-19. The rodeo was held in Effie, Minn., the last weekend of July despite executive orders from Gov. Tim Walz requiring masks and strictly limiting [...]

Body

People who ignored crowd limits at the North Star Stampede rodeo in Itasca County should get tested for the coronavirus if they're sick because one spectator was likely contagious with COVID-19.

The rodeo was held in Effie, Minn., the last weekend of July despite executive orders from Gov. Tim Walz requiring masks and strictly limiting crowd sizes. The organizers of the event apparently initially tried to comply with the rules but gave up and told would-be spectators they wouldn't infringe on their right to assemble.

Cimarron Pitzen, an administrator of the rodeo's Facebook page, wrote online that "political agendas" of the state Department of Health and the attorney general's office meant the rodeo would be held without spectators. "If people would like to come and protest against this ridiculous government over reach, feel free to do so, I will not stand in the way of peoples (sic) "Right to Assemble," Pitzen's July 22 post read.

Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner, said it was important for anyone at the event to watch for symptoms, self-isolate if they're sick and get tested. Doing so would help limit any possible spread.

The infected person attended the event between July 23 and 26. They became ill July 27, and health officials said people are generally contagious before they show symptoms.

"If you attended this event, you should consider yourself potentially exposed," Malcolm said. "We just want to get the word out, given the number of people at this event."

Effie is located in Itasca County in northern Minnesota.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison also announced Friday his office had filed an enforcement action against the rodeo's organizers. Ellison is seeking damages as high as \$25,000 per violation as well as other legal remedies.

Rodeo-goer tests positive for coronavirus; AG Ellison files enforcement action

"Stopping the spread of COVID-19 is everyone's responsibility," Ellison said in a statement. "Because we take the health of Minnesota's people and economy very seriously, we take our responsibility to educate and seek compliance very seriously."

Kris Ehresmann, director of infectious disease for the state Department of Health, said it was unclear if the rodeo would have different transmission rates than mass gatherings earlier this summer after the death of [George Floyd](#) at the hands of Minneapolis police. Free testing after those protests found fewer demonstrators than expected contracted the coronavirus.

"We were grateful for what we didn't see following mass gatherings," Ehresmann said. "It remains to be seen how we will see transmission play out at this event. It does give us pause, and we will continue to monitor the situation."

Minnesota recorded another 779 coronavirus cases Friday, bringing the state total to 54,463. Another six deaths were also reported, increasing the death toll to 1,600.

Those who died included a person in their late 20s with underlying health conditions and older residents ranging in age from their 70s to their 90s.

Minnesota has now tested 1,024,916 patient samples and 834,354 total patients since local testing began in March. Many of those tests are done through a partnership between the state, the Mayo Clinic, the University of Minnesota and other health care providers.

[Virtual fundraising is a jackpot for some nonprofits. For others, it's a financial blow.](#) [US tops 5 million confirmed virus cases, to Europe's alarm](#) [Israeli jeweler makes a \\$1.5m gold coronavirus mask](#) [Sunday coronavirus update: 9 more MN deaths, 806 more infections](#) [Minnesota cities, counties scramble to keep businesses afloat by dishing out CARES Act grants](#) Leaders of testing efforts at Mayo and the university said they were developing localized versions of coronavirus tests in order to avoid ongoing supply chain shortages. Most tests in Minnesota take about 24 to 48 hours to get results although longer times have been reported.

The state has a cumulative test positivity rate of 5.8 percent, but positive test rates are higher in places with outbreaks including the Twin Cities metro and several rural counties where there's been spikes in cases at meat processing plants.

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Shooting at Little Earth kills dad, 27

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Highlight: The homicide is the 39th of the year and continues a surge in gun violence.

Body

Police searched late Wednesday for at least three suspects they say are responsible for the fatal shooting of a young father and the wounding of another man near the Little Earth housing complex in Minneapolis.

The victims were struck by gunfire just after 11 p.m. in the 2400 block of S. 18th Avenue. The surrounding complex, home to dozens of three-story townhouses, has long been the heart of the Twin Cities' American Indian community.

Officials and relatives online identified the victim as 27-year-old Billy Campbell. His death was the city's 39th homicide of the year and continued a surge in shootings since the unrest after the killing of ***George Floyd*** on May 25.

And while the pace of violence has slowed in recent days, the city's gunshot victim tally so far in 2020 has already eclipsed the entire annual totals of all but one of the past 10 years.

At least two other people were injured in separate shootings on Wednesday, including a 17-year-old boy who was struck by gunfire near Glenwood and Knox avenues.

The recent upswing in shootings has become part of a fierce debate over the future of policing and public safety in Minneapolis, as elsewhere, sparked by Floyd's death in police custody.

City leaders have sought help dealing with the crime spike from federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, as well as the Secret Service.

At the scene of the most recent homicide, officers strung up yellow police tape to cordon off parts of the street where the shooting occurred, as police searched the area.

A State Patrol helicopter joined the search for suspects a short time later, flying slow circles over the area before landing at a St. Paul airfield, according to FlightAware.com, an online flight tracking service.

Shooting at Little Earth kills dad, 27

Jolene Jones, former board president of the Little Earth Residents Association, livestreamed the immediate aftermath of the shooting. Bystanders were seen tending to a man who appeared to have suffered a gunshot wound to his arm.

Minutes into the video, Jones was told that a second victim had been found nearby, and she and others rushed over and found him facedown in a street next to the curb.

A group of paramedics and police officers appeared moments later and started cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the man, believed to be Campbell.

Another bystander's video posted online captured onlookers hugging and consoling one another next to the crime scene, their voices occasionally drowned out by a woman's cries of "He's all that I had!"

By Thursday afternoon, Campbell's Facebook page was filled with posts from family and friends, grieving for another life taken too soon. Campbell was married and had three children, ages 7, 5 and 2, according to a GoFundMe page set up by his wife.

"[Y]our smile will forever echo through my head rest up bro gone but never forgotten," one person wrote.

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Xcel Energy posts profit in midst of pandemic

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XCEL ENERGY POSTS PROFIT IN MIDST OF PANDEMIC

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Highlight: The Q2 results, thanks to hot weather and cutting costs, beat Wall Street expectations.

Body

COVID-19's grip on the U.S. economy has sapped electricity demand at factories and offices - and Xcel Energy hasn't been spared.

Still, Minneapolis-based Xcel notched a healthy increase in second-quarter profits as hot weather and cost cutting helped offset a 7% decline in its weather-adjusted electricity sales.

COVID-19 led to lockdowns and an economic contraction that sapped energy demand of all kinds. Earlier, this week the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported energy consumption, particularly oil, in April hit a low not seen in over 30 years. Electricity consumption in April hit a 19-year low.

Xcel is by far Minnesota's largest electricity provider, and the company also has a big presence in Colorado as well as operations in New Mexico, Texas, Wisconsin the Dakotas and a small slice of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

"Because of Xcel's size and locations, I usually consider it as a good barometer for the entire industry," said Travis Miller, a stock analyst at Morningstar.

Xcel's weather-adjusted residential electricity sales rose 5.4% in the second quarter as people worked at home instead of at the office. But that increase was more than canceled out by a 11.5% decline in commercial and industrial sales.

Still, hotter than normal weather - and a corresponding hike in power-sucking air conditioner use - helped cushion the decline in Xcel's actual electricity sales.

Overall, Xcel "continued to put up solid numbers" during the second quarter, Miller said.

Xcel reported on Thursday earnings of \$287 million, or 54 cents per share, up from \$238 million, or 46 cents per share, in 2019's second quarter. The company beat Wall Street forecast of 48 cents per share, with help from a lower effective tax rate during the quarter.

Xcel Energy posts profit in midst of pandemic

Xcel's second-quarter revenue tallied \$2.59 billion, down a tad from a year ago, but below analysts' projections of \$2.66 billion.

"Despite lower sales due to COVID-19, Xcel Energy achieved strong second-quarter results primarily due to the positive impact of weather and cost-management efforts," Ben Fowke, chairman and CEO of Xcel Energy, said in a statement. "We are on track with our financial plan and are reaffirming our 2020 earnings guidance of \$2.73 to \$2.83 per share."

Xcel's stock closed Thursday at \$69, up 27 cents.

Fowke, in a conference call with analysts Thursday, said that Xcel has seen some improvement this month in sales of commercial and industrial electricity. "We are seeing a positive trend there."

Fowke, in the analyst call, also noted the recent death of *George Floyd* at the hands of Minneapolis police.

He said that as the new chairman of the Edison Electric Institute, he has asked the trade group to "focus on what our industry can do to promote racial justice and increase our commitment to advance diversity and inclusion."

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AP Interview: Heat's Leonard stands for anthem, explains why

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**[AP INTERVIEW: HEAT'S LEONARD STANDS FOR ANTHEM,
EXPLAINS WHY](#)**

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Highlight: LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) - Meyers Leonard has a brother who served two tours in Afghanistan with the U.S. Marines. He carries a military-themed backpack, wears combat boots and has a phone loaded with Navy SEALs who are his friends.

Body

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Meyers Leonard has a brother who served two tours in Afghanistan with the U.S. Marines. He carries a military-themed backpack, wears combat boots and has a phone loaded with Navy SEALs who are his friends.

He also makes this clear: "I absolutely believe ***Black Lives Matter***," he said.

Still, Leonard simply could not bring himself to kneel for the national anthem.

Wearing a ***Black Lives Matter*** T-shirt over a jersey that he ordered to say "Equality," and as all other coaches and players around him knelt, Leonard stood for the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" on Saturday before the Heat re-opened their season by facing the Denver Nuggets at Walt Disney World.

"Some of the conversations I've had over the past three days, quite literally, have been the most difficult," Leonard told The Associated Press prior to the game. "I am with the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement and I love and support the military and my brother and the people who have fought to defend our rights in this country."

Leonard dealt with anxiety and sleeplessness for several days as he agonized over the decision. He explained his reasoning before Saturday to current teammates and several former ones, almost all of them Black - then stood near midcourt, hand over his heart, as the song blared.

"I am a compassionate human being and I truly love all people," Leonard said. "I can't fully comprehend how our world, literally and figuratively, has turned into Black and white. There's a line in the sand, so to speak: 'If you're not kneeling, you're not with us.' And that's not true.

"I will continue to use my platform, my voice and my actions to show how much I care about the African American culture and for everyone," he added. "I live my life to serve and impact others in a positive way."

AP Interview: Heat's Leonard stands for anthem, explains why

The focus of this restarted NBA season, interrupted for more than 4-1/2 months by the coronavirus pandemic, has been to continue shining light on the need for racial justice and an end to police brutality. NBA teams are kneeling, often linking arms, for the pre-recorded national anthem along a sideline where "***Black Lives Matter***" is painted.

Orlando Magic forward Jonathan Isaac, who is Black, stood for the anthem before his team's game Friday and opted not to wear the '***Black Lives Matter***' shirt that players and coaches have donned at Disney for the pregame ceremony.

Later Friday, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich and Spurs assistant Becky Hammon both stood for the anthem. Popovich, a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, stood with arms at his side. Hammon draped her arms over the shoulders of fellow assistant Will Hardy and Spurs guard Patty Mills.

"I did feel a little bit of a load lifted off my shoulders when they did that," Leonard said. "Each of those individuals had their own personal reasons, just as I do."

Heat forward Andre Iguodala, a member of the National Basketball Players Association's executive committee, said he respected Leonard's choice.

"On the one hand, we're saying, 'We want you to see things from our perspective,'" Iguodala said. "But by saying that, I also have to see things from his perspective. And I can see where he's coming from."

Heat captain Udonis Haslem had multiple conversations with Leonard in recent days about his decision. Haslem has made several things clear; he originally wished to see Leonard kneel, but after those talks he came away with understanding - and vowed the Heat would support their teammate.

As the song ended, Haslem was the first to tap fists with Leonard.

"His being out there with us, as our brother, it's still showing strength, it's still showing unity, it's still showing that we're coming together for a common cause," Haslem said. "People will question, 'Why isn't he doing it their way?' Well, he's standing by us. He's supporting us. He's with us."

Haslem has seen Leonard's commitment to helping others. Leonard raised \$180,000 in April by streaming himself playing video games online; that money went to causes such as Feeding South Florida, a group with which Haslem and the Heat worked closely.

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And Saturday, Leonard said he and his wife will donate \$100,000 to a fund that helps pay the fees Floridians leaving jails or prisons must settle before they can have their voting rights restored.

"Because I've listened to Udonis and am constantly inspired by him, every single one of those dollars will go to Overtown and Liberty City, where he grew up," Leonard said, referring to two of Miami's historic Black neighborhoods. "Those two parts of Miami were most heavily impacted by COVID-19 and voter suppression."

AP Interview: Heat's Leonard stands for anthem, explains why

Heat forward Jimmy Butler also tried to make a statement Saturday, walking onto the court with a jersey without any name on the back. He unsuccessfully lobbied the NBA to play in a jersey with just a number, and had to switch into a jersey with his name before the game could begin.

Former teammates have warned Leonard that he may deal with criticism, possibly from fellow NBA players. His eyes welled with tears many times in recent days as he worked through the decision, his reaction so strong that he was shaking when he explained his choice to Heat teammates.

It was not an easy decision. It may not be popular.

But Saturday morning, a few hours before the anthem, Bailey Leonard, the former Marine, texted his brother and said "Stay true to you. Stay the course. I love you. Your family loves you. Your community loves you."

If Leonard had any doubt, it evaporated there.

"I know he's proud of me," Leonard said. "And if he's proud of me, and if my brothers on this team are with me, then I know this is what I have to do."

Graphic

Miami Heat's Meyers Leonard stands during the national anthem before an NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets, Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (Kevin C. Cox/Pool Photo via AP)

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Matt Dumba kneels, NHL puts focus on Black Lives Matter

ARTICLE MCDXIX. [**MATT DUMBA KNEELS, NHL PUTS FOCUS ON BLACK LIVES MATTER**](#)

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Highlight: Dumba knelt at center ice while fellow Black players Malcolm Subban of Chicago and Darnell Nurse of Edmonton each stood with a hand on one of his shoulders.

Body

Minnesota's Matt Dumba on Saturday became the first NHL player to kneel during the U.S. national anthem when he did so before the opening playoff game between the Oilers and Blackhawks in Edmonton, Alberta.

Dumba knelt at center ice while fellow Black players Malcolm Subban of Chicago and Darnell Nurse of Edmonton each stood with a hand on one of his shoulders. Several teams this week stood together during the U.S. and Canadian anthems, with some players locking arms to show solidarity.

With the message "END RACISM" on the video screens around him, the Wild defenseman made a passionate speech about racial injustice on behalf of the league and the Hockey Diversity Alliance.

Dumba and a handful of other Black hockey players formed the organization in June in the aftermath of the death of [**George Floyd**](#) in police custody in Minnesota.

"Racism is everywhere, and we need to fight against it," Dumba said. "We will fight against injustice and fight for what is right. I hope this inspires a new generation of hockey players and hockey fans because ***Black lives matter***, Breonna Taylor's life matters. Hockey is a great game, but it could be a whole lot greater, and it starts with all of us."

Dumba wore a Hockey Diversity Alliance sweatshirt while making the speech and kneeling. Afterward, he received support from around the hockey community.

"I think everyone in the league stands with those guys," Colorado forward Matt Nieto said. "There's just no room for racism in our sport or any sports or just in general for that matter."

J.T. Brown, who raised his right fist during the anthem prior to a game in 2017 when with the Tampa Bay Lightning, said on Twitter he applauded "this great start" from Dumba.

"Moving forward, teammates shouldn't let teammates fight this battle alone," Brown tweeted. "We always show up for each other on the ice, this shouldn't be any different."

Matt Dumba kneels, NHL puts focus on Black Lives Matter

Earlier this week, Avalanche center Nazem Kadri said standing together with Minnesota players prior to an exhibition game was a good sign of solidarity, but he called for more than just gestures.

"We're trying to make the game more diverse, and the diversity in the game doesn't happen with racism still going on, so that's an important thing for us to address," Kadri said. "As players we have addressed that. From a league standpoint, I think we'd maybe like to see a little more acknowledgement and having them address the situation and know that they stand with their players."

Asked about Kadri's comments, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman told The Associated Press on Friday, "We're in complete agreement as to the ultimate goal."

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The league is made up of over 95% white players and has no people of color as coaches or general managers. The recent national debate on racism caused many of those white players to speak out about the subject.

"I've said how I feel, and other players are getting comfortable to say how they feel, as well," said Stars forward Tyler Seguin, who marched in a peaceful protest in Dallas.

When the playoffs began Saturday, one banner in Toronto's Scotiabank Arena read, "#WeSkateFor Black Lives." Arizona coach Rick Tocchet said he received a call from Vegas forward Ryan Reaves prior to the exhibition game between the Coyotes and Golden Knights about players locking arms and is glad to see the league prioritizing diversity.

"I'm all in on that stuff," Tocchet said. "I thought it was terrific. I watched all the other teams do different things. To show that awareness is terrific."

Graphic

Minnesota Wild's Matt Dumba takes a knee during the national anthem flanked by Edmonton Oilers' Darnell Nurse, right, and Chicago Blackhawks' Malcolm Subban before an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoff game in Edmonton, Alberta, Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020. (Jason Franson/The Canadian Press via AP)

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Crowded field vies for empty seat on Minneapolis City Council

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Minneapolis' sole municipal election this year is a race to fill a City Council seat in one of the most diverse pockets of the city, which has been without representation since April.

Eleven candidates are running in a special election for the Sixth Ward seat, which was vacated when former Council Member Abdi Warsame resigned to lead the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority this spring. Whoever is elected would have to run again in November 2021, when all council seats are once again up for election, to keep the seat.

The Aug. 11 election is ranked choice, with voters able to select three of the listed candidates in order of preference.

The elected candidate will take office as the council contends with the coronavirus pandemic and the aftermath of the death of [George Floyd](#), who was killed by Minneapolis police officers on May 25. The council has already had to make budget cuts and will likely see even deeper spending cuts next year.

The council is also faced with questions about how to rebuild areas devastated by riots and how to reshape policing in the city, all the while holding public meetings from remote locations.

Some of the effects of the city's turbulent year can be most deeply felt in the Sixth Ward, which includes the neighborhoods of Cedar-Riverside, Elliot Park, Phillips West, Seward, Stevens Square and Ventura Village.

Those neighborhoods include some of the highest concentrations of coronavirus cases in the city, according to data collected by the city. They also include parks where dozens of homeless people have set up camps following the pandemic and uprising surrounding Floyd's killing.

The Sixth Ward is the city's smallest and most densely populated district, where nearly 90% of residents are renters, according to a city profile. The ward has higher concentrations of Black and Latino residents and a greater unemployment rate compared with the rest of the city.

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The 11 candidates running for the seat are AJ Awed, Abdirizak Bihi, Michael P. Dougherty, Sara Mae Engberg, AK Hassan, Nebiha Mohammed,

Suud Olat, Jamal Osman, Alex Palacios, Joshua Scheunemann and Saciido Shaie. (Another registered candidate, Mohamoud Hassan, dropped out of the race, according to reports in Mshale, a community newspaper.)

There is a generational divide among candidates. Some, such as Bihi and Shaie, have long histories with the ward and are well-known among its East African community. Others are newcomers to local politics.

At virtual and in-person forums, the candidates have fine-tuned their positions on pressing issues.

Most support disbanding or restructuring the *Minneapolis Police Department*, in line with what the City Council is pursuing. They agree that addressing the surge of homeless encampments is one of the city's key priorities, as is supporting small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic and the riots. Most identify with the DFL Party or otherwise describe themselves as progressive.

Dougherty, director of the Thomson Dougherty funeral home in the Phillips West neighborhood, said he is running to offer pragmatic solutions as the city deals with severe budget woes. He does not support defunding the Police Department and said he would like Police Chief Medaria Arradondo to have a greater say as the department outlines its future.

"We're in crisis," Dougherty said at a League of Women Voters Minneapolis forum in July. "And I think right now, in a moment like that, we have to leave politics, ideology, out of it. We need common sense, measurable results. Pragmatism."

Bihi, director of the Somali Education and Social Advocacy Center, is touting his experience in Cedar-Riverside and serving on other neighborhood committees.

"I have two decades of experience of really doing the work, and not only that, living in the ward," Bihi said during a virtual forum Monday. "I did not move to the ward, I do not have just [an] address."

Other candidates are countering that experience, arguing that Cedar-Riverside has continued to suffer from poverty, crime, drug use and disinvestment.

"Bihi has been in the community for a long time, but at the same time it's under the watch of 20 years, going on to three decades now, that the community has been deteriorating," Awed, an independent party candidate, said at the same forum. "They're really looking for a next generation of leadership that is going to be able to bring in the policy questions that really matter."

Shaie, co-founder of the Ummah Project, a nonprofit group working with Somali youth, moved to the ward after an unsuccessful run for a state House seat representing northeast Minneapolis earlier this year. Like Bihi, she is touting her connection to the ward's residents and businesses.

The candidates are split on their views of Africa Village, a development project pushed by Warsame and Mayor Jacob Frey that would bring an indoor market, housing and other amenities to what is now a parking lot in Cedar-Riverside. While some believe it would bring in needed revenue to the area, others say they want to get more feedback from the neighborhood before moving forward.

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"I want to see the Riverside area to be a like an East African district, the same way as Chinatown," said Osman, who works in social services for Commonbond Communities. "Now if you walk, drive around there, it's not booming as I wish it was. And projects like this, it's [an] opportunity that comes around [once] in a lifetime."

Mohammed, a U.S. Army veteran, believed the market would bring much-needed tax revenue to the neighborhood but that other locations should be scouted.

"Cedar-Riverside is a diverse neighborhood, and I feel though that an African development market would be the best thing for our neighborhood, just not in that location," she said.

Hassan, a Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board commissioner, has received endorsements from Our Revolution Twin Cities and OutFront Minnesota, as well as Hennepin County Commissioners Angela Conley and Debbie Goettel, according to his website.

Engberg, a Humanity Forward candidate, said she is running on a campaign to defund the Police Department, set universal basic income and fully fund the city's Section 8 housing program. Palacios, who provides HIV testing and outreach for the Aliveness Project, also said they support defunding the police and learning the safety needs of different neighborhoods.

More than a fifth of the ward's 15,305 registered voters have already voted in the special election, according to city spokesperson Casper Hill. The elected candidate will likely be sworn in on the council at the end of August, he said.

The special election will be found on the back of the ballot for Sixth Ward voters. Polls will be open Aug. 11 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sixth Ward voters can find their polling location online at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us.

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Candidates for Minneapolis City Council Ward 6 seat

Michael P. Dougherty, funeral home director

Abdirizak Bihi, Somali Education and Social Advocacy Center director

AJ Awed, Independent

Sara Mae Engberg, Humanity Forward candidate

AK Hassan, Minneapolis Park Board commissioner

Nebiha Mohammed, U.S. Army veteran

Suud Olat, former ONE Campaign congressional district leader

Jamal Osman, Commonbond Communities social services worker

Joshua Scheunemann, Green Party candidate

Alex Palacios, early intervention navigator at the Aliveness Project

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Saciido Shaie, Ummah Project co-founder

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The hike ends, but the fight continues

ARTICLE MCDXXI. **THE HIKE ENDS, BUT THE FIGHT CONTINUES**

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Highlight: Atlanta woman completes 24 days on trail, then visits **George Floyd** memorial.

Body

On Tuesday, Crystal Gail Welcome completed her 310-mile thru-hike at the northern end of the Superior Hiking Trail. But she said her trek truly finished when she visited the memorial site for **George Floyd**, a Black man who died in police custody in Minneapolis.

Welcome, a writer and activist from Atlanta, set out July 4 to honor Floyd's life and bring attention to racial injustice through different means. She said it was at the end of the hike when the idea struck to drive hundreds of miles south. The night was beautiful pinks and blues. She signed the logbook and took a photo, and her partner, Demi Kapler, handed Welcome her diploma from Prescott College in Arizona.

"You did all these miles, and that's your finish," she said of her thoughts. "That's where you need to go."

Welcome, 39, recounted many encounters along the trail - almost too many at times, she said - with people who wanted to meet and talk, or tell her about their activism. "I had a lot of positive interactions," she said. She especially relished a final night at the on-trail Hazel campsite where she encountered a group of high school girls and a separate high school boy out hiking, too. The conversations were light, hitting on gear and gap years. But they were serious, too, digging into issues about racism and barriers for people of color like Welcome, who is Black.

On Thursday, Welcome met a friend she'd made on her thru-hike, and they headed to the site of Floyd's death at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue. Welcome had learned, too, of the death of U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a champion of civil rights.

Welcome started crying as she walked to the intersection and carried that grief to the Cup Foods storefront. "It was just so much," she said.

Later, Welcome left her hiking hat, trekking poles and jottings about her mission and message at the memorial. A thought echoed in her, she said: "This is where this hike ends, but not where the fight ends."

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Deficit of \$4.7B seen as budget erodes

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DEFICIT OF \$4.7B SEEN AS BUDGET ERODES

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Highlight: A new planning estimate showed a rapid evaporation of the state's projected surplus.

Body

Minnesota lawmakers are facing a potential \$4.7 billion deficit in the next two-year budget as the coronavirus pandemic continues to gobble up more resources than the state gets in revenue.

Minnesota Management and Budget Commissioner Myron Frans said in a new planning estimate Friday that the pandemic has made economic conditions "extremely volatile." The revenue update, he added, "gives us more information about the budget problems we need to solve during this current biennium and the next."

The updated numbers for 2022 and 2023, coming ahead of a state bond sale, continue a stunning deterioration of the state's finances in a matter of months. A February economic forecast showed the state had a projected \$1.5 billion budget surplus for the remainder of this budget cycle, which ends July 2021. But a May budget update showed the state now faces a \$2.4 billion deficit this budget cycle.

"Minnesota is not alone. States across the country are facing large budget gaps during this global pandemic," Gov. Tim Walz said in a statement. "We have challenges ahead, but we will continue to make smart fiscal decisions and request aid from the federal government to help our state manage this difficult time."

Minnesota has received more than \$2 billion from the federal government in coronavirus relief, but that money cannot be used to fill gaps in revenue collections. The state's total two-year budget is roughly \$48 billion.

Unlike many states, Minnesota has a budget reserve that's filled automatically when revenue comes in higher than expected. Over the years, it's grown to nearly \$2.4 billion, with \$350 million in a cash flow account. But as the deficit grows, lawmakers are facing potential budget cuts or calls for tax increases to fill the gap. Lawmakers are constitutionally required to pass a balanced budget for 2022 and 2023 by next summer.

Minnesota lawmakers adjourned the regular legislative session on May 18 without addressing the expected deficit for this budget cycle. Two summer special sessions of the Legislature, triggered as Walz extended

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the use of his emergency powers for the pandemic, were overshadowed by a debate over police reforms in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death.

"Minnesota is staring down a massive budget deficit, and it will only get worse if we bury our heads in the sand and pretend it doesn't exist," House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, said in a statement.

"House Republicans will fight to protect Minnesotans from harmful tax hikes," he continued. "Will Gov. Walz and Democrats work with us to protect taxpayers, or demand tax hikes to close the deficit?"

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Greetings mailed with a mission

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GREETINGS MAILED WITH A MISSION

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Highlight: Pandemic-themed cards aim to brighten days and support the U.S. Postal Service.

Body

Liv Lane and Liz Malanaphy don't know each other, but the two creatives are united by a common mission: Saving the U.S. Postal Service with the simple act of sending cards.

The women both designed a series of COVID-19-themed greeting cards to help others stay connected during quarantine. Like the resurgence of jigsaw puzzles and baking bread during stay-at-home orders across the country, folks with time on their hands also gravitated toward good old-fashion snail mail to pass the time.

They've been selling cards online the past few months, and despite some restrictions being lifted, customers are still interested in loading virtual shopping carts with their handmade, coronavirus-inspired creations. Some of the cards honor everyday heroes; others are humorous, like Malanaphy's toilet paper doodles with the message "Wishing you abundance and absorbency!"

But this hobby wasn't without cause. Many people started pen pal chains and stocked up on stamps because of the dire news coming out of the postal service.

The coronavirus has been a blow to the institution that predates the United States. A rescue package in the amount of \$10 billion was approved by Congress after the postal service lost \$4.5 billion so far this year. Recently another \$25 million was approved by the House to modernize the agency's infrastructure and operations. Still, the threat of privatization lingers.

President Donald Trump remains critical of the postal service, but 91% of Americans have a favorable view of the federal agency, according to a March poll

by the Pew Research Center.

On top of financial woes, thousands of carriers have tested positive for COVID-19. Some have died.

With all these pressing concerns, it may seem a bit naive to think one card could turn the course. But Lane and Malanaphy aren't the only card makers encouraging others to send a letter to a loved one and #savethepostoffice.

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The hashtag has gone viral, along with #saveailman and #mailedit, as petitions and rallies circulate across the country to support postal carriers and their service that makes vote-by-mail possible, even for the most rural areas.

"The postal service is under assault and it sort of has been for a long time. It's one of the American institutions that is still accessible and equitable for everybody," Malanaphy said. "It's more important that I think people realize."

The creative from Hudson, Wis., said it costs everyone the same to mail a letter, whether in a small town or sprawling city. And she saw what a "devastating blow" it was for neighborhoods in south Minneapolis to lose post offices destroyed during riots following the death of George Floyd.

Malanaphy said her cards may seem "trivial" in light of the protests. Before the unrest when the pandemic was the major pressing concern for households, it seemed like the best way to contribute something meaningful.

"There's still room for other stories out there. There is so much about our government, like these basic institutions - our public schools and the postal service - that were based on making sure things were equitable and still can be those avenues to help make that happen," she said. "But if we start privatizing things like the United States Postal Service, it's just going to be another thing that is out of reach for people who live in poverty. I really think there's a huge danger in privatizing these institutions ... and I feel like that was kind of the path that people are going down."

Lane, a 40-year-old artist living in Shorewood, said her involvement to help save the postal service started with a school assignment for her 12-year-old son, Truman.

The e-learning assignment was simply "do something kind." And so he thought to send a thank-you card to their postal carrier.

"He wrote a thank-you note saying he was glad that he was still doing his job even during these tough times and drew a little picture. And it was about the same time that the news was coming out about how the postal service has really been in dire straits and that people were not sending as much mail because of the pandemic," Lane said.

"We got a letter back from our mail carrier, which thrilled my kid, and it said thank you so much for having concern for me and my safety and I'm really doing my best job to keep everything clean and to deliver your mail on time. It was just the sweetest exchange."

Lane thought: "How can I help stimulate more of those kinds of exchanges and support the postal service at the same time?" Thus began her pandemic postcards.

"It's such a day brightener when you get something in the mail because it tells you that someone took the extra time to actually hand write a note to you, to look up your address, to go find a stamp for it," she said. "I wanted to give people a chance to do that, especially when everybody is in isolation."

Before the pandemic, Lane knew what it was like to be in isolation. In 2018, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her pandemic postcards have been the first project since then. Now in remission, she still takes precautions.

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"I know a lot about isolation after having cancer," she said. "It was always so wonderful to get cards in the mail from people. I couldn't always answer a text when it came in - I just did not have the energy or focus. But when I could go to the mail pile when I had the energy and see that I had notes from people waiting for me, it was just wonderful to have that kind of connection. I can only assume that the same is true for people who are in isolation now, or maybe sick or caring for those who are sick, who are working long hours," she said.

"One of the silver linings of this pandemic is that it has reminded people about the importance of being connected in all kinds of ways and letting each other know how much we matter to each other."

Malanaphy, 53, can relate. She started making her own cards after she ran out of her personal stash of greeting cards early on in quarantine. She was sending cards to everyone - even her mother who lives nearby but couldn't visit because of coronavirus guidelines.

Her cards are not a financial boon, but that wasn't the intent. She wanted to facilitate an exchange of the written word by not only supplying cards and envelopes, but also stamps. Each set of six cards comes with six stamps from John Oliver, host of "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver." Oliver created a limited edition line of stamps to help save the postal service, with all proceeds going toward USPS.

"[It's] activism through art," she said. "Using the talents you have to contribute to the world and make it a better place."

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Mpls. fire chief retiring Oct. 2

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[MPLS. FIRE CHIEF RETIRING OCT. 2](#)

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Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetel will retire from the department in October after more than 40 years of service.

Fruetel submitted his intent to retire to Mayor Jacob Frey on Thursday morning, according to Darwin Forsyth, a spokesman for the mayor. The chief also informed his command staff of his fall retirement.

During his 41 years with the Minneapolis Fire Department, Fruetel has held several positions, including firefighter, fire captain, battalion chief, duty deputy chief, deputy chief of training and assistant chief of operations, according to the department website. Fruetel has served as fire chief since March 2012.

Frey announced the retirement during a Minneapolis City Council meeting Friday.

"The word legacy gets tossed around a lot in moments like these, but over the course of four decades, 41 years, I mean it when I say that Chief Fruetel has built a legacy in the city," Frey said.

Fruetel recently faced pushback from his firefighters and the union that represents them for his response during the nights of unrest following the death of [George Floyd](#).

The chief did not call in reinforcements from other cities, including St. Paul, even as buildings across Minneapolis burned.

Fruetel did not respond to requests for comment.

During the council meeting, Frey credited Fruetel with helping to reshape the department's approach to inclusive hiring and for shepherding advances in firefighter safety.

"Without fail, he's answered the call whenever he's needed," Frey said.

Frey will begin developing a transition plan for the Fire Department, Forsyth said.

Fruetel will serve through Oct. 2.

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A wide and deep examination of systemic racism

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[A WIDE AND DEEP EXAMINATION OF SYSTEMIC RACISM](#)

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Highlight: NONFICTION: The Pulitzer Prize winner and author of "The Warmth of Other Suns" explores inequity in her sweeping, magisterial new work.

Body

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In 2010, New York Times journalist Isabel Wilkerson published "The Warmth of Other Suns," her revelatory and fiercely imagined account of the Great Migration of African Americans out of the South, its achievement comparable to painter Jacob Lawrence's canvases on the same history. Critics lavished praise on the book, which jumped onto the New York Times bestseller list and garnered numerous literary accolades.

Wilkerson has used the intervening decade well. "Caste," her new searching, gorgeously crafted book, draws on "The Warmth of Other Suns" but moves along a more essayistic arc as Wilkerson deftly compares systemic racism in the United States to the caste networks in India and the Otherization of Jews in Nazi Germany.

She widens her aperture, illuminating the eight pillars of enduring bigotry, rulers determined to remain on top.

"Caste becomes a factor, to whatever infinitesimal degree, in interactions and decisions across gender, ethnicity, race, immigrant status, sexual orientation, age or religion that have consequences in our everyday lives and in policies that affect our country and beyond," she writes. "It may not be as all-consuming as its targets may perceive it to be but neither is it the ancient relic, the long-ago anachronism, that post-racialists, post-haters of everything, keep wishing away. Its invisibility is what gives it power and longevity." (Strikingly, Wilkerson omits the disabled from her list of caste-inflected communities.)

Wilkerson shifts back and forth between these three narrative lines, building her arguments with nuance and meticulous research. Her reporting is nimble and her sentences exquisite. But the real power of "Caste" lies tucked within the stories she strings together like pearls.

Hitler and his team studied American racism as they developed their genocidal strategies, stunned by the Yanks' efficacy and brutality. The Dalits endured centuries of abuse and stigma only to birth a potent

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political movement that transformed India's civil-rights laws before the denouement of Jim Crow. And Wilkerson brings the same rapier-sharp insight to race in America: horrific accounts of ***police violence against African Americans***; young Black men lynched on the basis of mere rumors about glances at white women; white supremacists waving torches in Charlottesville; swimming pools drained and scrubbed after a single Black body dove in on a sweltering summer afternoon.

As with "The Warmth of Other Suns," "Caste" roams wide and deep, lives and deaths vividly captured, haloed with piercing cultural critique. At a turning point in race relations - fueled by a runaway global pandemic, gasoline on a dumpster fire - Wilkerson coolly makes her case, no longer content to ask for change, preferring instead to demand it. "Caste" is a luminous read, bearing its own torch of righteous wrath in a diamond-hard prose that will be admired and studied by future generations of journalists.

Hamilton Cain is the author of "This Boy's Faith: Notes From a Southern Baptist Upbringing" and a member of the National Book Critics Circle.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

By: Isabel Wilkerson.

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Caryn M. Sullivan: Can we agree or disagree, or agree to disagree - and listen along the way?

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Highlight: We're eight months into what is hands down the most bizarre year of my lifetime. With a global health crisis and ensuing economic downturn; concerns about schooling, racism, and policing; and an upcoming election, the atmosphere is swirling with uncertainty, anxiety, distrust, anger and expectation. Our life experiences shape our perspectives, ideology, and behavior. Through our [...]

Body

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With a global health crisis and ensuing economic downturn; concerns about schooling, racism, and policing; and an upcoming election, the atmosphere is swirling with uncertainty, anxiety, distrust, anger and expectation.

Our life experiences shape our perspectives, ideology, and behavior. Through our individual lenses, we are collectively responding to current events broadcast to us in real time 24/7 through traditional and social media.

Just two months ago, ***George Floyd***'s death ignited fury and action among people who felt their voices have gone unheard, their needs unmet.

Thousands took to the streets to exercise rights Americans hold dear.

Opportunists who also took to the streets with Molotov cocktails and spray paint to create chaos and instill fear were met with weapon-wielding law enforcement personnel whose presence incited anger and fear among some and reassurance among others.

For those struggling before the 2020 tsunami struck, this moment inspires an "It's about damn time" reaction, with calls for change laced with hope, distrust, and cautious optimism.

History will judge our response.

Productive change can launch us forward with new ways of thinking, engaging and behaving.

But change can also be destabilizing and some among us aspire to such a future.

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Curtailing lawful free speech and expression undermines the foundation on which this country was built.

Threats to defund law enforcement embolden criminals and threaten the security of all citizens.

But, meaningful, substantive efforts to improve education, employment, healthcare, housing and policing could produce a new chapter for people for whom the status quo is not working.

Individuals and organizations are stepping forward to address these needs and challenges. Will billions in donations make a lasting difference or simply placate vociferous advocates and, perhaps, assuage guilty consciences?

History will be the judge.

This tsunami is noisy and disconcerting. There's a lot of shouting going on. But are we listening?

We need to. Sharing experiences and perspectives honestly and respectfully is a critical step toward making lasting and meaningful change.

That's not to suggest it's all that comfortable, though, or that we don't need to stretch to do so.

When I first heard about my "white privilege" from one of my offspring, I instinctively pushed back. After all, we don't control our skin color.

Months later, I'm trying to hear "white privilege" as a perspective others hold, regardless of whether I share it.

That freedom to hold differing views in the same space is one of the privileges we enjoy as Americans.

And yet, tolerance is hanging on by a thread.

In some arenas, particularly academia, those who express thoughts or opinions that don't fit a certain narrative are shamed, shunned, or shut out.

Self-appointed arbiters impose their will to change others' behavior or, worse yet, silence them.

In a civilized society, we must honor certain boundaries. Otherwise, intimidation could reign; our lives and/or livelihood could be threatened.

Take an incident at West Virginia University, where the absence of historical perspective or respect for constitutional protections is particularly ironic.

During a Zoom conference call addressing how to foster a safer and more inclusive campus culture, the police chief's Blue Lives Matter flag caught the attention of some students, who expressed outrage.

The flag was a gift that honors his commitment as a first responder, the police chief explained.

Nevertheless, he apologized, noting he didn't realize the flag would be traumatic to participants on the call.

But his apology wasn't adequate.

He removed the flag from the wall of his private home.

That wasn't adequate, either.

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University professors called for his resignation, though it appears he's still on the job.

Many of us offer glimpses of our homes to strangers as we work remotely.

Must we remove decor that might be viewed through another's screen - memorabilia, menorahs or crucifixes (even Green Bay Packer paraphernalia) to avoid offending someone and to keep our jobs?

Must we also worry about being confronted in the privacy of our own homes?

With public servants' home addresses released to cyberspace, this concern has become a reality.

A group recently gathered on the lawn and walkway of a Minnesota state senator's home, armed with bullhorns and a drum. They opened his screen door, urging him to come outside to talk. Met with silence, they threatened to ensure he wouldn't be re-elected. He and his neighbors would have no peace, they cried.

Home office and front stoops - where are the limits?

I'm thinking about our young people, tomorrow's leaders. What will the future hold for them?

When protests and civil unrest subside, action plans are rolled out and votes are cast, will life be better for them? Will their voices be celebrated or silenced?

I want them to understand how our constitutional protections distinguish our country from others.

I want them to embrace what I hope will be a universal truth: that attitude, behavior, and choices - not the color of one's skin - will chart the course for their future.

I want our young people to appreciate we're passionate and principled people who can assemble and use our voices - within limits; that we're imperfect people who will use hindsight and foresight as we make important decisions; and that we're law-abiding people who will behave as such or face the consequences.

It's up to the adults to set the example, to chart the course.

Let's be respectful; listen with our ears and our hearts; and, if need be, agree to disagree. [*Soucheray: Trust us, the Minneapolis Council said. We don't, said the Charter Commission.*](#) [*Kyle, Spencer, Kulas: We love St. Paul. Here's how to help.*](#) [*Banaian, Schmitz: Are 4-year degrees oversold? Not at all, even in the liberal arts.*](#) [*Soucheray: And our ability to reason is swept away.*](#) [*Bonnie Blodgett: Focus on the fruit, tomato plant!*](#)

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Dumba aids NHL return

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA - The hockey was still hockey.

Connor McDavid's lightning-fast speed, Patrick Kane's stealthy shot and the cacophony of sticks and pucks and bodies crunching into the boards - all of that was on display at Rogers Place when the NHL returned Saturday with a 24-team postseason tournament after a 142-day hiatus.

The Blackhawks toppled the Oilers 6-4, the first of two clashes on the day from the Western Conference hub with another three occurring in Toronto, where the East has set up shop.

But while the season resumed to culminate like it always does, with the Stanley Cup getting paraded around the ice, the NHL relaunched after getting shut down by the coronavirus pandemic on March 12 with plenty of reminders of how the world has evolved during its hibernation.

In a surprise cameo, Wild defenseman Matt Dumba joined both teams lined up around center ice and addressed a national TV audience in Canada and the United States with a nearly three-minute speech on racial injustice.

Dumba, who helped create the Hockey Diversity Alliance earlier this summer with other pro players in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis police custody, spoke of how deeply rooted ***systemic racism*** is in society and of wanting kids to feel "safe, comfortable and free-minded" when they enter an arena. His message was accompanied by the words "END RACISM" on the video boards.

"Racism is everywhere, and we need to fight against it," said Dumba, who is Filipino-Canadian.

And then Dumba became the first NHLer to kneel for the U.S. national anthem, a hand from Chicago goalie Malcolm Subban and Edmonton defenseman Darnell Nurse on each of his shoulders. Dumba stood for Canada's national anthem.

"Hockey is a great game, but it could be a whole lot greater," said Dumba, wearing a Hockey Diversity Alliance sweatshirt. "And it starts with all of us."

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Times are also different in the arena.

Trainers on each team's bench wore masks. Hand-sanitizing stations littered the concourse level, and benches were wiped down between periods. Media check-in consisted of a temperature reading and symptoms survey.

Most jarring, though, were the empty seats. Some were covered by tarps, embossed with "Edmonton" or "NHL." But most were abandoned, an unfamiliar sight but one that also made the purity of the game unmistakable - the impact from every pass, carom and hit floating to the rafters.

So did the chatter among players and the cheers erupting from the benches after a goal. "Come on" was the bellow after McDavid skidded along the ice following an apparent trip that was missed by the officials, the voice chiming in sounding very much like the one that belongs to Oilers head coach Dave Tippett.

But the acoustics also acted like the locals were let in.

Each team's respective goal horn blasted when someone scored, with Chicago's celebratory "Chelsea Dagger" getting plenty of airtime. The NHL's version of elevator music filled the silence during stoppages in play and at intermissions, and hype videos scrolled across the Jumbotron.

Occasionally, a "Let's Go Oilers" chant even broke out when a compilation of fans cheering appeared on the LED screens suspended from the ceiling.

It didn't help sharpen the edge that usually dominates the Stanley Cup playoffs, the bite between the Oilers and Blackhawks lacking.

Still, hockey is back, and the object of the game hasn't changed.

But the world has, and that includes the NHL.

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Dane Mizutani: The NHL needs more players like Matt Dumba

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DANE MIZUTANI: THE NHL NEEDS MORE PLAYERS LIKE MATT DUMBA

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It's something Dumba has faced since he was a kid and something he knows kids continue to face in present day.

That's why on the eve of the Wild qualifying series against the Vancouver Canucks, with so many tuning in to the NHL restart, Dumba used his platform to reach as many people as possible.

He talked about racism being "a man-made creation" that some people have the privilege to ignore. He acknowledged that some people might be getting tired of hearing the message as a whole. He literally said the words "***Black Lives Matter***" and promised to continue the conversation regardless of the circumstance.

As for the act of taking a knee during the U.S. national anthem, Dumba eloquently explained his reasoning, adding that his only regret is not kneeling for the Canadian national anthem, too. He said he will raise his fist for both anthems throughout the NHL postseason.

"I know why I knelt," Dumba said. "It wasn't a sign of disrespect by any means. It was to shed light on the people who have lived through the injustice and oppression, especially in my home state of Minnesota. That's why I did it.

"There is a lot of light that needs to be shed on what is happening in Canada, too, and the oppression First Nations people have felt for hundreds of years," Dumba added. "I was disappointed looking back on it because I knew the reasons why I knelt. Just in the moment it happened like that."

All of it took remarkable courage from Dumba, especially given the culture surrounding the sport itself.

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It's no secret that the NHL is a predominantly white league with a predominantly white audience. There simply aren't as many minorities in the NHL as, say, the NBA and the NFL, and because of that any mention of race is oftentimes ill-received.

Just take a look at Dumba's mentions on social media. It's a cesspool filled with some of the worst people imaginable.

Not that Dumba is fazed in the slightest. Asked for his message to the haters, Dumba smirked and replied, "Keep it coming."

"It kind of sheds a light on them and the people that follow them - their friends, their family - can see their beliefs and how they view the world and see the negative light that they're trying to shed on this," Dumba added. "For all the people who have the courage in their fingertips sitting behind that keyboard, I know half the stuff they wouldn't say to my face if I was standing right in front of them."

There have been baby steps in the right direction over the past couple of months, including Dumba helping form the Hockey Diversity Alliance, an organization founded by players of color to combat racial injustice and inequality in the sport. He rocked a Hockey Diversity Alliance hoodie during his cameo at Rogers Place on Saturday afternoon with a graphic that read "END RACISM" plastered on screens throughout the arena.

It's a start. Now the NHL needs to keep the momentum going.

To do that, the NHL needs more players like Dumba as it continues this fight. Some white players, like Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin, among others, have spoken out against racism in the past couple of months

That said, the conversation as a whole has seemed to fall by the wayside with so many shifting their focus to the NHL restart.

[Wild goaltender Devan Dubnyk vows to return better next season](#) [Was that the final game for Wild captain Mikko Koivu? 'It's still too early'](#) [Five Wild storylines heading into a pivotal offseason](#) [Wild's season ends abruptly as Canucks score 11 seconds into overtime](#) [Wild star Kevin Fiala laments 'stupid penalties' in Game 3](#)

That's why Dumba's message was so important. This isn't going away anytime soon, and thus, the NHL can't lose sight of what's important.

"We are very optimistic and I believe the NHL is, too," Dumba said speaking on behalf of the Hockey Diversity Alliance. "We both know to make a substantial change in our game and in our world we have to partner with each other."

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Mustache competition passes time

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MUSTACHE COMPETITION PASSES TIME

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Body

Quarantined five weeks now in Orlando and counting, Minnesota United players apparently will do anything to pass the time between training sessions and MLS is Back tournament games.

Even grow a cheesy mustache.

Striker Aaron Schoenfeld was the first to try, starting with the team's second game in Group D play from which it advanced to beat Columbus on penalty kicks in Tuesday's knockout round.

He was followed not long thereafter by starting goalkeeper Tyler Miller.

"It honestly just came about because of boredom," Miller said in a video conference call on Thursday. "Aaron Schoenfeld has inspired me. He had it for a few days and he was begging me each game to join him. I told him for the last game I'd do it."

Schoenfeld is living with his teammates on their own floor of a Disney resort hotel near the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex. They beat San Jose 4-1 Saturday night in a tournament quarterfinal game and will play Orlando City in Thursday's semifinal.

"I figured where else in my life am I going to have 30-plus days to be around guys and not give a [pause] what I look like?" Schoenfeld asked in an post-training interview with a club employee provided to media Friday. "Who cares? It looks like trash, but I'm rolling with it right now."

Don't color Schoenfeld's coach impressed.

"I think I'm best staying out of this one," coach Adrian Heath said in a video call. "Obviously, the players have been having plenty of fun about it. I think he'll grow it as long as we're in the tournament, so we'll see what it's like in the end."

Miller credited his new look partly for the penalty kick he saved Tuesday that helped beat Columbus in a shootout.

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"I was having fun, I was enjoying playing," Miller said. "I was able to make a save and I wanted to keep the mood light and that's really what this is all about. ... Just really throw it back to the days where you're playing club soccer and there's no crowd noise and you're just playing for the love of the game."

Metanire out

Loons All-Star right back Romain Metanire was designated neither starter nor substitute Saturday night. He injured his hamstring in Tuesday's second half and was replaced for the rest of the game by midfielder Marlon Hairston.

Sidelined by his own hamstring injury since group play's second game, Kevin Molino didn't start Saturday but was available as a sub. Versatile Hassani Dotson started in Metanire's spot, and Jacori Hayes started in a midfield position for Molino.

Flexing their depth

The Loons remade their roster over the winter by adding young, athletic players experienced in MLS play and still just approaching their prime.

In Orlando's summer heat and humidity, relative newcomers Hayes, Hairston and Raheem Edwards all have played parts in their team remaining unbeaten all season. Schoenfeld has done so, too, as both starter and substitute.

"We didn't miss a beat when they came on," Heath said. "The only issue I have is wondering who to put in when we have these moments."

Movement continues

Eligible to play Saturday as a substitute, Loons veteran defender Brent Kallman wore an "End Racism" T-shirt on the sidelines while teammates and coaches wore "***Black Lives Matter***" shirts that they've worn as warmups throughout the tournament.

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Repair, remodel and relocate: How three University Avenue businesses are still recovering from unrest

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[REPAIR, REMODEL AND RELOCATE: HOW THREE UNIVERSITY AVENUE BUSINESSES ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM UNREST](#)

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Two months have passed since the initial damage was caused in late May during the unrest following the death of **George Floyd**. More than 1,000 businesses in the Twin Cities metro area reported property damage, and state officials estimated \$500 million in damages statewide.

Facing everything from stolen merchandise, to damaged interiors, to buildings reduced to heaps of debris, many businesses are still on the road to recovery. Here are the stories of three of them on University in St. Paul:

IRREPLACEABLE INVENTORY

On the night of May 28, Ax-Man Surplus owner Jim Segal [watched from his car as people broke into and looted his store](#). In the end, the looters and vandals caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage including stolen inventory, smashed windows and a broken security system, he said.

Ax-Man Surplus had already been closed for over a month due to Gov. Tim Walz's orders to shut down nonessential businesses during the pandemic. The store had reopened for less than two weeks before having to close for another six weeks to clean and repair.

So far, all the expenses of the physical damage are covered by insurance. But the insurance covering the stolen inventory is still in limbo, Segal said.

"The nature of our inventory makes it challenging, because surplus inventory is often not replaceable," he said.

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Even if the insurance ends up covering the stolen goods, Segal will still be bracing for a financial blow. The store's St. Paul location is open again, but business is slow. Annual sales are down 40 percent compared with last year due to the pandemic, he says.

"We were closed for 13 weeks, but my expenses didn't stop," Segal said. "2020 is going to be a tough year."

THE RUSH TO REMODEL

About two miles down the street at 7-Mile Sportswear Hair Depot, store owner Jin Lim estimates he lost more than \$1 million in inventory when his store was looted the same night. And that doesn't even begin to cover the cost of the interior fire or water damage.

But when he temporarily closed the store on May 29, Lim received a wave of phone calls from loyal customers.

"I checked the voicemail later, and I had more than 900 phone calls asking when we would reopen the store," he said.

With high demand for his business's comeback, he started the rebuilding process almost immediately. Although the building structure was still intact, the entire interior had to be remodeled. And only 60 percent of the damage was covered by insurance, Lim says.

One month and \$130,000 later, the wig and hair-extension store has new shelves and display cases. Unfortunately, only 70 percent of them were restocked when he reopened three weeks ago.

Luckily, having worked in the hair industry for the past 25 years has its perks. Since many of Lim's distributor companies know him well, they struck a deal with him - they will send him free merchandise for now. He will pay them back later when he has the money, he says.

SEARCHING FOR A NEW LOCATION

This June would've marked the third anniversary since Solomon Hailie and Rekik Abaineh opened Bolé Ethiopian Cuisine on University Avenue.

This also would've been the year they opened Bolé Express, a new grab-and-go counter attached to their sit-down-style restaurant. After a fire destroyed both of their leased properties, the restaurant owners are back at square one.

Lelna Desta, a business consultant and friend of the Bolé's co-founders, has been helping get the restaurant off the ground again. But as they try to get back in the game, they are realizing that the game looks different now, she says.

It's unclear if the property owners of their original location on Syndicate Street are planning to rebuild, so they've started to look elsewhere in St. Paul to set up shop. But it's a delicate balance to find a building that is both spacious and affordable, Desta says.

"In the back of our minds, we know the restaurant industry is struggling right now," Desta said. "We don't want to lease or buy the wrong property when we know the next six months are going to be a struggle."

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Not only do they have to rebuild their location, but they have to reimagine their business model. With the coronavirus pandemic changing the way people dine out, the original Bolé dining experience is no longer feasible or financially savvy, Desta notes.

"The original concept of Bolé was not just a meal," Desta said. "People loved the ambiance, the music, the aromas, the coffee ceremony. You can't pack that up in a to-go order."

[Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#) As the Bolé staff try to figure out how to rebuild during a pandemic and economic recession, they hope to be up and running again before this winter. Support from the community is a driving force for their comeback.

[Over \\$100,000 in donations](#) flooded to Bolé's GoFundMe page in the days following the fire. Two months later, Desta and the Bolé staff still receive countless calls from community members expressing their support and asking when the restaurant will reopen.

The Bolé staff feel a sense of responsibility to those community members, says Desta. And the restaurant owners are itching to get back in the kitchen.

"It's a really bad time to be in the restaurant business, but that's part of being a small-business owner. There is no right time," Desta said. "This is a family-owned restaurant, and their livelihood depends on this."

Graphic

Jim Segal, the owner of Ax-Man on University Avenue in St. Paul, was in his business when the store was broken into and looted earlier this year. He barricaded himself in the bathroom. His store has since reopened. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

A customer looks over the merchandise at 7-Mile Sportswear at University Ave. and Dale St. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Dong Kyu Jeon adds labels to merchandise at 7-Mile Sportswear at University Ave. and Dale St. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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Phillip Atiba Goff: Our brains are conditioned to blame Black people and block change - but we can change that

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BLAME BLACK PEOPLE AND BLOCK CHANGE - BUT WE CAN CHANGE THAT***

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Running the Center for Policing Equity means I work with departments that want to reduce bias and violence. Yet the assumption that victims, particularly Black victims, must have deserved their fate is deeply ingrained. Even reform-minded officers start by fitting each shooting into a story they think they've seen before: resistant suspect shot by threatened officer. If I begin telling a different story, about the violence of poverty or the fear of police brutality, officers search for the "real" reason - and change becomes an afterthought.

It's easy to pin this thinking on police. But our history of hand-wringing, inaction and ultimately forgetting after each cycle of racial violence and outrage indicates otherwise. It's not just police. It's the nation. And there is psychological science behind why.

The problem begins with how humans see and remember. We navigate the complexity of everyday life by filtering information through scenarios our brains have rehearsed - the cognitive basis for stereotypes. Most of the time, these stories serve us well. Balloons connote a party; a snake's hiss means danger.

Precisely because they are so often accurate, these mental shortcuts can literally substitute what we assume comes next for what we actually witness. In 1999, after New York Police Department officers shot Amadou Diallo 19 times, they swore they saw a gun where none existed. They may not have lied; the assumption of Black guilt may well have transformed a harmless object into a gun in the officers' minds.

Bypassing these shortcuts to witness the real version of events is mentally exhausting - like suddenly encountering a lake after living your whole life in a desert. That is why studying for exams requires focus and we feel physically tired after a day of decisions. For too many, bearing witness to Black innocence is like a polar bear in the jungle. It is new, surprising and requires work to understand what is happening.

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As a nation, we have been unwilling to do that work.

This is why the tragedies that mobilize protest can feel like an awakening. The heightened visibility temporarily overrides our cognitive defaults. This may explain why, in the wake of ***George Floyd's*** killing, the percentage of Americans who viewed his death as a sign of "larger problems" surged.

But growing up in the United States conditions most to treat extrajudicial killings of Black people as startling but natural, like lightning strikes in a distant forest. After the initial shock, our brains want to "flood fresh vision with older images." This, as Walter Lippmann wrote, is both the function of stereotypes in psychology and a blinder to the truth.

Replacing the flawed stories that flood our vision requires bearing witness longer than is comfortable for our national attention span. And so, after each tragedy, we abandon serious efforts to prevent the next one. Just when we start to see reality, our brains tell us to forget.

Following the 1967 uprisings sparked by police brutality, President Lyndon Johnson's Kerner Commission recommended targeted investment "on a scale equal to the dimension of the problems" in the communities where uprisings broke out. The next year, Americans elected Richard Nixon on a law and order platform. When violent protests consumed Los Angeles in 1992, the Clinton administration created a federal community policing program. The 1994 crime bill, a capstone of punitive policing, quickly overshadowed it.

And still, some of us are cursed with vision. Those who loved the victims have no choice but to continue bearing witness - and fighting for change that can never make them whole. In June, I had the privilege of testifying in front of Congress alongside ***George Floyd's*** brother, Philonise Floyd, who had buried his brother the day before. He implored lawmakers to make sure George would not become "another name on a list that won't stop growing."

The work required to answer Floyd's call - to bear witness until our default stories change - has always been too much for too many. So we leave the possibility of a just, equitable system of public safety incarcerated in a prison of our mind's precedent.

After ***George Floyd's*** death, Gwen Carr - the mother of Eric Garner, strangled to death by an NYPD officer in 2014 - offered simple advice to his family: "Don't forget," she said, and "fight for your loved one." Americans from all walks of life need to follow that advice: Resist the urge to forget, and fight - against the mental temptation of the familiar and for change commensurate with the injustices we have witnessed.

Our minds' default does not have to be our destiny. As cameras retreat from Minneapolis and Atlanta, we can fall back on familiar stories. We can forget, as the country has before. Or, as survivors have always done, we can refuse to look away. We can resist the lure of our minds' habits - and learn to seek a vision of justice, instead.

Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff is co-founder and chief executive officer of the Center for Policing Equity and a professor of African American studies and psychology at Yale University. He wrote this column for the Chicago Tribune.

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Pledges for increased diversity in public companies have intensified since ***George Floyd***'s death on Memorial Day. Chief executives have not only given to community efforts but also said they are listening and know they need to do better in integrating staffs.

Minnesota's largest public companies have a long way to go when it comes to their leadership. Two of the 50 top-paid executives on this year's Star Tribune list are people of color. Omar Ishrak of Medtronic retired in the spring, which leaves only Gary Maharaj of Eden Prairie-based Surmodics among active chief executives.

Four of the top-paid chief executives are women: Corie Barry of Best Buy, Beth Wozniak of nVent, Shelly Ibach of Sleep Number and Vicki Holt of Protolabs.

Diversity in C-suites and boards of directors is increasing but is nowhere near mirroring the population as a whole.

In Minnesota, the inclusion of people of color is moving even more slowly than representation of women, according to Rebecca Hawthorne, professor emeritus of organizational leadership at St. Catherine University.

"Generally speaking, trends have been improving incrementally throughout the last 12 years of the research; it has been very slow," said Hawthorne, an author of the Minnesota Census of Women in Corporate Leadership.

On boards, representation is more

visible. Nearly all of Minnesota's public companies have at least one woman on their board of directors.

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Minnesota's largest public company, UnitedHealth Group - whose chief executive, David Wichmann, was the highest-paid executive last year with \$52.1 million in compensation - lists four women, one of color, on its 17-person leadership team and three women, two of color, on its 10-member board of directors.

While some of the companies' leadership is more diverse, UnitedHealth's numbers are representative.

Plenty of evidence shows that companies that have more diverse voices on boards and in management do better financially. It's the reason some large institutional investors have pushed diversity initiatives, including State Street, the world's third-largest asset manager and a significant investor in nearly all of Minnesota's largest public companies.

The calls for diversity often become louder after events such as *George Floyd's* killing by Minneapolis police and the protests that have followed. Many companies across the country say his death - and those of other Black people by police - have spurred a more honest and robust conversation, from people of color speaking candidly about their experiences to internal petitions for more diversity.

The call for equal representation for women also has been yearslong, pushed by several national initiatives and groups like Catalyst.

St. Catherine has been studying the inclusion of women on the boards and in management of Minnesota public companies for 12 years. Its most recent report, the 2019 Minnesota Census of Women in Corporate Leadership, showed women held 22.9% of the available board positions at 76 Minnesota public companies, up from 14.2% in the first year of the study. The year also saw the largest net increase of female board members.

The study also showed women holding 22.7% of available executive-officer positions, the highest percentage in the 12 years, up from 15.5% in the first year of its census.

"There has been increased focus internationally, nationally and locally on issues of diversity, and gender diversity as one element of that in terms of corporate leadership, starting at the board level," Hawthorne said. "That increased scrutiny has definitely made a difference."

That pressure includes a mix of reporting requirements from governments and pressure from both investors and peer companies.

"When we have different bodies actually putting forth accountability, that does change the picture a bit," Hawthorne said. "We really didn't see that in 2008 when we started the research."

Washington state this year passed legislation requiring the public companies there to have 25% of their board members be women by Jan. 1, 2022.

California has a similar mandate, and Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been advancing such rules. The European Union has had rules on board diversity for years.

The Fearless Girl campaign by institutional shareholder State Street is more than a statue. The investment group identified 1,384 companies across the world without any women on their boards and pressed them to include more female candidates and directors. Since the launch of the campaign, the company said 681 companies have added directors who are women, including 495 in the United States.

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Shareholder proposals on company proxies also have asked fellow shareholders to support more diversity on their boards and in CEO searches.

New York City Retirement Systems submitted a shareholder proposal this year at Berkshire Hathaway asking the company to adopt a "policy for improving board and top management diversity."

It's part of a larger effort announced earlier this year by New York City Retirement Systems to get companies to consider women and people of color for board positions and in CEO searches.

Top-paid women

1. Marianne Short EVP, CLO UnitedHealth Group Inc. \$9.3
2. Catherine Smith strategic advisory, fmr CFO Target Corp. \$7.5
3. Corie Barry CEO Best Buy Co. Inc. \$7.5
4. Shelly Ibach P, CEO Sleep Number Corp. \$6.9
5. Julie Bushman EVP International Operations 3M Co. \$6.2
6. Jill Wyant EVP, P-global regions Ecolab Inc. \$5.5
7. Trish Walker P-services and home channel Best Buy Co. Inc. \$4.8
8. Karen Parkhill EVP, CFO Medtronic PLC \$4.2
9. Kamy Scarlett CHR Best Buy Co. Inc. \$4.1
10. Renee Peterson CFO, treasurer, VP Toro Co. \$3.2

Top-paid non-Ceos

1. Hubert Joly ExCh Best Buy Co. Inc. \$64.9
2. Stephen Hemsley fmr ExCh UnitedHealth Group Inc. \$51.5
3. Inge G. Thulin fmr ExCh 3M Co. \$34.3
4. Steven H. Nelson fmr EVP UnitedHealth Group Inc. \$18.9
5. John J. Mulligan EVP, CFO Target Corp. \$18.6
6. Dirk McMahon CEO-Unitedhealthcare UnitedHealth Group Inc. \$17.6
7. John Rex EVP, CFO UnitedHealth Group Inc. \$13
8. Marianne Short EVP, CLO UnitedHealth Group Inc. \$9.3
9. Don H. Liu EVP, chief legal and risk officer Target Corp. \$7.5
10. Catherine Smith strategic advisory, fmr CFO Target Corp. \$7.5

Room for improvement

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At Minnesota's 50 largest public companies by revenue, 29% of the board positions are held by women. Only two companies do not have a woman on its board.

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2. Target Corp. 11 3
3. Best Buy Co Inc.* 10 6
4. 3M Co. 11 4
5. Medtronic 12 3
6. U.S. Bancorp 13 5
7. General Mills Inc. 12 5
8. C.H. Robinson Worldwide Inc. 9 3
9. Ecolab Inc. 12 5
10. Ameriprise Financial Inc. 9 2
11. Xcel Energy Inc. 14 2
12. Hormel Foods Corp. 12 3
13. Polaris Inc. 10 3
14. Patterson Cos. Inc. 8 2
15. Fastenal Co. 10 2
16. Toro Co. 11 3
17. Pentair PLC 8 3
18. HB Fuller Co. 9 2
19. Donaldson Company Inc. 10 2
20. Winnebago Industries Inc. 9 2
21. nVent Electric* 9 4
22. TCF Financial 16 5
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Crime climbs as officers depart

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Minneapolis police are down at least 100 officers since the killing of ***George Floyd*** - more than 10% of the force - straining department resources amid a wave of violence and adding extra urgency to the political debate over its future.

Over the past two months, 40 cops have resigned, been fired or are in the process of leaving the force, and another 75 have taken a medical leave for post-traumatic stress disorder they say was caused by the riots that followed Floyd's death. Dozens more are expected to file for leave in the coming months.

MPD officials not authorized to speak publicly estimate the department, which is budgeted for 888 officers this year, could lose as much as a third of its workforce by the end of the year.

The shortages highlight the challenge facing the city's beleaguered police force as it faces calls for its defunding, or even abolishment.

Residents say that police are taking longer to respond to emergency calls, even as homicides, shootings and robberies have all increased by double digits from last year.

Some of that frustration surfaced during Friday's City Council meeting, when Council Member Andrea Jenkins questioned officers' apparent reluctance to enter the area surrounding Floyd's memorial at E. 38th Street and S. Chicago Avenue, a long-troubled corner that has been the site of several shootings in recent weeks.

"People in this area, they're not experiencing slow response, they're experiencing no response. They're being told that this is called a no-go zone by MPD," she said in the meeting broadcast on Zoom.

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo defended the department's responses near the blocked-off intersection in the meeting, explaining that officers must respond to calls, and if they don't, the reason is documented.

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"In and around that intersection when a violent incident had occurred, in order for officers to try and safely get in there, that officers had to have some communication of they could meet right outside the barriers, I know there are a couple incidences where that had occurred."

Gunfire incidents soar

Though total reported crimes were down 31% in June and 4% by July's end, gunfire incidents, which tie up multiple squads, soared 224% and 166% during the same period, according to MPD records.

More recently, the city's South Side has been hit with a string of armed robberies and carjackings, which police say are the work of the same crew. The Third Precinct recorded 100 robberies and 20 carjackings in July alone.

Meanwhile, police stops are down more than 50% each of the past two months.

Department officials declined to make Arradondo or Assistant Chief Mike Kjos available for comment Friday, but a spokesman insisted that the department has enough officers on the streets to adequately patrol the city.

"Right now we have reduced numbers of sworn people due to COVID, midyear retirements and medical leaves. The vacancies are being filled by other sworn personnel," said spokesman John Elder. "Whereas we have less sworn people than six months ago, we are not seeing staff shortages on any sort of a routine basis."

The decreased staffing levels among the MPD's five precincts is a dilemma for the department, as it grapples with COVID-related budget cuts and sinking officer morale. For instance, a recent Monday night found just six officers patrolling the 14.5 square miles of the Third Precinct, according to MPD officials.

The department must constantly balance shortages, as officers call in sick or take vacation time. They do so by holding over earlier shifts, using response cars from other precincts at particularly busy times, and offering so-called "green days" - putting out a citywide bid for officers to work overtime to backfill positions.

Meanwhile, officers from disbanded units like the Police Athletic League, procedural justice and community engagement have been reassigned, with some sent back to the streets, as have former school resource officers.

Officials would not disclose which units the departures are coming from, but MPD insiders say the Second Precinct was particularly hard hit. Investigation units haven't been spared either, with the juvenile crimes unit losing several detectives in the exodus.

The deployment picture has worsened as the department tries to dig itself out of the budgetary hole it's been in since the COVID-19 pandemic struck. While a recent class of recruits hit the streets last month, another class that was scheduled to start training in August has been canceled. And with a citywide hiring freeze in effect until at least the end of the year, there are no replacements in sight.

The MPD uses a formula to figure out where to place its officers, based on such factors as the size of the precinct, time spent on each call and the number of calls for assistance, according to former Assistant Chief Kris Arneson. Precinct inspectors choose their staffing minimums at the start of each year and make small adjustments in deployment during the year, as new recruits or cadets graduate, replacing the roughly 40 to 50 officers the department loses to attrition most years.

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"That puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the officers who're left to handle calls," said Arneson.

The departures come at a crucial moment for the MPD. Faced with a state investigation into its practices, several council members have put forth a charter amendment that would lead to the MPD's dismantling.

Complaints about slower response times have gone up, which police say is a direct result of patrol squads throughout the city being increasingly stretched.

In a class-action lawsuit against the city, a group of East Phillips neighborhood residents alleged that it had been deprived of adequate policing, and regularly were told to call 311, instead of 911, whenever there were shots fired but no victims.

"The City of Minneapolis is not offering equal protections in its distribution of services and funding to its low wealth neighborhoods," the lawsuit said.

After months of what they saw as neglect by City Hall and the police, Maria Gali and her neighbors blocked off their street and organized armed patrols in an effort to take back their block from the drug dealers and prostitutes who seem emboldened by the lack of police presence.

"Sometimes they showed up after one hour. Sometimes they didn't," said Gali, who isn't part of the suit. Alondra Cano, the council member who represents the area, told residents and business owners in the 2900 block of S. 18th Avenue that officers were deliberating bypassing the area to protest a proposal to dismantle the police and replace it with a new public safety system.

"And we are in the middle," Gali said. "OK, this is your battle, and you didn't ask us if we agreed to cut the police - maybe it's a good idea, but not right now. Maybe it'd be a better idea with a plan."

Leslie Bowden, born and raised in south Minneapolis, can see the Floyd memorial on 38th and Chicago from her front yard. The intersection has turned into a pilgrimage site for countless visitors, but has also long held a reputation as a hotbed for gang activity. She said she calls police as a last resort, mostly when she hears gunshots, but it seems like police rarely respond, leaving residents to fend for themselves.

"Police murdered a man in our neighborhood and then they just all fell out and left us alone to figure out our own as far as protecting our neighborhoods," she said. "You feel isolated, like you're in a war zone sometimes, but there's no one helping us."

Others have raised the possibility that officers are engaged in an unofficial work slowdown in response to the proposal to disband the department.

D.A. Bullock said that rising crime is concerning, but it shouldn't take away from the conversations around reimagining public safety.

"When crime goes down, there's not a call to reduce the number of police, because it's viewed as effective," said Bullock, a local filmmaker whose works touch on criminal justice issues. "But when crime ticks up, you have the opposite argument, saying well, we need to increase staffing because we don't have enough officers to respond to calls."

Shifting the conversation

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Anika Bowie, vice president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, agreed, saying the focus should be on making long-term investments in "housing, in quality education, in access to food, in access to affordable health care."

The issue will be scrutinized anew in the current, politically charged debate around the department's future.

University of Minnesota sociology Prof. Michelle Phelps says that other cities experienced unrest after a controversial police killing not because police were being less proactive, but because a lack of community confidence created an atmosphere of lawlessness. Slower response times only further chipped away at public trust, she says, creating a "self-fulfilling cycle."

"When precincts are short-staffed, often the first things that are affected are response times, and that in turn can fuel this sense of declining legitimacy," she said.

The department's size peaked in 2008 at 916 officers, but the numbers started dropping that year as the city dealt with the recession and a hiring freeze. As far back as 2012, former Chief Tim Dolan warned the council that an aging Police Department might see retirements start to pick up in the coming years.

Arneson, who retired as assistant chief in 2017, said she believes the city will see "a slimmer MPD in the future" as certain calls, like those involving mental health and drug addiction, will out of necessity be diverted to social service agencies with the proper training to handle them.

"But I think there's a dangerous thinking to abolish or get down to where the numbers are so tight that it's hard to ensure public safety," said Arneson.

She said she recalls working out of the Fifth Precinct during the late 2000s, when the cash-strapped city was forced to lay cops off and the department's head count dropped into the mid-700s.

"It was really hard to keep crime down, to keep the community happy and to keep everybody safe," she said. "And it takes a hit on morale not to have enough officers."

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Wealth inequality does not get nearly the attention it deserves, and nothing like the focus on income inequality.

It's the hand-wringing over the role played by out-of-control executive pay that has given us things like the required disclosure of the ratio of what the CEO got vs. the typical worker.

Chief executive pay that might be worth 365 times the median worker's pay is difficult to even write about without calling the whole thing absurd.

Looking at wealth is another way to think about disparity.

One of the ways you might have heard of wealth inequality lately is with the so-called wealth gap, a way to describe the chasm between the average household wealth of Black Americans and the wealth of white households. As much of the world learned in the weeks following the killing of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis, seemingly progressive and affluent Minnesota has a particularly bad case of this problem.

Family wealth is just net worth, the value of what a family owns after subtracting what they owe, like mortgages and car loans. Accumulated wealth can be used to fund college educations, provides a cushion for big financial or economic shocks (like the one we're now experiencing) and can

help kids and grandkids get a financial head start.

The big wealth gap with Black households persists at almost every stage of life and really only closes for Black households at the bottom of the income ladder, because on average none of the lowest-income households have virtually any wealth at all.

Part of this persistent problem at first may seem a little puzzling, because even with Black families in the Top 10% by income, their net worth lags white families in the same income bracket. Yet research has shown

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how that happens, including that Black people are far less likely to have inherited much from a previous generation. So when measuring wealth now, family wealth back in 1980 or 1960 matters, too.

A great example of the differences here in Minnesota is with homeownership, a proven way for families to build up some wealth with enough time. The homeownership rate here in the Twin Cities metro area for white households has hung in there about 75% since 2000, but for Black families it's actually declined from an already far lower rate, slipping to just 25% as of the latest data.

Without a windfall, inheritance or rare success in business, there's really only one way to build net worth as a family, and that's simply to spend less than people make. That's obviously a lot easier to do at ever-higher levels of income.

So far this century, only upper-income families have seen their wealth grow, at least according to an analysis published this year by the Pew Research Center. Households in the middle and lower tiers of income have gone backward. The upper tier of families by income have seen their share of total wealth grow from about 60% in 1983 to closer to 80% as of the most recent data, according to Pew.

In this report, Pew defined upper income as at least twice the median household income, adjusted for household size and other factors, but call it about \$141,000 in Minnesota. Just to put that \$141,000 "upper income" household income into some context, the average annual pay of the executives at UnitedHealth Group, Minnesota's largest company by sales and market value, was \$11.9 million.

What falls under disclosed executive pay can be complicated and doesn't always mean bigger checking-account balances right away. But it won't take many years of work at \$11.9 million to have enough to ensure that the kids and grandkids will all be wealthy, too.

One outstanding example in recent history of an employee, not owner or founder, getting fantastically rich is Steve Ballmer. In 1980 he dropped out of business school to join a young software company called Microsoft for a \$50,000 annual salary, eventually retiring as the CEO. His \$73.5 billion in estimated net worth places him sixth on Bloomberg's billionaires ranking.

Lots of talented and hardworking people can become really good managers yet still not get promoted into executive ranks, as the path leading up narrows so much. Yet at last count there were just four Black CEOs in the companies that make up the Fortune 500, a level of representation that just rounds up to 1%.

As it turns out, the percentage of Black employees slips as you look at ever higher levels of management, as described by a McKinsey & Co. report based on 279 companies from 2018.

At the entry level of professional work, white men make up about 36% of the class and Black men just 4%. By the time careers progress to senior manager or director, terms broadly used for middle-management jobs in American corporations, the percentage held by Black men has been cut in half.

The percentage held by white men, meanwhile, has moved up to 52%.

By the time they reach the C-suite, McKinsey found, those executive jobs with "chief" in the title like chief marketing officer, more than two-thirds of those offices are occupied by white men. Meanwhile, the percentage of those jobs held by Black men is just 2%, and more like 1% for Black women.

The difference in pay between these various layers can be a lot, by the way, easily into six figures at the biggest companies between what a director gets paid and the vice president just up the organization chart.

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If a career tops out as a director rather than a senior vice president, it doesn't take that long for the after-tax, cumulative difference to get well into seven figures.

Meanwhile here in Minnesota, the 50 executives on our executive-compensation list realized \$378 million in total compensation last year.

As none of them are Black, that well-paid year at work for this group obviously did not have much of an impact on closing our state's persistent wealth gap.

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People of color bear brunt of COVID-19

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When Kirstin Johnson-Nixon tested positive for the coronavirus in May, all she could think was, "Oh, here we go."

The north Minneapolis mother of three and public school social worker had a feeling for weeks that she would get the virus. She's the lead caregiver for her two parents and is in constant contact with them. From what she knew from the news, it seemed like Black people would be most affected.

"I was thinking, 'I'm going to be positive and this could mean that we might die,' that's all I could think of at the time," Johnson-Nixon said. "I just didn't have anything else in my mind except 'Oh my God, what is this going to be like?' "

By the first week of May, Johnson-Nixon, her husband, three sons, mother and father tested positive for COVID.

Johnson-Nixon's worries were well-founded. Black and Hispanic Minnesotans are far more likely to be infected than white Minnesotans, state data show. Each group accounts for about 20% of the confirmed cases in Minnesota, but they only make up 5% and 6% of the population, respectively.

The share of cases in the Asian and Native American communities are both roughly equal to their share of the population.

State death records also show that people of color are dying from COVID at disproportionately high rates, a fact that hasn't gotten a lot of attention due to the high number of deaths among elderly, and mostly white, residents of long-term care facilities. People of color make up 63% of the deaths among adults under age 64, though they are just 16% of that population. But even among older residents, people of color account for 15% of the deaths, triple their share of the population.

Minnesota leaders of color have suffered their share of losses to COVID-19. St. Paul School Board Chairwoman Marny Xiong, the mother of Attorney General Keith Ellison and the father of U.S. Rep. Ilhan

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Omar have all died from the virus. Nationally, the toll of deaths and infections from the virus among communities of color has also been evident in cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and New York City.

On Thursday, Herman Cain, a leading Black conservative who ran for president in 2012, died after contracting COVID-19.

The chaos for the Johnson-Nixon family began when her father was diagnosed with COVID-19 on May 4. Johnson-Nixon said she, her husband and mother drove to Maple Grove two days later to get tested. Since it was around the time when clinics were giving tests only to those with symptoms, she had to lie and say they all had fevers and coughs.

Their results came back positive within days. Her mother was found days later at her home unresponsive and was taken to the hospital. Johnson-Nixon said her mother was incoherent. They thought it might be dementia but learned later that COVID can cause bouts of delirium.

Johnson-Nixon said she'd had the flu and pneumonia before, but they paled in comparison to COVID-19. She said she had a fever that felt as if it "started in my waist and went all of the way down to my feet," and she felt like she couldn't lie down in bed comfortably so she was constantly stretching and walking around her small bedroom.

She and her husband, Charles, drank cups of hot tea and looked up YouTube videos of breathing exercises to break up the mucus in their lungs.

Meanwhile, son Caleb, 17, lost his sense of smell and son Raphael, 13, had a headache and a slight fever. Her other son, Judah, 13, was tested, but the hospital could find no record of it.

COVID "made you feel at times like you're feeling better and I would try to wash my hair and then it would kind of knock me down again," Johnson-Nixon said. "I think it was a lot more severe to me than the flu was and for the psychological piece, I know people die from the flu, but I never thought I was going to die because I had the flu."

Federal, state and local public health officials warned early on in the pandemic that communities of color would be vulnerable to COVID-19 because of higher rates of chronic health issues like diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and obesity. COVID-19 can exacerbate some of these issues, making it harder for the body to adequately fight the viral infection, according to health experts. Also, people of color are more likely to be on the front lines as essential workers in jobs they cannot do remotely, such as in grocery stores and factories.

In the metro area, areas with a higher share of people of color are more likely to have higher COVID-19 rates, regardless of income, according to a Star Tribune analysis. For every 10 percentage point increase in the nonwhite population in a ZIP code, there are an average of 2 more COVID cases per 1,000 people.

The four ZIP codes in the metro area with the highest COVID-19 rates have populations that are at least 45% people of color. That includes two areas of Minneapolis and parts of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, New Hope and Crystal.

April Graves, a public health specialist with the Minneapolis Department of Health, said the department has been working with community groups to pull together resources to help people keep their housing and to

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obtain donations for food and hand sanitizer. When the unrest after George Floyd's death erupted in Minneapolis, the groups worked to pass out 50,000 masks.

Knowing that vulnerable populations aren't accustomed to visiting the city's website, Graves said the city has tried to find ways to reach them - particularly young people - and educate them on the virus, including making TikTok videos that focus on mental health, feelings of isolation and encouraging social distancing. Graves said it's important for people to understand that "there's a segment of society that are living in fear of losing their life everyday."

"You may not be taking COVID seriously when you think about the chance of being shot versus catching a virus in your mind," Graves said.

Stella Whitney-West, CEO of Northpoint Health and Wellness Center, a north Minneapolis area community health office, said she and her staff had long anticipated people of color being most affected by COVID-19. More than half of the clinic's patients are Black, another 30% are Latino and another 10% are Hmong. Many are low-income and are one emergency away from losing everything.

The clinic opened a walk-in testing site last week to try to accommodate more people. It has been doing drive-up testing as well.

"People are doing the best that they can, but there's a fear and anxiety that people have that if they get sick, what is this going to mean," Whitney-West said about how COVID-19 could change the lives of the community they serve. "I think the messages they see on TV is that people get sick enough and go to the hospital that they die, they have to be put on a ventilator, that they can't breathe."

Beyond the dangers of COVID-19 is the larger systemic and institutional discrimination that communities of color face, particularly when overcoming generations of difficulty with housing, health care, food, employment and other economic issues.

Lack of access to bare necessities and space to social distance has made stay-at-home orders challenging for households where one emergency could upend their finances or housing for months. The pandemic is forcing communities of color to confront longtime fears of doctors, hospitals and medical research; also, the lack of diversity among health professionals often makes them delay care.

Even potential progress on the vaccine has been overshadowed by concern over whether medical professionals will be able to convince patients of color that the vaccine is safe. The public health community still has to overcome the distrust created by the Tuskegee experiment, when between 1932 and 1972, hundreds of Black men living with syphilis in Alabama had treatment withheld from them.

Jaime Slaughter-Acey, an epidemiologist with the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health, said that the disproportionate number of people of color dying from COVID-19 hasn't surprised her, especially with how "the insidious nature of racism would be put on display" during the pandemic.

But she said it's been heartbreaking to see the backlash to public health solutions like wearing masks and practicing social distancing. She said she initially hoped the country would have come together to mitigate the spread of the virus.

"What makes it uncomfortable, and I don't mean any offense, but white people are not forced to think about racism on a day-in, day-out basis," Slaughter-Acey said. "I think the initial stories about the pandemic

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around race and racism were quite jarring to people and some people probably took it as a step back in part because we don't teach people about race consciousness."

"In order to move forward, Blacks, Indigenous people and people of color can't be the only ones who are conscious about what race means and how it impacts lived experiences."

For now, Johnson-Nixon's family is in recovery mode. Her mother has moved in with them and her father is in a rehabilitation center, gaining strength to walk and put his clothes on by himself and eating solid foods again. He's expected to get out Tuesday, but he'll need an oxygen tank to breathe.

Two weeks ago, he had no memory of his long hospital stay and cannot remember the home phone number they'd had for 40 years. Her children have recovered but Johnson-Nixon and her husband have been hesitant to send them outside to play lacrosse, lest they get COVID-19 again or bring it back to the house.

Meanwhile, Johnson-Nixon said she still has a cough and "feels like I'm always trying to clear my throat." Her doctor told her there's nothing they can do but find ways to keep the discomfort at bay. Johnson-Nixon has kept drinking hot tea and taking Nyquil. But she said she worries Black families are not being reached by public health messaging.

She said it's important to keep talking about COVID and how to stay safe, and she's even thought about standing outside of frequented grocery stores and shops telling anyone who will listen.

"When I see a Black family and the whole family, there might be four kids even or two kids, and no one has a mask on, I almost want to walk up to them and say, 'Do you guys know what this could mean for you if you get this virus?' " Johnson-Nixon said. "Because I see so many folks that don't have masks on, don't have gloves. ... I just feel like they're not taking it seriously."

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THE HARDEST HIT

People of color in Minnesota are dying of COVID-19 at disproportionate rates .

People of color

Ages 30-64

Share of age group's COVID deaths: 63%

Share of age group's Minn. population: 16%

Ages 65-84

Share of age group's COVID deaths: 21%

Share of age group's Minn. population: 5%

Ages 85+

Share of age group's COVID deaths: 9%

Share of age group's Minn. population: 3%

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Source: Minn. Dept. of Health

Data as of July 27 Star Tribune

COVID-19 RATES AND RACE

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COVID-19 cases per 1,000 population by ZIP code*

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British paper publishes police bodycam video of Floyd arrest

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BRITISH PAPER PUBLISHES POLICE BODYCAM VIDEO OF FLOYD ARREST

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Highlight: Hennepin County District Court is investigating how a British newspaper obtained police body-camera footage showing the arrest and death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis. The Daily Mail on Monday published parts of videos from two Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd's arrest on May 25. A Hennepin County judge last month allowed journalists and members [...]

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Hennepin County District Court is investigating how a British newspaper obtained police body-camera footage showing the arrest and death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis.

The Daily Mail on Monday published parts of videos from two Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd's arrest on May 25. A Hennepin County judge last month allowed journalists and members of the public to view the footage by appointment but has not yet ruled on a motion by a coalition of news organizations, including the Associated Press, seeking public access to the videos.

The newspaper's article said the videos were leaked to DailyMail.com. [*The website shows about 10 minutes*](#) from former Officer **Thomas Lane**'s bodycam and about 18 minutes from former Officer J. Kueng's bodycam.

Hennepin County District Court spokesman Spenser Bickett told the Star Tribune an investigation is underway into the leak, but declined further comment.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office is leading the prosecution of the four fired Minneapolis police officers charged in Floyd's death, said he was not the source of the leak.

"We will continue to take the strictest precautions to ensure a fair trial," Ellison said in a statement.

Representatives of the Daily Mail did not immediately respond to an AP request for comment Monday.

Floyd, a handcuffed Black man, died after Officer **Derek Chauvin**, who is white, held his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd pleaded that he could not breathe. Floyd's death touched off protests worldwide.

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Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Lane, Kueng and another former officer, ***Tou Thao***, are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired.

[*Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case*](#) [*Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during **George Floyd** aftermath in St. Paul, charges say*](#) [*Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case*](#) [*Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots*](#) [*Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police*](#)

Graphic

Former Minneapolis police officers, from left, ***Derek Chauvin***, ***Tou Thao***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***J. Alexander Kueng***

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'If not now, when?': Black women seize political spotlight

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'IF NOT NOW, WHEN?': BLACK WOMEN SEIZE POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT

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MARIETTA, Ga. - The little girl ran up to her, wide-eyed and giddy.

"Are you Charisse Davis?" the fourth grader asked.

Davis was stunned. A former kindergarten teacher and librarian, she was more accustomed to shuttling her two sons to basketball practice than being seen as a local celebrity. But now she had been elected the only Black woman on the Cobb County School Board, gaining office in a once conservative suburban community where people who look like her rarely held positions of power.

Something had changed in this place, and something had changed in her.

"I love your hair - your hair looks like my hair," the girl squealed, calling friends over.

It was a moment both innocent and revealing: Not just a child seeing herself in an elected leader, but also a reflection of the rapidly building power of Black women. It's a momentous change that could make history on a national ticket and determine the outcome of the presidential race.

Black women have long been the heart of the Democratic Party - among the party's most reliable and loyal voters - but for decades that allegiance didn't translate to their own political rise. There have been zero Black female governors, just two senators, several dozen congresswomen.

And the people representing them instead have not met their needs: Disparities in education and opportunity resulted in Black women making on average 64 cents for every dollar a white man makes. Long-standing health inequities have caused Black people to die disproportionately from COVID-19.

And countless cases of police brutality have left many Black women terrified every time their children pulled out of the driveway, fearing that they might not make it home alive.

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Now Black women are mobilized and demanding an overdue return on their investment. Over the last several years and across America, Black women ran and won elections in historic numbers, from Congress to county school boards.

This transformation is taking place in once unlikely places, suburban counties in the South. Places like Cobb, a rambling expanse of strip malls and subdivisions just north of Atlanta that doubled in population midway through the last century as white people fled the city. Then, slowly, families of color followed, also seeking bigger yards and better schools.

The year Charisse Davis was born, 1980, Cobb County was 4.5% African American. Now it's more than 27% Black and 13% Hispanic. Its politics caught up with its demographics: In 2016 Hillary Clinton was the first Democratic presidential candidate to eke out a win in Cobb County since Jimmy Carter, a Georgian, in 1976.

President Donald Trump's presidency, which has fueled racial divisions and appealed to white grievance, unleashed for some here an overwhelming urgency. They added their names to down-ticket ballots; they canvassed; they knocked on doors.

When Stacey Abrams, a Black progressive Democrat, ran for governor in 2018, she focused her campaign on women of color. In that election, more than 51,000 Black women in Cobb County cast ballots - 20,000 more than voted in midterm elections four year earlier.

Although Abrams lost narrowly statewide, she won Cobb County handily. Meanwhile, Lucy McBath, a Black mother whose 17-year-old son was killed by a white man who thought his music was too loud, won a congressional seat that includes part of the county, a district once held by conservative firebrand Newt Gingrich.

Charisse Davis looked at the school board members and saw no Black women, so she ran and won. Another Black woman became the chair of the county's young Republicans. Two joined the Superior Court bench. A teenager ran for class president, and she won, too.

"We've been watching from the sidelines and allowing other people to take their turns, and take these positions of power," Davis said. "Now here we are to essentially fix it."

The first county Democratic Party meeting after Trump's election was standing room only.

"It was almost like a support group. We had to be together, we had to grieve and yell," Davis said. "What happened?"

Across the county, there was soul searching over how Clinton lost white, working-class voters, but much less on why Democrats also lost some of the support of this core constituency.

Historically Black women vote in extraordinary numbers, and they don't vote alone: They usher their families, their churches, their neighbors to the polls.

But in 2016, African Americans did not turn out in the numbers the party had come to expect. For the first time in 20 years, their turnout declined in a presidential election. About 70% of eligible Black women voted

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in 2012 when President Barack Obama, the first Black president, secured a second term. But in 2016 that number slipped to 64%, its pre-Obama level.

While there were multiple reasons for Clinton's loss, including a large defection of white voters, some saw the drop-off as a sign that Black voters had been taken for granted. Organizations sprang up across the country to motivate Black women to organize, run and win.

"We have never been at this moment," said Aimee Allison, who in 2018 founded the network She the People, which is working to turn out a million women of color across seven battleground states. "For us as a group to recognize our own political power means that we also are demanding to govern."

The power of Black voters was demonstrated when they overwhelmingly backed Joe Biden in the South Carolina primary, giving him a staggering victory that rescued his campaign and set him on a path to the nomination. Black women made up about one-third of the Democratic voters in the state and roughly two-thirds voted for Biden, according to the AP VoteCast survey.

Biden has pledged to pick a woman as his running mate, and at least six of the contenders are Black - including California Rep. Karen Bass, who said, "I think what we're looking for is representation, acknowledgement, inclusion."

Those who advocate for Black women in politics say the stakes have never been higher.

They emphasize that Trump's administration has failed to contain the coronavirus that has killed more than 154,000 Americans, a disproportionate share of them African Americans. He has responded to mass demonstrations over police violence by calling protesters thugs and encouraging law enforcement to beat them back with force.

"Given how directly Black women have been impacted by the incompetence and the malfeasance of the Trump administration, Black women are going to be at the forefront, not only giving rise to voter turnout, but also shaping the conversations that we will be having in this election season," said Abrams, whose name has also been widely circulated as a possible Biden running mate. "It has been a sea change in how vital our voices have been."

Black women can meet this moment in a way no one else can, they say: The world watched the video of **George Floyd** begging for his mother as he was dying under a police officer's knee.

Charisse Davis' sons, 10 and 14 years old, asked her: Why won't the officer just let him get up?

When she looks at her own sons, she sees her babies. But the older boy is now taller than she is. He likes hoodies. She worries a stranger might see him as a menace, not a boy whose mother still has to remind him to floss his teeth.

"That is the reality of being a Black mother in this country," she said.

She gets messages after school board meetings: "People like you are the problem," one said. "She's a racist," a man wrote. Another described her as "defiant," and said he had his son watch school board meetings "to see how he shouldn't behave."

She hears: You don't belong there.

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"You are dismantling the machine, rocking the boat, and all of those things are the way that they are by design," she said, and added that one of the high schools in the district she represents is named after a Confederate officer.

"That is what the country is built on, that is racism, that is systemic racism, that is white supremacy. It's all these things we don't talk about. But if not now, when?"

When Chinita Allen's 20-year-old son was home from college earlier this year, he and a friend went to work out at their old high school in the affluent, predominantly white part of the county where they live. He had been a football star there. But someone saw two Black men and called the police to report suspicion.

She posted her son's story on Facebook, and it rocketed around this community.

In the not-so-distant past, she might not have spoken up. A soccer mom and educator, she had long avoided talking about race, rocking the boat - until Trump won. Now she's the president of Cobb Democratic Women and leading the charge to try to turn the county totally blue.

"It's all about knowing your worth," she said. "We've always been here, like the Underground Railroad. But it's surfaced now. In a big way. It's a rail train."

Black women powered the civil rights movement, but rarely became its stars. Women like Fannie Lou Hamer, Diane Nash, Myrlie Evers, Ella Baker and Dorothy Height never held political office, but they played a critical role, said Nadia Brown, a Purdue University political science professor.

Only occasionally did their work lead to elective office, as it did when Shirley Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to Congress, in 1968, and a candidate for president in 1972.

But the landscape changed dramatically over the last several cycles. Just two years ago, five Black women were elected to Congress, four of them in majority-white districts, according to the Higher Heights Black Women in American Politics 2019 survey. Congress now has more Black women than ever before: 22 congresswomen and one senator, Kamala Harris, who is just the second to serve in that chamber and a prominent contender to be Biden's running mate.

The change has extended to state and local offices. Two black women are running for governor in Virginia, and if either of them win, she would become the nation's first Black female governor.

In Cobb County, Kellie Hill made history in June as one of two Black women elected to the Superior Court bench. When she first moved to Georgia 30 years ago, fellow lawyers assumed she was her secretary's assistant.

"I said for years, 'Maybe one day they'll be ready for me,'" Hill said. "And as exciting as it is to be the first, it's a little unbelievable that we're having a conversation about being the first in the year 2020."

Although they make up about 7.5% of the electorate, less than 2% of statewide elected executive offices were held by Black women as of November 2019. They account for less than 5% of officeholders elected to statewide executive offices, Congress and state legislatures, according to the Higher Heights survey.

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"Black women have done everything that America told us was going to make us successful and we're still at the bottom in terms of our return," said LaTosha Brown, co-founder of Black Voters Matter.

Black women are posting faster educational gains than any other demographic group in the U.S. - seeing a 76% jump in the number of college degrees earned over the past 20 years, but they aren't reaping the promised economic benefits. On average, Black women made 64 cents for every dollar a white man makes. But that drops to 55 cents for Black women with a professional degree compared to white men with the same level of educational attainment.

"People told us that education is key to being successful," Brown said. "What did Black women do? Black women, out of any constituency group in this country, we enter college more than any other group in this country. Then why does the wealth not reflect that?"

As a result, said Bev Jackson, chair of the Democratic Party's Cobb County African American caucus, Black women have a special resiliency: They have no safety net, so Black women just learn to walk the tightrope better.

Jackson thought about how much she wished her parents had lived to see a Black woman come so close to the Governor's Mansion. Her family's roots in Cobb County go back more than 100 years. Her parents went to segregated schools and sipped out of separate water fountains.

Once, when Jackson was a little girl, she sat down at a lunch counter because she wanted a cherry Coke. The waitress just passed her by, refusing to serve her.

Now Black women around her are daring to run, to win and to demand their leaders fix the broken system that maintains disparities in policing, health care, education, economics.

"You have taken our votes for granted for years. But guess what?" she said. "It's payback time: What are you going to do for us?"

Republicans aren't immune to this awakening.

DeAnna Harris was recently elected chair of the Cobb County Young Republicans, the first Black person in the post. To highlight local Black Republicans - the district attorney, deputy sheriff, a former state representative - she held her inaugural event at the historic African American church she attends. The crowd was diverse, she said, and she was proud of that.

She tries to make a conservative pitch to other Black voters by touting the ideals she believes in: small government, gun rights, religious freedom, anti-abortion. The response is generally something along the lines of, "but I don't like Trump."

"He's never served the role of politician, who gets up there and smiles and says all the right things and winks at the camera, and then when you turn around they stab you in the back," Harris said. Though she doesn't like his tone or his tweets, she supports Trump because of his conservative policies.

But she also believes it's imperative that Republicans broaden their base. The party should look like America, she thinks, and right now it doesn't.

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The Democratic Party of Georgia is confident that enthusiasm is on its side. Fair Fight Action, the organization Abrams founded, calculated that Georgia has more than 750,000 new voters who were not registered in 2018, 49% of them voters of color. And despite a pandemic and hourslong lines in some polling places, more Democrats voted in June's presidential primary than in 2008, when Obama was on the ticket.

That Democratic energy can be particularly seen in these northern Atlanta suburbs. McBeth, the incumbent in the 6th Congressional District, ran unopposed and got 26,000 more primary votes than the five Republicans candidates combined. In Cobb County, almost 33,000 African Americans voted in the 2016 primary. In the 2020 primary: more than 52,000. Both of the state's Republican senators are up for election, putting Georgia on the front lines of the fight for control of the Senate.

"The 2020 election cycle is going to be key to changing the course of history in this country," said Nikema Williams, chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia, who was selected to replace Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights leader who died in July, on the November ballot. "We're a battleground in Georgia now, and Black women are leading the way."

In Cobb County, even some who can't vote themselves are determined to thwart Trump's chances of reelection. Gabby Bashizi was one of thousands of teenagers who plotted on the social media site TikTok to reserve tickets to Trump's rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June, then not show up.

Trump said he expected a million fans to attend. There were about 6,000, and lots of empty seats.

"I think he's really dangerous," said Bashizi, 17. Her father is an immigrant from Congo, so it feels personal every time Trump calls immigrants criminals or ***Black Lives Matter*** protesters "thugs." "We all feel it. We all go home scared. Is it going to be me next?"

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When she was younger she struggled to find self-worth. No Disney princesses looked like her. People touched her hair, like it was a strange curiosity. In the sixth grade, she buzzed it to the width of a bottle cap, and cried and cried.

Then she started seeing Black women ascend.

"Seeing them fight their fight on the national stage has led me to be able to fight my fight on a personal level," she said. She grew her hair out again.

Charisse Davis said that it is these young women who give her hope for a better day: They are idealistic, coming of age in a time when Black women are rising, and they can look around, see people like themselves and believe anything is possible.

She knows an 18-year-old named Audrey McNeal. McNeal ran to be the class president at her mostly white high school, and lost. She thought of a poem she once wrote about a princess envious of her brother because one day he would be king; she wanted to be powerful. She ran again, and won.

"It's about time we represent ourselves," McNeal said. Now she's a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She's heading to Barnard College to study politics.

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She thinks she'll be secretary of state one day. And then, maybe, president.

Graphic

Chart shows the increase in the number of women elected into Congress since 1969, and of those, the proportion of women who are Black;

According to the 2018 VoteCast survey, more than half of Black women Democrats call themselves moderate or conservative, compared to about 4 in 10 among the rest of the party.

According to the 2018 VoteCast survey, more Black women Democrats say that gun policy and the economy are the most important issues facing the country compared to other Democrats. They are less likely to prioritize the environment.

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Blue Line expansion project in Hennepin County hits roadblock

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BLUE LINE EXPANSION PROJECT IN HENNEPIN COUNTY HITS ROADBLOCK

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Highlight: The 13-mile Blue Line light rail project has hit a roadblock -- it won't be able to run on eight miles of existing rail lines.

Body

The 13-mile Blue Line light rail project has hit a roadblock - it won't be able to run on eight miles of existing rail lines.

The setback will mean multi-year delays and increased costs for the \$1.5 billion project, which would connect Minneapolis with Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park.

Officials said Monday that the owner of the eight-mile stretch, BNSF Railway, will not share the track with the light-rail trains, despite four years of negotiation.

"We are frustrated and disappointed with this outcome," said a news release sent jointly by the Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County.

BNSF spokesman Courtney Wallace said that the Blue Line trains would have interfered with BSNF's freight trains.

"For several years, we have told the Met Council we are not interested in passenger service on our route in that corridor," wrote Wallace in an email. "The former proposed line for the Blue Line was not consistent with our passenger principles because it didn't protect the long-term viability of service for our current and future Minnesota freight customers on that route."

The setback means that officials will have to find a new route, replacing eight miles of rail they were hoping to use. County spokesman Kyle Mianulli said there are no estimates yet for the increased costs.

"Our goal is to keep the terminals the same, and to serve the same communities," he said.

He said that the Blue Line has already taken "15 years of planning."

Before the BNSF decision was announced, said Mianulli, the Blue Line was on track to be operational in 2024. Now, he said, it will be later.

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"We are absolutely optimistic we will get it done," said Mianulli.

Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat agreed.

"BNSF's new obstinance cannot deter our work any longer. The time to forge ahead is now," Opat said. "These cities and the region, as a whole, need this LRT project."

Officials said Monday that the cities served by the Blue Line are the most racially-diverse in the metro area, and have the highest rates of households without cars.

"People in these communities continue to be harmed by historic patterns of ***systemic racism*** that are compounded by a lack of transit and transportation infrastructure," said the news release. "Now, in the face of multiple crises disproportionately impacting communities of color, transformational investment is more urgent than ever." [*Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case*](#) [*U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities*](#) [*Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case*](#) [*Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police*](#) [*Attorney for fired Minneapolis officer says Freeman should be removed from George Floyd case*](#)

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Dumba takes stand, followed by a knee

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DUMBA TAKES STAND, FOLLOWED BY A KNEE

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Highlight: Wild defenseman steps out as face of fight for racial justice with speech to NHL audience.

Body

EDMONTON, ALBERTA - A microphone clutched in his right hand, Wild defenseman Matt Dumba walked to center ice Saturday afternoon inside Rogers Place in Edmonton and exhaled.

He had just been waiting in the wings with teammates Jonas Brodin and Alex Galchenyuk and, sensing Dumba was nervous, the two tried to divert his attention elsewhere. They had music playing and were listening to him rehearse his speech.

"If you've got the nerves to handle this," Galchenyuk told Dumba, "nothing can stop you tomorrow or in this playoff run."

Once it was time to go, Dumba felt like a fighter entering the ring.

And after he took that deep breath, lifted the microphone and started to share the words he memorized Friday after piecing them together Wednesday and Thursday, Dumba became the face of hockey's fight against racial injustice.

"All the strength that it took to do it, it came from all the people who have supported me along the way," Dumba said Sunday ahead of the Wild's playoff opener later that evening against Vancouver. "My family, got to thank them, and especially the members at the [Hockey Diversity Alliance]. Hearing those guys' stories and everything we talk about has given me the courage to do the things that I've done."

Following his nearly three-minute message to a national TV audience in the United States and Canada, Dumba became the first NHLer to kneel during the U.S. national anthem.

He then stood up for the Canadian national anthem but said Sunday he regrets doing that.

"To be honest, I kind of froze up," Dumba said on a video call from the Wild's hotel. "I know why I knelt. It wasn't a sign of disrespect by any means. It was to shed light on the people who have lived through the injustice and oppression, especially in my home state of Minnesota. That's why I did it."

Dumba takes stand, followed by a knee

"I think my biggest regret is not doing it for the Canadian national anthem, as well, because there is a lot of light that needs to be shed on what is happening in Canada and the oppression First Nations people have felt for hundreds of years. I was disappointed looking back on it because, like I said, I knew the reasons why I knelt. Just in the moment it happened like that."

Dumba, who is Filipino-Canadian, said he will raise a fist for both anthems during the playoffs. He consulted with Iowa Wild forward J.T. Brown, who raised his fist during the anthem three years ago when he played for Tampa Bay.

"If I'm not in the starting lineup, I might be on the bench and if I take a knee on the bench, they might not even be able to see me," Dumba said. "I took a knee yesterday. I regret that I didn't kneel for both anthems. But I will be raising a fist for the rest of the tournament."

Some negative response

The opportunity for Dumba to speak when the NHL resumed its season after a four-plus-months break caused by the coronavirus pandemic came up over the past few weeks, and after discussing it with the league, the Hockey Diversity Alliance and its advisory group, Dumba got the green light only a couple of days before the playoffs officially kicked off in the Western Conference hub city.

His words emphasized racism as a "man-made creation" that is everywhere, and Dumba said the NHL and Hockey Diversity Alliance vow to stand up for justice and fight for what is right. The address also went viral on social media, with some of the response negative.

"Keep it coming," Dumba said. "It kind of sheds a light on them and the people that follow them. Their friends, their family, can see their beliefs and how they view the world and see the negative light that they're trying to shed on this. For all the people who have the courage in their fingertips sitting behind a keyboard, I know half the stuff you wouldn't say to my face if I was standing right in front of you."

"All that stuff is what it is. I've kind of been laughing at it because I know the people that mean the most to me, all those people have reached out to me and commended me for what I've done, and believe in me and support that."

Teammate support

When he showed up to the Wild's practice Saturday, Dumba received hugs from everyone. He's been sharing his efforts with his teammates and has felt love and support in the locker room.

Not only did Dumba help create the Hockey Diversity Alliance earlier this summer in the aftermath of ***George Floyd***'s death in Minneapolis police custody, an initiative aimed at eradicating ***systemic racism*** and intolerance in hockey, but he also launched a fundraiser to help rebuild Lake Street.

The 26-year-old remains an ambassador for Athletes Committed to Educating Students, and he was recently named the Wild's nominee for the King Clancy Memorial Trophy. This recognition is for the player who best exemplifies leadership qualities on and off the ice and has contributed to his community.

"Everyone has just jumped right on board," Dumba said. "It's been awesome to see."

Positive reinforcement

Dumba takes stand, followed by a knee

Dumba also heard from other players around the league, feedback he said meant the world to him.

Players from the Oilers and Blackhawks formed a circle around Dumba, and Edmonton defenseman Darnell Nurse and Chicago goalie Malcom Subban both placed a hand on Dumba's shoulder while he knelt.

Nurse said, "We're all fighting this same fight," and Oilers superstar Connor McDavid lauded Dumba's speech.

"Lots of things that need to change, and obviously there's been lots of the right steps taken," McDavid said, "and that needs to continue to happen."

Dumba is optimistic the Hockey Diversity Alliance and NHL will keep working together.

That's what he feels it will take to make a change in hockey and the world.

"We've got to partner with each other and find a way that we can reach the youth and grassroots programs," Dumba said, "because I think that's both of our main focus."

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Walz renews pitch for federal aid in cleanup in aftermath of George Floyd unrest

ARTICLE MCDXL. [**WALZ RENEWS PITCH FOR FEDERAL AID IN CLEANUP IN AFTERMATH OF GEORGE FLOYD UNREST**](#)

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Walz said Monday he has requested a U.S. Small Business Administration disaster declaration that would free up low-interest loans to help property owners rebuild.

"We remain committed to working with the impacted communities to restore their vitality in the wake of this damage," Walz said in a statement.

Last month Walz had asked President Donald Trump to declare a "major disaster" in a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency because of extensive damage to public infrastructure following the death of Floyd. Floyd died on May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against the handcuffed Black man's neck for nearly eight minutes.

The federal government denied that request. The Democratic governor is appealing that decision.

Nearly 1,500 business were damaged in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, Walz said. Current damage estimates exceed \$500 million.

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'Mending' traveling art exhibit features works dealing with anxiety of pandemic, death of George Floyd

ARTICLE MCDXLI. **'MENDING' TRAVELING ART EXHIBIT FEATURES WORKS DEALING WITH ANXIETY OF PANDEMIC, DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD**

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Highlight: Some of this stuff wasn't even supposed to be art. But now it's part of the "Mending" exhibit to appear in Stillwater, Afton and Lake Elmo in coming weeks. "What I love about this show is that it's about brokenness, mending and a call to action," said Heather Rutledge, director of ArtReach St. Croix, sponsor [...]

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The theme ties together work dealing with the anxiety of the coronavirus pandemic, the death of Floyd and even brokenness from personal tragedies.

Called "Mending," the exhibit is contained in a small trailer. The show opened Thursday in Stillwater, and it will travel to locations in Afton and Lake Elmo through September.

Guest curator William Franklin said "Mending" is not the first coronavirus art exhibit in the world. That would be in Barcelona, Spain - the Covid Art Museum. But it could be a first in the U.S.

To assemble the show, he sought objects from 25 artists which - even unintentionally - relate to psychic damage suffered today. As a result, "Mending" is a show of art, almost-art, and stuff that never should have been art.

At the opening night party in Stillwater, art teacher Lauren Bina shrugged when she was congratulated by visitors. Her entry was created by accident - yet it is the image chosen for the show's brochures.

Bina said she was washing her favorite jadeite bowl, given to her as a wedding present. She dropped it on the kitchen floor, smashing it.

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She impulsively took a photo of the lime-green shards for Instagram. Curator Franklin spotted it, then asked her to join his show. "I said, "This is not meant to be art. It's just a picture," said Bina.

But looking at it in the exhibit now, she said, reminds her of irreconcilable loss.

Michael McColl, a high school art teacher in Fosston, Minn., brought a souvenir from Greece - a plaster and marble work representing the skull of the Greek goddess of health.

McColl explained that he recently divorced his wife of 21 years - painfully. When she moved out, she took the skull, shattered it, and mailed the pieces back to him.

In the trailer, the skull represents the brokenness of something he loved, and the brokenness of someone he loved. "To me it says, 'I am through with you and everything about you,'" said McColl.

Chloe Russell called her work, "You're Okay, You're Okay," which is how she would comfort a crying child.

It started as art that she didn't like - a small painting of dark flowers. "We don't need pretty pictures. Not now," said Russell. "That doesn't do anyone a service."

She put a cartoonish face right on top of it, frowning. Despite the reassurances of the "You're Okay" title, she said. "We still don't know if we are OK."

The exhibit includes photos, an imitation of a security camera, a pair of worn blue jeans.

Some works seem nonsensical, until explained by the artist's comments on the wall.

One is a spatula taped to a broomstick.

It is titled "I Will Protect My Children." It was made, said artist Jennifer Frisbie, by a terrified mother at the height of the riots, as a defensive weapon.

Another work is a set of three cinder blocks - nothing to look at, until artist Xavier Tavera explains they were taken from the foundation of a burned-out building after the riots.

"It is the remains of an uprising," he said.

Tavera pointed out finger-marks on the soot coating the blocks.

"It's like a blackboard, a blank slate," he said. "What is the future we want?"

The art exhibit "Mending" will be open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at Afton State Park Aug. 21 to Aug. 23; and at Lake Elmo Park Reserve Sept. 4 to Sept. 6. The exact locations have yet to be determined, but look for signs. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Navy investigates video of dogs attacking Colin Kaepernick fill-in

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[NAVY INVESTIGATES VIDEO OF DOGS ATTACKING COLIN KAEPERNICK FILL-IN](#)

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Body

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - The U.S. Navy is investigating an incident in which dogs attacked a "Colin Kaepernick stand-in" during a K-9 demonstration during a 2019 fundraiser at the Navy SEAL Museum in Florida.

The Navy said in a statement posted on Twitter that officials became aware of the video on Sunday.

Kaepernick is a former San Francisco 49ers quarterback who began kneeling during the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" before games to protest social injustice and police brutality. He played his final NFL game in January 2017. He offered support to those protesting the death of *George Floyd* at the hands of Minneapolis police officers in May, and the NFL's commissioner has apologized for not listening earlier to players' concerns about social injustice.

The videos show four dogs attacking a man, who is wearing a red Kaepernick football jersey over heavily padded gear as people stand nearby watching. In a second video, the man is laying on the ground when he's approached by men wearing fatigues and holding rifles, saying, "On your belly." The man replies, "Oh, man, I will stand," as he rolls over, followed by laughing from the crowd.

The videos were apparently posted on Instagram last year and resurfaced over the weekend.

"The inherent message of this video is completely inconsistent with the values and ethos of Naval Special Warfare and the U.S. Navy," the statement said.

The Navy said the "initial indications" are that no active duty personnel or equipment were used in the demonstration at the "independent organization's event."

The Navy SEAL Museum is located in Fort Pierce, Florida, which is north of West Palm Beach on the state's Atlantic Coast. According to its website, the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum is the only museum dedicated solely to preserving the history of the U.S. Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

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The museum's stated main objective is the promotion of public education, with events for both children and adults. Children between the ages of 10 and 15 were recently given firsthand demonstrations on the care and training of working dogs as part of the museum's "Frogman Foundry" program. The museum is not officially connected to the Navy. It was designated as a National Museum by an act of Congress and signed into law in 2008.

This story corrects the style in the references to the Navy SEAL Museum. [*Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case*](#) [*Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during **George Floyd** aftermath in St. Paul, charges say*](#) [*Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case*](#) [*Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots*](#) [*Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police*](#)

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CLINIC'S CLOSURE HITS HARD AMID PANDEMIC

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Union workers and a DFL lawmaker are calling on HealthPartners to reopen its clinic in Cedar-Riverside, a Minneapolis neighborhood that's been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Riverside Clinic sits in one of Minnesota's most diverse communities, so its closure makes it harder for people of color to get needed care, union workers have argued since the closing was announced in early July.

The permanent shutdown, which followed a temporary closing this spring because of COVID-19, was surprising given the coronavirus spread and also troubling considering the need for health care among immigrants from Somalia and Ethiopia who live nearby, said DFL Rep. Mohamud Noor, who represents the neighborhood.

"To walk away from this clinic is what I see as the structural racism that exists in our society," Noor said during a protest outside the clinic late last week. "Closing this clinic is a shame to HealthPartners - they need to come back to reopen this clinic, to serve this community."

HealthPartners does not plan to reopen Riverside, said Nance McClure, chief operating officer of the Bloomington-based care group. McClure disagreed with Noor's claim that the closure is an example of structural racism, saying it was part of a broader move by the health system to close seven clinics in response to financial pressures and a shift of patients from brick-and-mortar clinics to online health care.

HealthPartners continues to serve diverse patients across the Twin Cities, McClure said, and is committed to closing gaps that leave people of color with worse health outcomes.

There are 25 primary care clinics within 2 ½ miles of Riverside, according to HealthPartners. The health system is now helping patients follow their health care providers to new locations or switch to care at nearby clinics.

"Our commitment to health equity is unwavering and, actually, I would say renewed, as we just look at the current events both with COVID and with the [George Floyd](#) killing," McClure said.

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On Sunday, Minnesota reported 769 new cases of COVID-19 and eight more deaths, bringing the pandemic's toll in the state to 1,614. As in July, the August numbers are showing a relatively low number of new death reports daily and a relatively high number of new cases on a higher volume of tests.

The data from the Minnesota Department of Health also showed 302 patients hospitalized, with 149 in intensive care. The numbers are higher than what the state reported for most of July but lower than the peak for hospital demand in May.

Decline in demand

COVID-19 prompted hospitals and clinics across the country to delay many surgeries and elective procedures just as stay-at-home orders in many states kept many patients from visiting clinics. As a result, there's been an unprecedented decline in patient demand for health care.

HealthPartners and other health systems responded by temporarily closing many clinics this spring, as more patients talked with doctors through "virtual visits" and online care options.

In April, more than one-third of primary care clinics surveyed said they were laying off or furloughing staff in response to the declines, said Ann Greiner, president and chief executive of the Primary Care Collaborative, a nonprofit group in Washington, D.C. Patients have been returning to clinics this summer, Greiner said, yet a survey supported by her group in late July found anecdotal evidence of clinic closures across the country.

"We're very concerned about the loss of health care delivery infrastructure, particularly in lower-income communities, because they're much more fragile," said Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association. "There will be people who call up their doctor's office and, tragically, find out their provider isn't there."

The Riverside closing eliminates 70 jobs, including some for members of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota, one of the unions that organized last week's protest, which drew about 50 people.

Holly DeSouza, a nurse and union member, told the crowd gathered that she's regularly getting calls from former Riverside patients with high blood pressure or high blood sugar readings. Their health care providers have moved to clinics in the suburbs, DeSouza said, and the patients don't have the transportation to get there.

As a result, she said, some wind up getting care in the emergency department.

Minneapolis data show that Cedar-Riverside is one of 15 neighborhoods reporting more than 150 cases of COVID-19 - the highest level seen across more than 80 neighborhoods in the city.

Nearly two-thirds of residents living there are people of color, according to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). Immigrants from Somalia and Ethiopia who live in the area have relied on the Riverside Clinic for years, Noor said. He and his family, in fact, have been patients there.

Closing the clinic won't help the state solve problems with health disparities, he added.

"The loss of access to clinical care in communities with large portions of people of color is especially concerning," DHS said in a statement last month.

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Working with nearby clinic

HealthPartners says it agrees with DHS and is working to help patients. The health system says it's talking with People's Center Clinic, located less than a quarter-mile from Riverside, to help patients switch to that location if it's convenient.

For those who want to stay with HealthPartners, the health system has three clinics within 2.5 miles of Riverside, McClure said, and two others within 5 miles. HealthPartners is talking with individual doctors, nurse practitioners and physician assistants about where they want to relocate, McClure said, adding that some have opted to move about 4 miles to the Como Clinic in St. Paul.

About 14,000 patients per year received primary care services at Riverside, she said, and the number has been declining in recent years. Originally, the clinic was a large specialty center for HealthPartners patients at a time when the health system directed patients to nearby Fairview Riverside Hospital for inpatient care.

The clinic no longer has a close relationship with the nearby hospital, McClure said, and many specialty services have been moved to other centers around the region.

"The business context of why Riverside just is a location that doesn't really fit with us, the way that it did back at its inception in the late 1980s, has nothing to do with health equity," McClure said. "Our commitment to health equity remains every bit as strong."

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TRACKING CORONAVIRUS

Minnesota cases, daily change*

55,947 -- Total cases

769 -- Aug. 2 new cases

Minnesota deaths, new daily

1,614 -- Total deaths

8 -- Aug. 2

NOTES: The Minnesota Department of Health did not update numbers on July 4.

*Chart data is a net count of new confirmed cases minus previously announced cases that were removed by MDH on that date.

U.S. cases, new daily

4,628,478 -- Total cases

58,183 -- Aug. 1

U.S. deaths, new daily

154,909 -- Total deaths

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1,054 -- Aug. 1

(See the page PDF or microfilm for the complete charts.)

Note: U.S. data lags a day behind Minnesota

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Ilhan Omar challenger targets her celebrity

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ILHAN OMAR CHALLENGER TARGETS HER CELEBRITY

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Length: 1306 words**Byline:** Steve Karnowski, Mohamed Ibrahim**Highlight:** Antone Melton-Meaux carried a pointed message to the voters he courted at the city's largest Somali market: I want to focus on the work, not being famous.**Body**

As Democrat Antone Melton-Meaux meandered through racks of headscarves and clouds of spice and pepper, he carried a pointed message to the voters he courted at the city's largest Somali market: I want to focus on the work, not being famous.

There's no missing the target of the dig: Rep. Ilhan Omar. Omar, a liberal Democrat, made history two years ago as the first Somali-American elected to Congress and went on to make countless headlines for making controversial statements on Israel, for tangling with President Donald Trump and for a personal life that became tabloid fodder.

All the attention has helped make Omar a progressive star, but it's also drawn criticism and a surprisingly strong primary challenger in Melton-Meaux. The Black attorney and mediator is raising millions in anti-Omar dollars and shaking up what was expected to be an easy race.

The heated primary is playing out in a city already wrestling with racial divisions and political identity. Melton-Meaux has drawn support from some traditional Democrats uncomfortable with Omar's style - highlighting a generation gap that has dogged Democrats this year. He's raised big money from pro-Israel groups with strong support in the city's first-ring suburbs. And his bid has prompted a fight for votes in the Black and Somali-American communities, each roiled by this summer's uprising over **George Floyd**'s death.

"She has been ineffective in Washington because she is divisive, and she's focused on her celebrity," Melton-Meaux said.

Omar dismisses the criticism, along with Melton-Meaux, who she said is simply the beneficiary of deep-pocketed opponents who want to take her down.

"This campaign really isn't about whether Ilhan is doing the work," she said. "It's about how effective we've actually been and how people don't want that effectiveness to continue."

Omar, 37, ordinarily would be expected to crush any opponent in the Aug. 11 primary in the heavily Democratic Minneapolis-area district. The former refugee from Somalia gained fame as one of the first two

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Muslim women elected to Congress and as a charter member of "The Squad" of four progressive freshmen women of color.

But she quickly got into trouble with comments about Jews, money and Israel that even fellow Democrats denounced as anti-Semitic and led to apologies. Omar also became a favorite Twitter foil for Trump, who last year basked when supporters at a political rally chanted of Omar, "Send her back!"

She came under renewed scrutiny when she split up with her husband, then married her Washington political consultant, Tim Mynett, months after denying that they were having an affair. Conservatives raised ethical questions and filed a federal complaint over Omar's campaign paying Mynett's firm more than \$1 million for advertising, fundraising and other services, but the law doesn't prohibit such an arrangement.

Melton-Meaux's fundraising haul has bankrolled a \$1.4 million TV ad buy and an extensive mail campaign that attacks Omar on ethics. He's also pledged to focus on the district's needs and on not missing votes, as Omar did 40 times last year. (She says many were due to the death of a family member and that most were procedural.) He said that when she does vote, it isn't always in the district's interests, citing her vote against the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade deal.

Melton-Meaux seemed to find some support for his message during a July visit to what should be prime Omar turf - a mall filled with shops catering to the city's large Somali American community.

Khadra Hassan told Melton-Meaux that her tiny clothing store in the Karmel Mall has been devastated by the coronavirus pandemic, and complained that the government doesn't have a plan for helping small businesses like hers survive.

"The situation is the same all around you, with all of us," she told him. A campaign aide promised to get back with Hassan on how she could seek help. Later, Hassan told a reporter that Melton-Meaux might get her support.

"We are looking for the person who's going to most help us and come back to the community and focus on the things that we need on the ground," she said through an interpreter. "And then we will make our decision. But right now we need an active person who's willing to work for what's happening right here in the district."

[Trump's end run around Congress raises questions](#) [Trump orders more unemployment pay, a payroll tax deferral](#) [Joe Arpaio defeated in what's likely his last political race](#) [Vote-by-mail worries: A 'leaky pipeline' in many states](#) [Last-ditch virus aid talks collapse; no help for jobless now](#) Melton-Meaux raised over \$3.7 million by June 30, most of it from big contributors, including over \$530,000 from two political action committees that back Israel, NORPAC and Pro-Israel America.

Jeff Mendelsohn, executive director of Pro-Israel America, recalled Omar's allegation that U.S. politicians supported Israel because it was "all about the Benjamins," and her suggestion that American Jews have divided loyalties.

The local Jewish community appears split, with many younger politically progressive Jews supporting Omar while others have endorsed Melton-Meaux.

State Sen. Ron Latz, a Democrat who is Jewish and has sometimes been critical of Omar, backs Melton-Meaux in part for what he sees as a more balanced perspective on Middle East issues than the pro-Palestinian Omar.

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"She seems to have found a way to restrain herself for some number of months now," he said. "But I think that restraint has been externally imposed. We clearly know her personal inclinations because she kept saying things that were offensive to the Jewish people until the reaction got so hot that she felt she had to quiet herself down."

Omar has some critics within the African American community, including civil rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong, who said Omar hasn't paid enough attention to the heavily Black neighborhoods of north Minneapolis.

"She hasn't built strong relationships with the people who live in north Minneapolis, and she hasn't spent the time here to learn about the issues that impact us, or working to craft solutions to the challenges that we face," she said.

Omar raised nearly \$3.9 million through June 30, mostly from far more small donors than Melton-Meaux, and still enjoys the support of most Democratic heavyweights. Omar pointed out the party considers her district "the engine of voter turnout for our state" and is counting on her network in November to quash Trump's dream of carrying Minnesota.

Charlie Rounds, 64, an LGBTQ advocate in Minneapolis, said he hadn't decided between Omar and Melton-Meaux. But he said the argument that Omar cares more about fame than service doesn't wash with him. He saw the outside money against her as Islamophobia.

"I don't think that was Rep. Omar's choice, I don't think she set out to be a star," he said. "It's because she's a Muslim woman and there's a lot of people that just are going to do anything to defeat her because she's Muslim - we have to look at that reality."

Nour Ali, 37, a Somali American who works in the Minneapolis Public Schools system, said he's committed to Omar.

"She does care about the real issues that's going on, she always speaks her mind and she's always available," he said. "She was at the protests talking about police brutality, that's something that shows she is relating to the people and she cares about the cause and connected to the people." [Minnesota's primary is Tuesday. Here are key east metro races to watch. 300,000 Minnesotans should mail their primary ballots 'ASAP.' Or vote in person. State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding' Burnsville police: Nothing found following bomb threat at U.S. Rep. Angie Craig's office Minnesota will close 2 prisons to prepare for budget shortfall. Other agencies face holes, too.](#)

Graphic

Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., participates in a panel during a Jan. 31, 2020, campaign event for Bernie Sanders in Clive, Iowa. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

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Suburbs advance policing models

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SUBURBS ADVANCE POLICING MODELS

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As Twin Cities suburbs look for ways to foster trust between law enforcement officers and communities of color in the wake of ***George Floyd***'s death, some are looking to a long-standing model that began years ago in the north metro.

Formed with new immigrants in mind, the Joint Community Police Partnership began in 2005 in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park, two of the most diverse cities in the state. Since then the partnership has gained national recognition and grown into a collaboration with Bloomington, Crystal, Hopkins, Richfield and St. Louis Park, as well as Hennepin County.

The goal remains the same: develop communication and understanding between officers and diverse residents. Each police department has an embedded community liaison, and police officials meet monthly with a Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) made up of residents.

The committees of volunteers have advised police on body camera policies and helped them understand consulate ID cards carried by immigrants. They've helped inform hiring practices and crafted more inclusive interview questions. And they've organized community events to bring

officers into diverse spaces.

The members have also advised on ways to educate immigrants about local law enforcement and helped resolve cultural misunderstandings as simple as staying in the vehicle when pulled over by an officer - something that many Liberian immigrants, for example, had thought was disrespectful.

As the model moves into more suburban cities, against the backdrop of calls for police reform, leaders and committee members hope to see more engagement from residents, particularly African Americans.

"This work has to involve both sides," said Elba Guille Garza, a Latina real estate agent who has served on Bloomington's MAC for three years. "We need to know how the police department works and they need to understand how our community works."

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Woodbury last year launched a similar advisory committee, and Roseville formed one this summer. Maplewood recently reached out to the partnership's leaders for guidance about its new advisory committee.

"The best compliment an organization can be given is if others are replicating," said Monique Drier, who worked as the community liaison in Brooklyn Center and now supervises the partnership program.

Many issues addressed by the partnership's community liaisons fall somewhere between police work and social work, said Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat, who Drier credits for championing the partnership since its start.

"This has created different venues for interactions between the police and various communities that aren't just always on the street," Opat said.

Brooklyn Center Police Cmdr. Rick Gabler said those relationships and the work of the committees have become especially critical amid the calls for police reform. The MAC was one of the first calls he made after an officer-involved shooting in Brooklyn Center on Labor Day weekend last year. He said officers were sharing information through MAC, and that created a "calming period and a little bit of patience" as facts came out.

"It's one of those things where, if we didn't have it, we'd really be struggling to reach out and build trust in our diverse communities," Gabler said, calling it "one of our best vehicles" for building relationships.

Crystal Police Chief Stephanie Revering said her department joined the partnership in 2017, the latest to do so. But Crystal officials already had leaned on the partnership for help when 10-year-old Barway Collins, a Liberian immigrant, was murdered by his father in 2015.

"We found out very quickly that we didn't have a collaborative partnership with our population of Liberian immigrants," Revering said.

A liaison with the Joint Community Police Partnership, who had previously traveled to Liberia, helped during the homicide investigation.

Since Floyd's death on May 25 in police custody and the subsequent unrest, Crystal's MAC has met to discuss the city's police policies and training, particularly its use-of-force tactics.

"This was really the first time in our history ... where I felt like we finally had the trust from our MAC members," Revering said. "They could really be honest and just have these difficult conversations regarding race, saying what it is that we as police officers need to know."

Revering said the Crystal MAC is continuing to talk about police reform. The department is looking to make its use-of-force data more transparent to residents, as well as making the department's policy manual easier to find on the city's website.

Brooklyn Park Deputy Police Chief Mark Bruley said his city's MAC group "really take[s] the temperature of the community" while allowing residents to see behind the curtain of police work.

Brooklyn Park's MAC, in partnership with the city's Human Rights Commission, has recently started looking at police reform recommendations. Proposals include the creation of a civilian oversight board and hiring nonwhite officers who live in the city.

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While Brooklyn Park's work with the joint police partnership has built trust between law enforcement and immigrants, Bruley said, the city hasn't had much success getting African Americans to participate in the advisory committee.

"Our diversity is very diverse," Bruley said of the city, where 57% of residents are people of color and 28% are Black or African American. "Yet we don't have them consistently at the table part of MAC, and that's clearly what's broken."

Nigerian, Liberian and Hispanic communities are all represented on the city's MAC, he said, but not African Americans.

"If you look at where we're at today, it's really the African Americans that have the most mistrust with the police," he said.

Ahmed Issahak represents the Oromo community on the Brooklyn Park MAC group. He joined in late 2017 and has been working to recruit more African Americans. He sees the committee as a way to help identify ways to reform policing.

"There's always room for improvement," Issahak said. "[The committee] is so important because if we don't have this, then it would be like a black hole: no communication, no flow of information."

Garza is one of two Latinos on the Bloomington MAC. While the MAC model is a good one, she said, it's dependent on involvement and hinges on trust and awareness that builds over time.

"We are that community connection, the bridge of trust," Garza said. "But improving that trust is difficult. I now see how the police do want to listen and learn, but they need that input."

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Why are these shoe shiners polishing St. Paul officers' boots? To give back, find common ground

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[WHY ARE THESE SHOE SHINERS POLISHING ST. PAUL OFFICERS' BOOTS? TO GIVE BACK, FIND COMMON GROUND](#)

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Body

As Glen Brown's brush and polish swish-swashed over St. Paul police officer's boots on Monday, the professional shoe shiner chatted with each of them.

They talked about their children - they wondered what would happen with school amid the coronavirus pandemic, and Brown shared stories about his own 14-year-old daughter.

They talked about sports and who they spotted in town when Minneapolis hosted the Super Bowl in 2018.

And, underlying the 12 minutes Brown spent with each, were the bigger messages he wanted to get across - sometimes discussed and sometimes unsaid about their shared humanity.

During this time of reckoning over policing and race, in the wake of *George Floyd's* death in Minneapolis police custody, Brown has gone twice to the St. Paul police department to give complimentary shoe shines to officers. It was the idea of Danny Givens, Sr., who owns DG Express Professional Shoe Shine, and he and Brown - an independent shoe shiner operator for the business - plan to keep it up.

Givens and Brown said they want to give back to law enforcement and also be a bridge to their Black community.

"It's a gesture of gratitude for their service and an attempt to improve our community relations," said Brown, 48. "I can't watch something on the news and say, 'I hate those people.' And they can't see me walking down the street and say, 'Oh that's my probable cause because of the way he looks.' I'm hoping the conversations we have here impact the relationship between St. Paul police and the African-American community."

Brown, who works at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport with Givens, said he's found there's no better place to have a good conversation than during shoe shining. If travelers or anyone in his chair isn't relaxed, he can usually get them laughing with a joke.

Officers complimented Brown for his hard work on Monday and thanked him. They also left him tips in a box, which he and Givens hadn't wanted to begin with, but two deputy police chiefs insisted.

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As Brown polished Jeremy Ellison's boots, the senior police commander told him, "We appreciate you coming out."

"Relationships and conversations are more important than people let on," Brown said.

"I couldn't agree more," Ellison replied.

"People are judging each other on stuff on the outside without ever talking to someone," Brown continued.

"We see that time and time again where there's those preconceived notions about somebody and then getting to know each other, even if it's just a little bit, it makes a real difference," Ellison said.

A common question for Brown has been: How's business with so many less travelers during the pandemic?

DG Express Professional Shoe Shine closed in March and reopened last month.

"It's kind of like a crawl, but at least there's movement," Brown said. "Slow business is better than no business. It sure beats sitting at home with the remote control."

Givens' business, which was previously in downtown St. Paul and now has locations at MSP Terminal 1 in the main mall and Concourse C, also does residential and commercial pick-up with a minimum of two shoes through their website at dgexpressshoeshine.com.

Brown and Givens both grew up in St. Paul, and learned the shoe shining business from family members. Givens has thought about the imagery of African-American men shining the shoes of mostly white men, and he says that's a narrative he also wants to change. Both say they love their work and Brown describes it as an art - perfecting shoe care while making connections with people.

"The men and women of law enforcement, first and foremost, they are human beings," Givens said. "First and foremost, as an African-American male, as a shoe shine owner/operator, I'm a human being."

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Glen Brown, a professional shoe shiner, at the St. Paul police department on Aug. 3, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Glen Brown gives back to St. Paul police by shining their shoes for free at police headquarters in St. Paul on Monday, August 3, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

Glen Brown buffs Senior Cmdr. Jeremy Ellison's shoes to a deep shine at police headquarters in St. Paul on Monday, August 3, 2020. (Scott Takushi / Pioneer Press)

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A British media company on Monday published segments of two leaked body-worn camera videos showing the arrest and death of George Floyd in May at the hands of Minneapolis police.

The Daily Mail published an article with the videos on its website at 10:53 a.m. Central time. It showed about 10 minutes of video from former officer Thomas Lane's bodycam and about 18 minutes from former officer J. Alexander Kueng's bodycam.

The two former officers' bodycam videos were made available for public viewing inside the Hennepin County courthouse in mid-July, but were prohibited from being recorded or publicly distributed.

It's unclear how the Daily Mail got the videos. The article said they were "leaked" to the company.

Hennepin County District Court spokesman Spenser Bickett confirmed that the court was aware of the leak, and said an investigation was underway. "The court will provide no further comment on this matter at this time," Bickett said in an e-mail.

Attorney General Keith Ellison, who is leading the prosecution of the four former Minneapolis police officers charged in Floyd's death, issued a statement that he was not the source of the leak.

"We will continue to take the strictest precautions to ensure a fair trial," Ellison said.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill is presiding over the former officers' cases. Cahill had prohibited the videos from being distributed outside of the courthouse. He also prohibited the media and public from recording them when they were made available.

The videos published by the Daily Mail appeared to have been recorded on a device while they were played on a laptop in a courthouse conference room.

The courts had provided a large room and several laptops to view the videos, and required attendees to stow away their own personal laptops and cellphones during the hourlong viewing sessions. Sheriff's deputies

Bodycam videos published

and court staff were stationed throughout the room as several members of the media and public viewed the videos.

The two videos, which totaled about 65 minutes, were viewable by the media and public by appointment only. Sixty-six slots were made available.

Attorney Earl Gray had filed the videos in court in early July as evidence supporting his motion to dismiss the charges against Lane, his client. Court filings make evidence, including bodycam footage, public data, according to state law.

A coalition of local and national media companies, including the Star Tribune, filed a motion in July seeking immediate release of the videos. Cahill took the issue under advisement and has not issued a decision on the matter.

The videos, which were viewed by Star Tribune reporters in July, showed that Floyd was given no explanation for why he was being questioned before Lane pointed a gun and swore at him, touched him multiple times and forced him out of his vehicle into the street.

Kueng and Lane had responded to Cup Foods on May 25 on a report that Floyd had allegedly used a counterfeit \$20 bill. They arrested Floyd. Their former colleagues, Derek Chauvin and Tou Thao, arrived later to help them.

Kueng, Lane and Thao are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the case. Prosecutors have said Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly 8 minutes, but Kueng's video showed that it was about 9 minutes and 30 seconds.

The bodycam videos and a video recorded by a bystander showed that Floyd repeatedly told the officers he couldn't breathe, and that several bystanders pleaded with them to stop, but were ignored.

Cahill set the matter for trial next March.

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Minneapolis mayor: City seeks right mentors for new officers

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MINNEAPOLIS - Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said the city is working to pair new police officers with "the right individuals" for field training following **George Floyd**'s death, in which a senior officer rejected a younger colleague's question about how Floyd was being restrained.

In an interview with The Associated Press as part of its AP Newsmakers series, Frey said the city wants to make sure that the training new officers get isn't undermined once they go into the field.

"We need to make sure that those who are in a supervisory role, those that are riding with new officers with new cadets, are the right individuals to be role models," Frey said. "You learn from who your role models are, and that can be a good thing and that can also be a bad thing."

Floyd, a 47-year-old Black man who was in handcuffs, died May 25 after Officer **Derek Chauvin** pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd pleaded for air. Chauvin, who is white, is charged with second-degree murder. Three other officers who were at the scene - **Thomas Lane**, **Tou Thao** and J. Kueng - are charged with aiding and abetting.

Attorneys for Lane and Kueng have portrayed the two officers as rookies who deferred to the far more senior Chauvin. Body camera video shows as Floyd repeatedly said he couldn't breathe, Lane asked Chauvin whether the officers should turn Floyd from his stomach to his side. Chauvin responded that they would keep Floyd as he was.

The police department has been under significant pressure to change its practices since Floyd's death, with a majority of City Council members in favor of eliminating the department entirely and replacing it with a new public safety unit. The city's charter commission is expected to vote Wednesday on whether to advance a proposal that could ultimately send the idea to voters in November.

Frey told the AP that he remains opposed to the idea.

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"We should not go down the route of simply abolishing the police department," Frey said. "What we need to see within this department, and within many departments throughout the country, is a full-on culture shift."

The mayor and Chief Medaria Arradondo have moved ahead with their own changes since Floyd's death, including requiring officers to document attempts to de-escalate situations whether or not force is used. They also have expanded requirements for reporting use-of-force incidents, ordering officers to provide more detail.

Arradondo also pulled the department out of negotiations for a union contract, saying he wanted a review aimed at making major changes to things such as the grievance and arbitration process that makes it hard to get rid of problem officers.

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Some local residents have voiced concerns about the prospect of dismantling the police department. There were 224% more incidents involving gunfire in June than in June 2019 and 166% more in July than in the previous one, according to a Minneapolis Star Tribune analysis of police data. The police department has also lost scores of officers to firings, resignations and medical leave in the two months that followed Floyd's death and the ensuing protests, some of which turned violent.

Asked about the perception that officers might be deliberately slowing their response, Frey said he's seen no evidence of that but acknowledged that the "significant attrition" of officers had slowed response times.

"We have officers in our department who wear the badge that they do, wear the uniform that they do, because they want to make the city a better place," Frey said.

Asked whether he supports reparations to Black Americans, Frey, who is white, said he does, noting that for generations, Black people have struggled to build wealth for various reasons, including that they've had unequal access to higher education and home mortgages.

"There are clear monetary financial impacts to the society that we are living in," Frey said. "I feel that that should be recognized at some point. ... It's something that I am very open to and I feel it's the right thing to do."

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Activists slam Cup Foods' opening

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ACTIVISTS SLAM CUP FOODS' OPENING

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 843 words**Byline:** MIGUEL OTAROLA; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** Convenience store says it's time to stop blaming it in the death of ***George Floyd***.**Body**

Cup Foods, the south Minneapolis convenience store whose 911 call led to the fatal encounter between ***George Floyd*** and Minneapolis police, reopened Monday, instantly challenging those who want the corner to remain a memorial to victims of police violence.

Dozens of protesters gathered in front of the store at the intersection of 38th and Chicago on Monday afternoon demanding it remain closed. The standoff was tense, with what sounded like gunfire nearby as opponents confronted people who showed up in defense of the store.

Jamar Nelson, a spokesman for the family that owns Cup Foods, said "it was absolutely time to open up" and that the store would stay open regardless of protests.

"We're not trying to hurt anyone, but if not now, when?" he asked. "How long [will] the store continue to be blamed for the death of ***George Floyd***?"

On the night of May 25, a Cup Foods employee called the police to report that a man had used a counterfeit \$20 bill at the store, according to charging documents and the

911 call transcript. Floyd was handcuffed and pinned to the ground by officers in front of the store less than 30 minutes later.

The store shut down as 38th and Chicago was barricaded and turned into a makeshift memorial and vigil site for Floyd. Cup Foods tried to reopen three weeks later but closed after a few days.

On Monday, neighbors said the owners attempted reopening a few times since then. Nelson disputed that claim, but admitted that "there should've been a longer mourning period before we opened up the first time."

A security guard stood by the entrance of the store Monday morning, a small neon sign on the window declaring it "OPEN." Employees stood behind the counters, the shelves fully stocked with drinks and snacks.

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Co-owner Mahmoud Abumayyaleh, wearing a T-shirt depicting a colorful memorial in tribute to Floyd on the store's southern wall, was opening a pack of disposable face masks. He declined to be interviewed.

For many at the intersection, it was as if a wound had been reopened. They described the store, which has been there for more than 30 years, as holding back the South Side and being a magnet for illicit activity on the corner.

After hearing the store was reopening, Carmen Means, executive director of the Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO), was at the intersection early Monday morning denouncing the decision.

"They have a laundry list of just being harmful to this community," Means said. "It's time that we hold them accountable, and accountability looks like closing that door. Not furthering harm looks like closing that door."

Nelson said the store reopened because it served a need in the community, offering affordable food and other items. There are other grocery stores in the surrounding area, including the Seward Community Co-op just blocks away on 38th Street.

He added that the store has worked with neighbors since Floyd was killed, including by participating in food drives. Employees will undergo anti-bias training in coming weeks, he said, and the store would commission a mural and community garden.

But neighbors deserve better, Means said.

"We have to use the brilliance of this moment to create a solution," she said. "Seward Co-op is not the answer, and Cup Foods is not the answer."

Marcia Howard, a high-school teacher who lives just steps from 38th and Chicago, said Cup Foods caters to people in a pinch and a "desperate" regular clientele. Ultimately, she said, the market would decide whether the store survives at the intersection.

"Whoever shows up, whether to walk through those doors or to stand in front of them, are the ones who determine the fate of this as a commercial venture," she said.

On Monday afternoon, protesters held their fists in the air chanting, "Keep Cup Closed!" as Cup Foods employees and clientele looked out the store window.

Some in the crowd rolled trash bins in front of the store to create a blockade. Several young people then walked over and attempted to move the bins, leading to loud arguments.

What sounded like shots rang out from somewhere close by. A few minutes later, it happened again.

Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley spoke with Abumayyaleh outside the store, explaining to him that neighbors have yet to see justice in the killing of Floyd.

"It's something that really needs to be vetted by community," she said. "It's not a decision that can be taken lightly, especially when people are still grieving."

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Meanwhile, the Minneapolis Planning Commission met virtually to name Chicago Avenue between 37th and 39th streets as "***George Perry Floyd*** Jr Place." If the City Council approves the name, the city would add a commemorative plaque on the intersection where he was killed.

"I think this is one step in a future of really trying to make amends for some of the challenges that our community has faced in the past," City Council Member Andrea Jenkins, who represents part of the community, said at the meeting.

The City Council will take a final vote on the commemorative name change in September.

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Police face new ketamine criticism

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For the second time in two years, Hennepin Healthcare and the *Minneapolis Police Department* are facing public backlash for the use of ketamine, this time over allegations that paramedics sent a man to intensive care for two days after needlessly injecting him with the powerful sedative.

The patient, Max Johnson, suffered a diabetic seizure on July 26, according to a Facebook post from his girlfriend, Abby Wulfing. Minneapolis police and Hennepin Healthcare paramedics responded to Wulfing's 911 call and repeatedly pressed her on Johnson's drug use, unconvinced of Wulfing's explanation that low-blood sugar caused the seizure, according to the post. Experts and advocates called Johnson's ordeal "stunning" and evidence of a systemic problem despite calls for reform.

"This happened because Max is a 6'5" Black man," wrote Wulfing, a therapist in Prior Lake. "My whiteness was not enough to save him from the Hennepin Healthcare EMS and MPD's egregious racism and life-threatening decisions."

Over the weekend, Rep. Mohamud Noor, DFL-Minneapolis, called for an investigation into the "disturbing" encounter.

"This strong sedative was administered even after repeated pleas by the man's partner that he just needed sugar to stabilize his condition," said Noor. "It is unacceptable that this man, who was experiencing a medical emergency, was given this dangerous drug that can result in life-threatening conditions - as it did in this case. An investigation must be opened immediately to determine why this drug was used instead of less dangerous stabilizing methods."

Minneapolis police are investigating the incident internally, said spokesman John Elder.

"We have seen the social media discussion and Rep. Noor's concerns about the care a patient received in our system," Hennepin Healthcare spokeswoman Christine Hill said in a statement. "We do not discuss individual patient care publicly, but when a patient or family member has concerns we answer their questions about the medical decisions that were made."

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Johnson declined to comment beyond Wulfing's post, which has been shared more than 10,000 times and reposted to other social media platforms.

The allegations come as Minneapolis police face widespread criticism of racial profiling following the death of George Floyd in police custody. They also come in the aftermath of a 2018 civil rights investigation that found paramedics sedated people in Minneapolis, sometimes at the urging of police, against the pleas of patients and in some cases without clearly explaining why.

"It's absolutely stunning to see this repeated again," said Carl Elliott, a bioethicist at the University of Minnesota. "Did Hennepin learn nothing at all from the events of 2018? ... Why would anyone believe what Hennepin executives say this time around?"

According to Wulfing's post:

She woke up to find Johnson seizing and bleeding from the mouth. "I thought that this would be the worst moment of my life - little did I know that what ensued after I called 911 would be much more violent and traumatic."

Wulfing told the operator and paramedics upon arrival that Johnson had Type-1 diabetes. Seven minutes later, EMS professionals injected Johnson with Glucagon, an emergency treatment for low blood sugar. Soon her small apartment was filled with paramedics, firefighters and at least five police officers, which she described collectively as "uniforms."

"Uniforms that repeatedly asked me what drugs Max was on. Uniforms that said 'I don't want to search your apartment, I just need to know what he's on.' Uniforms that kept me in the corner of the apartment to ask me question after question."

Paramedics sedated Johnson with Versed and ketamine, both sedatives used for severe agitation. "Because of the ketamine, Max was on a ventilator in the ICU for a tortuous 2 days where we could not visit him, talk to him, or advocate for him. It was hell."

Wulfing likened the incident to the case of Elijah McClain, a 23-year-old Black man in Colorado who went into cardiac arrest and died after being sedated with ketamine. Wulfing said paramedics injected Johnson with 500 milligrams, the same dose as in the McClain case. "ATTEMPTED MURDER," she wrote.

Wulfing said the medical director of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Hennepin Healthcare called her about the incident "and AGREED that this would not have happened if Max was White."

In 2018, the Star Tribune obtained an unreleased draft report from Minneapolis civil rights investigators that detailed a pattern of police urging paramedics to sedate people when responding to emergency calls. The Star Tribune later reported that some of the patients sedated were enrolled in a drug trial without prior consent. In June 2019, an FDA inspection found the hospital system continued to conduct the sedative research for months after saying they'd suspended the study.

Minneapolis elected officials vowed to investigate the police role in these encounters, and Mayor Jacob Frey announced he'd secured a contract with Sally Yates, former Acting U.S. attorney general, to complete an exhaustive review. But the City Council canceled the investigation in its early stages, calling the contract too expensive. In her unfinished report, Yates lamented that "important questions will remain unanswered" regarding the role Minneapolis police officers play in recommending sedatives like ketamine.

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Dr. Michael Carome, a medical expert for the consumer advocacy organization Public Citizen, said the description of Johnson's case speaks to a systemic problem.

"We have an emergency medicine system that too often seems to involve significant police response," said Carome. "And there's this reflexive use of powerful sedatives." If a patient is suffering from low-blood sugar, "the last thing that person needs is treatment with potent sedatives."

In 2018, Public Citizen called for an investigation into whether Hennepin Healthcare's ketamine research violated federal guidelines. A spokesman for the FDA declined to answer questions about the investigation.

Hill, of Hennepin Healthcare, said it's "critical that we listen to the perspectives of people of color" on concerns over medical treatment.

"We see and acknowledge the data that shows huge disparities in health outcomes in Minnesota based on race," Hill said. "We own this reality as a health system and are committed to working to ensure that health systems do not contribute to these harms."

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Two months have passed since George Floyd's final eight minutes and 46 seconds and white people still are asking me, and others who serve and lead Black organizations, "How can we help?" "What should we do?"

Like no other event in recent memory, the killing of George Floyd has ripped curtains of indifference and bashed barriers of otherness in this community and across the country. Young and old, Black and white, urban and rural, gay and straight - all who watched the video were leveled and equalized by our collective horror and outrage.

There has been no shortage of advice from Black folk to white folk on how to invest their resources and leverage this seminal moment. The advice tends to follow one of two streams: 1) Go big, meaning partner with an individual or organization that promises to disrupt systems and catalyze transformative change; or 2) go slow - that is, recognize that white supremacy and systemic racism were nurtured and built over centuries and will require strategic and sustained measures to dismantle. Figure out what part of dismantling racism you and your organization are good at doing, then do it.

Both strategies have appeal. The former offers delegation of the heavy lifting to an intermediary. The latter buys time. But sustainable systems change will happen only when the people who control, perpetuate and benefit from the systems engage and commit to personal change.

Fifty years ago, poet and singer Gil Scott-Herron sang, "The Revolution will not be televised." It also will not be fought by remote.

Instead of go big or go slow, I would offer a different and complementary guidance:

Go small; start now.

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The single, most powerful unit of capacity for transformation and good is yourself. Start there. Social system change begins with personal disruption. And the good thing is, you don't have to wait for a consultant or committee to propose metrics, recommend a strategy and allocate resources. You can start small, with yourself. And you can start now.

Here are five steps guaranteed to catalyze your capacity to lead and serve the work of dismantling racism. They are not easy steps, but they are essential and minimal requirements for personal transformation.

First, select a Black neighborhood as your primary destination for personal commerce, including groceries, pharmacy, hair care and personal grooming, hardware, etc. Forgo your favorite mall, internet peddler and local eatery. Instead, shop where Black folk shop.

Second, choose to worship at an African American church, mosque or other spiritual center and give your tithes and offerings there. If you are not a person who worships, recognize that the Black church is oxygen for African American life. Scholar James H. Cone said, "religion has been that one place where you have an imagination that no one can control." Volunteer at a Black worship center. Ask to clean windows, drive a bus or teach a class.

Third, join the board of a Black-led and -missioned nonprofit in the Twin Cities where Blacks are the majority on the board. Find a cause that aligns with your skills or interests and get involved.

Fourth, direct your personal philanthropy to Black led and missioned organizations. Support organizations and leaders you personally know and those recommended by your Black friends.

Fifth, develop personal friendships with African Americans who reside in a Black community. Not mentorship, but a relationship based on mutual respect and interests and the expectation of mutual learning and benefit.

This five-step challenge is not for everyone, but it can be. It promises to disrupt routine, waive privilege and dislodge comfort. The benefits will not be quickly realized, and no dashboard will guide and mark progress or achievement. The natural reflex will be to eschew personal change in favor of systems change from a distance. It is easier to write a check and wait for change.

But for those who are up to the challenge, the dividends will be substantial. Soon, and very soon, you will stop seeing Black people as "them" and Black communities as "there." Instead you will see people you know, places you shop and experiences you have shared. When you read or hear about a celebration or success, a part of you will share in it. When you hear about crime or violence, you will experience concern for your friends, wonder how and if they were involved, and perhaps call them.

More important, you will be able to stop outsourcing judgment about Black people to media, intermediaries and subordinates because you can rely on your personal experience and relationships. And, when the next atrocious assault on a Black life happens, you won't have to ask how to help. You already will be helping.

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Some Minneapolis residents have distrust of the police, and also the effort to defund them

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The burgundy Oldsmobile sped through an intersection in a tree-lined residential neighborhood on Minneapolis' North Side, and Lisa Williams shook her head in disgust.

"Look at this," she said, surrounded by four of her young grandchildren on the short stoop of her home. "They ride as fast as they can right down through here with no regard for the children."

It is in such moments - when she is reminded of the many dangers in her community, from speeding cars to gunshots - that Williams, 50, would welcome the presence of police.

But then she recalls the time several years ago when she and her husband arrived home to find several police vehicles parked on their front lawn. Officers told them to mind their own business when they asked what was going on, leading to an argument that ended with her husband getting handcuffed and taken to jail.

Minneapolis' North Side, with a majority Black population, has decidedly mixed opinions on the City Council's effort, following the police killing of **George Floyd**, to significantly reduce the size and scope of Minneapolis' police force.

Residents complain of rampant police mistreatment, but also of out-of-control crime and violence. That reality has left many Black residents here unenthusiastic about what has become known as the defund movement. Adding complexity to the debate, they say that they despise the police but need someone to call when things go awry.

"It does seem like a no-win situation," Williams said.

Proponents of defunding argue that having considerably fewer - or no - police officers could actually reduce crime because those resources could instead be invested into communities struggling with poverty.

But that argument does not win over everybody.

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In a survey last month of likely voters in 10 battleground states, just under half of Black respondents said they would be more likely to support a candidate who made defunding the police a priority, according to the poll commissioned by Run for Something, which supports young, progressive candidates, and Collective PAC, which backs Black candidates.

Reducing police department budgets drew support from 70% of Black Americans, according to a Gallup poll released in July. Yet only 22% of Black respondents supported the more drastic measure pushed by some activists of zeroing out police department budgets altogether.

"What are they suggesting would be the answer if we didn't have police?" asked Bunny Beeks, whose mother was fatally shot in North Minneapolis four years ago. "I just don't understand what that would look like."

The Minneapolis City Council's proposal would not totally eliminate the Police Department. But some council members have said they would like to replace the existing department, which has been widely criticized for its aggressive attitudes toward Black residents.

Most North Side residents say they hope for major reforms, including requiring officers to live in their community and better training them to interact with residents.

Tiffany Roberson, whose brother, Jamar Clark, was fatally shot by police five years ago, suggested creating a community council that could work with and oversee the police in North Minneapolis.

Though skeptics say that decades of reforms have failed to create fundamental change, some residents said they had faith that Floyd's death, and the outrage it has prompted, could make this time different.

Many residents say they have confidence in Chief Medaria Arradondo, the first African American to hold the position, saying he has shown an appetite for change that past police leaders have not. But a reform-minded chief cannot overhaul a department alone.

Speaking from a North Side street corner where young men sitting on lawn chairs chat on sunny summer days, Royal Jones, 32, said he had had many brushes with law enforcement. He compared his feelings about police to his relationship with his mother growing up. He said she might "whoop" him for doing something wrong, and he might get mad at her for it, but at the end of the day, he still relied on her.

Similarly, he said, if someone broke into his house, he would have to rely on law enforcement to handle it rather than "go the street way," which would just prompt more violence.

"Even a person like me might need the police," he said.

Still, Jones said he believed that a better approach might be to employ community outreach workers to avert violence before it happens and interact with police officers once it occurs. Such efforts already exist, but Jones said they could be more robust.

Standing nearby, his friend Kentrell Grimes, a fellow North Sider, was not necessarily buying that approach.

"At the end of the day, that is still policing," said Grimes, 25, a cook. "This is what I'm saying, though: How can you defund the police and then bring another group to police? That's stupid. I'm sitting here trying to wrap my brain around this."

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Minneapolis proponents of defunding the police have said that these are the types of discussions that community members needed to have to decide what works best for public safety in their neighborhoods.

Some may see the need for armed officers. Others may come up with a different model. Kandace Montgomery, the director of Black Visions Collective, a leading advocate of defunding in Minneapolis, acknowledged the difficulty of getting people to envision a system of public safety different from the only one they have always known.

"We do have to imagine," she said. "I recognize that is deeply scary."

City Council members have worked closely with Black Visions Collective and other Black-led organizations in an effort to defund the Police Department. That has stirred tensions.

Many North Side civic leaders and legacy organizations, like the Urban League and several Black churches, have accused elected officials of ignoring the voices of their communities as they create a path forward for policing. They point out that some of the defund movement's leaders are based on the South Side - where Floyd was killed by the police - which has a much smaller Black population.

"They've made this choice for us as Black people, when they don't necessarily live or engage with Black people," said Raeisha Williams, a North Side activist whose brother was fatally shot two years ago. "When my house is broken into, I want to be able to call the police. When my security alarm goes off, I want to know they're going to arrive and protect my family."

The council has proposed amending the City Charter to eliminate the Police Department as a core agency and replace it with a new public safety department. That move alone would not eliminate the police, but it would provide a blank canvas on which city leaders could create a new mechanism for public safety that could include social services and crime-prevention initiatives.

The two council members representing the North Side, Phillippe Cunningham and Jeremiah Ellison, have supported the effort to change the charter and defund the police.

"To say that Black North Siders have not had a voice erases the existence of two Black North Side council members," Cunningham said.

He said his constituents have told him they want to see "transformative change in the way that the city keeps our community safe."

He acknowledged that the police could not be eliminated in one fell swoop.

"We will likely need some form of law enforcement for the foreseeable future," Cunningham said. Yet he envisioned a system in which greater investment in things like community workers, health, housing and education would stabilize the community and drive down crime. But that is difficult for many to envision right now as Minneapolis, like many other urban areas across the country, is in the midst of a spike in gun violence. The Police Department's 4th Precinct, which covers North Minneapolis, has seen more murders and violent crimes this year than any other precinct in the city.

One of those victims of violence was Taona Mays, 24, who was sitting in the back of a friend's sport utility vehicle on a Saturday in late July when a man walked up alongside the car and began shooting. A bullet struck her left hip, leaving her with a severe limp.

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"The presence of the police is definitely needed because without it, people definitely will just do anything," said Mays, who does medical transport at a hospital.

Yet she also embraces elements of what defund activists have been preaching. If there were fewer officers, she said, they would only be able to focus on major crimes rather than harassing people for petty things. She actually wants something to replace the police, she said, but she cannot think of what that would be.

"It's good to have good police," she said. "It's bad to have bad police." [Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#) [Attorney for fired Minneapolis officer says Freeman should be removed from **George Floyd** case](#)

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Pioneer Management Consulting receives its first Best Places to Work award this year, in part by staying on top of its team members' engagement. It conducts an annual engagement survey along with a quarterly pulse survey, and has used the feedback to adjust its meeting schedules and organizational design.

For more about why this company is a BPTW, we asked Human Resources Director Jon Koss:

How many jobs do you have open, and where do you post your job openings? None currently, but in the future, openings are posted to our website: thepioneerteam.com, or candidates can email their resumes to pioneercareers@thepioneerteam.com

What are some tangible benefits the company offers its employees? Four weeks of PTO, that resets every year on your work anniversary; eight paid holidays, plus a new holiday this year (election day); 401(k) match; and health insurance including medical, dental and vision. We also allot development hours to every

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consultant each year, so they can enjoy focused time on development in ways that are personal and impactful to them.

Do you have a formal or informal company policy regarding diversity and inclusion? We're people of action and we firmly believe that people of all backgrounds have a place with Pioneer. We took action after the tragic death of **George Floyd** and the riots in Minneapolis in the following ways:

- We launched the 8:46 campaign and invited our team, clients and community members to pledge a specific commitment to ending racism. Each of our employees is making personal commitments and then sharing it with their networks to keep those commitments going.
- Donating \$846 to five charities - one fighting racism, one rebuilding black-owned businesses in Minneapolis, one supporting police reform, one fighting the education gap, and one to rebuild the Longfellow neighborhood.
- This Nov. 3 will be a company holiday - we've encouraged our employees to go vote.
- Joined forces with a grassroots effort to rebuild the Longfellow community.
- Hosting internal diversity and inclusion roundtable discussions for our team.

How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your firm's operations? Like many, we all began working from home, including 100% remote work for clients. Our leadership team created a resilience plan to keep our operations running smooth and our team in the know. We buckled down and leaned into technology capabilities to keep us connected, which included daily check-ins, virtual happy hours, and weekly Friday team calls complete with Zoom background contests and dance parties. One of our core values is remaining connected, and it is quite amazing that we have felt more connected than ever during the pandemic, even from afar.

We have been working diligently to ensure we come out of this time completely whole with no furloughs or layoffs. We've also tried to operate as normally as possible. Where many companies have canceled internships, we had committed to a former student at the University of St. Thomas that she would have an internship with us this summer, and we kept our word.

We also leaned into supporting our community during the pandemic, including a campaign to support 200 local businesses in two weeks. We were proud to surpass our goal. From sewing masks, to providing complimentary consulting services to small businesses in need, supporting local restaurants through gift card sales, sending flowers to teachers and treats to day care workers, making meals for nurses and sending cards to overwhelmed single parents - we have found a renewed value in connection.

Have you had any layoffs due to the pandemic? None

Have you had any furloughs due to the pandemic? None

If you implemented remote-work policies due to the coronavirus pandemic, how did you keep people connected? We use Slack and Zoom religiously, but really, we implemented intentional connections for the team. Leaders reached out regularly to each of their employees to check in, catch up and talk priorities. We had virtual happy hours, lunches, contests and games. We increased the number of our all-team meetings so the entire team was kept updated and in the know.

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The team has paid it forward in numerous ways throughout this time - enacting random acts of kindness and when impacted, paying that kindness forward. From delivering anonymous gifts, making homemade masks to the simple act of a hand written note, our remote team came together.

What additional resources have you offered employees during the pandemic? Mental health breaks (on Pioneer) whether 10 minutes, an hour, etc.

When and how did you start bringing employees back to the office? If you haven't returned to the office, when will that happen and what will it look like? Most of our leaders are back in the office, and consultants are working from home but can come to the office if they feel comfortable doing so. We rent space from WeWork, and they've implemented numerous guidelines and safety protocols so that we can all feel safe yet enjoy working together as a team again.

How will your use of remote work versus in-office work be different post-pandemic? We've always been flexible for our team and encourage our employees to work from home when needed for doctor's appointments, kid appointments, etc. We also work to meet our clients' expectations, so if companies are more flexible in work-from-home arrangements, our consultants follow suit.

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Bottineau light-rail route is quashed

ARTICLE MCDLIV. **BOTTINEAU LIGHT-RAIL ROUTE IS QUASHED**

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Byline: JANET MOORE; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Negotiations with BNSF freight line proved futile.

Body

Transit planners have abandoned the long-established route of the Bottineau Blue Line - leaving the fate of the \$1.5 billion light-rail project slated for the North Side of the Twin Cities unclear.

After years of "futile" discussion, Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council said they could not reach a critical agreement with BNSF Railway permitting light-rail and freight trains to share 8 miles of Bottineau's proposed 13-mile route. The line was slated to link downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Park, with passenger service beginning in 2024.

Officials insist the project will continue as a light-rail line, although a new route needs to be determined, a complicated process. The existing alignment took years to plan and engineer; so far, \$129 million in local money has been spent on the Bottineau line.

"I think we'll get it done, but it will take time to get it to the right place," said Met Council Chairman Charlie Zelle. "It's time to open our eyes - let's make the hard decisions and make the right decision."

Bottineau's planned route bisected some of the most impoverished and transit-dependent areas of the Twin Cities.

The news Monday that the route would not work "is extremely frustrating," said Ricardo Perez of the Blue Line Coalition, a group of nonprofit organizations that has worked for years to support the project. Still, Perez is hopeful that Bottineau has a new sense of momentum.

Reliable and safe transit is critical for members of the community to get to work, school, medical appointments and to access healthy food, Perez said. "For us to be able to have reliable transportation means a world of difference," he said.

BNSF's opposition to the project has been consistent. In a statement Monday, the Texas-based rail giant said the decision to seek a different alignment "is a good outcome."

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But the news infuriated mayors from the suburban cities along the line - Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park - who, along with the Blue Line Coalition, wrote Gov. Tim Walz and others recently demanding "meaningful action" to push the project forward.

The letter's authors said the project has a heightened sense of urgency after the killing of ***George Floyd***, which has prompted new conversations about racial equity in the Twin Cities, including access to public transportation.

"We had a plan for serving one of the most diverse areas of the Twin Cities, and now we don't," said Brooklyn Park Mayor Jeff Lunde, who criticized the "lack of transparency" that went into the decision to scrap the route.

Golden Valley Mayor Shep Harris said the parties have not exhausted all options to force BNSF into an agreement with the council and Hennepin County.

"It's not time to move on," Harris said. "There are ways to get them to come to the table."

Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat, whose district includes several cities that would be served by Bottineau, said the railroad "once conducted themselves as partners in this endeavor. BNSF's new obstinance cannot deter our work any longer. The time to forge ahead is now."

A Met Council advisory committee of elected officials and community members will meet Aug. 13 to discuss next steps. Zelle said sticking close to the planned alignment - although not on BNSF property - would be "a natural consideration" given the investment many cities along the line have already made to prepare for light-rail service.

Hennepin County Commissioner Irene Fernando, who took office last year, said "we want to be respectful of the work that was done before. We want to keep as much intact as possible."

The project will remain in the queue to qualify for highly competitive funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which was expected to cover nearly half of the cost to build Bottineau. The FTA did not respond with a comment Monday.

Nailing down agreements with "third parties" like BNSF is required before federal officials will fund construction of such a big project.

Rep. Paul Torkelson, a Republican member of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee at the Legislature, said "it's about time" the county and the council retooled the project.

Torkelson said it wasn't practical to run light-rail and freight trains side-by-side for much of Bottineau's route.

He said rapid bus service, whose frequent, high-amenity service mimics light rail for a fraction of the cost, is a better bet than light rail.

Since the Bottineau line's route was decided seven years ago, the C Line rapid bus has begun service between Brooklyn Center and downtown Minneapolis through the city's North Side.

Funding to complete the D Line, which would link Brooklyn Center to the Mall of America, is pending at the Legislature.

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Bridgewater Bank's Uptown branch, repeatedly raided during riots, will reopen

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DURING RIOTS, WILL REOPEN](#)**

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Bridgewater Bank's Uptown branch is reopening after it was [looted on three separate nights](#) during the riots after ***George Floyd***'s death.

The branch, located at 3100 Hennepin Ave. in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis, will open on August 17, according to CEO Jerry Baack. It had been closed, except for the drive-thru window, since late May.

Damaged equipment, such as the ATM machine and interior equipment have already been replaced. New windows are being installed now, according to Mary Jane Crocker, Bridgewater's executive vice president and chief operating officer. Repairs cost roughly \$200,000.

"Our priority after the unrest was to reopen our doors and serve our Uptown clients," the bank said in a statement. We found a way to do this quickly while ensuring our employees felt accommodated and safe in the renewed space."

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On the first night of the riots, only one door was busted. On the second night, numerous windows and doors and the drive-thru ATM were broken. And on Friday, rioters used a crowbar to open boarded-up entryways to get in and cause further damage; someone made off with \$11,000 in coins.

The bank will also has full-time security officers at the branch and shortened hours going forward.

"We have adjusted our hours to an earlier closure with the safety of our clients and staff in mind," the bank said. "We also now also have a full-time security guard on staff during business hours. This is a new precaution that was not in place before the unrest."

None of the bank's six other branches in the Twin Cities were damaged during the unrest.

Bloomington-based Bridgewater Bank was founded in 2005. Its annual revenue is more than \$67 million and the bank has roughly 180 employees.

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CUP FOODS FEELS THE HEAT

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Protesters tried to stop Cup Foods from reopening Monday, saying they want the corner to remain a memorial to **George Floyd**, who was killed by police outside the store in late May. Above, an activist confronted Billy Abumayyaleh, whose brother owns the store. Story, B1.

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DECISION TIME NEARING

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Section: SPORTS; Pg. 3C**Length:** 691 words**Byline:** MEGAN RYAN; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** But calling off fall sports might not matter for college football anyway.**Body**

Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren sent a letter to his 14 athletic directors Thursday saying the conference planned to make a decision on when to start preseason "within five days."

That times out rather well with Tuesday's NCAA Board of Governors meeting.

The NCAA meeting of university leaders could make the Big Ten's decision easier by canceling all fall sports championships. It's the same move the NCAA made in March that effectively canceled all winter and spring sports, because there's not really any point to playing a regular season without a championship.

But the NCAA has had this opportunity before, even just two weeks ago, and tabled the matter, pushing it off to the future, with the hope that more information would reveal some way forward for the upcoming season.

The coronavirus pandemic, though, hasn't abated, and with football training camp scheduled to start this week and the season in another month, these leagues are running out of time to make a call. Another option is delaying to later in August.

For football, though, there is a unique loophole.

The College Football Playoff, the national championship for FBS teams, and the subsequent bowl game system are run outside of the NCAA's purview. That means even if the NCAA canceled fall championships, that wouldn't necessarily mean an end for football.

A Sports Illustrated report this past weekend detailed how the Power Five conferences have started looking into staging their own fall championships, potentially signaling a future breakoff from the NCAA for the 65 schools within the Big Ten, Atlantic Coast, Pacific-12, Big 12 and Southeastern conferences.

The SEC, Pac-12 and ACC have already announced their revised season schedules for football. The Pac-12, for example, will start training camp Aug. 17 and the 10-game conference-only season Sept. 26. But this plan, still in preliminary talks, would also allow for fall championships for the Power Five nonrevenue

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sports such as volleyball and soccer. Per the Sports Illustrated report, that is mainly for optics, as just playing the revenue-generating football season without other sports would raise ethics questions.

That's already happened within the Pac-12. A group of hundreds of student-athletes from that conference announced in a Players' Tribune feature Sunday their intent to opt out of the upcoming season unless the conference can reach an agreement with them on issues of health and safety, racial injustice and economic equity.

The potential boycott is one of the largest organized player protests in college sports, sparked from concerns about playing in a pandemic as well as renewed calls to end racial injustice after George Floyd's death in Minneapolis police custody about two months ago.

Some Gophers football players have weighed in on social media, with cornerback Coney Durr writing on Twitter July 9: "How does fall camp even happen? 110 guys around each other 12 hours a day for a month straight. Man, it's tough times right now."

Durr also retweeted a Sunday tweet from Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., that said, "COVID has exposed a civil rights crisis in big-time college sports: unpaid kids - mostly of color - risking their lives to make millions for adults - mostly white. This needs to change. NOW."

Gophers quarterback Seth Green said July 23 he felt safe participating in the team's current workouts, walkthroughs and meetings, separated by position groups.

The Gophers athletics department is overdue to announce the latest round of COVID-19 test results for its student-athletes, something it planned to do at the end of every month. The most recent release from June 30 announced seven had tested positive of 170 administered tests across the football, volleyball, soccer and basketball teams.

But the next step is still unclear.

"I feel like as of now, there's not a super-safe procedure to have training camp in play, but I feel like that's what they're working on and that's what determines the start dates," Green said. "I feel confident that if they don't have a safe way to go about it, then they'll either push it back or reschedule it.

" ... I've got faith in them for the most part."

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Frey: Walz delayed Guard order

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FREY: WALZ DELAYED GUARD ORDER

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1A**Length:** 1190 words**Byline:** JENNIFER BJORHUS; LIZ NAVRATIL; STAFF WRITERS, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** E-mails and texts show urgency; state says requests were vague**Body**

Jacob Frey has been cast as the mayor who lost control of his city, enduring criticism from the state's governor that the Minneapolis response to rioting in May over the police killing of George Floyd was an "abject failure."

Now Frey is speaking out, saying Gov. Tim Walz failed to take his requests for help seriously until it was too late.

In an interview Monday, Frey said that Walz hesitated to send in the National Guard to quell the growing violence and then blamed him for allowing the city to burn.

"Through an extremely difficult situation, I told the truth," Frey said Monday. "I relayed information as best I could to state partners. And we did what was demanded for the sake of our city."

Texts and e-mails obtained from Minneapolis by the Star Tribune through public records requests show the city was trying to give Walz and the state Department of Public Safety what they said they needed to move forward.

State officials, meanwhile, said the city did not provide the detailed information they needed to deploy the Guard until the next day. By then, dozens of buildings had been looted and torched.

On Wednesday, May 27, the second evening of unrest around the Third Precinct, Frey said Police Chief Medaria Arradondo called him at 6:23 p.m. to say that the Target store near the police station was being looted and that he needed the National Guard.

Frey said he immediately telephoned Walz, at 6:29 p.m., relayed information, and asked him to send in the National Guard. "We expressed the seriousness of the situation. The urgency was clear," Frey said.

"He did not say yes," Frey said of Walz. "He said he would consider it."

Frey insisted that he explicitly asked whether his verbal

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requests constituted a formal request, and the governor's staff confirmed that they did. The governor's office disputes that.

The documents, released by the city late last week, corroborate this sequence of events.

They show that at 6:28 p.m. Wednesday, Frey's spokesman, Mychal Vlatkovich, texted a small group of employees in the mayor's office: "Mayor just came out and said the chief wants him to call in the national guard for help at Third Precinct. Mayor appears intent on doing." Frey's policy director, Heidi Ritchie, later updated the group: "He called the governor just now."

In a separate text conversation later Wednesday night, Vlatkovich said Frey indicated "Walz was hesitating."

Frey said he received no confirmation the National Guard was coming the rest of Wednesday night or the following morning.

A city news release about his request for the Guard was drafted Wednesday but never sent.

Frey first revealed to the Star Tribune that he had asked for the Guard at 11:30 p.m. that night.

At 10:55 a.m. Thursday, Frey's office followed up with a written request for the National Guard, noting "widespread looting and arson" and that protesters and first responders had been injured.

"The ongoing situation is well-beyond the capability of our police and fire departments to respond," Frey wrote.

Walz was not available for an interview Monday, according to his office.

Walz spokesman Teddy Tschann said more information was needed to deploy the soldiers.

"As a 24-year veteran of the Minnesota National Guard, Governor Walz knows how much planning goes into a successful mission," Tschann said in a statement. "That's why he pushed the City of Minneapolis for details and a strategy. He ordered the Minnesota National Guard to start preparing Thursday morning which allowed them to deploy to both St. Paul and Minneapolis that evening, per the Mayors' requests."

The governor's office disputed several of Frey's assertions. According to the office: The Governor's staff told Frey a verbal request cannot be considered an official request for the National Guard; the city's request did not focus on protecting the Third Precinct; and the National Guard mobilized Thursday morning and was on the ground in the Twin Cities within 24 hours of Frey's informal request.

Walz activated the National Guard at 2:30 p.m. Thursday May 28. But eight hours later, only 90 National Guard soldiers were on the ground across the Twin Cities. By that time, officers had already evacuated the Third Precinct after it was besieged by protesters.

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington said in an interview Monday that the city's early requests for assistance from the National Guard were "rather vague" and not detailed enough to activate the soldiers.

"They weren't specific about what they wanted or any details on what the mission would be," Harrington said. Then, when they received a list of areas they needed help with, "the list was so all-encompassing we could not possibly staff all the things they wanted."

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The records newly released by the city show that Minneapolis police and state officials corresponded multiple times that Wednesday night and into Friday regarding the city's National Guard request.

At 9:11 p.m. Wednesday, Arradondo sent an e-mail to Harrington that included an attachment requesting "assistance of the MN National Guard for immediate assistance with significant civil unrest occurring in the City of Minneapolis."

It said the department has "expended all available resources within our Department as well as all available law enforcement assistance from our neighboring jurisdictions."

It listed a four-point mission plan: "Area Security and Force Protection Operations," "Area Denial Operations," "Transportation assistance for law enforcement officers," "Logistical assistance for the overall security operation."

Arradondo asked for 600 National Guard soldiers "along with compliment [sic] of command and control," as well as vehicles. The National Guard would report to police department supervisors, who would coordinate with the National Guard's leaders.

At 12:23 p.m. the following day, Arradondo sent Harrington an e-mail that included a list of "critical infrastructure sites to be protected," listing the five police precincts and other government and medical buildings and businesses along Lake Street and other areas.

It also included a list of resources they thought the department might need the next week.

In an interview Monday, Arradondo said the city faced an "unprecedented, historical moment" and he hoped they would work with the state to learn more about the Guard's deployment processes should they be needed in the future.

"There are a great deal of complexities, now I've learned," he said.

Frey described his dismay watching Walz's news conference Friday morning as the Third Precinct smoldered.

With Major General Jon Jensen of the Minnesota National Guard next to him, Walz called the city's response an "abject failure."

Walz had not warned him this public rebuke was coming, although they had a meeting shortly beforehand, he said.

"It was a sharp departure from every conversation we had had at that point," Frey said. He described the governor's assessment as "definitely a hit in the gut."

"Not just for me, but for so many in our city that were doing everything they could. ... Everyone was pouring themselves into stemming the violence," he said.

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Just Sold: Glasrud sells vintage retail, office-warehouse properties

ARTICLE MCDLIX. **[JUST SOLD: GLASRUD SELLS VINTAGE RETAIL, OFFICE-WAREHOUSE PROPERTIES](#)**

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Editor's note: "Just Sold" is a Finance & Commerce feature based on the newest certificates of real estate value filed with the Minnesota Department of Revenue for commercial sales throughout Minnesota and reports of sales across the country involving local parties. Research includes company and broker documents, online real estate listings, F&C archives, CoStar and other research.

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Veteran developer Ted Glasrud, head of Ted Glasrud Associates in Roseville, has sold two properties from its Minnesota portfolio in separate off-market transactions.

Glasrud sold a 52,487-square-foot office-warehouse flex building in Plymouth to a local private investment entity for \$4.76 million, or \$90.69 per square foot. The building was completed in 2006 on 3.58 acres at 2415-2495 Xenium Lane N. The one-story Class B masonry building features five dock doors, six drive-in doors and 14-foot ceiling height.

Glasrud bought it for \$4.3 million in 2006. It was fully leased to six tenants.

And nearly four decades after developing the southwest corner of Lake Street and Nicollet Avenue South in Minneapolis with a pioneering retail-condominium building, Glasrud has sold the 23,000-square-foot first-floor retail space of 3000-3018 Nicollet Ave. S. for \$2.835 million.

"It was pretty much how we got started," said Paul Buchmayer, senior vice president for commercial real estate. The company began in 1972 developing apartments, and the 1982 project helped make the company a leader in the new condominium market, he said.

The 72 condominiums sold to individual owners, but Glasrud held the retail space.

"The space was really easy to lease and [I] never really had to do a big marketing brochure," Buchmayer said.

The building is in the area heavily damaged during the protests in late May and early June after the death of ***George Floyd***.

Just Sold: Glasrud sells vintage retail, office-warehouse properties

“It was damaged,” he said. “They broke most of the first-floor windows and looted the pharmacy.”

The building was repaired, and when an investor approached the company this summer and made an offer on the property, Glasrud accepted.

The sale to NWD LLC and KJDW LLC, both of White Bear Lake, closed July 15, at a price that works out to \$123.26 per square foot.

Glasrud’s portfolio now includes about 800,000 square feet of space in Minnesota and 1.5 million square feet of space in Florida.

Place: 3000-3018 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis

Price: \$2.835 million cash, 1031 exchange; \$123.26 per square foot

Buyer: NWD LLC & KJDW LLC, White Bear Lake

Seller: Ted Glasrud Associates MN LLC, Roseville

Date: 7-15-20

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Place: Plymouth Office/Tech Center, 2415-2495 Xenium Lane N., Plymouth

Price: \$4.76 million, \$30,000; \$90.69 per square foot

Buyer: Xenium 55 LLC, Pine Springs

Seller: Ted Glasrud Associates MN LLC, Roseville

Date: 7-1-20/CRV released 8-3-20

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Crosstown Woods Office Center draws \$3.2 million

A Moorhead-based buyer has paid nearly \$3.2 million for the Crosstown Woods Office Center, a 47,591-square-foot, Class C multitenant office building at 10125 Crosstown Circle in Eden Prairie. The three-story building was completed in 1981 on 5.61 acres in the southwest quadrant of Highway 62 and Highway 169. The sale price works out to \$66.71 per square foot.

The buyer is an investment entity related to Sandman Structural Engineers, which is based in Moorhead and has additional offices in Champlin, Brainerd and Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Kent Heimark, business manager at Sandman, said the company bought the building to accommodate a client who needed office space in the area. He declined to identify the client or how much space it will lease.

CoStar indicates the building is 88 percent leased.

The seller was Crosstown Woods LLC in Edina. CoStar indicates the selling entity is related to real estate veteran George Zeller. The building last sold in 2005 for \$4.45 million, according to Hennepin County records.

Place: 10125 Crosstown Circle, Eden Prairie

Price: \$3.175 million, \$403,364 down payment; \$66.71 per square foot

Buyer: Pinnacle Crosstown Woods LLC, Moorhead

Seller: Crosstown Woods LLC, Edina

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Top Ten Liquors acquires site for Vadnais Heights store

Minneapolis-based Top Ten Liquors has acquired a former Vadnais Heights restaurant it plans to convert to its 10th suburban Twin Cities location.

YG Holdings LLC, Closed on the purchase of the former Mad Jack's Sports Caf restaurant at 935 County Road E E. The 8,153-square-foot restaurant was built in 2002 on 1.95 acres.

Top Ten has locations in Andover, Blaine, Chanhassen, Cottage Grove, Osseo, Ramsey, Roseville, St. Louis Park and Woodbury

Place: 935 County Road East E., Vadnais Heights

Price: \$2 million, \$50,000 down payment; \$245.31 per square foot

Buyer: YG Holdings LLC, Minneapolis

Seller: MJ's Properties Inc., New Prague

Date: 7-31-20

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Minneapolis Foundation awards Fund for Safe Communities grants

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The Minneapolis Foundation awarded its first round of grants for its Fund for Safe Communities on Tuesday.

Thirty-one community-based groups were awarded a total of \$623,725 to help reduce violence in Minneapolis neighborhoods.

"Violence is a problem that has always been with us, and one violent death in Minneapolis is one death too many," said Chanda Smith Baker, senior vice president of impact at The Minneapolis Foundation, in a news release. "This summer's horrific challenges have only intensified the urgency of this issue, and we are doubling down on our efforts to support the many local leaders who are doing high-impact work to reduce violence in their communities."

The grants announced Tuesday are supporting organizations that applied for funding this spring, before the death of [George Floyd](#) in Minneapolis Police custody. After Floyd's death and the subsequent civil unrest,

Minneapolis Foundation awards Fund for Safe Communities grants

the Minneapolis Foundation committed an additional \$500,000 to the Fund for Safe Communities. The second round of grants is currently under review and will be awarded later this month.

The Minneapolis Foundation prioritized applications from groups that are led by Black, Indigenous and people of color.

The Fund for Safe Communities was established in 2018 to support meaningful actions to address and prevent violence. The fund was inspired by the leadership shown by students who were affected by the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

The fund is advised by a committee of eight young adults who have been personally affected by gun violence in Minneapolis. The committee reviewed grant applications and made funding recommendations to Smith Baker.

"I feel it's important to invest in communities directly, and that is exactly what this committee does," said advisory committee member Meti Regassa. "All of the members have a vested interest in watching Minneapolis become a safer version of itself."

The awards announced today will support the following groups:

- A Mother's Love Initiative
- African American Center of Minnesota
- American Indian Community Development Corporation
- Appetite for Change
- Art is My Weapon
- Be the Voice
- Circle of Discipline
- Conflict Resolution Center
- East African Integration Center
- Ghands, Inc.
- HAVEN International
- HIRED, Inc.
- La Oportunidad
- Lucy Laney Boxing Academy
- Me and My Sis-Stirs
- Metro Youth Diversion Center
- Minneapolis MAD DADS
- NAACP of Minneapolis
- Ostara Initiative
- Philando Castile Peace Garden

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- Philando Castile Relief Foundation
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Plymouth Christian Youth
- Pollen Midwest
- Professional Firefighters Association
- Restorative Justice Community Action
- Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice
- Somali Action Alliance of Minnesota
- Strength Group
- The Price Dynamic
- Urban Ventures Leadership Foundation

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State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding'

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Highlight: The Minnesota State Patrol has canceled its annual police academy to train future officers "due to lack of funding." The decision, which will effectively thin the ranks of the state law enforcement agency by several dozen, is the second noteworthy cut in state services resulting from looming state budget shortfalls, courtesy of the coronavirus pandemic [...]

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The Minnesota State Patrol has canceled its annual police academy to train future officers "due to lack of funding."

The decision, which will effectively thin the ranks of the state law enforcement agency by several dozen, is the second noteworthy cut in state services resulting from looming state budget shortfalls, courtesy of the coronavirus pandemic and its resulting hammer on the economy and state tax revenues.

On Monday, the Department of Corrections announced that it would [close two minimum-security prisons](#) for the same reason, and other state agencies are facing similar pressures.

The State Patrol's decision to scrap the academy class was revealed Friday in communications sent to prospective attendees. On Tuesday, the Department of Public Safety, which oversees the State Patrol, confirmed the details and reasoning to the Pioneer Press.

Here are the broad strokes:

The State Patrol tries to maintain a force of about 600 troopers. About 35 are expected to leave this fiscal year, when ends next summer, and another 35 are expected to leave the following year. Regular attrition like this is why the agency has generally for decades held a yearly academy at Camp Ripley, the Minnesota National Guard's training center near Little Falls. Each 15- to 17-week academy costs between \$4.5 million and \$5.5 million. (Last year's academy trained 32 future troopers for \$4.9 million.) The State Patrol can't afford that, given [current financial projections](#) that foresee a \$2.4 billion hole in the current two-year statewide budget and a \$4.7 billion hole for the following two years.

State Patrol cancels police academy class 'due to lack of funding'

Gov. Tim Walz and the split-party Legislature could not agree this year on a revised taxing-and-spending plan that could have potentially patched the hole. (Walz is a Democrat; the House is controlled by Democrats, the Senate by Republicans.)

"Without a 2021 academy, the State Patrol will need additional funds to offer a larger than normal academy in 2022 in order to fill all vacant positions," DPS spokesman Bruce Gordon said in a statement Tuesday. "It is our hope that the Legislature will provide this funding to ensure we have the necessary troopers on Minnesota roads."

In communications to would-be academy attendees, Capt. Eric Barthel of the State Patrol's Training and Development Section expressed his "deepest apologies" that this year's academy would be canceled "due to a lack of funding." He said those enrolled would have to restart the hiring process in January.

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Tapping into TikTok for support

ARTICLE MCDLXII.

TAPPING INTO TIKTOK FOR SUPPORT

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 1B**Length:** 1108 words**Byline:** ZOE JACKSON; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** The video-sharing service remains an unlikely platform in politics.**Body**

Watching state Sen. Matt Little dance around a tree to Justin Timberlake's "Suit & Tie" might seem an odd form of political expression, but a lot of people think the 35-year-old lawmaker from Lakeville might be onto something.

In a time when politicians are increasingly trying to connect with young people, established social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter have become a cacophony of political voices of all persuasions and ages,

Then there's TikTok, an app that many associate with viral dances and funny memes. "Gen Z," commonly understood as the generation born around the turn of the new millennium, dominates the platform with addictive viral trends - and increasingly with politics and social messaging.

Though youth on both sides of the partisan divide are creating political content, few politicians have devoted their time to engaging young people directly on the app.

Little, a lawyer in his first term in the Legislature, is one of a few who has connected with TikTok users in and out of his district, some on the other side of the world. With more than 130,000 followers, the DFL legislator believes he might be the most followed politician on the app.

"I've always had this methodology or goal that I could speak to people

of all ages, on whatever platform they wanted to speak to me on. It started when I was on the City Council 10 years ago," Little said. "If someone wrote me a letter, I wrote them a letter; give me a call, I give them a call."

Though it can be more time-consuming than sending an e-mail or responding to a tweet, for Little, TikTok is no different.

"Young people, Gen Z, and the next generation are on TikTok, and I wanted to be able to speak to that generation," he said.

Tapping into TikTok for support

Little could use an edge in his re-election bid against GOP challenger Zach Duckworth, a veteran and volunteer firefighter who serves as chairman of the Lakeville school board. Little was elected in 2016 by a margin of less than 400 votes, and his suburban swing district is considered a Republican pickup opportunity in 2020.

Duckworth's campaign uses Facebook and Twitter, but he's not on TikTok. He had no comment about Little's TikTok strategy.

TikTok is a video-sharing social networking service founded by a Beijing-based internet technology company in 2012. By 2019, it was cited as the most downloaded mobile app of the decade. But some government officials and political campaigns, including Joe Biden's presidential campaign, have warned against using TikTok due to security concerns. President Donald Trump has threatened to ban the app in the U.S., but on Monday reversed course.

Little became active on the app in February and has quickly amassed a large following of young fans across the country. In the comments, some followers have lamented that they cannot re-elect him because they don't live in his Lakeville Senate district.

"When we first started we had a fairly sizable contingent out of South Africa," Little said. Now, the majority of his followers come from the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

In his videos, Little jokes about campaigning in the heat, shows off his office in St. Paul, and puts an issues-related spin on a viral trend. He has used the app to offer advice for young people interested in pursuing a career in politics and to organize a supply drive in the days following the Minneapolis police killing of *George Floyd*.

Little's success stems from his mastery of the language of TikTok, said Ioana Literat, an assistant professor at Teachers College, Columbia University. Literat and Neta Kligler-Vilenchik, an assistant professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, began studying political expression on TikTok after the 2016 election.

"I think he understands the core of expression on the platform," Literat said of Little. "He comes across as authentic. For young people, there's no worse thing than trying to seem authentic and then failing."

Peter Loge, a political communications strategist and professor at George Washington University, says politicians who are successful on social media are good at making sure their followers feel like friends or family. He cites New York U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez on Instagram, New Jersey U.S. Sen. Cory Booker on Twitter, and Little on TikTok.

"What they all do pretty successfully is create the illusion of intimacy. There's no conversation, but you still feel like you know them, because you spent a lot of time with them," Loge said.

Both Literat and Loge are surprised that there are so few political figures on TikTok, but they acknowledge that it's not an easy platform to do well on.

"The platform could be intimidating to older politicians that are not used to it. It's very intimidating to an outsider. Even the type of humor that dominates the platform, it's not something that adults really get," Literat said.

Producing enjoyable content is trickier than Instagram or Twitter, Little said. For a typical video, he has to find a concept, film, choose the song or audio, and edit.

Tapping into TikTok for support

Recently, Little asked for campaign dollars for the first time in a TikTok posting that raised \$3,500 from followers who donated on Venmo, a mobile payment app. Little is the only Minnesota lawmaker using the payment app for campaign donations.

"I think small-dollar donations are good for our democracy overall," he said.

More politicians may eventually turn to TikTok for campaigning, Loge said. The app is free and allows politicians to connect with people without the costs associated with direct mail or TV advertisements.

"This is just straight up, 'Here's a free thing, can I have one dollar?' If one person says yes, it's been worth it because these are seconds long," Loge said. Still, the fact that many people on the platform are too young to vote and don't have a lot of money makes it unlikely that the app is the next best thing, Loge said.

Literat hopes that the app retains its roots as an outlet for youth expression.

"There's a sense of generational power, there's a sense of collective efficacy that's going on TikTok that I think is awesome. I love that it's youth-specific and grassroots, and I don't want politics to kind of muddy that," Literat said.

Though it's not traditional, Little has had a blast so far connecting with a young, active audience, even if it means dancing around a tree in his front yard in a suit and tie while a campaign staffer records on the senator's iPhone.

"I'm just super thankful that people think I'm funny and want to engage through TikTok," Little said.

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Walz asks SBA for disaster help for businesses damaged in riots

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**[WALZ ASKS SBA FOR DISASTER HELP FOR BUSINESSES
DAMAGED IN RIOTS](#)**

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Gov. Tim Walz is petitioning the U.S. Small Business Administration for a disaster declaration that could clear the way for low-interest loans for businesses damaged in the civil unrest that struck the Twin Cities two months ago.

The Star Tribune [reports on the request](#), which was announced Monday after Walz toured some of the hundreds of businesses that were badly damaged in civil unrest that followed the death of ***George Floyd*** during an arrest by Minneapolis police officers. The incident sparked a wave of protests that later spiraled into widespread looting and fires. More than 1,500 businesses were damaged; damages are estimated at \$500 million.

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency turned down a similar request by Walz in June, saying the damage was "within the capabilities of the local and state governments." Walz, in his letter to FEMA, said

Walz asks SBA for disaster help for businesses damaged in riots

the Minneapolis riots are estimated as the second-most destructive case of civil unrest in U.S. history, after the 1992 riots in Los Angeles. After those riots, which did an estimated \$1 billion in damage, President George H.W. Bush declared the city a federal disaster area and began distributing more than \$638 million in assistance within a month.

In his petition to the SBA, Walz said that surveys indicated that more than 25 homes or businesses suffered "uninsured losses of more than 40% of their estimated fair market value." That's the SBA threshold for declaring a disaster.

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Walz seeks federal loan aid for damaged businesses

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WALZ SEEKS FEDERAL LOAN AID FOR DAMAGED BUSINESSES

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Highlight: Request made to SBA after disaster declaration denied by FEMA.

Body

Gov. Tim Walz is requesting a disaster declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to help repair properties that sustained extensive damage in Minneapolis during civil unrest following George Floyd's killing in police custody.

Walz announced the request Monday, after meeting with business owners on Lake Street in Minneapolis, which sustained the largest extent of the damage. If approved, the disaster declaration could free up low-interest loans for property and business owners.

"While many areas suffered damage, Minneapolis bore the brunt of the destruction. Arson was used to wantonly destroy local businesses, public buildings and other property," Walz wrote in the letter.

The move comes weeks after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) denied a request from Walz for federal disaster aid to reimburse local governments as they begin to clear away rubble and rebuild structures.

Nearly 1,500 Twin Cities businesses were damaged by vandalism, fire and looting, according to the city of Minneapolis. Estimates of damage exceed \$500 million.

In a July 2 letter to FEMA, Walz said it was the second-most destructive incident of civil unrest in U.S. history, after the 1992 riots in Los Angeles.

FEMA denied the request, which the state is in the process of appealing.

According to Walz's letter on Monday, a survey of damage verified that more than 25 homes or businesses in Hennepin County sustained "uninsured losses of more than 40% of their estimated fair market value," meeting the SBA's criteria for a disaster declaration.

"We need to work together to support Minnesotans who lost their homes and businesses to this destruction - that's why we've asked our federal partners to step in," Walz said in a statement.

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Letters: What's the St. Paul budget plan?

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[LETTERS: WHAT'S THE ST. PAUL BUDGET PLAN?](#)

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Highlight: "Facts are stubborn things," President John Adams once said. "...whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." Fact: St. Paul, like cities throughout the country, is facing a major budget crisis, as is the State of Minnesota. This year so far, [...]

Body

"Facts are stubborn things," President John Adams once said. "...whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

Fact: St. Paul, like cities throughout the country, is facing a major budget crisis, as is the State of Minnesota. This year so far, the [city lost over \\$1.3 million in revenue from parking ramps and lots](#), and another \$760,000 from parking meters as spaces sit empty. Parking ticket revenue has decreased 44% from last year. The city's general fund will likely see a shortfall between \$19 million and \$34 million, according to the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Fact: St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter has asked Chief Axtell and the [St. Paul Police Department to trim \\$9.2 million from the 2021 budget](#), eliminating the jobs of both sworn officers and civilians in an already lean department. As City Council Member Jane Prince pointed out in her Facebook blog, we will likely lose one of the city's most innovative programs, the Community Engagement Unit (CEU) that seeks to establish positive relationships between the most recent additions to the force and neighborhood kids who are growing up in the midst of a surge in gun violence.

Fact: The contract the city signed with the police union contains a "last in, first out" provision, signaling that officers lost in budget cuts will be the new, young, diverse hires trained under CEU.

Fact: Unlike Gov. Walz, who signed an executive order implementing salary cuts for the Minnesota governor, chief of staff, and cabinet members during the Covid emergency, the St. Paul mayor and the mayor's cabinet will not take pay cuts, nor will the mayor rescind a new position he created in contravention of the city's hiring freeze: that of "[political director](#)," another in a string of cabinet positions never before dreamed of.

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Fact: The mayor has not yet communicated budget proposals to the city council, nor is the public aware of what cuts and tax hikes are likely to come and how they will affect ordinary citizens. That needs to change. People have a right to know what's going on in the mayor's office and to voice their opinions about priorities.

Jean Wulterkens, St. Paul

The sports pages of our local and national press have been busy with articles relating to the ***Black Lives Matter*** movement. While it may be considered admirable that members of the sports world such as [Rocco Baldelli](#) and have opinions, perhaps, it is time to direct some of the outrage to the daily bloody killings, including innocent children, that are occurring in our major cities controlled by liberal leadership.

Rather than defunding police using the ***Black Lives Matter*** mandate, our sports world heroes should be championing actions to eliminate lawlessness.

James T. Eichten, Stillwater

Signs in my neighborhood list a variety of slogans, such as "water is life." The same sign says "no person is illegal." The list also claims "women's rights are human rights." Since "women's rights" imply "reproductive rights" the underlying message is that an unborn child is not worthy to live.

Does anyone see the hypocrisy?

Ann Redding, Minneapolis [Hey, State Fair ticket scalpers: you're tainted!](#) [Matt Dumba Letters: We need more good police, not fewer](#) [Letters: Mayor and governor point fingers but expect the federal government to pay?](#) [Letters: Is it the most-rigged election ever, win or lose?](#) [Letters: Talk about bad behavior!](#)

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As a woman bird-watcher, I've occasionally found myself in places where I didn't feel comfortable when out birding alone. It might be because the spot is remote and no one's around, or it could be that too many people are sharing the space.

But I've come to realize that people of color feel this way nearly all the time when they're out in nature. A park or natural area that to me is an escape from everyday stresses can feel unsafe, even threatening, to a Black, brown or LGBTQ person.

These kinds of concerns were amplified recently by a now-famous video, showing an encounter between a white woman walking her dog in New York's Central Park and a Black bird-watcher. She called the police to falsely claim that an African American man was threatening her, essentially "weaponizing" his skin color. In a horrific coincidence, this occurred on the very same day in May that **George Floyd** was killed by police in Minneapolis.

These events have led to intense discussions in the birding community, focusing on how to make the outdoors more welcoming and safer for other-than-white people.

Because, let's face it, bird-watching has been a predominantly white activity, and organizations dedicated to birds and nature are also overwhelmingly white. Nature and outdoors organizations have bemoaned the lack of diversity in their membership for a very long time, but not much has happened to move the needle on this issue.

'No go' places

But maybe the moment has arrived to start really working for change, so people of color see other people who look like them doing what they like to do.

ON THE WING

Black and other communities are now speaking up about their reality of being outdoors. The issues emerged pointedly in a recent series of podcasts featuring some of the young scientists and bird-watchers who created Black Birders Week in June in the wake of the Central Park incident and *George Floyd's* death.

Christian Cooper was the Black Central Park birder who encountered the toxic dog walker. During the podcast he noted, "There are so many places where we are vulnerable and perhaps feel unwelcome. There are so many swaths of this country where I won't go, as a Black, gay man."

Many on the panel agreed, noting that as graduate students in biology and other sciences, they'd had the experience of being outdoors, conducting field research, only to be challenged by police, questioning what they're doing.

As Corina Newsome, a graduate student in ornithology at Georgia Southern University, noted, "Outdoors is not a neutral place" to Blacks.

And a Black naturalist and educator told the panel that when he's outside, he makes sure his binoculars are visible so it doesn't look as if he's "up to no good."

White people simply don't have to deal with these kinds of issues when we head out the door. We need to recognize the chasm that lies between others' experiences and our own.

Equity and inclusion

Which brings us to the Urban Bird Collective, founded by St. Paul's Monica Bryand, a dedicated bird photographer and St. Paul Audubon member. For some years, she'd been posting bird photos on her Facebook page and kept hearing from people who wanted to watch birds but didn't feel comfortable outdoors.

"So I came up with the idea of training the trainers, people who would then take people of color and the LGBTQ community out birding, to help make the outdoors feel like a safe place," she says. Now in its third year, the collective has 20 active members and a steady following on its Facebook page. Using a grant provided by the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union, members have taken field trips locally and to birding hot spots like Duluth's Sax-Zim Bog and Hawk Ridge.

Bryand, who's a committee chair for St. Paul Audubon, and whose day job is co-executive director of Voices for Racial Justice, prefers to talk about equity and inclusion, as opposed to diversity. This is exactly the point made by the organizers of Black Birders Week - it's not about helping existing organizations to diversify their membership. Instead, it's about getting people out into nature and helping them feel comfortable there.

Like nearly everything in these COVID-19 days, much of the collective's work has moved online, but the group's dedication and camaraderie haven't diminished. And it's efforts like theirs that are starting to make the outdoors a safe place for us all.

As Urban Bird Collective member Loreen Ann Lee put it, "Like the Baltimore oriole who carefully weaves the fine fibers of its nest to cradle the young, let us intentionally weave new spaces where we hold each other with care, empathy and understanding."

St. Paul resident Val Cunningham, who volunteers with the St. Paul Audubon Society and writes about nature for local, regional and national newspapers and magazines, can be reached at valwrites@comcast.net

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DEED awards grants to malls housing ethnic-minority owned businesses

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DEED AWARDS GRANTS TO MALLS HOUSING ETHNIC-MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES

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Finally some relief: The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development announced Wednesday that it's awarding grants totaling \$2.5 million to 12 Twin Cities malls housing ethnic minority-owned businesses.

The capital injection stems from the Minnesota Cultural Mall Operator Grants program, which is part of the \$62.5 million Small Business Relief Grants package that was passed by the Minnesota Legislature during the 2020 first Special Session and signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz.

The grants range from \$110,000 to \$250,000, and will shore up the 12 malls' combined 1,150 tenant businesses.

The grants will likely be a massive boon for the malls, all of which have had to navigate the complexities of Covid-19, and some of them suffered riot damage after the police killing of **George Floyd**.

DEED awards grants to malls housing ethnic-minority owned businesses

"The Covid-19 pandemic has created undue hardships for small business owners," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove in a statement. "These grants will provide much needed help to many of Minnesota's cultural malls, which are economic, cultural and civic cornerstones of their communities."

The awarded malls are:

- 24 Mall LLC/Village Market, Minneapolis: \$250,000
- Al Karama Mall, Minneapolis: \$187,500
- Global Center, LLC, St. Cloud: \$110,000
- Hmong Village Shopping Center, St. Paul: \$250,000
- Hmongtown Market Place, St. Paul: \$250,000
- JigJiga Business Center/Plaza Verde, Minneapolis: \$117,500
- Karmel Mall, Minneapolis: \$250,000
- Madina Management Group, Minneapolis: \$177,500
- Mercado Central, Minneapolis, \$250,000
- Midtown Global Market, Minneapolis, \$250,000
- Plaza Mexico, Minneapolis, \$250,000
- Riverside Mall Inc., Minneapolis, \$157,500

The grants will be administered by "qualified local and regionally based nonprofit organizations," according to DEED. The malls must use the allotted money to make subgrants to their tenant businesses - who in turn have to use 50% of their subgrants to pay rent to the mall.

To have qualified for a grant, the applying mall must:

- Be an operator of a privately owned, permanent indoor retail space and food market located in Minnesota.
- Be a facility that leases space to 25 or more tenants.
- Be a facility in which 50% or more of the tenants have fewer than 20 employees.
- Be a facility in which 50% or more of tenant businesses are majority owned by one or more individuals who identify as one or more of the following racial or ethnic categories: Black, African American, Asian or Pacific Islanders, Hispanic, Latinx, American Indian, Alaska Native, or other racial or ethnic minority.

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Minnesota tax law is blocking efforts to clear rubble from riot-damaged businesses

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Some Twin Cities business owners and landlords looking to clear the rubble from buildings burned during the recent civil unrest that they can't get demolition permits until property taxes on the destroyed buildings are paid up.

KSTP [reports on the issue](#), the latest challenge facing businesses as they try to recover from widespread arson and looting in late May and early June. Nearly 1,500 businesses were heavily damaged in the riots, which spun out of protests following the death of ***George Floyd***.

Minneapolis officials say that about 20 buildings have been torn down already, but they blame a state law that requires property taxes to be "fully paid" before clearing land.

That's been a problem for some businesses, who even before the riots were coping with a loss of revenue due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Minnesota tax law is blocking efforts to clear rubble from riot-damaged businesses

Ruhel Islam, owner of Gandhi Mahal Restaurant, said he owes about \$15,000 in taxes and has always paid them before - but has no cash flow to pay them this year, so his burned-out restaurant is still there. "It's been over two months and we are still able to see broken stuff here. It's painful, very painful," he said.

Minneapolis City Council member Andrew Johnson said that the problem could have been fixed by the state Legislature, which considered an amendment to the tax law as part of the state bonding bill. But the bonding bill failed to pass in [*two special sessions this summer*](#).

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SBA announces loans of up to \$2M for damages from Floyd unrest

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**[SBA ANNOUNCES LOANS OF UP TO \\$2M FOR DAMAGES
FROM FLOYD UNREST](#)**

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The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved the issuance of disaster loans of up to \$2 million to help Minnesotans recover from the civil unrest prompted ***George Floyd***'s killing by a Minneapolis police officer two months ago, the agency announced Wednesday.

Businesses and nonprofits can borrow up to \$2 million to rebuild or replace real estate, equipment or inventory; they can also use the loan to relocate, the SBA said in a statement released Wednesday. Homeowners, meanwhile, can borrow up to \$200,000 to repair their homes and up to \$40,000 to repair or replace their belongings. There's no ceiling on the total amount of money that can be loaned to Minnesotans; the deadline to apply for a loan is Oct. 2.

Related: [Click here to apply for an SBA disaster loan.](#)

"The SBA is strongly committed to providing the people of Minnesota with the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist businesses of all sizes, homeowners and renters with federal disaster

SBA announces loans of up to \$2M for damages from Floyd unrest

loans. Getting businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority," said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza in the statement.

The office of Governor Tim Walz announced Monday that it had [asked the SBA for a disaster declaration](#) so it could have access to the loans.

Minneapolis experienced a combination of protesting, looting and arson in the wake of Floyd's killing; the looting and arson caused an estimated \$500 million worth of damages, and more than 1,500 businesses were damaged. Walz made a similar request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in June but [was denied](#).

The disaster declaration is for the seven-county metro area as well as Sherburne County, the SBA said. Chicago, Los Angeles and San Diego have all also received disaster declarations due to civil unrest related to Floyd's killing.

Interest rates are as low as 3% for businesses, 2.75% for non-profits and 1.25% for homeowners. The loans have terms as long as 30 years, though if business owners have credit elsewhere, their term can't exceed seven years.

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Want to support a black-owned restaurant? Here are St. Paul options.

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[WANT TO SUPPORT A BLACK-OWNED RESTAURANT? HERE ARE ST. PAUL OPTIONS.](#)

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Body

It really feels like Charles Carter was backed by divine providence.

The timing of the opening of his new restaurant, Taste of Rondo Bar & Grill, could not have been more meaningful, given the backdrop of unrest still lingering after the death of George Floyd.

Carter and his business partner Josh Howell purchased the building, the former Attucks-Brooks American Legion Post 606, in 2012. It had been the only African American legion in the city.

After trying to run it as a private club for a few years, Carter said he "would toss and turn at night" trying to figure out the best way to preserve the heritage of the building, which had long been a neighborhood gathering spot, albeit one with some drama in its past.

"This was one of the only businesses left standing when Rondo was destroyed," Carter said, talking about the construction of I-94 that went directly through the city's most prominent Black neighborhood in the 1950s and '60s.

Ultimately, the community-minded, financially savvy Carter, whose other job is working for St. Paul Catholic Cemeteries, decided the best use of the building would be a restaurant.

"I've never been a chef, but I've always loved to cook," he said.

And though he's not at the helm of the restaurant's kitchen, he's had a big influence on the elevated soul-food staples the restaurant is serving, like catfish, served blackened or fried, shrimp and grits, fried chicken, shrimp etouffee and even corn bread made from house-ground cornmeal.

Carter said the restaurant has been slammed since it opened, mostly filled with community members who are elated that the building is back in operation.

"I had a guy come in and say he wanted to cry, he was so happy we saved this building," he said. "This is like the heartbeat of Rondo. They never want to see it go away. That's the feedback I've been getting."

Want to support a black-owned restaurant? Here are St. Paul options.

There aren't nearly enough Black-owned or Black-helmed restaurants in St. Paul, but if you're interested in putting some of your hard-earned money in the hands of Black entrepreneurs, here are some of our favorite eateries that boast Black chefs and owners at the top.

Since it's so new, I've only sampled a few dishes, but everything we had, including the catfish, wings and etouffee, was worth returning for. I'm especially excited to give that cornbread a try. There's also a small patio if you prefer eating outdoors.

976 Concordia Ave., St. Paul; 651-348-2615; tasteofrondostp.com

This contemporary Jamaican restaurant's location in Keg and Case is currently closed, but the food truck is parked outside on the temporarily expanded patio (aka parking lot). Co-owner Tomme Beevas pays homage to his Jamaican heritage with jerk pork and chicken and curried dishes, served bowl-style with plantains and coconut rice and beans. Everything here is headily spiced and super delicious. The Minneapolis Eat Street location is also open for takeout.

902 W. 7th St., St. Paul or 2524 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis; pimentokitchen.com

Honestly, I crave the vegetarian platter at this Ethiopian restaurant more than any other vegetarian dish in the cities. The stewed meats are delicious, too, but there's nothing better than scooping up little bits of lentils, greens or other vegetables with spongy, tangy injera bread. The restaurant has been run by Ethiopian immigrants since 2001 and is still going strong. They offer takeout in addition to indoor seating at the required reduced capacity.

510 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul; 651-646-4747

Somali and other African favorites are on the menu at this bright, happy counter-service spot that has expanded since opening in St. Paul in 2015. Owner Abdirahman Kahin is not only a savvy businessman, but also a community-minded activist who has served 100,000 meals to people in need since the pandemic began. We are huge fans of the entire menu, but especially the chicken fantastic, a creamy, spiced curry-like dish served over rice, and the chapati wraps, which are best described as an African version of a burrito. The 7th Place and Stadium Village restaurants are open for indoor seating and takeout, but the skyway locations (Minneapolis and St. Paul) are both temporarily closed.

5 W. 7th Place, St. Paul; 651-888-2168; afrodeli.com

I hadn't heard of this tiny New-York-style pizzeria until recently, even though it opened in early 2019. When I finally got around to trying it out, I made my pizza order on the fly. That was possibly a mistake, as I ended up with two extra large pies, which are really, really extra large. In fact, my family was eating leftover pizza for most of a week. On the upside, these chewy-crust, loaded-with-cheese-and-toppings pizzas are so good that there was no complaining. Owner Tommie Daye and his family churn out these craveable pizzas themselves, so when it gets busy, which it has been recently, expect a wait, but know it'll be worth it.

1556 Selby Ave., St. Paul; 651-432-4743; tommiespizza.com

I'd been meaning to drop by this cute little grocery and deli for quite some time, but then the pandemic hit, and everything was turned on its head. Now that I've given it a shot, I'm totally kicking myself for taking so long. African dishes like chooza chicken and suqaar steak are packed with flavor and served with some

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of the most addicting and gorgeous rice pilaf I've ever eaten, but the dish I'm still dreaming about is the wild veggie, a lush, greens-based curry of sorts that could 100 percent convince this meat-lover to convert to vegetarianism. On the other hand, Karibu also makes some American classics, and if you're a Philly steak sandwich lover, don't sleep on theirs.

719 Payne Ave., St. Paul; 651-414-0799; karibu-grocery-deli.business.site

In some ways, chef Justin Sutherland has become the face of Black chefs in the Twin Cities, mostly because of his successful run on Bravo's "Top Chef." But look past his celebrity status and you'll find a guy who just really wants to feed you and knows how to do it well. The Handsome Hog is his first restaurant and the one that will likely stick around after the others have come and gone. Its new space on Cathedral Hill is gorgeous, especially the expansive, sparkly new patio, and the soul-food-based menu is top-notch from top to bottom. New items since the move include woodfire clams that might be my favorite clams ever, and pizzas loaded with Southern touches like brisket and jambalaya. If you want to eat there, plan ahead, because reservations are definitely a hot ticket right now.

173 Western Ave., St. Paul; 651-219-4012; handsomehog.com

This cute food truck, which serves Nashville chicken tenders and sandwiches, is the darling of local street food right now. On the night we visited, there was a constant line of at least 10 parties waiting to order, and it was parked outside a St. Paul brewery that is only offering takeout crawlers at the moment! A few people even drove across the river after the Minneapolis truck had sold out. Is it worth the hype? Heck yes, these spicy, crispy-outside, tender-inside sandwiches are up there with some of the best in town. Check the truck's social media pages for schedules - there is generally a St. Paul and a Minneapolis truck running every week.

Nashvillecoop.com

While chef Torrance Beavers is not an owner of this East Side establishment, he does have full creative run of the kitchen and huge admirers in owners Thomas and Molly LaFleche. Beavers has introduced St. Paul diners to flash-fried collard greens, which are bright green and so tasty, in his hoppin' john salad, and puts out a pub-food menu that is miles above average. Honestly, even the ham and cheese sandwich is amazing.

956 Payne Ave., St. Paul; 651-447-2483; brunsonspub.com

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Charles Carter, founder/owner of Taste of Rondo Bar & Grill in St. Paul. Photographed July 15, 2020. (Nancy Ngo /Pioneer Press)

Shrimp Etouffee at Taste of Rondo Bar & Grill in St. Paul, July 15, 2020. (Nancy Ngo /Pioneer Press)

Tomme Beevas, co-founder and chief strategic officer of Pimento Jamaican Kitchen, July 11, 2019. (Nancy Ngo / Pioneer Press)

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The vegetarian platter at Fasika in St. Paul. (Pioneer Press: Jessica Fleming)

Abdirahman Kahin, owner of the Afro Deli & Grill on East Seventh Place Mall in downtown St. Paul, July 16, 2015. (Pioneer Press: Scott Takushi)

Pizza from Tommie's Pizza on Selby Avenue in St. Paul, pictured in July 2020. (Jess Fleming / Pioneer Press)

Ribs and other menu items at The Handsome Hog on Selby Avenue in St. Paul, June 2020. (Jess Fleming / Pioneer Press)

The Nashville Coop food truck, pictured in July 2020. (Jess Fleming / Pioneer Press)

Brunson's Pub chef Torrance Beavers.(Nancy Ngo / Pioneer Press)

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Lawyer for ex-officer says he only did crowd control during George Floyd's arrest

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[LAWYER FOR EX-OFFICER SAYS HE ONLY DID CROWD CONTROL DURING GEORGE FLOYD'S ARREST](#)

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Highlight: An attorney for one of the four former Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of [George Floyd](#) argues his client only handled crowd control. Defense attorney Robert Paule filed a memo Wednesday supporting his earlier motion to dismiss charges against [Tou Thao](#) for lack of probable cause. The memo said Thao had his back [...]

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An attorney for one of the four former Minneapolis police officers charged in the death of [George Floyd](#) argues his client only handled crowd control.

Defense attorney Robert Paule filed a memo Wednesday supporting his earlier motion to dismiss charges against [Tou Thao](#) for lack of probable cause. The memo said Thao had his back to what was going on as Officer [Derek Chauvin](#), who is white, pressed his knee to the neck of Floyd, a handcuffed Black man. Chauvin pressed his knee to Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes on May 25 even after Floyd pleaded for air.

According to the memo, Thao offered a hobble restraint to the other three officers, but they refused it. The memo also argues Chauvin was using a non-deadly, [Minneapolis Police Department](#)-approved neck restraint, and that Thao and the other three officers "had been repeatedly trained to use neck restraints."

After the other officers refused his offer of a hobble restraint, Thao "immediately turned his attention to crowd control" and kept his back to Floyd and the other officers for the majority of the remainder of the arrest, the memo said.

"When Officer Thao turned his back to Mr. Floyd and the three other officers for the last time, Mr. Floyd was still alive and breathing," the memo said. "Officer Thao did nothing to aid in the commission of a crime."

Thao never placed his hands on Floyd, according to the memo, and asked about the status of an ambulance, radioing police dispatch to hurry up the response.

An attorney for another former officer, [Thomas Lane](#), also plans to argue that charges against his client should be dismissed.

Lawyer for ex-officer says he only did crowd control during George Floyd's arrest

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Thao, Lane and another officer, J. Kueng, are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired.

Their next court hearing is scheduled for Sept. 11. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Former Minneapolis police officers **Derek Chauvin**, center, **Tou Thao**, right, **Thomas Lane**, top left, and **J Alexander Kueng**, lower left.

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Attorney for fired Minneapolis officer says Freeman should be removed from George Floyd case

ARTICLE MCDLXXII. **ATTORNEY FOR FIRED MINNEAPOLIS OFFICER SAYS
FREEMAN SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM GEORGE FLOYD CASE**

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Highlight: An attorney for a fired Minneapolis police officer charged in the death of ***George Floyd*** wants the local prosecutor dropped from the case. The attorney for former Officer J. Kueng filed a motion Thursday arguing that Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, the county's top prosecutor, has "compromised his ethics" and ability "to impartially prosecute" the [...]

Body

An attorney for a fired Minneapolis police officer charged in the death of ***George Floyd*** wants the local prosecutor dropped from the case.

The attorney for former Officer J. Kueng filed a motion Thursday arguing that Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, the county's top prosecutor, has "compromised his ethics" and ability "to impartially prosecute" the case.

Kueng is one of four officers charged in the May 25 death of Floyd, a handcuffed Black man who died after Officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes even as Floyd pleaded for air. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Kueng and two other officers, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***Tou Thao***, are charged with aiding and abetting. All four were fired.

In his motion, defense attorney Thomas Plunkett said Freeman has called Floyd's death a "senseless death" and that Freeman said a bystander's video of the incident "is graphic, and horrible and terrible, and no person should do that."

"Mr. Freeman's comments leave no doubt that justice is not his objective in the Kueng prosecution," Plunkett wrote. "He has abdicated his duties as a prosecutor and must be removed from the case."

Plunkett also accused Freeman's office of leaking information about potential plea negotiations. "(The Hennepin County Attorney's Office) knew the leaked plea negotiations would be widely reported and have a significant impact on the local community, potential jurors, and the nation," Plunkett wrote.

A spokeswoman for Freeman's office told The Associated Press that his office is not commenting on the case. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison's office is the lead prosecutor in the case.

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This combination of photos provided by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office in Minnesota on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, shows ***Derek Chauvin***, from left, ***J. Alexander Kueng***, ***Thomas Lane*** and ***Tou Thao***. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder of ***George Floyd***, a black man who died after being restrained by him and the other Minneapolis police officers on May 25. Kueng, Lane and Thao have been charged with aiding and abetting Chauvin. (Hennepin County Sheriff's Office via AP)

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Minneapolis Charter Commission blocks effort to replace Police Department

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**[MINNEAPOLIS CHARTER COMMISSION BLOCKS EFFORT TO
REPLACE POLICE DEPARTMENT](#)**

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A measure to replace the ***Minneapolis Police Department*** will not be on voter ballots this November, the Minneapolis Charter Commission ruled Wednesday, effectively killing a push to do away with the department - at least this year.

Minnesota Public Radio [has a report](#) on the 10-5 vote to delay a decision on a proposed change to the city charter that would replace the Police Department with a "Department of Community Safety & Violence" - though there were few details on how such a new agency might work. Commissioners said they needed another 90 days to study the proposal from the City Council, which means there won't be enough time to get the measure on the ballot.

The proposal had been passed by City Council members who pledged to ["dismantle the police"](#) in the wake of the death of ***George Floyd*** in police custody. Four police officers have been charged in the death, which triggered waves of protest that spiraled into widespread riots that destroyed or damaged roughly 1,500 businesses and buildings.

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The City Council's vote was lopsided enough to be veto-proof, meaning the Charter Commission was the only hurdle standing between the measure and an Election Day showdown.

The issue thrust the little-known group of volunteer commissioners into the national spotlight; The Wall Street Journal [also had a story on the vote](#), talking with Chairman Barry Clegg, who said, "I don't think [the measure has] gotten enough discussion or input including from the communities it was designed to protect."

City Council members and some community activists bashed the decision. [The Star Tribune reports](#) that Sophia Benrud, an organizer with the Black Visions Collective, said in a statement that, "People in Minneapolis have been in the streets for months demanding change."

But support for replacing the Police Department is far from universal. Business groups warned that the measure [was driving employers to consider moving out of city](#), and some community activists said that the discussion was ignoring input from the neighborhoods most victimized by crime.

The measure could come up again next year, of course. And City Council Member Steve Fletcher told the Star Tribune the Council could try and create the "Community Safety" department on its own.

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Proposal to disband Minneapolis police blocked from ballot

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PROPOSAL TO DISBAND MINNEAPOLIS POLICE BLOCKED FROM BALLOT

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A Minneapolis commission decided Wednesday to take more time to review a City Council amendment to dismantle the Police Department in the wake of George Floyd's death, ending the possibility of voters deciding the issue in November.

Body

A Minneapolis commission decided Wednesday to take more time to review a City Council amendment to dismantle the Police Department in the wake of George Floyd's death, ending the possibility of voters deciding the issue in November.

Members of the Charter Commission expressed concern that the process to change the city's charter was being rushed after Floyd died following an encounter with police. While several commissioners said changing the Police Department was necessary, they said the amendment before them was flawed. Several said it faced legal barriers, was created without input from key community members who oppose it, and that it gave too much power to the City Council.

"It's appropriate to explore transformational changes in the department, but it needs to be done thoughtfully," said Commissioner Peter Ginder, who voted in favor of taking more time. "That hasn't been done here."

The five City Council members who authored the proposed charter amendment released a statement criticizing the decision, but said they will continue to work toward transforming the way the city provides public safety. They said they plan to put an amendment before voters in November 2021.

"It is not our legacy to use bureaucratic processes to circumvent the people in an attempt to 'protect' voters from themselves," said Council Member Jeremiah Ellison. "That is not democracy. In a democracy, the people decide. But I guess today the Charter Commission decided otherwise."

The proposed amendment followed widespread criticism of law enforcement over Floyd's death. It would have replaced the Police Department with a "Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention" that backers said would take a more "holistic" approach, which wasn't fully defined. The proposal did allow for armed officers - creating a division of licensed peace officers, who would have answered to the new department's director.

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"The council says 'Trust us. We'll figure it out after this is approved. Trust us.' Well I don't, and we shouldn't," said Barry Clegg, chairman of the Charter Commission. "Charter change is too important."

The 15-member commission, made up of volunteers appointed by a judge, voted 10-5 to take another 90 days to review the proposed amendment. Most of those who voted against taking the extra time said they would recommend rejecting the amendment.

But the issue would likely have gone to voters even if it was rejected because the City Council was required only to consult the commission and is not bound by their action. The lack of a final decision means the proposal won't clear deadlines to make the ballot this November, but it could be on the ballot in 2021.

"There is no democracy denied here. There is no denial of democratic rights. It's a question of when, not if," Commissioner Gregory Abbott said. "We can fix this. We can get police reform. We just need to find a different avenue to do it in."

A similar move by the commission effectively ended a proposed charter change in 2018 that would have given the City Council more control over the department.

Mel Reeves, a longtime community activist, said he was not surprised by the commission's decision. He saw it as a delay tactic.

"We talk about living in a democracy, but if you really want to be democratic, sometimes it's damn near impossible. If people really want to do something, there are all kinds of mechanisms to keep them from doing it," he said.

The process has unfolded during a violent summer in Minneapolis after Floyd's death, with shootings dramatically higher than last year. Many residents are worried about a proposal to "abolish" police officers.

Some City Council members promised a robust process to get public input on how a new department would look and work. Council member Steve Fletcher, one of the proposal's authors, said before the commission's vote that the city would continue to move ahead with the community engagement process.

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after *Derek Chauvin*, who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes, as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin was charged with second-degree murder and other counts, and three other officers at the scene were charged with aiding and abetting. All four officers were fired, and Floyd's death sparked protests in Minneapolis and around the world.

Mayor Jacob Frey, who was opposed to abolishing the department, and Chief Medaria Arradondo have moved ahead with their own changes since Floyd's death, including requiring officers to document attempts to de-escalate situations whether or not force is used. They also have expanded requirements for reporting use-of-force incidents, ordering officers to provide more detail.

Arradondo also pulled the department out of negotiations for a union contract, saying he wanted a review designed to change the grievance and arbitration process.

According to draft language of the amendment, the new department would have had "responsibility for public safety services prioritizing a holistic, public health-oriented approach." The director of the new agency would have "non-law-enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches."

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But the amendment included other provisions that some commissioners feared wouldn't be understood by voters.

Commissioner Toni Newborn, voted against additional review, expressing concern it would be seen as a delay tactic. But she said she did not support the amendment because it put the Police Department under City Council control.

Commissioner Andrew Kozak said many people who have fought for years for equality and racial justice have come forward to say the amendment wasn't ready, and that they were never consulted.

"They are the people most affected by police misconduct ... and I think I'm going to listen to them," he said. [Judge orders release of body camera video in **George Floyd** case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during **George Floyd** aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on **George Floyd** case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#)

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Local businesses damaged during George Floyd unrest can apply for disaster loans from SBA

ARTICLE MCDLXXV. **[LOCAL BUSINESSES DAMAGED DURING GEORGE FLOYD UNREST CAN APPLY FOR DISASTER LOANS FROM SBA](#)**

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Highlight: Minnesota businesses that were damaged or destroyed during the unrest that followed the death of **George Floyd** can now apply for disaster assistance loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. The nearly 1,500 Twin Cities businesses that were burned, looted or vandalized in late May and early June sustained damages estimated to exceed \$500 million, [...]

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The nearly 1,500 Twin Cities businesses that were burned, looted or vandalized in late May and early June sustained damages estimated to exceed \$500 million, according to a news release issued Wednesday by Gov. Tim Walz, who asked the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance last month to make the funds available.

"These last few months, I have visited with business owners and community leaders to talk about the next steps in rebuilding. To them, rebuilding is about more than a store front - it's about maintaining the vibrancy and vitality of the community," Walz said in the news release. "I am grateful that our federal partners have stepped in to help. There is a lot of work ahead, and we must continue to commit the resources needed to rebuild together."

Business owners can apply for two different types of assistance from the SBA. The Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides working capital loans of up to \$2 million to offset lost revenue, while the Business Physical Disaster Loan program provides up to \$2 million to help property owners repair or replace damaged and destroyed real estate, machinery, equipment, inventory and other assets.

Eligible business owners in Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne and Wright counties [can apply for these loans on the SBA's website](#).

Walz's request earlier last month for a federal major disaster declaration was denied, but his administration is appealing that decision.

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St. Paul police review commission seeks greater profile, additional funding

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ST. PAUL POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION SEEKS GREATER PROFILE, ADDITIONAL FUNDING

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Highlight: A commission of St. Paul residents that reviews misconduct complaints about police officers is an ongoing example of the national conversation about police-community relations, a St. Paul city council member said Wednesday. Yet, many people in St. Paul don't know what they can do if they have a problem with a police officer, said Julian [...]

Body

A commission of St. Paul residents that reviews misconduct complaints about police officers is an ongoing example of the national conversation about police-community relations, a St. Paul city council member said Wednesday.

Yet, many people in St. Paul don't know what they can do if they have a problem with a police officer, said Julian Roby, coordinator of the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission.

Roby told city council members he believes the commission needs additional funding for operations and outreach.

"We want people to be aware that we exist," he said. "We need to be marketed to the people of this city, so they can know where to file complaints and that there is a process available to them."

City Council Member Jane Prince said Wednesday she wonders if there might also be funding opportunities through philanthropic organizations or possibly the U.S. Department of Justice.

The commission "is so much at the epicenter of what we are going through as a country in terms of police-community relations since ***George Floyd***" died in Minneapolis police custody, Prince said.

The PCIARC's budget is \$16,775, not including personnel costs. Valerie Jensen, director of the St. Paul Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity, said she has a proposal in her budget for next year to increase commissioner stipends.

The \$50 monthly stipend has been the same since the PCIARC was formed in 1993, but Prince said the hours that commissioners spend on their work is akin to a part-time job. There is 40 to 50 hours in training, and 15 to 20 hours a month reviewing case materials before deliberating about allegations against officers, according to Roby.

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The PCIARC planned to release its 2019 annual report at an April community summit, but the event was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic; it will be held virtually in late summer or early fall. Roby gave the first glimpse of data from the report to council members Wednesday.

The Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission received allegations about 72 officers last year, compared with 70 officers in 2018.

A complaint can have multiple allegations - such as improper procedure and poor public relations - and the commission sustained 24 percent of 88 total allegations.

[Shooting near Mears Park injures 1 Sunday night](#) [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#) [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#) There were [77 total allegations in 2018](#) and the commission upheld nearly 25 percent of the allegations. The commission sustained 14 percent of allegations in 2017 and 20 percent in 2016.

2017 marked the first year the PCIARC began operating in a reorganized form.

The [city council voted in 2016 to remove two officer seats](#) from the commission, leaving it all civilian-run. The council also made the commission more independent by moving it out of the police department to the city's Human Rights department.

Sixty percent of the complaints reviewed last year were about improper procedure and 3 percent about excessive force.

In nearly 70 percent of all the allegations, commissioners did not find facts to back up the claims or they said there was insufficient evidence.

In the 24 percent of sustained cases last year, the discipline they recommended most often (38 percent of the time) was termination, followed by a recommendation for an oral reprimand (29 percent of the time).

A final decision about discipline falls to the police chief. Information about how often the chief went along with the PCIARC'S recommendations or modified discipline is in the 2019 annual report, which was not available Thursday.

The St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation awarded the PCIARC a grant last fall for community connectedness - they plan to use the funds for a youth roundtable and a separate summit for people whose primary language is not English. Roby said they're finding people in those communities don't know how they can file complaints about police officers.

Roby said he doesn't want to see an increase in complaints "because we don't want people to have negative encounters with police officers, but we would like to see an accurate account of what's actually going on."

In 2018 and 2019, there were no complaints filed by youth and Roby said, based on national trends and community outreach, "we know that's just not possible."

The nine-member commission has two openings. This time a year ago, there were four openings - the [chair and vice chair stepped down in June 2019](#) because they said they had "repeatedly seen evidence" that Mayor

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Melvin Carter and his staff were not serious about supporting their work. At the time, Carter said their service would "undoubtedly help inform our work moving forward."

The open spots were filled and now there are vacancies because one commissioner moved out of St. Paul, and the other's term just came to an end and the person didn't reapply, Roby said.

Prince said she's heard concern that geographic representation on the board could be better - four of the seven members live in Ward 4.

People can find out more about the PCIARC, including how to apply to be a commissioner, at bit.ly/PCIARCinfo. [Shooting near Mears Park injures 1 Sunday night](#) [Bear spotted near University of St. Thomas in St. Paul](#) [Minnesota cities, counties scramble to keep businesses afloat by dishing out CARES Act grants](#) [New Mitchell Hamline School of Law Dean Anthony Niedwiecki on gay rights, COVID-19 and the 'Trump bump'](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#)

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Destroyed Gandhi Mahal restaurant will move to Chef Shack Ranch site

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**[DESTROYED GANDHI MAHAL RESTAURANT WILL MOVE TO
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Gandhi Mahal, one of the many businesses destroyed in the riots that followed ***George Floyd***'s death, will move to a temporary location while reconstruction efforts continue.

The Indian restaurant [announced on Facebook](#) that it will move to the site of the former Chef Shack Ranch in the Seward neighborhood.

Gandhi Mahal had been located at 3009 27th Ave. S., just a block from the doomed Third Precinct building, and was destroyed by fire on May 28 as riots flared across the Twin Cities. The Star Tribune [reported on the destruction](#), including the reaction from Owner Ruhel Islam, who said at the time, "Let my building burn, justice needs to be served."

Islam's efforts to reopen at the original site have been stymied by a state law that forbids cleaning rubble from buildings that still owe property taxes. That's been a problem for restaurants, which even before the

Destroyed Gandhi Mahal restaurant will move to Chef Shack Ranch site

riots had been suffering big hits to revenue from the Covid-19 pandemic and the state's effort to slow the disease.

Chef Shack Ranch [*closed in early 2019.*](#)

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National ATF team joins investigation into blaze at downtown St. Paul hotel under construction

ARTICLE MCDLXXVIII. **[NATIONAL ATF TEAM JOINS INVESTIGATION INTO BLAZE AT DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL HOTEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION](#)**

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Does their presence indicate a criminal investigation?

"Not necessarily," Sherrill said. The National Response Team is used for large-scale investigations, and they were requested "based on the size of the building, amount of fire damage and number of investigative leads," according to ATF Special Agent in Charge Terry Henderson of the St. Paul Field Division.

On Tuesday, [firefighters responded about 4:20 a.m.](#) to the \$68 million Seven Corners Gateway development project, which includes a hotel and apartments, across from the Xcel Energy Center. The five-story Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, which was under construction since the fall, was ablaze and most of it collapsed. There were 86 members of the St. Paul fire department at the scene, of which 78 were firefighters.

The investigation process is extensive, said St. Paul Deputy Fire Chief Roy Mokosso.

"We are going to have to review hours of video, take numerous witness statements and delayer the collapse area in an effort to determine cause and origin of the fire," he said.

Henderson said the extra personnel from the ATF will help move the investigation along more quickly.

"The National Response Team is a tremendous asset and brings a wealth of knowledge and resources to assist local police and fire departments in large-scale fire investigations," he said in a statement.

National ATF team joins investigation into blaze at downtown St. Paul hotel under construction

They'll be working with the St. Paul fire and police departments, and the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division.

The apartment complex that was under construction sustained minimal damage, if any, said Carl Kaeding, president of the Bloomington-based Kaeding Development Group. Structural engineers will be running a battery of tests on the building.

Kaeding said they plan to rebuild the hotel. He said officials haven't given them an indication of what caused the fire, but "it looks like they're going to throw a lot of manpower to get to the bottom of it."

The call-out of the ATF's National Response Team is the fifth in Minnesota this year. They assisted in more than 150 arson investigations in the Twin Cities after the unrest following ***George Floyd***'s death, along with the Press Bar and Parlor fire investigation in St. Cloud in January and an investigation of a February fire at a behavioral health clinic fire in Grand Rapids.

Before this year, the National Response Team had not been in Minnesota since 2004, according to the ATF. [Shooting near Mears Park injures 1 Sunday night](#) [Bear spotted near University of St. Thomas in St. Paul](#) [Minnesota cities, counties scramble to keep businesses afloat by dishing out CARES Act grants](#) [New Mitchell Hamline School of Law Dean Anthony Niedwiecki on gay rights, COVID-19 and the 'Trump bump'](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#)

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Pamela K. Johnson: 55 summers have gone by since the Watts rebellion. How far have we traveled?

ARTICLE MCDLXXIX. **[PAMELA K. JOHNSON: 55 SUMMERS HAVE GONE BY SINCE THE WATTS REBELLION. HOW FAR HAVE WE TRAVELED?](#)**

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Highlight: LOS ANGELES - In the summer of 1965, my birthday cake was stuck at a bakery across town. My mother couldn't get to it because Watts was on fire, which sent surrounding cities, like ours in the South Bay, into lockdown. No way could she have known when she placed the order for my fifth [...]

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No way could she have known when she placed the order for my fifth birthday that a white highway patrol officer would soon pull over a young Black man for reckless driving and, in the ensuing chaos, arrest him, his brother and his mother. It was a sequence of events that played poorly in a community already bristling at overcrowded housing, low-wage jobs and routine incidents of police brutality.

In those six days of rebellion - which some might call a fed-up-rising - residents clashed not only with police but also the National Guard. In the end, 34 people lay dead, more than 1,000 had been injured, and tens of millions of dollars in property was gutted.

That smoke lingers, and the people periodically erupt in outrage, as when officers were acquitted in 1992 following the brutal beating of Rodney King, or when **George Floyd** died after a cop knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes while he lay face down and handcuffed.

As the New York Times columnist Charles M. Blow wrote recently, "The lulls you experience between explosive revolts of the oppressed should never be mistaken as harmony. They should be taken as rest breaks."

In the summers of the 1960s and early 1970s, my family could only hope for the best when driving while Black from Los Angeles to New York every other year. We went to reconnect with our East Coast kin.

To guide us, my mother ordered TripTiks from the American Automobile Association, small, spiral-bound books that outlined the best path. My sense is that my parents asked for directions that expressly avoided

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the South, out of concern that we might get pulled over by racist highway patrolmen during the turbulent civil rights era.

In a time before major interstate highways, we connected to Route 66 and kept it moving along two-lane highways dotted with bad diners and dimly lighted motels. To pass the time, my mother read my father and me novels, such as "The Grapes of Wrath." The AAA TripTiks highlighted points of interest along the way, such as Native communities or petroglyphs, but we flew by them all to make "good time."

Once we were safely in New York, our people descended on us in my grandmother's Harlem kitchen. Over the next couple of weeks, we visited family around the tri-state area and in New Castle, Del., and binged on a buffet of delights at Coney Island.

Only on the way back did we slow down to sightsee. We might cruise the pulse of Chicago's Michigan Avenue or down a two-laner through Davenport, Iowa, stalks of corn swaying as if to the tune of "for amber waves of grain."

We wound our way up the Black Hills of South Dakota to regard the 60-foot faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln blast-sculpted into granite. We strolled around charming Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and heard the church bells peel at noon.

When we entered a restaurant, hotel or curio shop, I secretly watched to see how people received us as a Black family. I can't remember coming across anyone who was unwelcoming.

At the same time, these were the same years when a president, a presidential hopeful - John and Robert Kennedy - along with three civil rights leaders, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, were assassinated.

The tranquil beauty of the United States passing by my window over those summers seemed out of sync with our country's history of violent bloodshed. I began to perceive the image of America as a glossy brochure for a house, where the best features are well-lighted and captured with a wide lens while flaws, such as lead water, termites and a roof about to cave, were cropped out.

Of all the places we toured, Mount Rushmore made the deepest impression. At the time, I was ignorant that it was built on stolen Indigenous land by a sculptor with ties to the Ku Klux Klan. I just remember gazing up at those carved faces, particularly Lincoln's, farthest to the right, and noting that the pinch in his brow barely hinted at the pressure he faced watching the U.S. become engulfed in a civil war over slavery.

Though Lincoln tried to warn us that a house divided against itself cannot stand, our country has yet to mend its cracked foundation. Too many continue to hold the American brochure aloft, while stubbornly refusing to address the pressing repairs needed to fix the racism, inequality and police brutality.

Recently, I heard an NPR interview with the Rev. Raphael Warnock, the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist, Martin Luther King Jr.'s old church in Atlanta. He said that the current moment is not about burning ourselves out trying to squash all racial hate.

"I just want to make sure that our city and our state and our country is not too busy to love," he said. "And justice is what love looks like in public."

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As the 55th anniversary of those fateful, fiery days in Watts approaches, there's no AAA TripTik we can follow to show us a way forward. But I think James Baldwin sagely pointed toward the North Star when he observed: "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

Pamela K. Johnson is a writer and filmmaker based in Los Angeles. She wrote this column for the Los Angeles Times.

[Will Bunch: From 9/11 to Portland, it was inevitable 'Homeland Security' would be turned on the American people](#) [Leah Mirakhor: How James Baldwin spoke to immigrants like me](#) [Ross Marchand: No more billionaire bailouts](#) [Michael Bloomberg: Let's hire laid-off oil and gas workers to fight climate change](#) [Noah Smith: Focusing on Facebook and Google's monopoly misses the point](#)

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Penumbra Theatre will become Penumbra Center for Racial Healing, adding community resources

ARTICLE MCDLXXX. **[PENUMBRA THEATRE WILL BECOME PENUMBRA CENTER FOR RACIAL HEALING, ADDING COMMUNITY RESOURCES](#)**

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Highlight: St. Paul-based Penumbra Theatre announced Thursday morning that it is "evolving" into the Penumbra Center for Racial Healing. The United States' preeminent African-American theater will still perform works for the stage, but also is expanding its community and racial equity programs. Started in St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood more than four decades ago, Penumbra Center for [...]

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"We've been slowly seeding elements of this plan over the past five years, so it's not a sharp turn for the organization," said Penumbra Artistic Director Sarah Bellamy.

"The community is badly in need of resourcing," Bellamy said. Penumbra wants to add the arts to other efforts to mend racial inequities and "chip away at the great disparities."

Bellamy said the shift goes back to 2012 when the board approved her succession to the founder of the theater, her father, Lou Bellamy. She began looking at ways to "make sure our organization remains vital and resourced."

"It's particularly important, as Lou's daughter, to want to see the legacy continue," Sarah Bellamy said. Penumbra Theatre is nationally recognized for its work with Black artists, including Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson - a former St. Paul resident who was inspired to become a playwright by Penumbra company members and whose work was given its first professional production by the theater.

Public discussions, screenings, community meals and educational programming have increased at Penumbra under Sarah Bellamy's leadership.

Penumbra Theatre will become Penumbra Center for Racial Healing, adding community resources

Though plans for the theater's evolution have been in the works, the May 25 killing of ***George Floyd***, which turned Minneapolis and St. Paul into "the epicenter of global violence," prompted the team to "step out faster," Bellamy said.

When the coronavirus pandemic shut down theaters in March, Penumbra staff had a chance to pursue more strategic planning, Bellamy said. In the next 12 to 18 months, organizers will start work on curriculum development, commissioning new artistic work and the infrastructure of the building.

The three key features of the plan:

- The arts: Penumbra will continue to stage works from the Black theater canon, Bellamy said, as well as commission new work. The season will include an annual repertory festival.
- Racial equity: Year-round work led by artists will include lectures, workshops, seminars and a leadership training institute. "The center will offer an opportunity to learn about and address the enduring disparities facing the black community, raising awareness and offering tangible strategies for solution," according to Penumbra's news release.
- Wellness: Holistic, culturally specific healing services including meditation, yoga, acupuncture and massage will be part of a program "to detoxify bodies from the stresses of living in a racially stratified society and reclaim health and wellness," Bellamy said.

Part of the Penumbra legacy is the theater's location in the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, which has been at Kent Street and Selby Avenue since 1929. Bellamy wants the Center for Racial Healing to remain in proximity to the community.

Penumbra has begun a multi-million dollar fundraising initiative for the project and Bellamy said philanthropic partners that have racial equity at the core of their giving have expressed interest.

Over its 44 years, Penumbra has had its share of financial struggles, trimming plays and slashing budgets when fundraising and ticket sales couldn't cover expenses. The theater consistently rebounded, but Penumbra faced its most dire situation in the fall of 2012, when the theater suspended programming and laid off nearly half its staff. After a community fundraising effort that netted \$360,000, the theater resumed work on a reduced budget.

Penumbra intends to add staff for the Center for Racial Healing. [*Northrop season has mix of live stream, online and live performances*](#). [*Minnesota Fringe is still wacky, irreverent, heartfelt and online*](#). [*Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company season opens with show at Harriet Island*](#). [*Park Square whodunit has clues and characters, online in four installments*](#). [*Theater couple creates a show to take on the road - or at least to the driveway*](#)

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TCF Bank, U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo make plans to reopen branches damaged during unrest

ARTICLE MCDLXXXI. ***TCF BANK, U.S. BANK, WELLS FARGO MAKE PLANS TO REOPEN BRANCHES DAMAGED DURING UNREST***

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Body

The riots that followed ***George Floyd***'s death in police custody left more than a dozen bank branches in Minneapolis and St. Paul damaged or destroyed. Some banks have already reopened those branches or are planning to. Others aren't sure when the sites will return.

Here's a rundown of where they stand:

Wells Fargo had four branches suffer damage to various degrees.

- 3030 Nicollet Ave. in Minneapolis, just south of Lake Street, where many businesses suffered extensive damage. The building is a complete loss, according to Laurie Nordquist, Wells Fargo Minnesota's CEO and lead region president for the Upper Midwest. Currently, a mobile ATM machine is at the location. The bank expects to have a branch back on the nearly 2-acre site probably in 2022. The lot will likely have other amenities as well, but Nordquist said it's too soon say to what those will be.

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- 2218 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis will reopen in the first half of 2021, according to Norquist. The branch had to be gutted because the damage was so bad. A mobile ATM machine is being set up at the location.
- 4141 Lyndale Ave. N. in Minneapolis reopened in June. The damage was relatively minor and the branch was closed roughly a week.
- 1505 W. Lake Street in Minneapolis reopened in late July.

U.S. Bancorp

Minneapolis-based U.S. Bank had two locations in South Minneapolis and one in North Minneapolis that suffered serious damage, said spokesman Jeff Shelman. They are:

- 919 E. Lake St.
- 2800 E. Lake St.
- 1030 W. Broadway

None of the branches are open yet, but the bank said it's committed to reopening them at some point.

"We are serving our customers in those areas with our mobile branch," Shelman said. "It is at 2800 E. Lake St. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at 1030 W. Broadway on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays."

TCF Financial Corp.

TCF Bank had five branches damaged. Four of them are already open again with one still to be determined. They are:

- 1444 W. Lake St. in Minneapolis reopened July 1.
- 459 Lexington Pkwy. in St. Paul reopened July 1.
- 3118 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis reopened July 10.
- 705 W. Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis reopened July 31.
- Plans for the damaged branch located inside a Cub Foods at 2850 26th Ave. S in Minneapolis are still up in the air.

"While we don't yet have a reopen date for the 26th Ave. location, the East Lake Street location is serving the Lake Street community," spokeswoman Randi Berris said.

BMO Harris

BMO Harris Bank had two branches damaged.

- 320 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis suffered extensive damage. A bank spokesman couldn't provide a timeline on when it will reopen.
- 522 Snelling Ave. S. in St. Paul is open again. The damage was minor.

Bridgewater Bank

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Bridgewater Bank's Uptown branch, located at 3100 Hennepin Ave. in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis, [will open on August 17](#). The branch was looted on three separate nights.

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Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case

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**[JUDGE: PROSECUTOR MIKE FREEMAN WILL STAY ON
GEORGE FLOYD CASE](#)**

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A judge overseeing the cases against the four former officers charged in the death of **George Floyd** has denied a request to have a local prosecutor removed.

Body

A judge overseeing the cases against the four former officers charged in the death of **George Floyd** has denied a request to have a local prosecutor removed.

J. Kueng's attorney filed a motion Thursday arguing that Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, the county's top prosecutor, had "compromised his ethics" and his ability "to impartially prosecute" the case.

Among other things, attorney Tom Plunkett said Freeman had called Floyd's death a "senseless death" and that Freeman said a bystander's video of the incident "is graphic, and horrible and terrible, and no person should do that." Plunkett also accused Freeman's office of leaking information about potential plea negotiations.

Judge Peter Cahill ruled Friday that Freeman can stay on the case, saying Plunkett failed to establish that there was a conflict of interest and "failed to provide legal authority for the removal of a prosecutor by the Court, even if the allegations of improper conduct are true."

A spokeswoman for Freeman's office said Thursday that the office would not comment on the case. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison's office is leading the prosecution.

Kueng is one of four officers charged in the May 25 death of Floyd, a handcuffed Black man who died after **Derek Chauvin**, who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Kueng and two other officers, **Thomas Lane** and **Tou Thao**, are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four were fired.

The next court hearing for the four is Sept. 11. [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#) [Attorney for fired Minneapolis officer says Freeman should be removed from George Floyd case](#)

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Vikings' Eric Kendricks has become a prominent NFL voice for social justice

ARTICLE MCDLXXXIII.

VIKINGS' ERIC KENDRICKS HAS BECOME A PROMINENT NFL VOICE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Highlight: Kendricks, 28, has been a member of the Vikings' social justice committee since it was formed in 2018. He gained national notice when he called out the NFL in a tweet the week after Floyd's death, an incident that led to protests around the country.

Body

Eric Kendricks is coming off a season in which he became just the second Vikings linebacker to be named first-team all-pro. If you ask his brother, his offseason has been just as impressive.

Kendricks, his star status having given him a national platform, has become one of the NFL's most prominent voices on social justice. He has been outspoken since the May 25 death of **George Floyd** while in custody of a Minneapolis police officer.

"I'm very proud of Eric taking that stance with all this stuff going on," said Kendricks' older brother, longtime NFL linebacker Mychal Kendricks. "He just came to the realization that something needed to be said and he took that initiative and did just that. I think that it takes a brave soul to do righteous acts."

Kendricks, 28, has been a member of the Vikings' social justice committee since it was formed in 2018. He gained national notice when he called out the NFL in a tweet the week after Floyd's death, an incident that led to protests around the country.

On May 30, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell **put out a statement** that read, in part, the "NFL family is greatly saddened by the tragic events across our country" and that "the protesters' reactions to these incidents reflect the pain, anger and frustration that so many of us feel."

Kendricks didn't believe Goodell's statement went far enough. So on June 2, Kendricks, who is Black, tweeted, "@NFL what actual steps are you taking to support the fight for justice and system reform? Your statement said nothing. Your league is built on black athletes. Vague answers do nothing. Let the players know what you're ACTUALLY doing. And we know what silence means."

The tweet included a logo similar to the NFL's shield with the words. "WE WANT ANSWERS."

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And we know what silence means. pic.twitter.com/EOqzDjW1an

- Eric Kendricks (@EricKendricks54) [June 2, 2020](#)

About an hour after Kendricks' tweet, Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr, Kendricks' former roommate at UCLA and a member of the 10-person social justice committee, sent out a similar tweet. Later that week, the two appeared in a video with other Black NFL players calling upon the league to do more.

The reaction was swift.

[On June 5, Goodell sent out a video](#) in which he said, in part, "We, the National Football League, admit we were wrong for not listening to NFL players earlier and encourage all to speak out and peacefully protest. We, the National Football League, believe ***black lives matter***. I personally protest with you and want to be part of the much-needed change in this country."

Mychal Kendricks believes his brother's tweet got that ball rolling.

"It made a pretty big impact," said Mychal Kendricks, a free agent who spent the past eight seasons with Philadelphia and Seattle. "It was a pretty big situation, a pretty big deal. We had spoken about things that could be done, and yeah, it was just a good thing that Eric did."

One reason his brother's tweet had such a big impact was Eric Kendricks' performance on the field, Mychal said. Kendricks made his first Pro Bowl after last season and joined Matt Blair (1980) as the only first-team all-pro Minnesota linebackers.

"A lot of these issues I've felt really strongly about throughout my whole career, but whether I decided to speak up so actively about it was kind of my choice at the time," said Kendricks, entering his sixth NFL season after being a second-round pick in 2015.

"I felt like since then I've definitely educated myself. I encourage everyone to just further educate themselves on the topic and ask questions and have difficult conversations and just surround yourself with people who challenge you and keep this at the forefront of conversation because these are important issues."

Kendricks has been active throughout the summer in speaking out on social media. He posted a video, which was tweeted out by the Vikings, in which he had to hold back tears when talking about Floyd's death and said it "breaks my heart" what happened.

[@EricKendricks54](#) in his own words.

- Minnesota Vikings (@Vikings)

Since Floyd's death on May 25, members of the Vikings' social justice committee have closely watched the video of former officer ***Derek Chauvin***, who is white, kneeling on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes, 48 seconds before Floyd, gasping for air, died. Chauvin has been charged with second-degree murder and other charges, and three other officers on the scene have been charged with aiding and abetting him.

Vikings' Eric Kendricks has become a prominent NFL voice for social justice

On June 6, Kendricks was among 10 Vikings players to meet with Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo and three officers about how the department can improve relations with the African-American community.

"I've been trying to involve myself with that a lot," Kendricks said. "We had conversations with the police chief in person, just trying to ask questions and get things answered, get a better understanding from both sides."

Kendricks said the social justice committee has discussed with the police department issues involving working with youth, those who are jailed and can't afford bail, and "rehabilitating the people who get in trouble."

Last Tuesday, Kendricks and Barr got on a conference call with individuals in custody at the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

"(We) just had a conversation with those kids," Kendricks said. "Those kids are locked up and quarantined right now in juvenile detention and a lot of the resources that they normally have are even further restricted and they can get a little lonely in there, so it's important for us to check in with them."

The Vikings' social justice committee has done work with Project Success, an organization that inspires young people to plan for the future, and All Square, an organization designed to help those that have been convicted of a crime get the opportunities they need.

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"I'm proud of Eric," said Vikings co-defensive coordinator Andre Patterson, a member of the social justice committee. "Eric is very smart, intelligent, but most importantly his heart is in the right place. He's a tremendous man. Obviously, he's a great football player, and we've all seen him grow throughout the years, but I have a lot of pride in the whole group of our social justice group."

Other Vikings members of the social justice committee include running backs Alexander Mattison and Ameer Abdullah, safeties Anthony Harris and Harrison Smith, quarterback Kirk Cousins, wide receiver Adam Thielen and tight end Kyle Rudolph.

The Wilf family, which owns the Vikings, has donated \$5 million to social justice causes. The social justice committee, funded by the Wilfs, has started the ***George Floyd*** Legacy Scholarship with an establishing gift of \$125,000. The scholarship will be given annually to a college-bound African-American student.

"Football is cool, I love playing football, I love representing myself like that," Kendricks said when asked about his work in the community. "But if I can represent my family in other ways like social justice issues or things like that that affect my community, I want to be able to do that because I do have a platform."

Kendricks grew up in Fresno, Calif., and starred at Hoover High School before attending UCLA. His former high school coach, Pat Plummer, has been impressed with what he has done on and off the field.

"He's a very smart young man and just a well-rounded individual, and they couldn't have a better guy speaking out and voicing opinions than Eric because he's well-respected and well-liked," Plummer said. "It's nice to see that he's at the forefront of this thing."

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Kendricks played quarterback and linebacker at Hoover and was a team captain in 2009. Plummer retired after the next season.

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"I've noticed some of the things that Eric has been talking about and he is bringing attention to and I think it's a great thing," said Plummer, 70. "And I think he's a great young man to be able to do those things."

Kendricks played one season, 2007, on the Hoover varsity with Mychal. Seventeen months older, Mychal starred at California before the Eagles drafted him with a second-round pick in 2012. He said he has received a number of calls from teams and anticipates signing soon as a free agent.

Mychal said his brother encountered racism when growing up but he didn't offer specifics. He said he has talked regularly over the years with his brother about social justice and has been impressed with the manner in which he lately has addressed the subject.

"It just shows the true quality of leadership when you get people who are in positions like his and other NFL players like him that they use their platforms to bring awareness and stand up for what is obviously right," Mychal said. "Anytime anybody has a platform like his and uses it as such, I believe that it holds a lot of weight. I'm very proud of him."

Graphic

Minnesota Vikings middle linebacker Eric Kendricks (54) admonishes Atlanta Falcons after making a stop in the third quarter of an NFL football game at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

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Minnesota United leaving MLS is Back Tournament as 'a family'

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[MINNESOTA UNITED LEAVING MLS IS BACK TOURNAMENT AS 'A FAMILY'](#)

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Highlight: It's not you; it's me. After 41 days and 40 nights in a "bubble" created to keep COVID-19 away from the MLS is Back Tournament near Orlando, Fla., the Loons finally headed back to Minnesota on Friday, a day after their extended stay ended in a 3-1 semifinal loss to Orlando City. While Minnesota United's [...]

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While Minnesota United's contingent felt like they bonded as a team in an environment where they saw only one each other day-in and day-out in a hotel and on training grounds, they don't want to break up with each other but could use some time apart.

"I know what underwear half these guys wear," Ethan Finlay joked in a postgame video conference call.

Later, the Loons midfielder posted on Instagram, "Came here a team, leaving as a family."

"After being cooped up in their room for 20 hours a day," United coach Adrian Heath said the players will get some time off to spend with their families before reconvening the middle of next week for the resumption of the MLS regular season to be played in home markets, including Allianz Field in St. Paul. That schedule is expected to be released soon and start later this month.

"I think they need to get away from each other," Heath said. "As much as the team spirit has been incredible, they need a few days away from each other, and they need a few days away from me and the staff."

For himself, Heath was looking forward to seeing his wife, Jane, and walking around with a semblance of freedom near one of Minnesota's lakes, most likely one near his home, Lake Minnetonka.

"Just, enjoy what Minnesota has to offer this time of year," Heath said. "I always enjoy coming to Orlando, but, trust me, me and the players will be happy to get back in Minnesota."

Minnesota United leaving MLS is Back Tournament as 'a family'

While homesickness and monotony seeped in, and other teams were able to check out of the Disney hotel, Finlay said the Loons were intent on staying as long as possible. They bided their time playing cards, video games, some golf and bringing the soccer ball into the pool. They [played pranks on each other's hotel room](#) and .

Afterward, he acknowledged the stay was "probably one of the greatest challenges I've had in my career, and I think most guys would say that."

The desire to remain came with the thrill of winning.

"You win one game against Columbus and you feel a little bit of taste in your mouth: 'Let's make a real run here,' " Finlay said. "That's exactly what we did, and that was exactly our intentions. We kept on. It's not easy for anybody who's still here, but we were fully prepared and ready to be here for five more days and play in a final."

A bond was further established with the killing of ***George Floyd*** when players were here in Minnesota. Some visited the site of his death in Minneapolis, , and the team made a ***Black Lives Matter*** video at Allianz Field.

"I think when you think about what we had happen in our city back in May, and a lot of the social injustice that's really happened right in our backyard, I think it was a bit of a rallying cry for our group already going (through) COVID," Finlay said. "I think this tournament has only made us stronger because we've been able to spend a lot of that time together."

While players and staff wore "***Black Lives Matter***" T-shirts and each took a knee before games, teammate Brent Kallman of Woodbury drew a distinction, wearing an "End Racism" shirt while standing and bowing his head during those moments of silence.

The Loons missed out on winning the club's first trophy and the spot in the CONCACAF Champions League - and \$1.1 million in prize money that goes with it - they sit in second place in the Western Conference. With two games in March and the tournament's three group-stage games counting toward the regular-season standings, Minnesota has 11 points to Sporting Kansas City's 12.

United was able to keep up its strong pace without MLS defender of the year Ike Opara, who remained in Minnesota with an undisclosed "preexisting condition." During the tournament, at times they also played without captain Ozzie Alonso, main playmaker Kevin Molino, top striker Luis Amarilla and all-star right back Romain Metanire.

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After struggling to create any scoring threats in Orlando's box Thursday - Amarilla and Robin Lod did not have a shot in 58-minute shifts - Molino's substitution helped unlock the Loons' attack.

With Molino's creative pass and Mason Toye's movement and finish, the Loons scored in the 83rd minute.

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GIF: Here's how Kevin Molino can create and pick a pass - unlike any other [#MNUFC](#) player. With Mason Toye movement/finishing in semifinal, they carry their chemistry from 2019. (But before their entry Thursday, neither Robin Lod nor Luis Amarilla took a single shot.) pic.twitter.com/nbaHSjXwGn

- Andy Greder (@andygreder)

But in added time, Hassani Dotson's cross skimmed off the top of Toye's head directly in front of goal. While the ball appeared to be a bit too high for Toye to redirect, ESPN's Taylor Twellman said, "that's a dream ball for a center forward."

GIF: Here's how close Mason Toye got to a header equalizer late in [#MLSisBack #MLSisBack August 7, 2020](#) semifinal. Maybe the ball is a bit too high, but ESPN's Taylor Twellman called it a "dream ball for a center forward." For years, [#MNUFC](#) has been working on improving Toye's execution in the air. pic.twitter.com/g00rtSPPus

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That's how close the Loons were to evening up the game and potentially pushing it to penalty kicks, but now their time in Florida has come to a end.

"We're disappointed," defender Michael Boxall said, "but we'll get ready to go again."

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Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police

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[MINNEAPOLIS LEADERS PUSH AHEAD WITH EFFORTS TO CHANGE POLICE](#)

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Highlight: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Minneapolis leaders who pledged to dismantle the city's Police Department in the wake of [George Floyd](#)'s death won't achieve the type of structural overhaul to public safety they hoped for - at least not this year.

Body

Minneapolis leaders who pledged to dismantle the city's Police Department in the wake of [George Floyd](#)'s death won't achieve the type of structural overhaul to public safety they hoped for - at least not this year.

A city commission on Wednesday blocked a November vote on the issue. So now, although political will for change may be on their side, city leaders face a more incremental and challenging path to rebuilding the oft-criticized department. But they're not giving up.

"The Charter Commission blocking this question from going on the ballot will slow progress because of the way our city government is structured and the realities of municipal government," Council President Lisa Bender said Thursday. "We are still pursuing all of this other work related to investing in violence prevention and reimagining public safety. ... It will not happen as quickly now."

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after [Derek Chauvin](#), who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Floyd's death renewed calls for an end to police brutality and racial inequities, sparking protests in Minneapolis and beyond.

The City Council responded by proposing an amendment to the city's charter that would have replaced the Police Department with a "Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention" that prioritized public health and a director with "non-law enforcement experience in community safety services." But the Charter Commission decided it needed more time to review the proposal, effectively keeping it off the ballot this year, though it could be put before voters in 2021.

Meanwhile, Mayor Jacob Frey, Chief Medaria Arradondo and others have been pushing ahead with other changes they say are designed to change the department's culture.

Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police

Frey said this week that the city wants to pair new police officers with "the right individuals to be role models" for field training. Another change announced last month requires officers to document their attempts to de-escalate situations, whether or not force is used.

Frey and Arradondo also have expanded requirements for reporting use-of-force incidents, ordering officers to provide more detail.

And Arradondo has withdrawn the department from union contract negotiations, saying he wants a review targeting the grievance and arbitration process that makes it hard to get rid of problem officers. Frey said the inability to fire bad officers is a "gigantic blockage in getting us to a place where we can see that necessary culture shift."

Frey also hinted that he would consider investing in public safety measures that go beyond policing when he presents the 2021 budget next week. He did not elaborate.

City Council Member Linea Palmisano said she has been working with the mayor's office on the budget, and has advocated for an independent monitor to do more audits of the Police Department.

The city recently revised its 2020 budget to address a \$156 million revenue dip due to the coronavirus pandemic. In the process it diverted \$1.1 million from the Police Department's \$193 million budget to the Office of Violence Prevention for an outreach program geared toward those at high-risk for gun violence.

"I think in this constrained budget environment it becomes even more important to start to balance out those priorities and really start investing in prevention in a meaningful way," said Bender.

Bender said the City Council is also reviewing whether there is a more financially efficient way to respond to some 911 calls, and it's trying to get a better sense of the Police Department's staffing structure. The council is also moving ahead with a community engagement process, to get input from residents.

Don Samuels, who served on the City Council from 2003 through 2014, said one advantage the City Council and mayor have going forward is their now-more public relationship with the union. Traditionally, Samuels said, negotiations with unions are behind-the-scenes, giving unions the advantage.

"The more public the city's desires are, the more pressure there will be on the Police Department that has become out of step, not just with the city but with the nation and the world," Samuels said.

He said that whatever happens next, he hopes "cooler heads prevail." [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#) [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#) [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#) [Attorney for fired Minneapolis officer says Freeman should be removed from George Floyd case](#)

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Letters: Mayor and governor point fingers but expect the federal government to pay?

ARTICLE MCDLXXXVI. **[LETTERS: MAYOR AND GOVERNOR POINT FINGERS BUT EXPECT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PAY?](#)**

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Highlight: I see Gov. Walz is once again going to the well to beg for federal funds to help rebuild the city he and Mayor Frey allowed to be burned and looted by rioters. Current damage estimates exceed \$500 million. That seems like a lot of damage from "peaceful protests." Frey and Walz are pointing fingers [...]

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Frey and Walz are pointing fingers at one another, laying blame as to who is responsible for failing to stop the violence. It is clear both failed to protect the citizens and business owners in the area from violence looting and destruction.

It is also clear the catalyst for the rioting, the killing of ***George Floyd***, is due to the failure of local leaders to deal with systemic problems that exist in the ***Minneapolis police department***. Frey and other Democrat leaders over the past 40 years have had the responsibility and authority to root out systemic problems in the police department, but failed miserably

Their latest idea? Abolish the police. Is the federal government expected to pay for the damage that will no doubt result from that brilliant idea too?

Walz and Frey had the authority and responsibility to deal with these issues. They now have the responsibility to pay the price. The root cause and the resulting violence are both state and local issues, not the responsibility of the federal government.

Jack Barbera, St. Paul

On Saturday night, July 25, we watched the graduation ceremony of St. Louis University High School, in Missouri, via screening. Our grandson was graduating from that high school.

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The ceremony was held at 8 p.m. at the high school football stadium. The graduates had chairs set up on the playing field. They were 6 feet apart and 6 feet back to front. All wore masks. The stage was set up on the sidelines where all the graduates could walk up on stage and be recognized and receive their diploma. After the ceremony some patriotic music was played and there were fireworks.

It was a great graduation ceremony to watch and great for the grads and their friends and family. The family and friends were in the stands with the same social destining. Perfect.

My question is, why couldn't every graduate in Minnesota, have had the same experience?? Most have football stadiums or some other type of place where the same scenario could have taken place. It would have been a great experience for the Minnesota graduates.

Jim Gustafson, Woodbury [Letters: We need more good police, not fewer](#) [Hey, State Fair ticket scalpers: you're tainted!](#) [Letters: Is it the most-rigged election ever, win or lose?](#) [Letters: What's the St. Paul budget plan?](#) [Letters: Talk about bad behavior!](#)

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Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say

ARTICLE MCDLXXXVII. **[VANDALS THREW SHOPPING CARTS, BICYCLES, SEWER CAPS AT SQUAD CARS DURING GEORGE FLOYD AFTERMATH IN ST. PAUL, CHARGES SAY](#)**

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Highlight: A Wright County man and a Minneapolis man were charged with criminal damage to property and third-degree riot Friday for allegedly vandalizing squad cars parked outside a St. Paul Target store amid the aftermath of ***George Floyd's*** death. On May 27, as officers stood guard outside the Midway retailer after reports of looting, a group [...]

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A Wright County man and a Minneapolis man were charged with criminal damage to property and third-degree riot Friday for allegedly vandalizing squad cars parked outside a St. Paul Target store amid the aftermath of ***George Floyd's*** death.

On May 27, as officers stood guard outside the Midway retailer after reports of looting, a group of people gathered near squad cars in the parking lot and started hurling objects at them, according to criminal complaints filed in Ramsey County District Court.

The incident was caught on video, and law enforcement later identified Maurice Antonio Anderson, 29, of Minneapolis and Phillip John Williams, 43, of Otsego as among the vandals, the charges say.

Anderson reportedly threw and pushed shopping carts into the squads and also hurled a bike at a windshield, the criminal complaint said.

Williams was seen throwing a sewer cap through a rear window, the charges say.

Damage to the vehicles, which belonged to both the State Patrol and St. Paul police, totaled nearly \$20,000 collectively.

Anderson's criminal history includes three prior felony convictions, including third-degree criminal sexual conduct, second-degree riot and failure to register as a predatory offender.

Williams has a pending obstructing legal process case in Wright County from a May 30 incident in which he reportedly refused to turn down this music and resisted arrest, legal documents say.

Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say

Both are expected to make their first appearance in court later this month. No attorney was listed for them in court records.

Others could face charges in the case as the investigation continues.

Floyd died on Memorial Day as he was being arrested by Minneapolis police. [North St. Paul man killed in crash after fleeing Dakota County sheriff's deputy](#) [Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case](#) [Cleric assaulted outside Bloomington mosque; police searching for suspects](#) [U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities](#) [Minneapolis man sentenced to 33 years in prison for sex-trafficking young women and girls out of massage parlor](#)

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Kyle, Spencer, Kulas: We love St. Paul. Here's how to help

ARTICLE MCDLXXXVIII. [**KYLE, SPENCER, KULAS: WE LOVE ST. PAUL. HERE'S HOW TO HELP**](#)

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Byline: B Kyle, Joe Spencer and Chad Kulas

Highlight: In St. Paul, more than 275 buildings were looted, damaged, or even razed during the civil unrest that followed the senseless death of **George Floyd** on May 25. So many of these businesses remain shuttered. This on top of the ongoing pandemic. One devastating economic blow after another. In particular, businesses with Black, women, and immigrant [...]

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This on top of the ongoing pandemic. One devastating economic blow after another. In particular, businesses with Black, women, and immigrant owners have disproportionately been impacted by both.

We want to help. Will you join us?

Our region is blessed with civic pride, strong companies and leaders who invest in our community. Two of our most engaged CEOs, Chris Hilger of Securian Financial and Doug Baker of Ecolab, are asking for your support in helping to fund rebuilding efforts in the Midway Area and across St. Paul.

Here is their letter to us:

"Saint Paul has been home to Ecolab and Securian Financial for more than 200 combined years. This community is filled with our families, friends and colleagues.

"We mourn together over the killing of **George Floyd** and the subsequent unrest it triggered following generations of racial injustice. Our organizations are committed to building a better tomorrow with shared opportunity.

"There is a great partnership underway to continue the healing of our hometown. The We Love St. Paul/Midway Fund - a collaboration of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, the Midway Chamber of Commerce and the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance - is raising money for the following priorities.

"Immediate funding for the more than 275 businesses the City of Saint Paul reports were damaged in the recent unrest

Kyle, Spencer, Kulas: We love St. Paul. Here's how to help

"Immediate funding for the smallest businesses and those owned by people of color

"Longer-term strategic planning and redevelopment

"Please join us in supporting this effort to help rebuild these local businesses, many of which were already struggling with the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Together we will make a difference."

How to help: Please go to www.welovethemidway.com or www.welovestpaul.com today and contribute. No donation is too small - or too big!

B Kyle is president and CEO of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. Joe Spencer is president of the St. Paul Downtown Alliance. Chad Kulas is executive director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

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SBA steps in to aid victims of Floyd riots

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SBA STEPS IN TO AID VICTIMS OF FLOYD RIOTS

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The Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering disaster loans of up to \$2 million to businesses and residents in the Twin Cities who incurred financial damage from the protests and riots in late May and early June.

The move comes after the Federal Emergency Management Agency denied a request from Gov. Tim Walz for federal disaster aid to reimburse local governments as they begin to clear away rubble and rebuild structures.

Meanwhile, state and local officials in Minneapolis and St. Paul have been slow to pull together financial assistance, in part because they're waiting to see what the other will do.

Nearly 1,500 Twin Cities businesses were damaged by vandalism, fire and looting that happened after protests over the police killing of ***George Floyd***. Estimates of damage exceed \$500 million.

The SBA said it will offer low-interest loans repayable over as long as 30 years for working capital and to repair damage that happened from May 27 to June 8. The agency will accept loan applications until early October.

"Businesses and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets," Brian McDonald, the SBA's Minnesota district director, said in a statement.

For small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives, and most private nonprofits, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs. They are available regardless of whether the business suffered physical property damage. Homeowners and renters who incurred related damage are eligible for loans of up to \$40,000.

Interest rates are as low as 3% for businesses, 2.75% for nonprofit organizations and 1.25% for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amount and terms are based on each applicant's financial condition.

SBA steps in to aid victims of Floyd riots

Hundreds of small businesses on E. Lake Street, W. Broadway and University Avenue in St. Paul that were torched and looted in the days following Floyd's death remain shuttered.

Kaltuma Hassan, who stood in July in the wreckage of her grocery store on the South Side in Minneapolis, wondered how she could rebuild. Like her neighbors, Hassan was frustrated by the failure of state lawmakers to pass legislation that would have put much-needed cash in the hands of struggling business owners.

"If they want to help us, what are they waiting for?" asked Hassan, who won't be able to rebuild Bismillah Grocery and Coffee without assistance because her insurance policy would cover just \$100,000 of her \$500,000 loss. "It makes you angry. It is destroying our chance."

Democrats have proposed giving small business owners as much as \$300 million to cover uninsured damage, but Republicans have opposed the legislation, citing concerns over the size of the bailout as well as the role Minneapolis officials, accused of being slow to respond as demonstrations over the death of ***George Floyd*** in police hands turned to riots. Some key Republican leaders won't support the rebuilding effort unless local officials in Minneapolis and St. Paul contribute to the program.

SBA loans of up to \$200,000 are also available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, and homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property, according to the SBA.

The SBA made the loans available in response to a request from Walz for a disaster declaration by the agency. The declaration covers Hennepin County and the adjacent counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne and Wright.

The SBA's Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center will help prospective recipients apply online through the SBA's secure website at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov.

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Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots

ARTICLE MCDXC. **[TURF CLUB ABOUT TO START A '90 PERCENT REBUILD' AFTER AN ARSON ATTEMPT DURING RIOTS](#)**

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Highlight: Construction is expected to start soon at the Turf Club, the St. Paul Midway nightclub that suffered an estimated \$1 million in damages during the rioting that engulfed the neighborhood on May 28, three days after the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody. Insurance will cover the repair costs of the building, which [...]

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Construction is expected to start soon at the Turf Club, the St. Paul Midway nightclub that suffered an estimated \$1 million in damages during the rioting that engulfed the neighborhood on May 28, three days after the death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody.

Insurance will cover the repair costs of the building, which would likely have burned down if not for the sprinkler system First Avenue installed when it bought the Turf Club in 2013.

Nate Kranz, First Avenue's general manager, got the first call around 11 the night of May 28.

"It was the alarm company," said Kranz. "The front and back door alarms had gone off and there was movement inside. Then at 1 a.m., I got the call that the fire alarm and sprinklers were going off. Obviously, we couldn't go there, we had to wait it out."

At 8 a.m. the next morning, Kranz met First Avenue owner Dayna Frank at the Turf and the pair found a "very friendly fireman" nearby who was able to shut down the sprinklers, which had been running all night.

"It was super dark and it smelled musty," he said. "We were standing in I'd say 6 to 8 inches of water. Everything was wet. And double that for downstairs. You could see water coming through the ceiling."

Within a day or two, the insurance company had people in the Turf surveying the damage. From what Kranz was able to gather, a small group broke in at 11 and took full advantage of the liquor behind the bar. "It seems like they had been partying in there for a while," he said. "There were booze bottle strewn about."

He's not sure if those were the same people who started the fire two hours later. "The fire was started at the back bar," Kranz said. "And it burned pretty hot, hot enough to melt parts of the beer coolers and an entire speaker behind the bar."

Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots

In the weeks that followed, crews took all the equipment out of the building and searched for anything salvageable. They also started the process of drying out the space.

"They would remove one layer of floor, test, and then remove another," Kranz said. "It was a process of various stages of peeling the Turf back to the studs. It's now basically an almost entirely empty shell."

Nestled near the busy corner of University and Snelling avenues, the Turf Club dates back to the 1940s and has offered live music for the past three decades. Tom Scanlon, who runs the nearby Dubliner Pub, sold the Turf to First Avenue in 2013. Crews spent three months renovating the venue, replacing the roof, fixing the plumbing and electrical and installing a sprinkler system.

Contractors will soon start what Kranz called a 90 percent rebuild using the same plans from 2013. He said he's only planning minor changes that the average patron won't likely notice. Beyond that, the venue will be restored to its pre-fire glory, including the much-loved basement bar dubbed the Clown Lounge.

Kranz said the staff is taking the glass half full approach toward construction. He said he obviously wished the fire hadn't happened in the first place, but since it did, at least it happened when the bar was already closed due to the pandemic.

Graphic

One of the few things to survive in the Turf Club's basement, dubbed the Clown Lounge, was the bar. (Courtesy of the Turf Club)

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A film fest where only the screen is white

ARTICLE MCDXCI. [**A FILM FEST WHERE ONLY THE SCREEN IS WHITE**](#)

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Byline: JENNA ROSS; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

Highlight: Saturday's Hothouse celebrates poets and filmmakers of color.

Body

This outdoor film festival needed a screen.

At first, Ryan Stopera tried projecting onto the Northrup King Building's old grain elevators. "It looked cool," he said, but their dips distorted the image. Then he spotted a walkway between warehouses. So he rented a truck with a lift and duct-taped a white screen across it.

On Saturday night, people will gather to watch on it 10 new works by local filmmakers of color, including Stopera. It's rare to have all the films on a lineup made by BIPOC artists, he said. Rarer still to see new works screened in person during this pandemic.

"It took a lot to get to this point," he said of Saturday's Hothouse Film Festival.

Five of the short films will have been created in the past week during a filmmaking challenge by an organization called Motionpoems, which pairs local filmmakers with local poets. Stopera is premiering his hip-hop and sci-fi-infused film, "The Return." Filmmaker D.A. Bullock will show new work, too - a six-minute film featuring conversations with young Black men about identity and masculinity.

In recent weeks, Bullock added to that piece an interview that delves into COVID-19 and ***George Floyd***, who died in May after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nine minutes. By adding that conversation, the film became "a rumination about how we exist right now," he said. "About life and death and isolation."

Getting together to tell and to hear those stories is important at this moment, said Bullock, who is also a panelist for this year's Hothouse challenge. A movie theater might not be an option. But an outdoor screening is. Artists are finding ways.

"It's something we need to do to take care of each other," Bullock said. "My hope is ... we're not losing that ability to be social around storytelling like this."

A film fest where only the screen is white

The premiere of Stopera's film was pushed back once, then twice.

First, the pandemic hit. Then, plans to project the film in a park were scuttled when the Minneapolis Park Board told Stopera he would have to staff the event with police officers.

"Well, the film itself is about an uprising against an oppressive police force," Stopera said. "So I didn't want to have a bunch of cops surrounding us."

"The Return" was born out of conversations with a friend of African, Chinese and British descent about mixed-race identity, "about Asian and Black solidarity or the lack of," about Wu-Tang Clan and Bruce Lee. In the year 2040, Black, Indigenous and other artists of color rebel against a police force intent on quashing music, art and other forms of communication.

Stopera started filming last fall, wrapping up a few scenes earlier this year.

"The artists speak of this revolution as an uprising," Stopera said. "I finished the film and then the uprising happened here. The language, everything - it feels a bit too true to real life."

Stopera is co-hosting the film fest with Motionpoems. The nonprofit gave five teams \$1,200 each and a week to create short films using poetry as their scripts.

Spoken word artist Fatima Camara got paired with filmmaker Kobi. Before last week, they had never met.

"We're both first-generation West Africans," she said. "We clicked off the things that are important to us."

Camara, who grew up performing with the Twin Cities spoken-word nonprofit TruArtSpeaks, had never worked with film or video. Never done a voice-over. So she was anticipating every part of the process.

The challenge, too, is helping pull her from a creative slump. "I'm excited just for something that feels good in light of everything."

She had expected to use a Next Step Fund grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council to travel to Gambia and research a massacre there in 2000, when Gambian police shot at protesting students, killing 14 people. She wants to delve into those events for a historical fiction novel.

But coronavirus paused those plans. Then there were the protests after Floyd's death.

Some artists "felt like, oh wow, this is the time to create," said Camara. "But I also felt like a lot of profiting was happening. I just couldn't relate to that."

When she first met with Kobi, she suggested two poems, one that grapples with grief and another the fear of motherhood. But then, going through her writing, she came across a third.

She called Kobi: "Can I read you this one?"

"We were the kids/ not allowed to go/ near the water," the poem begins. It goes on to describe a memory - her mother standing in the water, waist deep, among the waves.

On Tuesday, they drove north to Silver Bay, where they filmed her friend stepping into Lake Superior.

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A film fest where only the screen is white

Hothouse Film Festival

Where: Parking lot of Northrup King Building, 1500 NE. Jackson St., Mpls.

When: 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday (or Sunday if rained out).

Admission: Free, but bring a mask and chair.

Info: facebook.com/MotionpoemsInc

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Bandcamp Fridays are here to stay

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BANDCAMP FRIDAYS ARE HERE TO STAY

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Highlight: The monthly web sale has been a pandemic bright spot for musicians and fans.

Body

After plans for another "D4th" Fourth of July blowout party were scrapped last month, Twin Cities punk hounds Dillinger Four wound up celebrating Bandcamp Friday instead on July 3.

"The timing lined up so well," guitarist Erik Funk said. "It seemed like a really obvious chance to offer something as a consolation."

Fans certainly prized the backup offering: a live recording from the final night of Minneapolis' Triple Rock Social Club, which the band posted for one day only - the day that many indie music fans worldwide now know as Bandcamp Friday.

Each first Friday of the month, the Oakland, Calif.-based online music retailer waives its in-house fees on albums and other products it sells for shipping or download, so more money goes directly to the artists. It's a tradition that started in March, right after the coronavirus quarantine brought the music industry to an abrupt halt.

On tap again Friday, Bandcamp's monthly sale has become an event of sorts for musicians and music fans alike - a rare bright spot as the pandemic

continues to keep most music venues dark.

The monthly offerings have proved so popular that the company announced last week it has waived more than \$20 million over the first four Bandcamp Fridays, and that it plans to keep them going at least through the end of the year.

That's good news for superfans such as St. Paul's Will Crain, who said he has racked up Bandcamp charges every month during the pandemic.

"The lack of live concerts has freed up my music budget, and the artists and independent labels can use the support," he said.

Bandcamp Fridays are here to stay

In the Twin Cities, where the *George Floyd* tragedy and a rash of music-related MeToo stories have added to the drama of recent months, Bandcamp Fridays have also been used as a fun way to raise some serious money for social causes.

Jazz trio Happy Apple issued its first album in 13 years - cheekily titled "New York CD" - as an exclusive "pre-release" download via Bandcamp over the past month to raise money for north Minneapolis food nonprofit Appetite for Change.

Veteran rapper Longshot (aka Chad Heslup) donated all the Bandcamp money from his reactionary EP "I'm Sayin' " to racial justice charities - about \$3,500 on June 4 alone, he noted. He's now using this week's Bandcamp Friday to release his new full-length album, "Champion."

"Not being able to perform, [Bandcamp] has helped," the prolific rapper said. "I make a lot of music, so now is really a crucial time for me to figure out how to effectively release things."

It's hard to keep track of all the causes that howling local rocker Laura Larson and her bands have supported over the past two months via Bandcamp.

Her new pop-punky power trio Scrunchies has a new split single and print poster with Cincinnati band Strobobean up for sale Friday to raise money for the Loveland Foundation, which offers therapy to Black women and girls. The members' other bands Kitten Forever and Bruise Violet have also sold Bandcamp items as fundraisers for Reclaim the Block and other Twin Cities charities.

"This is not new to us," Larson said. "Kitten Forever and Bruise Violet have for a long time been active in working toward racial justice and gender equity through show and merch donations."

What is new is the more immediate and direct payments Bandcamp offers to independent music makers and their various causes.

Patrick Davis, guitarist in the Bad Man, helped put together an all-star compilation album in April to benefit local food shelves, titled "Bands for Cans: Minnesota Musicians Against Hunger." It was sold as a Bandcamp digital album, and the spike each first Friday helped the cause.

"That money turns into food for people in need," Davis said.

Longtime DIY instrumental collagist Dosh (aka Martin Dosh) said he's been posting special releases to Bandcamp in recent months - including an excellent "Cesario Archives" live set from 2008 - mainly for the ease of using the site and its promotional tools. Those include an e-mail sent to prior buyers of his wares anytime he posts something new.

"It's like zero overhead," Dosh said, "so as long as you can put in the work of making the art and getting the audio sorted, it's kind of free money."

Most musicians see Bandcamp as a better alternative to Spotify, Apple Music and other streaming sites, which pay a fraction of a penny for each song stream. Bandcamp offers limited streaming for free but focuses more on download and physical album purchases, from which it takes 10 to 15% of each sale (on the other days of the month).

Many of the country's biggest indie-rock labels have also cozied up to Bandcamp and its Friday, including Sub Pop, Epitaph, Jagjaguwar and Merge.

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Mac McCaughan, founder of Merge Records and singer in Superchunk, recently said of Bandcamp in online magazine Pitchfork: "When someone recommends something I've never heard of before, that's often the first place I'll go."

However, Minneapolis guitar wiz Mike Michel still thinks Bandcamp's fees are too high, calling it another music-tech company with "retired or failed musicians ripping off other musicians."

"I'm following my rapper buddies who are way more industrious," said Michel, who suggests that artists should sell their goods themselves through Venmo or PayPal payments.

As for Dillinger Four, the music-biz-eschewing punk quartet doesn't plan to release its Triple Rock farewell recording anywhere else anytime soon, or any other Bandcamp-only limited releases. But D4's guitarist still saluted the company and its fun Friday bonanza.

"Bandcamp's fees really aren't much," Funk said, "and the momentum they've built through doing the consistent Friday thing is awesome."

Local loot to look for this week on Bandcamp Friday:

Longshot: "Champion" (new album)

Scrunchies: "Boo/Sway" (split single and print)

The Prizefighters: "Flamewalk" (colored vinyl)

Felt: "Name in Ya Mouth" (single from Slug and Murs)

King Pari: "Sunshine" (7-inch)

Munson-Hicks Party Supplies: Self-titled album (John Munson sings, Dylan Hicks writes)

Dope Walker: "Save Save" (vinyl album by ex-Plastic Constellations leaders)

Various: "Quarantine Dream: A for Jessa Roquet" (digital benefit album)

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Bandcamp Fridays

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What: All sales go directly to artists or labels.

Where: bandcamp.com.

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Brown Venture Group plans to raise \$50 million for minority-owned startups

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***BROWN VENTURE GROUP PLANS TO RAISE \$50 MILLION
FOR MINORITY-OWNED STARTUPS***

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Brown Venture Group, a Black-owned venture capital firm dedicated to investing in Black, Latino, and Native American-owned tech businesses, is looking to raise \$50 million for its inaugural fund.

The Minneapolis-based firm is also expanding its team. Chris Dykstra, CEO of software company WareCorp, signed on as a minority owner of Brown Venture in recent weeks. Brown Venture has also lined up five portfolio companies.

"The purpose of venture capital is to fund unfunded talent," Dykstra said. "In my view, the largest pool of unfunded talent, certainly in the United States, is entrepreneurs of color."

Simpli Fi Automation, a Florida-based home automation and security firm, and MoneyVerbs, a Minneapolis-based app developer, are set to receive investments from Brown Venture. Brown Venture declined to disclose its three other clients.

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Paul Campbell, co-founder of Brown Venture, started the firm to circumvent racism that people of color face in the business world. His inspiration was born from years of watching less-qualified, white colleagues be promoted ahead of him, he said.

Though the majority of his career experience was in sales, Campbell said focusing the firm on a lucrative sector like tech could see generational wealth quickly created in communities of color.

He founded the firm in 2018 with Chris Brooks, whose career experience mostly centered around education. Jerome Hamilton, chief operating officer of WareCorp, became a co-owner shortly after, and he would eventually invite Dykstra to join.

Originally, Brown Venture was going to be a venture accelerator. However, after doing some market research, the owners decided the venture studio model - which takes a more involved approach with its partner companies - fit Brown Venture better.

"Communities of color in particular do not have the luxury of going through an accelerator model where you're just gonna kind of throw spaghetti at the wall. Some are gonna make it, some are not, and those who don't make it, 'I'm sorry for you but that's just how it works,' " Campbell said.

Brown Venture is looking to draw on a number of private investors and grants to reach its \$50 million goal - the owners have been on the phone with potential investors everyday. The firm hasn't named a lead investor yet, but it's close, Dykstra said.

Campbell suspects that the killing of *George Floyd*, which has inspired an international push for racial justice, could spell interest in the business world to invest in a venture firm focused on "brown success," he said.

The venture firm is currently applying for benefit corporation and community development financing institution status, and expects to be granted both in the coming months. Brown Venture was accepted into the National Association of Investment Companies on July 31.

"There's been a history of folks that have thought they knew what our community needed, and they gave money and it didn't really work out," Campbell said. "What we're saying is, give us money so we can invest where we know there's actual need, and then it can benefit everybody."

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Mall of America could host Lake Street businesses destroyed in Minneapolis riots

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A coalition of Minneapolis business and civic leaders is proposing to try to rescue Lake Street businesses displaced by the civil unrest that struck in late May by moving them - possibly to places like Midtown Global Market or even Mall of America - while reconstruction work continues on their neighborhood.

The recommendations are among the first official steps from the The Minneapolis Forward: Community Now Coalition has made since forming in the wake of protests and riots that followed the killing of ***George Floyd*** by a Minneapolis police officer. The suggestions also include starting a small business academy within the city and create long-term land and business ownership among Minneapolis' people of color.

The [*coalition was announced*](#) by Mayor Jacob Frey and city council vice president Andrea Jenkins in June and is co-chaired by Allison Sharkey, executive director of the Lake Street Council; Felicia Perry, executive director of the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition; and Jonathan Weinhagen, president and CEO of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber.

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The coalition's work isn't to return Minneapolis to normal, Frey said, but to make it more equitable in the long-term. The coalition hopes to prevent gentrification in the wake of the unrest, and to create long-term land and business ownership among Minneapolis' people of color.

"This is an opportunity to transform. The eyes of the world are on Minneapolis," he said.

Finding temporary spaces for Lake Street businesses is one of the coalition's early priorities. Under the plan, the Mall of America will host some businesses in a project called Community Commons that will continue into 2021, Weinhagen said, while at least one business has made a deal to temporarily move into the Midtown Global Market, Sharkey said. The coalition is also looking at temporarily moving businesses into unused buildings along Lake Street, but hasn't settled on any locations yet.

The Mall of America declined to comment.

Sharkey also pointed out that Gandhi Mahal, an Indian restaurant that was burned down on May 28, has [temporarily relocated](#) to the former Chef Shack Ranch site in the Seward neighborhood while it rebuilds its location on Lake Street.

The Lake Street Council has given \$5 million worth of grants to 400 businesses since the unrest, Sharkey said. Of those businesses, about half have already opened, while the other half are actively planning to reopen, she said.

About a dozen businesses on Lake Street have permanently closed since the unrest, she added.

But it's difficult to track for certain how many businesses have shut down because of damages, said Shauen Pearce, Mayor Frey's director of economic development and inclusion policy. The Covid-19 pandemic has also hurt businesses on Lake Street and elsewhere, like on West Broadway in North Minneapolis.

Some stores are closed because they're working on a new businesses model for a socially distant world; others remain closed because they're waiting to replace inventory or even their windows, Pearce said. Some businesses are still trying to clear rubble from their properties, but have been blocked by a [Minnesota law that requires them to be current on property taxes](#) before cleanup can begin - potentially a big hurdle for companies that saw revenue dry up even before the unrest.

The city's Commercial Property Development Fund has \$3 million set aside to support business owners of color to retain ownership of their businesses and their real estate.

Much of the coalition's work is supported by the Minneapolis Foundation. Other benefactors include Steve Cramer, CEO of the Minneapolis Downtown Council, and the Pohlada Family Foundation.

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Turf Club faces \$1M in rebuilding costs after riots

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TURF CLUB FACES \$1M IN REBUILDING COSTS AFTER RIOTS

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Highlight: But insurance should cover most of the damage from May's rioting in St. Paul.

Body

Music fans let out a collective gasp over new photos that show just how badly the Turf Club was damaged during the May riots in St. Paul. However, the Turf's operators see a lot of bright sides as they rebuild one of the Twin Cities' favorite concert venues.

A 1940s-era watering hole on University Avenue that's been a staple of the music scene since the 1990s, the Turf was broken into just before midnight on May 28, three days after ***George Floyd***'s death in police custody.

Fortunately, the fire was contained to the ground-floor bar area and extinguished by a sprinkler system installed in 2013 after First Avenue bought the venue.

Unfortunately, because of all the other fires and calamity that night, nobody was able to enter the building until 8 a.m. to turn off the sprinklers. Both levels of the club were flooded, including the beloved basement space the Clown Lounge.

After two months of inspections and demolition - photos show the venue largely stripped to skeletal form - First Ave staff figures the repairs will be as extensive and costly as the roughly \$1 million in renovations done in 2013-14.

"We're kind of back to where we started," First Ave general manager Nate Kranz said.

More upsides, though: Insurance should cover most of the repairs. Also, because the renovations were so recent, many of the same plans and materials can be reused.

The plan is to make it look just like it did before the riots, right down to the funky wood booths and tacky old light fixtures in the Clown Lounge.

"We're going to meddle with things a little, but I don't think there will be anything different that the casual observer will notice," Kranz said.

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Of course, those repairs are going to take time. And therein lies another mixed blessing amid this seemingly cursed year: Time is something that music venues have way too much of these days, courtesy of the coronavirus pandemic.

"If we were going to have a fire and flood and be out of commission for several months, this is certainly a good time for it," Kranz glibly noted.

With music lovers clamoring to show their support, First Ave has put a bundle of new Turf Club merchandise on sale on its website, including T-shirts, hats and even a wall pennant and key chain.

Like most music venues, the Turf does not have any official concert dates until early next year. It's one of around 30 Minnesota music venues and promotion companies behind the National Independent Venues Association (NIVA), which is pushing for federal assistance via the Save Our Stages bill, co-authored by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.

NIVA is billing Tuesday as its "day of action," asking supporters to contact their representatives to support the S.O.S. bill as well the Restart Act and the Encore Act, which could also help music venues.

Just as First Avenue owner Dayna Frank urged supporters to focus on Floyd when the Turf Club was hit in May, Kranz also downplayed the Turf's rebuilding needs.

"It's sad what happened to it," he said, "but there are certainly worse things to worry about right now."

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Turf Club, nearly burned down in riots, will pursue '90% rebuild'

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[TURF CLUB, NEARLY BURNED DOWN IN RIOTS, WILL PURSUE '90% REBUILD'](#)

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St. Paul's Turf Club, heavily damaged during the civil unrest that struck the Twin Cities in late May, is almost "an entirely empty shell" as work begins on an extensive renovation effort.

The Pioneer Press [reports on the rebuilding efforts at the nightclub](#), which like many businesses along University Avenue was broken into during riots that followed the death of **George Floyd** during an arrest by Minneapolis police.

Nate Kranz, general manager at Minneapolis-based First Avenue (which bought the Turf Club in 2013), said that a group broke into the St. Paul building on May 28 and raided the bar area, as violence spread to the University Avenue corridor.

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Later that evening, fire alarms went off. It's unclear whether the same group that broke in started the fire or if it came from elsewhere. The building was likely saved from destruction by a sprinkler system installed after First Avenue took over.

The sprinklers still left a lot of water damage, however. By the time they were shut off, Franz said, there was 6 to 8 inches of water on the floor. "And double that for downstairs." Damage was estimated at \$1 million; insurance is covering repair costs.

Contractors have been stripping out the interior of the building ever since and plan a "90% rebuild," using the same plans from the 2013 renovation.

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Judge orders release of body camera video in George Floyd case

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A Minnesota judge ordered the release of body camera footage recorded by former officers charged in the death of [George Floyd](#).

Judge Peter Cahill ruled Friday that videos from the body cameras of [Thomas Lane](#) and J. Kueng taken on the night Floyd died will be made publicly available, though it is unclear how or when the footage will be released.

The videos were filed with the court last month by Lane's attorney. Initially only transcripts of the audio were released, but a judge later allowed journalists and members of the public to view the footage by appointment. A British tabloid on Monday published parts of the videos.

The body camera videos and transcripts were filed in court by Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, as part of a motion to have Lane's case dismissed. Attorneys for the coalition of media organizations, including The Associated Press, had asked the judge to allow them to be published.

Floyd, a Black man who was handcuffed, died May 25 after [Derek Chauvin](#), a white police officer, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. [Tou Thao](#), Lane and Kueng are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter. All four officers were fired. [Vandals threw shopping carts, bicycles, sewer caps at squad cars during George Floyd aftermath in St. Paul, charges say](#). [Judge: Prosecutor Mike Freeman will stay on George Floyd case](#). [Turf Club about to start a '90 percent rebuild' after an arson attempt during riots](#). [Minneapolis leaders push ahead with efforts to change police](#). [Attorney for fired Minneapolis officer says Freeman should be removed from George Floyd case](#)

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In her more than 25 years working in education and youth development, Danielle Grant said she's always been amazed by the resilience, creativity and positivity of Minneapolis' young people. But the president and CEO of AchieveMpls acknowledges that the past several months - defined by abrupt educational shifts and the economic fallout of COVID-19, as well as the traumatizing death of **George Floyd** - have tested the limits of even the most resilient Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) students. In response, AchieveMpls has launched the MPS Student Support Fund to offer mental health counseling, school-based programs and interventions to let students know how deeply they are valued.

Q: After **George Floyd**'s killing, what needs arose among young people you serve?

A: I think what happened was a lot of different things coming together. Following all of the challenges of life during a pandemic - including months of distance learning and social isolation, the murder of **George Floyd** and the ensuing unrest in our community - more and more people began to understand that our Minneapolis children and youth have significant needs, and they wanted to help. We began to get calls and e-mails about how to donate money for immediate needs, such as food, but also how to help students with their social-emotional needs. The new support fund (achievempls.org) provides some immediate needs support, but is primarily about ongoing support.

Q: How much is in the fund and where is it coming from?

A: So far we have received approximately \$54,000. The money has come from small donations, as well as a generous \$50,000 grant from the Cargill Foundation. AchieveMpls holds the fund in our role as the nonprofit foundation for Minneapolis Public Schools, but it is administered by staff at MPS who understand the specific needs of our students and school communities. They will determine the specific use of the fund to best support the safety, care and social-emotional well-being of our students.

Q: Students across the district?

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A: Yes, this is a districtwide fund that will serve all MPS students. Students across the community have been impacted in so many different ways by the murder of Mr. Floyd. While some students have seen the impacts directly in their neighborhoods, others are impacted less directly but still have questions and need help dealing with their emotions. I'm also excited to see so many of our high school students mobilized to activism, and we will be looking to them to generate ideas on how to make our school district and community better.

Q: Did students come to you to share their distress, or were you hearing more from the adults in their lives?

A: Our team works with thousands of MPS students through our Career & College Centers in 11 high schools, so we've been hearing their stories firsthand and providing as much support as possible during these past several weeks and months. This spring, like everyone else, we transitioned from in-person support to connecting remotely via phone, e-mail, online video chats and other online tools. Students shared the challenges they were navigating through the pandemic, and then their grief and trauma over George Floyd's murder and the ensuing unrest. In addition, we were contacted by concerned parents and community members who wanted to know how they could be a part of financially supporting efforts to help young people process their feelings and heal. And MPS teachers and other school staff were also taking on their own fundraising efforts to help their students. So we believe that the new fund provides a good structure to manage and distribute all of these donations.

Q: With MPS planning to go online-only until November, do you have the stamina to keep going at this high level?

A: Fortunately or unfortunately, we have all become much more adept at communicating and meeting online through Zoom, MS Teams, Google Hangouts or Google Classroom. We're confident that we will be able to adapt opportunities to allow for social distancing.

Q: How has your esteemed STEP-UP program fared this summer?

A: The Step Up Youth Employment Program, a partnership of AchieveMpls with the city of Minneapolis, Career Force Minneapolis and Project for Pride in Living, also had to pivot and redesign how to deliver workforce readiness training. We've done that through virtual internships, paid summer online training and mentoring opportunities. Fully 1,800 Minneapolis youth completed Step Up work readiness training this year, with 450 now doing internships at 61 companies and 1,000 participating in a five-week, paid Summer Online Learning Program. But our mission remains the same, to rally community support to inspire and equip Minneapolis students for careers, college and life.

Q: What's the message you want young people to hear during this tumultuous time?

A: That their community cares about them. We have their backs. I want youth to know that so many people are coming together to help them during these truly difficult times. It is pretty amazing and inspiring to see how many people care, even while they are dealing with their own difficult challenges with COVID-19. We may be socially distanced, but people still want to unite to help others however they can.

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U.S. attorney extends task force operations to combat gun violence in Twin Cities

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[U.S. ATTORNEY EXTENDS TASK FORCE OPERATIONS TO COMBAT GUN VIOLENCE IN TWIN CITIES](#)

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U.S. Attorney Erica H. MacDonald announced Friday that a federal task force focused on a surge in violent crime in the Twin Cities has extended its operations for another 30 days.

The Twin Cities Violent Crime Task Force was [first introduced July 7](#) in response to a spike in gun violence that followed civil unrest sparked by the death of [George Floyd](#) during a Memorial Day police arrest in Minneapolis. Since then, the command center says it has aided local law enforcement in confiscating 94 illegal firearms and charging 15 individuals with federal firearm violations.

The task force is made up of federal agents and analysts from the FBI, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minneapolis and St. Paul police departments, Hennepin, Ramsey and Dakota counties sheriff's offices, and federal and state prosecutors.

The public can report information by calling 800-225-5324 or submit photos and/or videos at www.fbi.gov/violence.

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Cathy Heying's nonprofit is surrounded by rubble, yet she only sees signs of hope and second chances.

The former social worker and pastoral minister started the Lift Garage in Minneapolis to repair cars for people in need and give them a boost in a time of crisis.

Now, in front of the shop, East Lake Street is in crisis after the unrest following the death of ***George Floyd*** at the hands of Minneapolis police. A few yards away, twisted wire and charred rubble is all that's left of an Arby's and across the street Target is shuttered.

"It was dystopian," Heying said. "I feel tremendously grateful we survived relatively unscathed."

As the city builds anew, Heying, 49, is expanding the Lift Garage to meet the demand for services as the first full-time, full-service nonprofit auto shop in Minnesota. This fall, she hopes to buy the building to make it the shop's permanent home and add a 600-square-foot office and lobby for the growing nonprofit, which has a \$1.3 million annual budget and 11 employees who do 70 car repairs a month.

"They're walking through the door in crisis," Heying said of clients. "We're big believers in second chances. We believe in opportunities for redemption at every level."

Heying decided to remake her career after 20 years in social work, studying auto mechanics at Dunwoody College of Technology. Working with the homeless, she had met people living in their cars, unable to afford repairs.

So in 2013, she opened the Lift Garage off Nicollet Avenue, fixing four cars a month. By 2018, the organization had outgrown the space and moved to East Lake Street. Clients who meet low-income guidelines pay \$15 an hour for labor, compared to \$90 to \$120 per hour at a commercial garage, and parts are sold at cost.

The shop loses money on every repair, which it limits to fixes that ensure the car is drivable and safe. The nonprofit relies on donations and grants to bring in the remaining two-thirds of its revenue.

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But fundraising has become more difficult during COVID-19, which forced nonprofits to scrap galas or move events online. This spring, a fundraiser for the Lift was postponed and then scaled back, and a fundraiser in the fall at a brewery is up in the air. Heying is still seeking donations and hiring the Lift's first development director to lead fundraising.

"It's really such an important service," said Susan Greenberg, a volunteer who helps raise funds. "They really treat the whole person, not just the car."

'Can I help you?'

As nightfall descended in Minneapolis on May 27, crowds filled the streets near the police Third Precinct. Heying paced outside, guarding her tiny nonprofit with friends as looters ran by clutching armloads of Target items. Two blocks away, AutoZone was engulfed in flames.

"Can I help you?" she asked a group carrying baseball bats, who scattered when they realized she was the owner. "I have no doubt that first night the building would have been looted and a lot of damage done if we weren't here."

Smoke billowed out of the Arby's next door. But authorities were too busy, so Heying and her group grabbed hoses and fire extinguishers to put the fire out. Then they kept watch until sunrise.

The next day, they boarded up the Lift's windows before the precinct was set ablaze and arsonists struck Arby's again. This time Heying, worried about the escalating violence, evacuated staff and volunteers. At home nearby in Longfellow, she watched a news station's livestream as looters tore plywood off her shop. She sobbed, thinking of the low-income clients whose cars were inside.

"This is it," she thought.

But she was graced with a second chance. Another auto shop owner passing by saw the looters and chased them away. Strangers and customers scurried to the shop to stand guard until the sun rose again.

In the days that followed, Heying, her staff and supporters rotated overnight shifts guarding the nonprofit until violence subsided. A few days later, the Lift reopened, despite broken windows and stolen equipment and computers.

Heying knows other stores along East Lake Street weren't as fortunate, and she hopes the city can rebuild again.

"I don't want this to turn into a neighborhood of chains and high end condos. That isn't East Lake Street," Heying said. "So many of our neighbors have suffered greatly."

So have many of her clients, who have few places to turn for car help and wait up to three months for an appointment. She's exploring operating on weekends or opening a second site.

"There's clearly a lot of unmet need," she said. "We want to be a stable part of the neighborhood and part of the regrowth. We're trying to be different - not just by charging people less, but how we treat people."

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Jeremiah Ellison, for example, a council member in favor of abolishing the police department to be replaced by a Department of Happy Thoughts and Good Wishes, said of the commission's decision, "this is not democracy. In a democracy the people decide. But I guess today the Charter Commission decided otherwise."

Ellison is wrong. The way it works is that the charter is the city's constitution. To amend it requires adult thinking, not some rushed-into plan that has not been fully thought out. The proposal to create a new Department of Public Safety could very well be on the ballot in 2021, but it had better be a more all-encompassing plan and not some pie-in-the-sky belief that the citizens will be made safer by further delegitimizing of the police.

The Charter Commission did not say if, they merely said when. The proposed ordinance is simply not ready to be voted on because the citizens wouldn't really know what they are voting for. A democratic process compels clarity, Jeremiah Ellison and Lisa Bender and the rest of the activist class that masquerades as the Minneapolis City Council. Your proposal lacks clarity and is nothing more than a rush job to signal your virtue while you have the momentum you are riding on the back of ***George Floyd***.

In the meantime, the police are more pressed than they have ever been as violent crime and gunplay continue to increase in Minneapolis. Bender herself had to file a police report concerning some anti-police vandalism at her home. Her home and the homes of all the city council members should be left alone. But it's more than ironic that Bender had no place to turn except to the police department that she so apparently loathes.

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The Charter Commission voted 10-5 to take another 90 days to review the proposed amendment. The commission is composed of 15 volunteers appointed by the chief judge of the Hennepin County District Court.

The chairman of the Charter Commission is a Minneapolis attorney named Barry Clegg, who said the following of the commission's decision: "The council says 'Trust us. We'll figure it out after this is approved. Trust us.' Well I don't and we shouldn't. Charter change is too important."

Amen.

That is the single most adult comment about public life in Minneapolis that any of us ever heard in the last three months of the abolish-the-police hysteria. Finally! An adult in the room! Clegg, run for mayor, run for governor, run for president. Get together with a fellow Minneapolis attorney, Joe Anthony, who had a piece in the Minneapolis Star Tribune in June that brilliantly dissected the strong-council/weak-mayor arrangement of the city's dysfunctional government.

I should say I believe Barry Clegg is a Minneapolis attorney. All charter commissioners must live in Minneapolis. My search came up with his law practice. Repeated calls to his office were met with a busy signal. Maybe he was swamped with others calling him with their own thanksgivings.

It's the city council/mayor arrangement in Minneapolis that needs reform. The police department certainly needs to establish better and more consequential discipline protocols, but to remove them from the streets would be absolute folly. That would turn Minneapolis into a war zone.

The ordinance that should be on the ballot would be the call to replace the current system with a strong-mayor/weak-council dynamic. Currently, the city council can veto anything a mayor comes up with. Then Minneapolis needs to find a strong candidate based in reality to run for office.

You think Lisa Bender and the activists she works with would allow the citizens a chance at that proposed ordinance?

But get enough names on a petition to demand such an ordinance and you could make it happen. [*Soucheray: And our ability to reason is swept away*](#) [*Soucheray: Those cheering and jeering have something in common*](#) [*Soucheray: Lawless people are shooting up the towns. That's not the fault of the police.*](#) [*Soucheray: This progressive transfer of wealth from renters to developers and big corporations*](#)

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Highlight: Even in the hazy, flag-waving days surrounding the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attack on the United States, there was something about America's rush to create a massive state apparatus called the Department of Homeland Security that made some people's skin crawl - and not just the usual patchouli-scented, granola-sated leftist suspects. "The word 'homeland' is [...]"

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"The word 'homeland' is a strange word," George W. Bush's Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told staffers in a memo after some floated the idea of combining federal functions around immigration, customs, domestic intelligence and law enforcement into one vast department even before 9/11. "'Homeland' Defense sounds more German than American."

The USA had functioned just fine for 226 years without a Department of Homeland Security, and the decision to create DHS was never cast in stone. Even the hawkish Bush administration wasn't sure it was needed - politically, the pressure came from centrist Democrats like former Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman eager to show their post-9/11 cojones. Yet once planted in the ground, DHS has grown wildly like choking, invasive kudzu, causing even the libertarian, Koch-Brothers-funded Cato Institute to call it wasteful and declare "Americans are not safer."

Donald Rumsfeld was very wrong about many, many things - remember the WMDs east and west and south and north of Baghdad? - but his qualms about a homeland security state on U.S. soil were right on the money. The bureaucratic waste and the nation's failure to confront its real threats from stronger hurricanes to a global pandemic have been bad enough. But the real risk of creating a state-security force was that it would follow the beaten-down jackbooted pathway of every state security force before it and get turned against the American people.

It would be trite and arguably wrong to label as "unthinkable" the scenes out of Portland, Oregon, over the last several weeks involving unbadged and anonymous federal agents hiding behind their dark visors and

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layers of camouflage. They fire choking tear gas at protesters demanding racial justice, or just-barely-less-than-lethal rubber bullets that can fracture skulls. Meanwhile their comrades take activists off the streets in unmarked vans, or arrest them so a judge can order them to avoid protests and thus surrender their First Amendment rights.

These DHS agents from militarized units within Customs and Border Patrol or Immigration Customs Enforcement have become a kind of secret police accountable only to President Donald Trump, some 3,000 miles away, and his appointed lackey now running DHS - even as public officials in Oregon begged them to leave.

Now the first wave of serious-but-threat-obsessed Republicans who initially ran Homeland Security for Bush 43 claims to have been shocked by the nightly footage out of Portland. "It would be a cold day in hell before I would consent to a unilateral, uninvited intervention into one of my cities," Tom Ridge, the former Pennsylvania governor who was Bush's initial DHS Secretary, told a radio interviewer. The Afghanistan-style "blowback" of a U.S. government agency waging war on American people was never the idea!

It never is ... at first.

"This is an experiment that has failed and needs to be radically rethought," Elizabeth Goitein told me. She is co-director of the liberty and national security program at the Brennan Center for Justice and co-author of an article last month urging Congress not to mostly write DHS a blank check in its current spending bill but to insist on major reforms, as well as the naming of a permanent secretary after acting chiefs for the last 15 months.

Those of us who warned about a Portland-style scenario in flag-pinned days of the early 2000s were called alarmists, cranks, dirty (bleeping) hippies and much worse. The November 2002 vote to consolidate 22 federal agencies into the massive, now-240,000-employee DHS passed the Senate 90-9, as few listened to then-Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold - a seer on rising authoritarianism who would be booted from office for Russia-friendly kook Ron Johnson - warn we were "weakening protections against unwarranted government intrusion into the lives of ordinary Americans."

To be sure, the 3,000 deaths on 9/11 exposed flaws that required a major tuneup. The CIA and the FBI didn't talk to each other, NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) was caught flat-footed, and airport security - then close to nonexistent - needed the overhaul that's been a bumpy success in the 19 years since. But the massive changes wrought by DHS - largely in response to an international terrorism threat that now seems greatly diminished - were just part of a broader "homeland security" mindset. It saw every problem in America, from desperate refugees on the border to marginalized people demanding jobs and justice, as a nail to be jackhammered by a harsh, militaristic response, powered by armored personnel carriers and private prison cells.

Just as Feingold tried to warn us, the homeland security state began spying on everyday Americans from Day One, first demanding to see your library card and moving up to bulk collection of your emails, enabled by fear-inspired bills like the Patriot Act that seem impossible to get rid of once they're on the books.

The panic-stricken notion that al-Qaida would throw America a curveball by attacking some remote town in Idaho or the Pumpkin Festival in Keene, New Hampshire, which obtained one of the Pentagon's surplus APCs, was the spark that led to the rise of the militarized warrior cop wielding those spare weapons of war. I'm pretty sure it was Chekhov who advised writers never to introduce body armor or rubber bullets in Act

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One unless someone's going to use them in Act Three - even if Act Three is Americans marching against ***systemic racism***.

The surge of new, young recruits who signed up to become Border Patrol or ICE agents in post-9/11 America found there weren't that many al-Qaida terror plots to thwart - but they fostered an authoritarian culture that found other outlets (no group more enthusiastically backed Trump's 2016 election than the union representing Border Patrol agents) and shared a distrust of immigrants, liberals and dissent.

They've been saying this quiet part out loud for years, and it's getting louder in the ***George Floyd*** era. Trump's Pentagon is now training soldiers to see protesters and journalists as "adversaries." At DHS, it was inevitable that 77 local "fusion centers" that were supposed to help federal, state and local officials cooperate on terrorism would increasingly monitor legitimate dissent like antiwar activists, Occupy Wall Street or ***Black Lives Matter***. Or that 15 cities including Philadelphia would ask the feds for help spying on protests with its high-powered drones.

For everyday Americans who weren't paying attention as the frog of free speech sat in this pot of boiling water, Trump's immigration crackdown at the southern border should have been the alarm whistle. Again, there were voices back in 2002 that tried to warn us about the militarized, punitive regime that would be created with the formation of ICE, and with viewing immigration not as a social issue but a national security threat.

Goitein told me that some "mission creep" seemed inevitable with DHS, but the arrival of a president without respect for the rule of law has taken things to today's current dark place. "Customs and Border Patrol - he has let them off the leash, although there's a culture there that's predisposed to Trump's "strongman" approach.

Bill Ong Hing, now a professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, testified back in 2002 against putting ICE under DHS and says today that "Congress created a monster" that conflates immigration and terrorism. Now that monster is putting peaceful protest and legitimate dissent under that same umbrella - and this approach is bleeding down to the local cop on the beat.

Last week, we saw armed, shorts-wearing plainclothes New York City detectives mimic the feds in Portland by taking a suspect accused of property damage, shoving her into an unmarked Kia van, and driving off. At the same time, about 100 local police departments in Wisconsin are refusing to provide security for the drastically downsized Democratic convention in Milwaukee because they're terrified the city will not allow them to deploy tear gas.

Enough already! America had muddled through much of its glorious history without tear gas, or camouflaged robocops - or a massive, now out-of-control Department of Homeland Security. If Joe Biden can hold onto his lead and become America's 46th president in January, with a more progressive Congress, they must begin the serious work of dismantling one of America's first great mistakes of the 21st century.

DHS should be abolished - its component parts rethought, then rebuilt from scratch - not only because the department is wasteful, inefficient and ineffective against actual threats, but because we'll be tearing down a neo-fascist mindset that slowly corrupted America society until it crawled fully formed from the sewers near a Portland courthouse.

It would help in that mission if our policy leaders began to think deeper and realize that DHS wasn't only one spectacularly bad idea, but symbolic of a militaristic society that can find the directions to send armed

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forces to Iraq and then to El Paso, Texas, and finally Portland - yet utterly lacks a moral compass. Yes, even deluded Donald Rumsfeld got one thing right: "Homeland Security" was a dumb concept that sounded worse in the original German. [Leah Mirakhor: How James Baldwin spoke to immigrants like me](#) [Ross Marchand: No more billionaire bailouts](#) [Pamela K. Johnson: 55 summers have gone by since the Watts rebellion. How far have we traveled?](#) [Michael Bloomberg: Let's hire laid-off oil and gas workers to fight climate change](#) [Noah Smith: Focusing on Facebook and Google's monopoly misses the point](#)

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Section: HOMES; Pg. 1H**Length:** 783 words**Byline:** KIM PALMER; STAFF WRITER, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)**Highlight:** A caring crop of gardeners**Body**

This has been a year like no other. First, Minnesotans faced the challenges of a global pandemic and stay-at-home order. Then the world was rocked by the killing of [George Floyd](#) and the civic unrest and time of reckoning on racial injustice that followed.

In this extraordinary summer, the Star Tribune's annual Beautiful Gardens contest is different, too. This year, we asked readers to nominate gardens that are beautiful in spirit, with a mission that benefits the greater community.

Reader response was overwhelming. We received more than 360 nominations this year. We read deeply touching descriptions of gardens that have impacted people in countless ways. We would like to offer a heartfelt thank-you to all our readers who took the time to nominate a garden this year.

With so many diverse gardens to understand and appreciate, it was challenging to choose just a few winners. A panel of four judges reviewed the submissions, and ultimately narrowed the field to a few gardens that we will highlight in the coming months.

You'll see and read more about these gardens and the people who tend them in upcoming issues of the Sunday Homes section and online at startribune.com.

1. Kenny Turck, Forest City, Minn.

Turck's home and garden near the farm where he grew up is ground zero for the Dirt Group, a nonprofit he founded to help youths learn, thrive and recover from early trauma by growing food together.

A social worker, Turck is passionate about food access, food security and its importance to health and well-being. In his home, a former church parish, there's a large kitchen in the basement where he teaches canning and food preservation. This year, with the pandemic and limited in-person interaction, the Dirt Group delivered kits to help youths grow food for their households.

2. Olivia Nienaber, Scandia

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At her family's farm, Nienaber, 17, has created gardens that give back to wildlife. Her goal is to improve the environment for early-migrating birds, as well as create a more diverse habitat. Every plant must provide food, shelter or cover to birds, hummingbirds, bees, butterflies or moths.

She transformed a formerly weed-filled area near the garage into a variety of native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs. With the help of her family, she also revitalized two small ponds to ensure that wildlife had sources of water, has built birdhouses and feeders and helped build brush piles so that birds and small mammals have a place to hide and raise their young.

3. Bethany Husby, Roseville

Husby tends a large garden and pond at her home, where she divides hundreds of plants every year, recruits volunteers and holds a plant sale to benefit a charitable organization. Inspired by a trip to Tanzania and the people she met there, she and her husband started a nonprofit, Heart to Care, to build a school in Tanzania. This year's sale raised \$54,000 for the school, which is now under construction.

4a. Harmony Neal, St. Paul; 4b. Devin Brown, Minneapolis

Harmony Neal, a writer, teacher and laid-off restaurant server during the pandemic, decided to use their extra time to grow food for the neighborhood. Neal transformed the boulevard in front of their rented triplex on a busy corner into Giving Gardens, where the veggies, fruit, herbs and edible flowers are free to all.

After reading about projected food shortages and the closing of grocery stores damaged during the unrest after the ***George Floyd*** killing, Devin Brown was inspired to turn her north Minneapolis yard into a food source for her neighbors. With help from volunteers for Growers Unite Minneapolis, Brown created a vegetable garden on the boulevard and another near the alley, where neighbors can help themselves to fresh produce.

5. Andy Lapham, Minneapolis

At his home at 36th and Chicago and on the vacant lot next door, Lapham has created a permaculture demonstration site, where he grows and propagates fruit trees and berry vines and also raises chickens. He built a bench next to the sidewalk that has become a community giveaway spot, where people leave food to share with neighbors in need. Lapham also redesigned and tends a community veggie and fruit garden at a nearby school where neighbors are welcome to pick the produce.

6. Christina and Stephen McHenry, Minneapolis

After the pandemic ended the live music concerts that their family previously enjoyed, the McHenrys began hosting social-distance concerts in their garden, where neighbors can connect, enjoy music and help support musicians who have lost income as a result of the pandemic.

The couple and their children also have an organic vegetable garden and keep chickens, sharing the veggies and the eggs with their neighbors in the Lynn-Lake neighborhood.

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You read to avoid news of pandemics. Or you read to learn about pandemics.

You read to soothe yourself. Or you read to immerse yourself in new, enormous worlds.

Recently, I asked readers if this crazy year - the pandemic, lockdowns and social upheaval - was changing what you read. You said yes. You said yes to everything.

David Bornus, Shoreview: I had been accumulating a pile of books to read in retirement, but when libraries and bookstores closed it became a lifesaver. I've read down my piles several feet since March, including several series - the Ruth Ware novels, political biographies, novels by Anthony Quinn and a five-volume set of lectures on Martin Luther. I am feeling a great deal of satisfaction clearing away those piles.

Ian Krouth, St. Louis Park: I have a large to-read shelf so I thought myself well-equipped when lockdown began. Then I realized that half of my fiction pile was dystopian or post-apocalyptic, and a good chunk of the nonfiction books were prison memoirs. I found myself diving into comforting rereads like "The Lord of the Rings." After the murder of *George Floyd*, the comfort food yielded to a search for discomfort through books like "Between the World and Me."

Peter L. Steiner, Mankato: I am nearly finished with Albert Camus' "The Plague." What has struck me most are the uncanny parallels to COVID-19: issues of randomness, denial, fear, death, quarantine and the vast changes it brings to daily life. Next up: "Love in the Time of Cholera."

Carol Sherwin, Eden Prairie: When this pandemic started, I discovered Agatha Christie's autobiography. She was adventuresome, curious, creative and intriguing. After that, I couldn't stop reading her. Besides being mysteries, her stories are travelogues. They are moral tales where good triumphs over evil. They are an escape to a civilized time I wish I had lived in.

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Annie Possis, Grand Marais, Minn.: I've always preferred nonfiction over fiction. But right now our current reality is enough nonfiction for me. I find myself gravitating to mysteries, crime thrillers - anything super absorbing that will take me away.

Heidi Holtan, Grand Rapids, Minn.: I pulled out "Excellent Women" by Barbara Pym. Now I'm working on reading all of her clever tales that have me wishing for a vicar next door I could invite over to tea. These women she wrote about are indeed excellent.

Jerry Kohl, Grand Marais: Courtesy of John Le Carré, I have traveled - England, France, Switzerland, Russia, East and West Germany, and pretty much all of Eastern Europe. I feel transported from my worries of today by the espionage and intrigue of that era.

Walter J. Roers, Bloomington: I'm a little over 100 pages into the 600-plus page "The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant." His work is surprisingly readable and provides a very human and unique perspective on cultural and ethical issues that are still with us today.

Linda Eckman, Plymouth: I am fixated on books and films about dystopia, novels of pandemics and epidemics, and nonfictions about disease - "The End of October," by Lawrence Wright; "Epidemics and Society," by Frank M. Snowden; "Moloka'i," by Alan Brennert, and I have a lot more on reserve from Hennepin County Library.

Lisa Von Drasek, St. Paul: Since the pandemic, I am reading cookbooks, short stories and nonfiction. Right now I am reading "Becoming a Teacher," a profile of LaQuisha Hall by Melinda D. Anderson. It is not just about teaching but also about growing up in a marginalized community with scarce resources. Ms. Hall's journey is a compelling one.

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Legendary

Guillermo del Toro's "Tales of Arcadia" trilogy won't make you forget "Pan's Labyrinth" or "Hellboy," but it's still a terrific animated adventure in which plucky teens team up with underground creatures for a high-risk version of Dungeons & Dragons. The final installment, "Wizards," isn't as clever as the past two chapters, leaning way too heavily on the Camelot legend, although the premise does offer the thrill of seeing King Arthur cross swords with a multi-eyed troll.

Now streaming on Netflix

Trailblazers

The standout stars of "On the Trail: Inside the 2020 Primaries" are CNN reporter Kyung Lah and her assistant Jasmine Wright, who were both assigned to cover Amy Klobuchar during the presidential campaign. Both speak bluntly - and with more than a few curse words - about how challenging it is to be on the political beat, especially for women of color. Their observations and work ethic are so impressive, they may want to consider running for office themselves.

Now streaming on HBO Max

Something wild

In "Wild Bill," Rob Lowe plays a hot-tempered police commissioner forced to relocate to Boston - the one in England. It doesn't take long for the fish-out-of-water to become a Yankee Sherlock Holmes, wrapping up whodunits before tea is served. There's just enough twists and Brat Pack charm in each episode to justify taking a break from your "Law & Order" marathon.

Now streaming on Britbox

New York state of mind

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Thirty-one years before the death of ***George Floyd***, an NYC teenager was killed in a racial attack, triggering protests that would impact a mayoral race - and little else. "Yusuf Hawkins: Storm Over Brooklyn" looks back at the tragedy through the words of Hawkins' family members and friends, as well as the man sitting in prison for pulling the trigger. The documentary packs a wallop, especially in the wake of current events.

8 p.m. Wednesday, HBO

Crowded house

If you love "Big Brother" but are afraid to admit it, start boasting instead of getting hooked on "Five Bedrooms," a scripted drama from Australia about five very different people who impulsively decide to go in on a house together. It doesn't take long before flirting and fighting rule the roost. The accents and top-notch acting help disguise the fact that you're watching a trashy soap.

Starts streaming Thursday on Peacock

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