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Election Results

Grant Rix and Steven R. Smith retain their seats as incumbents for an additional 3-year term. A true abstract of the votes cast in this election will be certified by a board of canvassers on June 8, 2020. Voter turnout was 20 percent. Smith had 359 votes, Rix had 277 and Jason Bickel had 186.

In Ward 2 for Groton City Council, Damian Bahr had 67 votes and Troy Lindberg had 12. There were 28 absentee votes. Voter turnout was 24 percent. Bahr will take over the spot of David McGannon, who first came on the council in 1989.

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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GROTON AREA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS Tuesday, June 2, 2020

	Jason Bickel	Steven R. Smith	Grant Rix	Poll Book Count
ANDOVER	18	38	14	41
BRISTOL	53	42	34	80
COLUMBIA	20	40	37	66
GROTON	95	239	192	318
TOTAL	186	359	277	505

Percentage of district ballots cast - 20.3%
Eligible voters - 2,488
Ballots spoiled, rejected or uncounted - 6

Groton City Council Meeting Agenda

June 3, 2020 – 7:00pm

Groton Community Center

(IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL IN TO THIS MEETING, PLEASE MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO BY CALLING CITY HALL 605-397-8422)

1. Public Comments - pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1

(Public Comments will offer the opportunity for anyone not listed on the agenda to speak to the council. Speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes. No action will be taken on questions or items not on the agenda.)

2. Minutes

3. Bills

4. Canvass Ward 2 June 2nd Election Votes

5. Adjourn 132nd Council – Thank you David McGannon for your Service!

6. Convene 133rd Council – Oath of Office

- Election of Officers: President and Vice President
- Appoint Advisory Committees

7. Appoint Attorney

8. Award Water Tower Project Contracts contingent upon DENR approval of the bids

9. Additional funding for Schedule A and water loop South of tracks and on 6th Street to the Olson Development

10. Infrastructure wish list for potential grants

11. Motion to approve bills each meeting & authorize the Finance Officer to pay payroll and all regular monthly bills in a timely manner to avoid penalties and take advantage of discounts.

12. Swimming pool:

- Pool passes to Groton School District residents or previous membership owner ONLY
- Vacation pass price from \$30 to \$60 (up to 10 immediate family members for 7 days)

13. Surplus items: Playground equipment and refrigerator

14. Executive session personnel & legal 1-25-2 (1) & (3)

15. Hiring seasonal employees

16. Adjournment

#100 in a series

Covid-19 Update: by Marie Miller

No kidding! I did not miscount. We really are at #100. That sort of knocks me over. Who'd have thought back in February I'd still be at this in June? Not me. Sadly, at this point, it looks very much like there will be a #200 one day. This does not thrill me: Much as I enjoy our little chats, I really want this thing to be over and people to stop dying from it. But for now, we bravely soldier on.

Things have settled down after yesterday's crazy numbers; I'm seeing decreases in all categories. I'll stay watchful for the rest of the week, but it looks like yesterday may have simply been a catch-up day for reporting. I hope so.

We're at 1,841,400 cases in the US. New case numbers are well down, about half yesterday's number. NY leads with 377,881 cases, a sizeable decrease. NJ has 161,545 cases, also a good-sized decrease. Remaining top-10 states are as follows: IL – 123,244, CA – 118,059, MA – 101,163, PA – 77,315, TX – 67,966 MI – 58,676, FL – 57,439, and MD – 54,831 These ten states account for 65% of US cases. 4 more states have over 40,000 cases, 3 more states have over 30,000 cases, 6 more states have over 20,000 cases, 10 more have over 10,000, 6 more + DC over 5000, 6 more + PR and GU over 1000, 5 more over 100, and VI + MP under 100.

We should note that Governor Cuomo announced today that the number of new hospitalizations in the state of New York has hit the lowest number since they started counting in mid-March, just 154. Things are really looking up there. Just in New York City, there have been more than 200,000 confirmed cases. New case numbers, except for yesterday's strange numbers, have been below 2000 daily and are dropping towards 1000; less than 2% of tests are coming back positive. Considering that the benchmark for whether you're doing enough testing is 10%, they're knocking this one out of the park. We can hope they stay on this trajectory; they're due for a break.

Here's the latest on movement in new case reports. Those states with substantial numbers of cases which are not showing much change include MA, GA, TX, LA, FL, OH, MD, and CO. States where new case reports are increasing include CA, WA, VA, AZ, NC, WI, TN, and AL. States where new case reports are decreasing include NY, MI, NJ, CT, IL, IN, PA, and MN. We'll watch the states showing increases and hope those with decreases continue the decline.

There have been 106,182 deaths in the US. Today the number of new deaths decreased too. NY has 29,847, NJ has 11,770, MA has 7085, PA has 5670, MI has 5562, IL has 5567, CA has 4359, and CT has 3972. One state (IL) reported over 100 new deaths today, and the rest are reporting fewer than 100. There are 6 more states over 2000 deaths, 5 more states over 1000 deaths, 9 more over 500, 12 more + DC and PR over 100, and 10 + GU, VI, and MP under 100.

Another note: A new federal government report on nursing homes provides data about Covid-19 in these facilities. It says a good quarter of these deaths have been nursing home residents. One fourth of homes have had at least one case; more than 60,000 residents have tested positive for the virus. 20% of homes have had at least one death. These numbers are bad, but the real numbers are probably worse because only about 80% of homes were included in the report, and no assisted living facilities were included. This also does not necessarily capture all of the data prior to May 1 when the federal government started requiring they submit their statistics to the federal government.

There is news on that repurposed Ebola drug, Remdesivir. You will recall a few weeks ago there were preliminary results from a study of patients receiving the drug on an FDA emergency use authorization. That means this is not a randomized, placebo-controlled study, but an observational study of patients given the drug in comparison to those who did not receive it. That study involved hospitalized patients with severe disease, including those on ventilators, and it showed Remdesivir shortened illness, but did not have a significant effect on mortality.

Results of a new study are now available. This one involved 600 patients who were moderately ill, that is, hospitalized, but not seriously ill enough to require mechanical ventilation. This is a Phase 3 clinical trial, so it was randomized and there was a control group receiving the current standard of care. Results have

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not been published, so this has not been peer-reviewed, and the full data have not yet been released; however, what they say they're seeing is that patients given a 5-day course of treatment were more likely to recover faster. Within 11 days, 131 of 191 patients given the therapy showed significant improvement on a tracking scale, and no one died. There didn't appear to be dangerous side effects. Interestingly, a 10-day course of treatment was not better than the standard of care; the thinking is that longer dosing results in some toxicity or that physicians opted to treat sicker patients longer. If sicker people are on the 10-day course, you'd expect outcomes to be somewhat worse.

The thinking is that giving the drug earlier in infection may have better results than waiting until the person is seriously ill. There's talk of doing more trials, treating earlier in the course of the disease, using the drug in combination with other therapies in very ill patients, and looking at pediatric use.

It is important to note that this is not a miracle cure. According to an expert not affiliated with the trial, "The improvements are not dramatic—they are not a 'game changer.'" Still, another arrow in the quiver is a good thing.

A couple of months ago, we talked about something called a monoclonal antibody. Because of today's news, we're going to review the high points of that conversation; you'll see why in a moment. I think we're pretty clear on what an antibody is by now; we've talked about them many times. These are proteins produced by your immune system in response to a foreign protein like those on a bacterium or a virus. These antibodies are specific for that foreign protein (the antigen), and they bind to it, marking the pathogen for destruction by the cells of your immune system. So antibody and antigen are like a lock and key; if they don't match, the antibody can't do its work. Antibodies are specific, that is, they react only with the antigen that caused them to form in the first place.

So when you have an infection like Covid-19, you make antibodies to various of the virus's proteins, and then these guys just circulate around your tissues in your bloodstream, looking for their antigen so they can go to work. If you make the antibodies quickly enough before the virus has time to do much damage, then you might never feel sick at all or you get sick, but then feel better pretty fast. The problem with folks that have serious cases of Covid-19 is that they're not making antibodies quickly enough, so the virus causes all kinds of trouble before they've made enough antibodies to get rid of it. But everyone who recovers has antibodies capable of neutralizing the virus.

This is why convalescent plasma works. We've talked about this before too: We take plasma from a recovered patient and put it into the person we wish to protect. The protection is immediate; as soon as you give the plasma, the antibodies are available for service. That is being used now, and the results have been promising. But this sort of treatment is limited by two things: (1) Availability – You need recovered donors to give their blood plasma so we can use it in patients, and (2) Blood type – Turns out someone's plasma has all kinds of antibodies in it, antibodies to measles maybe or mumps and a whole host of other things. One of the things we all have antibodies to is other people's red blood cell antigens. This means, if we give plasma from someone with a different blood type to you, their antibodies to your red blood cells will go to work destroying them. This is not what you'd call a desirable outcome because (a) you kind of needed those blood cells and (b) the breakdown products of those destroyed cells are toxic. So if we're going to give you convalescent plasma, we need to get it from someone with your blood type.

So, now we're up-to-date on antibodies and how they might be used to prevent or treat Covid-19, also on the difficulties built into that plan. So back in March, we discussed something called monoclonal antibodies. These, rather than a sort of stew of thousands of kinds of antibodies, are all from the same parent cell, that is, they're identical to one another. Think of it as purified antibody—a vial containing only one kind of antibody to one specific antigen. These don't come from the body; they come from a lab. The process is very high-tech and pretty complex, but basically, here's what happens:

You take blood from a person who's recovered and separate out the plasma because that's where the antibodies hang out. Then you sort through all the antibodies you find, identifying those that are specific for viral antigen, maybe a few hundred of them. Then you identify the ones that you think will neutralize the virus, that is, interfere with some viral process that enables it to get into your cells and make them sick. And then, you teach a bunch of immune cells you're growing in culture medium in the lab to make

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that antibody. A culture of cells that all come from the same parent cell (produced by that one cell growing and reproducing, then those cells growing and reproducing again, over and over until you have a lot) is called a clone. And when you have an antibody made by just one clone of cells, you call it monoclonal (mono- means one, so from one clone). And now you have a "purified" antibody.

That's what scientists are doing in labs all over the world, trying to make a bunch of the perfect getting-rid-of-Covid-19 antibodies. And today's news is that someone's in clinical trials with one of those therapies. Now, we don't know whether it will work in a person when you treat them with it—that's what the clinical trials are for—but it looked good in the lab. It was tested on cells growing in the lab, and it blocked the virus's ability to infect them. Because we're doing everything fast these days, they have approval for clinical trials even though their preliminary data are not yet published.

The trial will be the gold standard—randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind. What that means is that patients will be assigned randomly to two groups, one of which will receive this new therapy and the other one of which will receive a placebo—an injection of something inert (probably a saline solution), and neither the physicians giving the treatment nor the patients will know which one each patient is receiving. This eliminates any potential bias in selecting patients to receive the monoclonal antibody and potential bias in interpreting results. The Phase 1 trial in hospitalized patients will be primarily to determine whether the treatment is safe. If it looks good, then within several weeks, they'll move to Phase 2 trials with more patients, including some who are not hospitalized. This will be to get an idea whether the stuff works.

There are also plans to study prophylactic use of this therapy. That could be helpful in vulnerable patients for whom vaccines aren't an option and people who are already exposed. The company working on this drug, Eli Lilly, has already begun mass manufacturing so that, if it works out, they'll be ready to put it out to patients. This is a risk because if it doesn't work after all, there's going to be a whole lot of expensive drug that no one's going to take sitting around the warehouse. Pandemics have a way of making us do things that wouldn't necessarily make sense in a normal world.

They're also testing other antibodies and combinations of antibodies, so if this particular drug doesn't work, they have others in the pipeline. Other companies are also working on monoclonal antibody therapies; some are close to clinical trials. Regeneron Pharmaceuticals is hoping to start trials yet this month, and others are on their heels.

It seems likely this sort of thing will be most effective early in infection rather than in the very ill. And we should recognize that this is probably going to be a very high-priced drug. Monoclonal antibody therapies—and there is a bunch of them on the market now for all kinds of other conditions—are crazy expensive, sometimes thousands of dollars for a single dose. So this probably isn't going to be the magic bullet that ends the pandemic. I do not see it being practical for widespread use, particularly in poor countries.

There are many things I'm spared by virtue of living in the country; I've been hearing about the downside of apps like Nextdoor for months now. This is an app for folks who live within a particular neighborhood, typically in a large town or city. You can ask for a recommendation for a contractor, find a babysitter, or let people know about your garage sale, so it can be most useful. But it has a dark side: people reporting "suspicious individuals" who frequently are suspicious only by virtue of having a somewhat darker skin tone than the person doing the notifying, providing a platform to spread malicious gossip, and even bullying a neighborhood resident.

On the other hand, there's this: "Hey neighbors, If you know of any elderly in our Nob Hill neighborhood who are afraid to go to public spots like the store and need help with food/grocery/toiletries delivery, could you let us know? Young and healthy and would love to help out if we can. Thanks."

I've also heard of folks who do this the low-tech way: Walk around the neighborhood, sticking notes on doors that say, "If you need some shopping done and can't leave your home due to the coronavirus, call this number, and I will be pleased to help you out." For a stranger. Isn't that lovely?

If you are a person in need of this sort of assistance, please reach out to someone. Perhaps you'll be rebuffed, but maybe not. Maybe you'll find someone like these folks, someone who's pleased to be of service. When you find one, you're helping them as much as they're helping you because serving someone in need is nourishing to the giver. And if you are able to provide such service, have a look around you.

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There's someone within arm's reach who needs you. Even if your neighbor is able to go to the store, fewer trips is better than more trips. If you get in touch to let them know you're going out and offer to pick up an item or two for them, that's one trip they don't need to make. And then maybe they'll check with you before they go next time. Limiting everyone's exposure is a good thing, even as we open things back up. Why wouldn't we do this small thing?

Tonight, my husband, who was seated in a room facing our driveway, called out to me, saying, "Say, someone is coming into the yard." That's a rare thing—almost a never thing—these days: no drop-in visitors around here during this pandemic, no visitors at all, really. When the doorbell rang, I opened it to see a bottle of a very special olive oil sitting on my step. My neighbor was standing across my garage, maintaining proper distance. She explained she'd just returned from an emergency trip to visit her very ill mother and, while she was away, she saw this thing she knew I'd appreciate and picked it up for me. What a kindness that was! It brightened my day. We can all do this, can't we?

Keep yourself healthy. I'll be back tomorrow.

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Area COVID-19 Cases

	June 3
Minnesota	25,508
Nebraska	14,611
Montana	523
Colorado	26,788
Wyoming	701
North Dakota	2646
South Dakota	5067
United States	1,831,821
US Deaths	106,181

Minnesota	+300
Nebraska	+266
Montana	+4
Colorado	+211
Wyoming	+1
North Dakota	+21
South Dakota	+33
United States	+20,451
US Deaths	+1,016

	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2
Minnesota	21,960	22,464	22,947	23,531	24,190	24,850	25,208
Nebraska	12,619	12,976	13,261	13,654	13,905	14,101	14,345
Montana	479	481	485	493	505	515	519
Colorado	24,565	24,767	25,121	25,613	26,098	26,378	26,577
Wyoming	648	653	667	682	688	693	700
North Dakota	2422	2439	2481	2520	2554	2577	2625
South Dakota	4653	4710	4793	4866	4960	4993	5034
United States	1,681,418	1,699,933	1,721,926	1,747,087	1,770,384	1,790,191	1,811,370
US Deaths	98,929	100,442	101,621	102,836	103,781	104,383	105,165

Minnesota	+652	+504	+483	+548	+659	+660	+358
Nebraska	+264	+357	+285	+393	+251	+196	+244
Montana	0	+2	+4	+8	+12	+10	+4
Colorado	+296	+202	+354	+492	+485	+280	+199
Wyoming	+4	+5	+14	+15	+6	+5	+7
North Dakota	-----	+17	+42	+39	+34	+23	+48
South Dakota	+67	+57	+83	+73	+94	+33	+41
United States	+18,650	+18,515	+21,993	+25,161	+23,297	+19,807	+21,179
US Deaths	+706	+1,513	+1,179	+1,215	+945	+602	+782

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June 2nd COVID-19 UPDATE

Groton Daily Independent from State Health Lab Reports

Four more deaths were recorded in North Dakota, bringing that state's total to 65. South Dakota has no new deaths with a total of 62 who have died from COVID-19.

Fifteen counties in South Dakota recorded positive cases with 12 recording no positive cases but at least one recovered case.

South Dakota's recovery is at 78.7 percent compared to 80.4 percent in North Dakota. Dewey County recorded its first positive case while Spink County returned to the fully recovered list.

Brown County:

Active Cases: 0 (61)
Recovered: +6 (219)
Total Positive: +6 (281)
Ever Hospitalized: 0 (13)
Deaths: 1
Negative Tests: +34 (1566)
Percent Recovered: 77.9% (.4 increase)

South Dakota:

Positive: +33 (5067 total)
Negative: +1152 (41779 total)
Hospitalized: +8 (443 total) - 89 currently hospitalized (2 more than yesterday)
Deaths: 0 (62 total)
Recovered: +87 (3990 total)
Active Cases: -54 (1015)
Percent Recovered: 78.7% up 1.2

Counties with no positive cases report the following negative tests (Lost Dewey): Bennett +47 (76), Brule +3 (248), Butte +15 (211), Campbell +2 (38), Custer +19 (169), Haakon 37, Hanson +3 (77), Harding 30, Jones +1 (14), Mellette +5 (72), Perkins 22, Potter +4 (108), unassigned -112 (2976).

Aurora: +1 recovered (14 of 26 recovered)
Beadle: +1 positive, +18 recovered (94 of 276 recovered)
Brookings: +1 positive, +1 recovered (16 of 17 recovered)
Brown: +6 positive, +6 recovered (219 of 281 recovered)
Buffalo: +3 positive, +2 recovered (4 of 21 recovered)
Charles Mix: +1 positive (10 of 18 recovered)
Codington: +4 recovered (26 of 37 recovered)
Dewey: First Positive Case
Douglas: +1 recovered (2 of 3 recovered)
Fall River: +1 positive (3 of 5 recovered)
Grant: +1 recovered (10 of 13 recovered)
Hutchinson: +1 positive (3 of 6 recovered)
Jerauld: +3 recovered (22 of 35 recovered)
Kingsbury: +1 positive, +1 recovered (1 of 2 recovered)
Lincoln: +1 positive, +6 recovered (211 of 239 recovered)
Lyman: +2 recovered (10 of 14 recovered)
Meade: +2 positive (6 of 22 recovered)

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Minnehaha: +7 positive, +27 recovered (2945 of 3362 recovered)
Oglala Lakota: +1 recovered (9 of 31 recovered)
Pennington: +6 positive, +3 recovered (65 of 241 recovered)
Roberts: +1 recovered (31 of 36 recovered)
Sanborn: +1 recovered (8 of 13 recovered)
Spink: +1 recovered (5 of 5 recovered)
Todd: +1 positive, +1 recovered (18 of 28 recovered)
Turner: +1 positive, +1 recovered (21 of 25 recovered)
Union: +3 recovered (66 of 91 recovered)
Yankton: +2 recovered (44 of 51 recovered)

Fully recovered from positive cases (Gained Spink): Clark 4-4, Deuel 1-1, Faulk 1-1, Hyde 1-1, McPherson 1-1, Spinkg 5-5, Sully 1-1, Tripp 6-6, Walworth 5-5, Ziebach 1-1.

The NDDoH & private labs report 1,611 completed tests today for COVID-19 with 22 new positive cases, bringing the statewide total to 2,646. NDDoH also reports four new deaths. State & private labs have reported 98,717 total completed tests. 2,127 ND patients are recovered.

RACE/ETHNICITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Race/Ethnicity	# of Cases	% of Cases
Asian, Non-Hispanic	591	12%
Black, Non-Hispanic	912	18%
Hispanic	894	18%
Native American, Non-Hispanic	522	10%
Other	590	12%
White, Non-Hispanic	1558	31%

County of Residence	# of Deaths
Beadle	5
Brown	1
Jerauld	1
McCook	1
Minnehaha	49
Pennington	4
Todd	1

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County	Positive Cases	Recovered Cases	Negative Cases
Aurora	26	14	130
Beadle	276	94	484
Bennett	0	0	76
Bon Homme	8	6	387
Brookings	17	16	832
Brown	281	219	1566
Brule	0	0	248
Buffalo	21	4	192
Butte	0	0	211
Campbell	0	0	38
Charles Mix	18	10	303
Clark	4	4	131
Clay	15	13	561
Codington	37	26	1111
Corson	4	3	59
Custer	0	0	169
Davison	16	10	819
Day	13	10	201
Deuel	1	1	216
Dewey	1	0	385
Douglas	3	2	154
Edmunds	1	0	69
Fall River	5	3	266
Faulk	1	1	56
Grant	13	10	139
Gregory	1	0	77
Haakon	0	0	37
Hamlin	4	3	159
Hand	2	1	103
Hanson	0	0	77
Harding	0	0	30
Hughes	19	15	627
Hutchinson	6	3	413

Hyde	1	1	38
Jackson	4	0	38
Jerauld	35	22	157
Jones	0	0	14
Kingsbury	2	1	209
Lake	8	6	285
Lawrence	11	9	594
Lincoln	239	211	2718
Lyman	14	10	269
Marshall	4	2	106
McCook	6	4	283
McPherson	1	1	98
Meade	22	6	673
Mellette	0	0	72
Miner	2	1	114
Minnehaha	3362	2945	13824
Moody	19	15	232
Oglala Lakota	31	9	356
Pennington	241	65	3585
Perkins	0	0	22
Potter	0	0	108
Roberts	36	31	635
Sanborn	13	8	128
Spink	5	5	380
Stanley	10	8	92
Sully	1	1	35
Todd	28	18	503
Tripp	6	6	189
Turner	25	21	372
Union	91	66	634
Walworth	5	5	213
Yankton	51	44	1443
Ziebach	1	1	58
Unassigned****	0	0	2976

SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

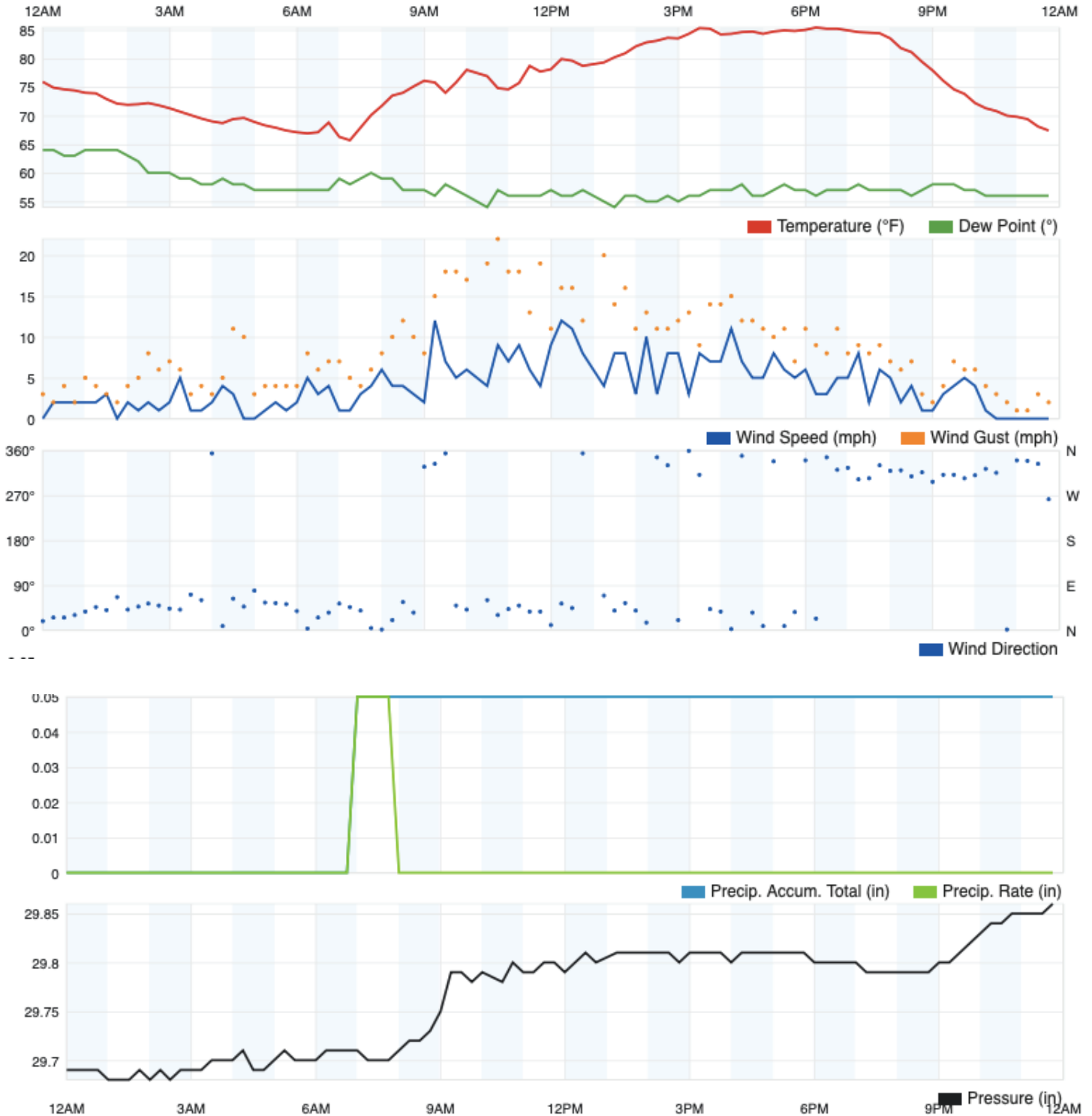
Sex	# of Cases	# of Deaths
Female	2385	35
Male	2682	27

Age Range	# of Cases	# of Deaths
0-19 years	487	0
20-29 years	975	1
30-39 years	1139	3
40-49 years	882	4
50-59 years	838	8
60-69 years	466	10
70-79 years	139	6
80+ years	141	30

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



Storm Risk Thursday

ISSUED: 4:56 AM - Wednesday, June 03, 2020

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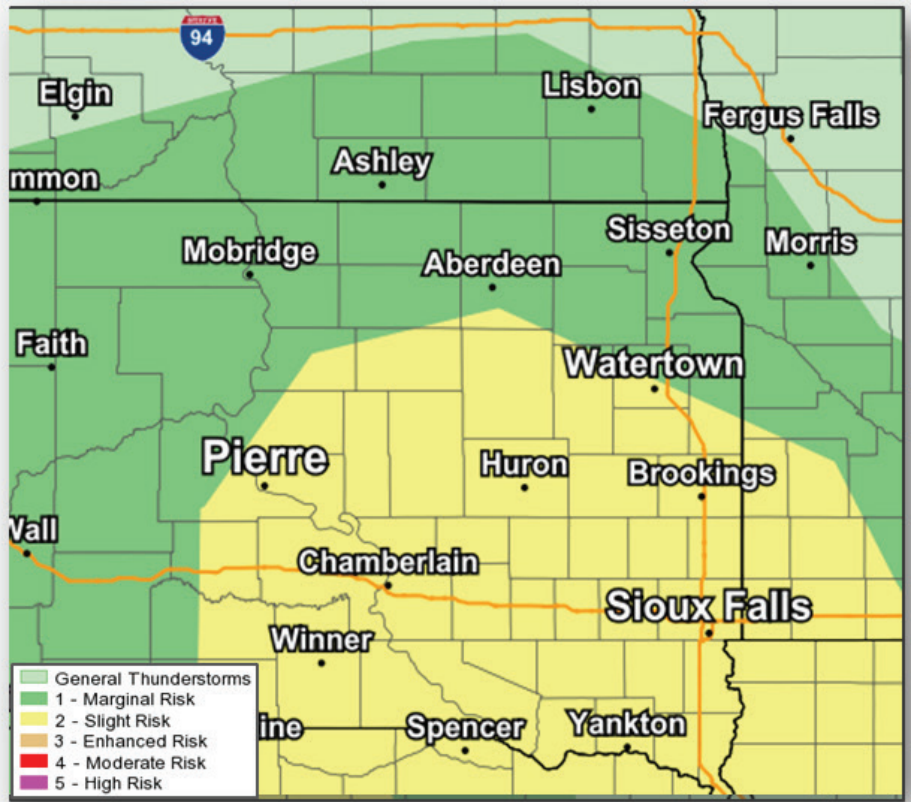
Risk for severe thunderstorms with the threat of **damaging wind gusts** and **large hail**. An isolated **tornado** or two is not out of the question.

WHERE

Parts of central and southeastern South Dakota.

WHEN

Storms will develop in the heat of the afternoon and move southeast.



 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Storms will develop in central South Dakota during the heat of the afternoon and head southeast. The risk for severe weather includes large hail and strong winds. An isolated tornado or two cannot be ruled out.

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Today



Sunny

High: 85 °F

Tonight



Chance
T-storms then
Partly Cloudy

Low: 57 °F

Thursday



Chance
T-storms

High: 81 °F

**Thursday
Night**



Partly Cloudy
then Slight
Chance
T-storms

Low: 56 °F

Friday



Sunny

High: 81 °F

Storm Risk This Afternoon

ISSUED: 4:41 AM - Wednesday, June 03, 2020

WHAT

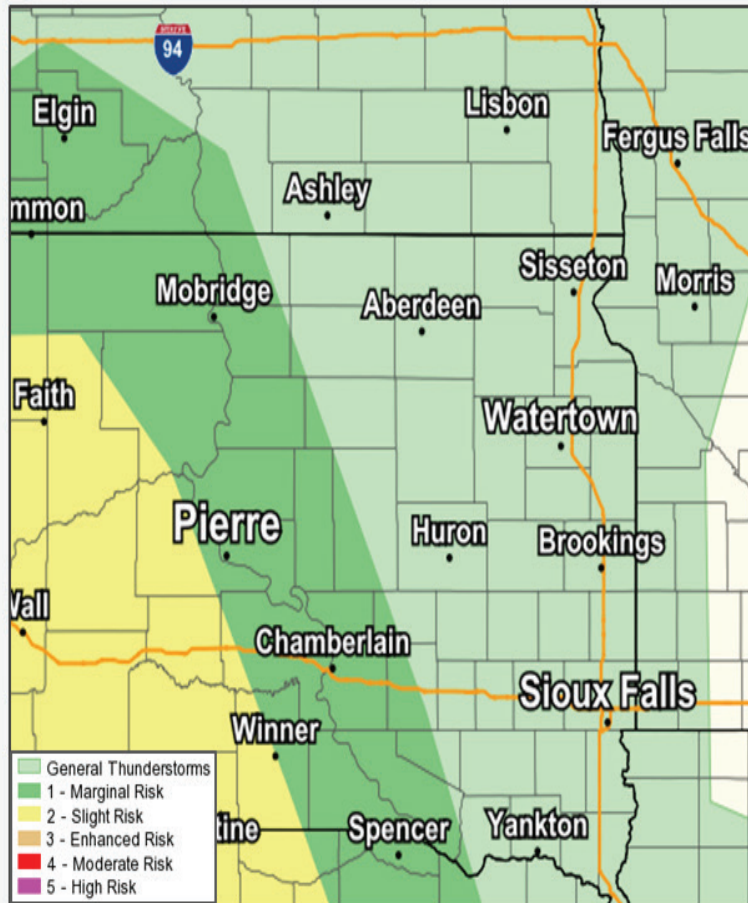
Risk for severe thunderstorms with the threat of damaging wind gusts and large hail.

WHERE

Mainly western South Dakota. Storms to move towards the Missouri valley late afternoon/evening and begin weakening.

WHEN

Storms will develop in the heat of the afternoon and along a weak front. Storms are expected to decrease in intensity in the evening.



Severe storms this afternoon are expected west river, with the threat for large hail and strong winds. As storms move east towards the Missouri valley in the late afternoon/evening, they are expected to begin weakening. Overnight severe weather risk is low as storms move across eastern South Dakota.

Today in Weather History

June 3, 1898: A violent windstorm passed over Aberdeen between 1 AM and 2 AM. Damage was confined to awnings, roofs of buildings, and plate glass windows.

June 3, 1933: This estimated F2 tornado moved ENE from 6 miles southwest of Wilmot, passing 3 miles south of town and dissipating at Big Stone Lake. A child was killed in a barn. Roof, barn, and church debris was scattered for miles, and over a dozen farms were heavily damaged. This tornado was estimated to be on the ground for about 15 miles.

June 3, 1975: Severe thunderstorms erupted across central sections of South Dakota. During the evening hours, the storms stretched from the southern border to the North Dakota state line and were packing high winds and large hail. In several areas, including Mobridge, hail as large as baseballs did damage to crops, homes, and vehicles and in some regions piled up to two feet deep. Strong thunderstorm winds also uprooted trees and damaged numerous farm buildings. Multiple funnels and small tornadoes were observed, including three in Charles Mix County.

June 3, 1997: Heavy rains of 2 to 4 inches through the early morning hours resulted in the flooding of some roads, fields, and creeks across parts of Jones and Lyman counties. In particular, the KOA campgrounds near Presho were heavily flooded. The KOA office and home had three and a half feet of water in them. Also, several homes near or in Presho received water and were heavily damaged. The Medicine and Stoney Butte creeks set record highs.

1860: Iowa's infamous Camanche Tornado, likely an F5 storm, kills 92 and injures 200. Every home and business were destroyed. It was one of the most damaging families of tornadoes ever to strike the US and resulted in more farm fatalities than any other tornado except for the Tri-State tornado. Click [HERE](#) for more details from Retro Iowa.

1921: Heavy rains caused flash flooding over the southeastern portion of Colorado. The flooding cost the lives of 100 people and millions of dollars in property damage.

1993: Early morning severe thunderstorms dumped huge hailstones across northern Oklahoma. Hail, up to 6 inches in diameter in Enid, went through roofs of homes, damaged three jets at Vance Air Force Base, and did \$500,000 in damage at a car dealership. Winds gusts reached 70 mph at Vance Air Force Base as well. Hail damage to the wheat crop was estimated at 70 million dollars.

1997: It was a chilly day in the East. The high temperature at Philadelphia International Airport was only 59 degrees, tying a record-low maximum for the date set back in 1881. The temperature at Middletown, Pennsylvania rose to 58 degrees, breaking the record-low maximum for the date of 59 degrees set back in 1915. Washington, DC only reached 58 degrees, breaking the old record-low maximum of 59 set back in 1915. Central Park in New York City only reached 61 degrees.

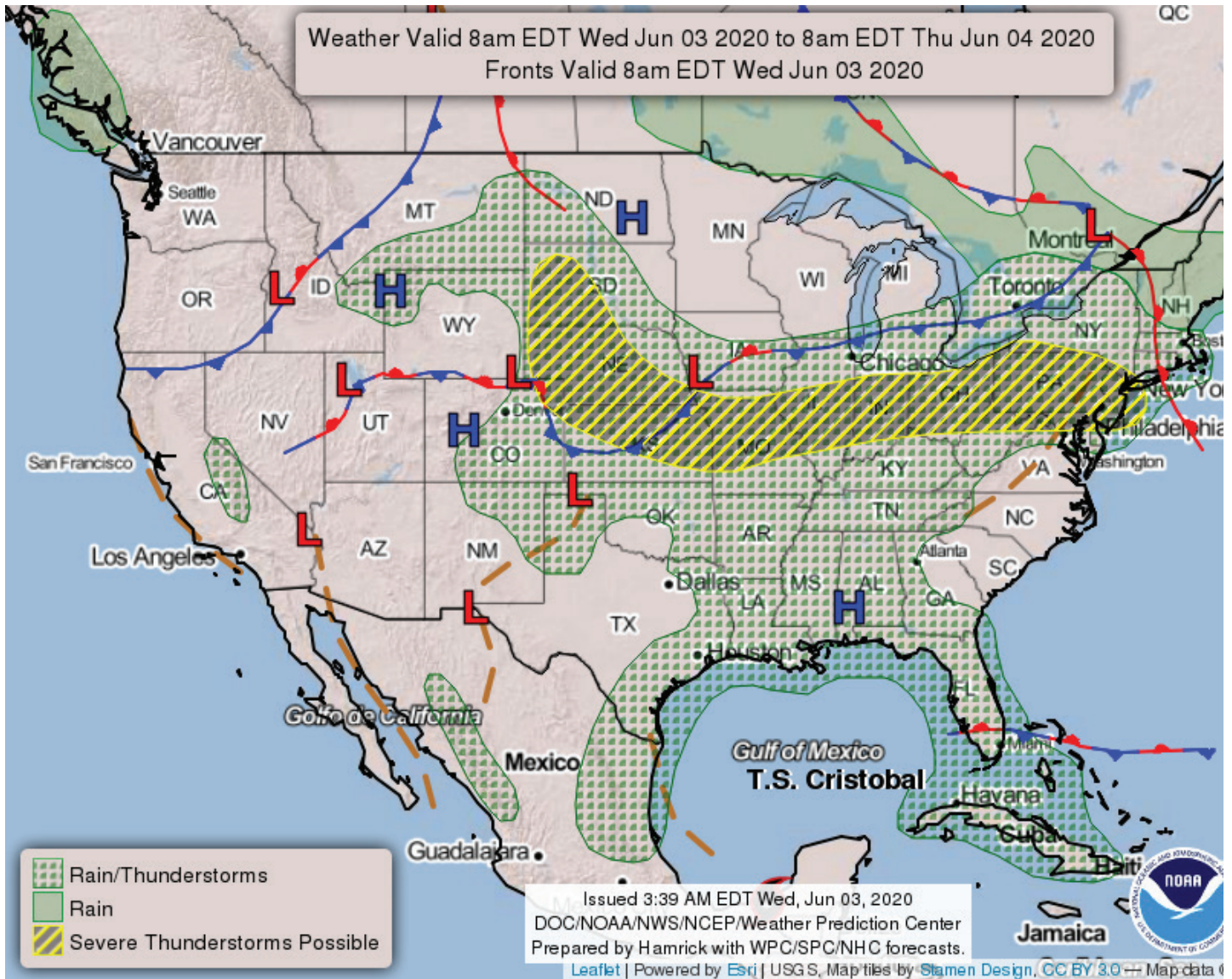
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 86 °F at 6:33 PM
Low Temp: 66 °F at 7:07 AM
Wind: 28 mph at 10:32 AM
Precip: .00

Record High: 100° in 1933
Record Low: 34° in 1964, 1950
Average High: 74°F
Average Low: 50°F
Average Precip in June.: .22
Precip to date in June.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 7.36
Precip Year to Date: 4.63
Sunset Tonight: 9:17 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47 a.m.



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GIVE UP OR GO ON?

Little Margie was having a difficult time learning to skate. It seemed as though the skates her father gave her far exceeded the strength and coordination of her legs and muscles. A neighbor watched her fall down and get up, then fall down and get up again. He was amazed at her tenacity and determination. Finally, he said to her, "Why don't you give up?"

"Because," she said with tears in her eyes, "my father didn't give me these skates to give up with but to go on with."

How like our Heavenly Father. He does not "give" gifts to us to cause us to fall, but to help us "go" with Him and grow into the likeness of His Son, our Savior. We speak often about Paul's "affliction" - not ever knowing what it was or the problems it may have caused him personally. But we do know that he said, "So I am glad to boast about my weaknesses...for when I am weak, then I can become strong."

The great lesson for us to learn from Paul is that if and when we are willing to admit our weakness, God will fill us with His power and strength. There is always the temptation for us to try to "do it on our own." It is a natural thing to do. But that is not how God created us. God created us with needs and deficiencies so we would need to depend on Him for everything.

Prayer: Father, give us a willingness to recognize our need for You, and that in You, with You, and through You, we can overcome any weakness that may defeat us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today : 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

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2020 Groton SD Community Events

• **CANCELLED** Groton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt - City Park (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)

• **CANCELLED** Dueling Piano's Baseball Fundraiser at the American Legion

• **CANCELLED** Fireman's Fun Night (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)

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• **CANCELLED** Father/Daughter dance.

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• 05/25/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services

ALL GOLFING EVENTS SCHEDULED IN JUNE HAVE BEEN POSTPONED OR CANCELLED

• 06/8-10/2020 St. John's VBS

• 07/04/2020 Firecracker Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course

• 07/12/2020 Summer Fest/Car Show

• 07/16/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Pro Am Golf Tourney

• **CANCELLED** State American Legion Baseball Tournament in Groton

• 08/07/2020 Wine on Nine Event at Olive Grove Golf Course

• 09/12/2020 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Sat. after Labor Day)

• 09/13/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Couples Sunflower Classic

• 10/09/2020 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)

• 10/10/2020 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)

• 10/31/2020 Downtown Trick or Treat

• 10/31/2020 Groton United Methodist Trunk or Treat

• 11/14/2020 Groton Legion Annual Turkey Party (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

• 11/26/2020 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center

• 12/05/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Tour of Homes & Holiday Party

• 12/05/2020 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services

• 01/--/2021 83rd Annual Carnival of Silver Skates

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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press undefined

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Mega Millions

09-20-23-26-29, Mega Ball: 8, Megaplier: 3

(nine, twenty, twenty-three, twenty-six, twenty-nine; Mega Ball: eight; Megaplier: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$356 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$135 million

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By STEVE PEOPLES AP National Political Writer

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At the same time, several major cities, particularly Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia among those voting Tuesday, struggled to contain protests and related looting that led to thousands of arrests.

Some voters said Trump's increasingly tough tone toward protesters inspired them to participate in the democratic process. Nicholas Autiello, who works in finance in Rhode Island, said he was disturbed by police driving back peaceful demonstrators near the White House on Monday.

"Last night, we have a president who is acting like a dictator," Autiello said. "So being able to come out here this morning and fill in a circle next to a name for someone who I know will restore honor and decency to the presidency was so important."

Political groups have had to adjust as some states move to a system that relies largely on voting by mail. They include Montana, where all 56 counties decided to vote entirely by mail, despite Trump's repeated warning against it. Voting rights watchdogs in multiple states on Tuesday expressed concerns about access to mail ballots, confusion about deadlines and a shortage of poll workers that led to long lines.

"We are in unique times, and voting is a unique challenge for people," said Josh Schwerin, chief strategist for the pro-Democrat super PAC Priorities USA. He said that his organization and others would be watching closely on Tuesday "to see how well it works, where issues are and where obstacles have been put in place."

Those voting Tuesday included the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and South Dakota. Two other states holding primary elections on Tuesday, Idaho and Iowa, chose their presidential nominee early in the year.

In Iowa, Republican Rep. Steve King, known nationally for controversial remarks, lost his bid to be nominated for a 10th term to state Sen. Randy Feenstra. House Republicans stripped King of his committee assignments in 2019 after comments that seemed to defend white nationalism, providing fuel for Feenstra's argument that King was no longer an effective representative for the 4th District.

In a New Mexico race for an open House seat, ex-CIA operative Valerie Plame lost the Democratic primary to attorney Teresa Leger Fernandez, a professional advocate for Native American communities and voting rights issues. A first-time candidate for public office, Plame harnessed her fame as the operative whose secret identity was exposed shortly after her diplomat husband disputed U.S. intelligence used to justify the 2003 Iraq invasion.

Associated Press writer Rodrique Ngowi in Providence, R.I., and Terry Spencer in West Palm Beach, Fla., contributed to this report.

Catch up on the 2020 election campaign with AP experts on our weekly politics podcast, "Ground Game."

The Latest: Ex-CIA operative Valerie Plame loses N.M. race

By The Associated Press undefined

The Latest on Tuesday's primary elections (all times EDT):

1:05 a.m.

Former CIA operative Valerie Plame has lost her race in the Democratic primary for an open seat representing New Mexico in Congress.

Attorney Teresa Leger Fernandez overcame six competitors to win her party's nomination to succeed U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan as he runs for the U.S. Senate. Sen. Tom Udall is retiring.

In her first run for public office, Plame harnessed her fame as a former U.S. intelligence operative whose secret identity was exposed shortly after her diplomat husband disputed U.S. intelligence used to justify the 2003 Iraq invasion.

Leger Fernandez was making her first bid for public office as a professional advocate for Native American communities and voting rights issues.

She could become the first woman to represent the state's 3rd Congressional District, a Democrat-heavy district.

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12:10 a.m.

Controversial Iowa Republican congressman Steve King has lost his bid to be nominated for a 10th term. The 71-year-old Iowa native faced four challengers in Tuesday's Iowa primary. Topping the field is a well-funded state senator, Randy Feenstra, who offered support for President Donald Trump, hardline immigration policies and other conservative views without King's baggage.

Provocative statements piling up over the years have been a drag on King's latest campaign. He has compared immigrants crossing the border illegally to cattle, made light of rape and incest in defending his anti-abortion views, and wondered aloud when the term "white supremacist" became offensive.

Last year House Republicans stripped King of his committee assignments after his remarks seeming to defend white nationalism appeared in The New York Times. King said they were taken out of context.

Critics in both parties have charged that King is no longer an effective representative for Iowa's 4th Congressional District on agriculture and other local issues. Worse for King, even his supporters worried that he could lose the seat to a Democratic challenger if he were nominated again.

10:45 p.m.

Joe Biden has scored a clean sweep of the seven states conducting Democratic presidential primaries on Tuesday, not at all a surprise given that the presumptive Democratic nominee has no active opposition.

Yet the delegate haul is important to Biden's goal of gaining enough delegates to claim the Democratic nomination before the party's summer convention. Tuesday's results may leave Biden just short of the 1,991 delegates he needs, but primaries next week in Georgia and West Virginia could put him over the top.

Of Tuesday's elections, Pennsylvania's could add the most delegates to Biden's count. He also won contests in Maryland, Indiana, Rhode Island, New Mexico, Montana and South Dakota.

Also choosing a nominee Tuesday are voters in the District of Columbia. Those results are pending.

10:44 p.m.

Dozens of Maryland primary voters are waiting in line to vote two hours after polls were scheduled to close.

At one location in Baltimore, roughly 100 people were still waiting to cast their ballots around 10 p.m. Tuesday. Another location had about 50 people in line.

The voting was being slowed by the limited number of people allowed inside the polling stations because of the coronavirus pandemic. Most voting took place by mail because of the virus.

However, elections officials allowed six in-person voting centers in Baltimore over concerns that ballots were not arriving in the mail as scheduled.

The highest-profile contest on the ballot is the Baltimore mayoral election. Voters are looking for a leader who can get violent crime under control, address deep-rooted poverty and restore trust in local government after years of scandal and dysfunction.

10:19 p.m.

Joe Biden has won the Montana presidential primary as he advances toward the goal of earning enough delegates to claim the Democratic Party nomination before the summer convention.

The primary in Montana was conducted by mail in an effort to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

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the coronavirus and protests against racism and police brutality.

9:30 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden has won the New Mexico presidential primary, his latest victory in Tuesday's voting as he marches toward earning enough delegates to claim the party nomination before the summer convention.

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has pledged to help Biden connect with racial- and ethnic-minority voters in the state. She has also been talked about as a possible Biden running mate.

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9:13 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden has won the South Dakota presidential primary, racking up another victory in Tuesday's voting as he marches toward earning enough delegates to claim the party nomination before the summer convention.

The secretary of state's office sent absentee ballot applications to all registered voters in South Dakota in late April amid the coronavirus pandemic.

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8:55 p.m.

Joe Biden has won Maryland's Democratic presidential primary.

Biden was declared the winner of Tuesday's primary on a night when six other states and the District of Columbia are voting in the presidential nomination contest. The result has been expected because Biden's rivals have already dropped out of the race.

Voters in Maryland were strongly urged to vote by mail because of concerns about further spread of the coronavirus.

Biden's haul of delegates from his Maryland win and victories in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Indiana push him closer to the 1,911 delegates he needs to capture the Democratic presidential nomination.

8:40 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden has won Pennsylvania's presidential primary, which promises the biggest haul of delegates among the seven states choosing their presidential nominees on Tuesday.

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7:05 p.m.

Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump have won Indiana's presidential primary.

Indiana is among the states and the District of Columbia with primaries on Tuesday. Pennsylvania offers the day's biggest trove of presidential delegates.

The Democratic result in Indiana was expected because Biden's rivals have already dropped out of the race.

The former vice president's haul of delegates from the Indiana victory pushes him closer to the 1,911 delegates he needs to capture the Democratic presidential nomination.

The state's primary was delayed by four weeks because of the coronavirus outbreak.

4:40 p.m.

Voters in nine states and the District of Columbia are participating in primaries Tuesday.

The states voting are Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and South Dakota.

Indiana polls are scheduled to close first, at 7 p.m. Eastern time. Pennsylvania offers the day's biggest trove of delegates. Joe Biden is already the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, but he needs to win 89% of all delegates at stake Tuesday to formally clinch the nomination. If he doesn't reach the requisite number on Tuesday, he has more opportunities to do so later this month.

Voters are navigating coronavirus concerns and curfews in place amid protests of George Floyd's killing by police. In-person voting is down in every state, as many voters were encouraged to vote by mail because of the pandemic.

Rounds wins GOP nod in virus-altered South Dakota primary

By **STEPHEN GROVES** Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota election officials worked to process a historic number of absentee ballots Tuesday as two congressional incumbents fended off Republican primary challenges in bids for second terms.

The secretary of state's office reported that nearly 87,000 absentee ballots had been returned by Tuesday afternoon, which is almost four times the number received in the 2018 primary. The state had encouraged people to vote absentee to avoid crowded polling places during the coronavirus pandemic.

Election officials have had to scramble to process the deluge of absentee ballots, the Argus Leader reported. The main-in ballots take extra steps to process like matching signatures on the absentee application and the ballot.

Joe Biden easily won South Dakota's Democratic presidential primary as he looks to rack up enough votes nationwide to formally secure the nomination. President Donald Trump won the state on the Republican side, running unopposed.

Meanwhile, GOP Sen. Mike Rounds and Rep. Dusty Johnson coasted to victory in their Republican primaries and both are considered strong favorites to win second terms. The election was also deciding a host of legislative, city and school posts, including some contests that were postponed due to virus concerns.

Jess Jones, a Sioux Falls voter, said the current turmoil in the country motivated her to vote Tuesday.

"With recent events, any time you have a voice, you should use it to vote for the people that best represent you," she said.

REPUBLICAN SENATE PRIMARY

Rounds, of Fort Pierre, defeated state Rep. Scyller Borglum to win the Republican primary in his effort for a second term. He'll face Democrat Dan Ahlers from Dell Rapids in the November general election.

Rounds is a former governor who has focused on agriculture and military policy. While Borglum criticized

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him for encouraging Chinese foreign investment in the past, Rounds has appeared more assertive on Chinese policy during the coronavirus crisis, stating he believes the coronavirus can be linked to a lab in Wuhan that studies infectious diseases.

Rounds also received an endorsement from President Donald Trump on Tuesday morning.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE PRIMARY

Johnson has a clear path to winning a second term in South Dakota's lone seat in the U.S. House after defeating former state legislator Liz Marty May for the Republican nomination. He will not face a Democrat in the November general election but will run against Libertarian Randy "Uriah" Luallin.

Johnson, who is from Mitchell, appears to have a huge fundraising advantage over Luallin. He has focused on agriculture policy and argued for restraint in government spending in response to the coronavirus crisis.

LEGISLATIVE RACES

All 105 seats in the Legislature are up for grabs in November, but one powerful Republican leader won't be returning to the Capitol after losing to a political newcomer.

Erin Tobin, a nurse from Winner, defeated the current House Majority Leader Lee Qualm to win the GOP Senate nomination for District 21 in the southern part of the state. She will face Democrat Dan Kerner Andersson in the November general election.

Tobin challenged Qualm after he introduced a bill this year that would have gotten rid of schools' requirements for vaccinations. The bill was condemned by health care groups across the state because it would have decreased vaccination participation.

Tobin received the backing of doctors in the region and raised more campaign cash than Qualm. The race turned aggressive in recent days, with Tobin saying she had been the subject of "personal attacks." She asserted her conservative stance on a range of social issues and was able to end Qualm's eight-year tenure in the Capitol.

Tobin may still face a challenge in the general election as she competes in a district where Democrats have been competitive.

Voters decided on 26 other Republican primaries Tuesday as the GOP seeks to strengthen its grip on the Statehouse.

False claims of antifa protesters plague small U.S. cities

By AMANDA SEITZ Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — In the days since President Donald Trump blamed antifa activists for an eruption of violence at protests over police killings of black people, social media has lit up with false rumors that the far-left-leaning group is transporting people to wreak havoc on small cities across America.

The speculation was being raised by conservative news outlets and pro-Trump social media accounts, as well as impostor Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Twitter and Facebook busted some of the instigators behind the unsubstantiated social media chatter. Twitter determined Monday that a tweet promising antifa would "move into residential areas" and "white" neighborhoods was sent by the white supremacy group Identity Evropa. The tweet was shared hundreds of times and cited in online news articles before Twitter removed it Monday, a company spokesperson said.

Yet the tweet continued to circulate Tuesday on Facebook and Instagram.

Facebook, using information shared by Twitter, announced Tuesday night it also took down a handful of accounts on its platform that were created by white supremacy groups like Identity Evropa and American Guard, some of them posing as part of the antifa movement.

For years, some social media users have tried to delegitimize controversial or political protests with baseless theories that they were organized by wealthy financiers or extremists organizations. Over the weekend, Trump singled out antifa as being responsible for the violent protests triggered by the killing of George Floyd, saying in a tweet: "It's ANTIFA and the Radical Left."

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"Usually you see this when there's an interest to deflect conversations from protests to just accusing the protests of being violent, organized or having backers that are evil," said Filippo Menczer, a professor of informatics and computer science at Indiana University. "The president mentioning it, of course, has generated a huge spike."

The theories about antifa — short for "anti-fascists" and an umbrella term for leftist militant groups that confront or resist neo-Nazis and white supremacists at demonstrations — have trickled through cities across the country in recent days.

Police departments say people are phoning in "tips" they see on social media claiming antifa is sending buses or even planes full of antifa activists to their area.

In Payette County, Idaho — a rural county of 24,000 — the calls started early Monday morning after one Facebook user said the sheriff had spotted antifa rioters in the area. The calls didn't taper off until the sheriff's office debunked the rumor on Facebook.

"It's really a small community, where our citizens know us pretty well," said Payette County Sheriff Lt. Andy Creech. "When the post got out there, we started getting phone calls directly."

Meanwhile, Facebook users were also warning their friends to stay clear of a shopping center in a New Jersey suburb, saying it would be the center of antifa destruction on Tuesday.

But police had "no credible information" that antifa would be present in the area, Toms River Police Department media specialist Jillian Messina said in an email. The police aren't aware of anyone showing up at all, she added.

Identical Facebook and Twitter posts about busloads of antifa protesters also stumped the Sioux Falls Police Department, where officers in the South Dakota city said they didn't see any unusual bus activity in town. But the claims still spread for days ahead of a planned protest this Saturday, said Sam Clemens, a public information officer for the department.

"Everyone heard there were going to be buses of people," Clemens said. "It was very specific: there were three busloads."

Even the owner of a Michigan limousine business was forced to refute online rumors when two of his buses became the center of a conspiracy theory that liberal financier George Soros was funneling protesters to Milan, Michigan. Social media users widely shared a manipulated photo of his white buses, edited to show the words "Soros Riot Dance squad" emblazoned on the sides.

The buses belong to Sean Duval, the owner of local transportation company Golden Limousine International, and don't have any words printed on them.

Said Duval: "It's frustrating when people from the outside start instigating and try to turn American against American."

Associated Press writers Barbara Ortutay in Oakland, Calif., Beatrice Dupuy in New York and Ali Swenson in Seattle contributed to this report.

Joe Biden wins Democratic presidential primary in South Dakota

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South Dakota Supreme Court selects next chief justice

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court announced Tuesday that it has selected a new chief justice to oversee the state's court system.

The judges who sit on the state Supreme Court chose their colleague Justice Steven R. Jensen to take the state's top judicial job after Chief Justice David E. Gilbertson retires in January. Jensen has served on the Supreme Court since 2017 when he was appointed by former Gov. Dennis Daugaard, a Republican.

Jensen said in a statement, "We need no reminder today that we continue to face challenges ahead, but I am truly looking forward to serving the people of South Dakota as Chief Justice."

Gov. Kristi Noem congratulated Jensen on the appointment, while also saying that he had "some big

shoes to fill" with the departure of Gilbertson, who has served 19 years as chief justice.

Minnehaha County jail inmate died of meth overdose

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A woman held at the Minnehaha County jail died last month from a meth overdose, according to information from the county coroner released on Tuesday.

Warden Mike Mattson said that Jordin Eichmann removed a substance concealed in her body and ingested it shortly after 2:15 a.m. on May 13. Eichmann, 31, was found unresponsive in her cell later that morning.

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The comments served as a reminder that Biden may have no legitimate Democratic rivals remaining but must still win over skeptical activists from his party's far-left flank, who worry he's too close to the political establishment.

Party unity was an afterthought this week, however, as more immediate health and safety concerns dominated the national conversation. The coronavirus death toll has surged past 100,000 nationwide, and thousands of new cases are reported each day.

At the same time, several major cities, particularly Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia among those voting Tuesday, struggled to contain protests and related looting that led to thousands of arrests.

Some voters said Trump's increasingly tough tone toward protesters inspired them to participate in the democratic process. Nicholas Autiello, who works in finance in Rhode Island, said he was disturbed by

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police driving back peaceful demonstrators near the White House on Monday.

"Last night, we have a president who is acting like a dictator," Autiello said. "So being able to come out here this morning and fill in a circle next to a name for someone who I know will restore honor and decency to the presidency was so important."

Political groups have had to adjust as some states move to a system that relies largely on voting by mail. They include Montana, where all 56 counties decided to vote entirely by mail, despite Trump's repeated warning against it. Voting rights watchdogs in multiple states on Tuesday expressed concerns about access to mail ballots, confusion about deadlines and a shortage of poll workers that led to long lines.

"We are in unique times, and voting is a unique challenge for people," said Josh Schwerin, chief strategist for the pro-Democrat super PAC Priorities USA. He said that his organization and others would be watching closely on Tuesday "to see how well it works, where issues are and where obstacles have been put in place."

Those voting Tuesday included the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and South Dakota. Two other states holding primary elections on Tuesday, Idaho and Iowa, chose their presidential nominee early in the year.

In Iowa, Republican Rep. Steve King, known nationally for controversial remarks, lost his bid to be nominated for a 10th term to state Sen. Randy Feenstra. House Republicans stripped King of his committee assignments in 2019 after comments that seemed to defend white nationalism, providing fuel for Feenstra's argument that King was no longer an effective representative for the 4th District.

In a New Mexico race for an open House seat, ex-CIA operative Valerie Plame lost the Democratic primary to attorney Teresa Leger Fernandez, a professional advocate for Native American communities and voting rights issues. A first-time candidate for public office, Plame harnessed her fame as the operative whose secret identity was exposed shortly after her diplomat husband disputed U.S. intelligence used to justify the 2003 Iraq invasion.

Associated Press writer Rodrique Ngowi in Providence, R.I., and Terry Spencer in West Palm Beach, Fla., contributed to this report.

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South Dakota reports 33 new COVID-19 cases, no deaths

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota reported 33 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday and no new deaths, according to the Department of Health.

The new cases bring the state's total case count to 5,067, but 80% of those have recovered. 1,015 people still have active cases of COVID-19, and 62 people have died from the virus.

Over the past two weeks, the rolling average number of daily new cases has remained mostly constant around 64 per day. There has been a further downward trend in the last two days.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

Report: Child disparities highest in US South, West

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS Associated Press

RIO RANCHO, N.M. (AP) — Childhood disparities around malnutrition, graduation rates, and early deaths are worst among rural, black-majority counties in the American South and isolated counties with Native American populations, according to a new report.

Those inequities put these populations more at risk for the novel coronavirus, the report by Save the Children concludes.

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"The Land of Inopportunity: Closing the Childhood Equity Gap for America's Kids" report released Tuesday found that children in the most disadvantaged counties die at rates up to five times of children in the same state. Children in those counties also are 14 times as likely to drop out of school and are three times as likely to lack healthy food and consistent meals, the report said.

Using federal data from 2018 and examining more 2,600 counties and their equivalents, the report found that about a third of the 50 worst counties are majority African American and a quarter are majority Native American.

The counties and census areas of Kusilvak (Alaska), Todd (South Dakota), Madison (Louisiana), Carson (South Dakota), and Bethel (Alaska) were the five worst-ranked, the report found. Todd County lies entirely within the Rosebud Indian Reservation and Madison Parish is 61% black.

"These are just stunning statistics," said Mark K. Shriver, senior vice president of U.S. programs & advocacy at Save the Children. "Children growing up rural areas, for instance, are more likely to die before their first birthday at a rate to 20% than in large urban areas."

The inequality comes from the lack of early childhood education, health care, and job training options in those areas, the report said.

So far, children in some of the poor counties cited in the report live among the areas hardest hit by COVID-19. New Mexico's McKinley County, which sits on the Navajo Nation — a tribe suffering amid the pandemic — is ranked near the bottom in child hunger and graduation rates.

According to the report, Louisiana, Mississippi, and New Mexico are the lowest-ranked states for these childhood disparities.

New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire earned the highest marks.

Save the Children recommends states and local governments invest more in early childhood education programs.

The report comes more than a half-century after the late U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy — Shriver's uncle — embarked on a tour across the country to highlight the nation's most impoverished regions. Kennedy visited Mississippi and South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and was transformed by the hunger and inequality he saw.

It also comes more than a half-century after President Lyndon Johnson's Kerner Commission report, which sought to examine urban poverty and riots across the nation.

Former U.S. Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma, the last surviving member of the Kerner Commission, said he's not surprised by the report since the number of U.S. residents in poverty has grown in 50 years.

"And most of that growth in poverty has been among children," Harris said from his home in Corrales, New Mexico. "This is a great unfairness in our system."

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Rapid City police warn armed civilians not to help officers

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police say civilians organizing armed patrols in an attempt to help law enforcement deal with potentially violent protests over the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis will actually hinder officers.

Representatives from the Rapid City Police Department and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office met with several dozen members of the Defend RCPD/Rapid City Facebook group who had gathered outside the Rushmore Mall Monday. Some carried handguns on their belts.

Police Lt. Andy Becker said armed civilians patrolling businesses could actually encourage protesters who had no plans to show up. He said officers don't want anyone trying to do their jobs, the Rapid City Journal reported.

"We need to be able to do our job, to contain the problem and issue, and having folks threatening to take matters into their own hands actually only makes it harder for us to do the job," he said.

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The Police Department said on its social media pages Monday afternoon that it had "found no evidence to substantiate" social media rumors "about out-of-state looters/rioters coming to Rapid City."

The Facebook group was organized by Kenneth Dirk, 38, of Rapid City. Dirk said he supports peaceful protests, but not the violence that has erupted in some communities.

"That sparks a concern because I don't want to see that happen here," he said.

Floyd, who was black, died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against Floyd's neck as Floyd struggled to breathe and eventually became motionless. Derek Chauvin has been charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. He and three other officers at the scene have been fired.

AP sources: White House softens on sending troops to states

By ZEKE MILLER, JONATHAN LEMIRE, MICHAEL BALSAMO and JAMES LAPORTA Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After threatening states that he would dispatch the military to quell protests, President Donald Trump appeared to be privately backing off, with White House officials saying the response to demonstrations across the country indicated that local governments should be able to restore order themselves.

The shift came as protests in Washington and other cities over police brutality against minorities proceeded Tuesday with relative calm, a striking contrast to the harsh crackdowns outside the White House on Monday night. The president wanted to make the aggressive action in the nation's capital an example for the rest of the country, a senior White House official said Tuesday.

The Defense Department has drafted contingency plans for deploying active-duty military if needed. Pentagon documents reviewed by The Associated Press showed plans for soldiers from an Army division to protect the White House and other federal buildings if the security situation in the nation's capital were to deteriorate and the National Guard could not secure the facilities.

But interest in exerting that extraordinary federal authority appeared to be waning in the White House. Though the crackdown on the Washington demonstrations was praised by some Trump supporters Tuesday, a handful of Republicans expressed concern that law enforcement officers risked violating the protesters' First Amendment rights. Trump's defense secretary also distanced himself from Trump's decision to walk across Lafayette Park for a photo opportunity at a church after the demonstrators had been cleared.

Pentagon Chief Mark Esper, who walked with Trump to St. John's Church on Monday evening, insisted he did not know the president's destination.

"I didn't know where I was going," Esper told NBC News. He said he had expected to view damage to a bathroom facility that had been vandalized in Lafayette Park, across from the White House, and talk with National Guard troops positioned there.

Protests have sprung up following the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pinned him down and pressed Floyd's neck with his knee. Violent demonstrations have raged in scores of American cities, a level of unrest unseen for decades.

The situation in Washington escalated Monday, becoming a potent symbol of Trump's policing tactics and a physical manifestation of the rhetorical culture war he has stoked since before he was elected. Nearly 30 minutes before a 7 p.m. curfew in Washington, U.S. Park Police repelled protesters with what they said were smoke canisters and pepper balls.

"D.C. had no problems last night. Many arrests. Great job done by all. Overwhelming force. Domination," Trump tweeted Tuesday, after a night in which heavily armed military forces and federal officers swarmed the city. Trump added, "(thank you President Trump!)."

The clampdown followed a weekend of demonstrations outside the White House. Trump had been furious about images juxtaposing fires set in the park outside the executive mansion with a darkened White House in the background, according to current and former campaign and administration officials. He was

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also angry about the news coverage revealing he had been rushed to the White House bunker during Friday's protests.

In a Monday address in the Rose Garden, he called on governors to ramp up the National Guard presence to tamp down the protests. If they didn't, Trump said, he would dispatch the military to their states — a step rarely taken in modern American history.

The federal government has provided affected states with a list of National Guard resources available to them, the White House official said. The official added that Trump's message to governors was that if they don't use all the tools in their arsenal, they shouldn't expect a sympathetic response to any request for federal dollars to help with cleanup and recovery down.

On Monday, 715 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division arrived in the capital area in case the situation in Washington escalated. They are stationed at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland and Fort Belvoir in Virginia. Two more 82nd Airborne battalions, totaling 1,300 soldiers, are on standby at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, according to documents reviewed by the AP. The plan is named Operation Themis.

The soldiers on standby in the Washington area are armed and have riot gear and bayonets. After the AP first reported the issuing of bayonets Tuesday, orders came down that soldiers would not need the knife-like weapons that can be affixed to rifles, according to two soldiers from the 82nd who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear they would be punished for commenting publicly. The idea that bayonets could be used in confronting civilians provoked an outcry on social media and among some members of Congress.

Administration officials were privately acknowledging that Monday's events didn't serve the administration well. Some Republican lawmakers, typically in lockstep with the president or at least refrain from publicly criticizing him, said Trump had gone too far in appearing to use force to clear the way for his visit to the church.

"There is no right to riot, no right to destroy others' property, and no right to throw rocks at police," said Nebraska Republican Sen. Ben Sasse. "But there is a fundamental — a constitutional — right to protest, and I'm against clearing out a peaceful protest for a photo op that treats the Word of God as a political prop."

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, said of Trump posing for photos holding up a Bible, "I just wish he opened it once in a while."

It was Attorney General William Barr who gave the order for law enforcement to clear out the protest before Trump's walk to the church ahead of Washington's 7 p.m. curfew. A person familiar with the matter said the decision was made earlier Monday, but had not been executed by the time Barr arrived in Lafayette Park to survey the scene. He verbally gave the order at that time.

After the demonstrators had been pushed out of the park, Trump emerged from the White House with several officials, including Esper and Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Senior defense officials told reporters Milley was also not aware that the Park Police and law enforcement had made a decision to clear the square or that Trump intended to visit the church. They had been in Washington to coordinate with federal law enforcement officials but were diverted to the White House to brief Trump on military preparations, the officials said.

The White House, Defense, campaign officials and others with knowledge of Monday's events all insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Lemire reported from New York and LaPorta reported from Delray Beach, Florida. Sarah Blake Morgan in West Jefferson, North Carolina, contributed.

The Latest: Thousands gathered peacefully in St. Paul, Minn

By The Associated Press undefined

The Latest on the May 25 death in Minneapolis of George Floyd, a handcuffed black man who pleaded for air as a white police officer pressed a knee on his neck:

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Several thousand people congregated at the state capitol in St. Paul for a peaceful protest Tuesday, organized by high school students in metro area.

The sit-in on the capitol’s front lawn and steps was in contrast to the civil unrest that has roiled the Twin Cities since the death of George Floyd.

Army National Guard soldiers handed out bottled water during the protest.

Also, faith leaders from several congregations marched with hundreds past the ruins of burned businesses to the boarded up Target store, which was the epicenter of protesting and looting last week.

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell and St. Paul Fire Chief Butch Inks walked alongside clergy members during the march, the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported.

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa’s government is calling on security forces in the United States to use “maximum restraint” in responding to the protests over the killing of George Floyd.

The statement cites Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor as saying that just as Americans supported South Africa in its struggle against apartheid, “South Africa, too, supports the clarion calls for practical action to address the inadequacies highlighted by protesters.”

The statement also warns that the violence marking some of the protests in the U.S. “seriously detracts from drawing international awareness to the legitimate concerns about violence against defenseless black people and other minorities in America.”

The statement ends by expressing the belief that the U.S., “a beacon of freedom for many worldwide, has the ability to directly focus on healing and peace.”

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran’s supreme leader has assailed Washington in the wake of George Floyd’s killing for its allegedly duplicitous policies when it comes to upholding human rights.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei claimed that in America, “they kill people in an open crime, and they do not offer an apology while claiming (to support) human rights.”

Khamenei, who has final say on all state matters, added: “Apparently, the African American man who was killed there was not a human being.”

Khamenei’s remarks came in a speech on Wednesday marking the anniversary of the 1989 death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. The televised speech came as the country cancelled an annual massive commemoration for Khomeini due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Khamenei described Floyd’s death, including how he repeatedly said “I can’t breathe.” Khamenei added “this is nothing new. This is the American nature. This is what Americans have been doing to the whole world.”

In Iran, which in November put down nationwide demonstrations by killing hundreds, arresting thousands and disrupting internet access, state television has repeatedly aired images of the U.S. unrest.

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis says he has “witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest” in the United States in reaction to the killing of George Floyd, and called for national reconciliation.

“My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life,” the pope said during his weekly Wednesday audience, held in the presence of bishops due to coronavirus restrictions on gatherings.

At the same time, the pontiff warned “nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.”

Francis said he was praying “for the repose of George Floyd and all those who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism” and issued his condolences for all those who grieve their loss. He called for national reconciliation and peace.

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Several hundred people broke away from a massive peaceful protest in Portland, Oregon, late Tuesday and engaged in a confrontation with police officers guarding a public building.

Police Chief Jami Resch said in a video message posted on Twitter that members of the smaller group tried to tear down fencing set up to protect a facility that holds the police headquarters and a county jail and threw bottles, bats and mortars at officers.

Police declared an unlawful assembly and set off flash-bang grenades and tear gas.

It wasn't clear how many arrests, if any, had been made.

The violence was in stark contrast to a rally and march earlier in the evening. Thousands of people laid down on a major bridge spanning the Willamette River for nine minutes and their bodies covered almost the entire span of the bridge.

The crowd then proceeded to Pioneer Courthouse Square for a peaceful rally before the much smaller group broke away.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler canceled an 8 p.m. curfew earlier Tuesday after praising protestors for Monday night's demonstration, which was largely peaceful.

NEW YORK — At least 9,300 people have been arrested in protests around the country since the killing of George Floyd, according to a tally by The Associated Press.

Los Angeles has recorded 2,700 arrests since the protests, followed by New York with about 1,500. Police in Dallas, Houston and Philadelphia have also arrested several hundred people.

The count reflects how much police activity has surrounded the protests that have engulfed cities from coast to coast.

Floyd was an African American man who was killed by a police officer who pressed a knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes, even as he pleaded that he couldn't breathe.

NEW YORK -- Thousands of demonstrators protesting the death of George Floyd remained on New York City streets on Tuesday after an 8 p.m. curfew put in place by officials struggling to stanch destruction and growing complaints that the nation's biggest city was reeling out of control night after night.

Mayor Bill de Blasio had doubled down on a citywide curfew, moving it up from 11 p.m. a night earlier, but rejected urging from President Donald Trump and an offer from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to bring in the National Guard.

Protests had resumed Tuesday during the day over the death of Floyd, a black man who died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee on his neck even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

People marched in groups of thousands in parts of Manhattan and Brooklyn, as merchants boarded up their businesses. As the the curfew time arrived, many were still in the streets and continued marching, with officers initially standing by and allowing them.

But officers started ordering people to move along, and began taking people into custody. Demonstrators who had been on the West Side Highway in lower Manhattan were herded off, with parts of the roadway blocked off behind them.

"Something has to break, and it's not going to be us," said Evan Kutcher, one of hundreds of demonstrators who stood outside the Barclays Center chanting Floyd's name Tuesday evening. "We're here because something needs to change."

WASHINGTON — The protest in the nation's capital on Tuesday night was peaceful and polite, in contrast to the previous nights' demonstrations.

The crowd outside Lafayette Park near the White House protested the death of George Floyd while in police custody in Minnesota.

Instead of the spray-painted tags, the protesters Tuesday favored colorful children's street chalk, writing Black Lives Matter slogans on the asphalt in front of St. John's Church.

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Protesters chanted and talked among themselves, most wearing masks, but not keeping to social distancing for the coronavirus. One protester, Mati Yiheyis, a 21-year-old college student at the University of Virginia, speculated that fears of coronavirus kept many older people away.

When one protester climbed a lamp post and removed a street sign he was roundly booed.

"It's not what we're about," said protester George "T.J." Pierce of Washington.

The crowd started thinning out on its own after 8 p.m., an hour after a curfew went into place, although a core group of several hundred remained at the fence, chanting at the line of police and soldiers in riot gear on the other side.

On Monday, law enforcement officers on foot and horseback aggressively drove protesters away from Lafayette Park, clearing the way for President Donald Trump to do a photo op at St. John's Church.

LOS ANGELES -- Thousands have taken to the streets of Los Angeles in peaceful protests Tuesday, and smaller demonstrations dotted other California cities while authorities renewed overnight curfews in LA and other areas that have seen clashes with police and groups of thieves wreck hundreds of businesses.

There were several sizable demonstrations in Los Angeles and Mayor Eric Garcetti took a knee at one while in a crowd outside police headquarters. However, later in the day, hundreds gathered outside the mayor's house and protested.

Elsewhere in the city, police cordons backed by National Guard troops kept a tight watch on marchers in Hollywood, where hundreds were arrested a day earlier, and at a crowd of thousands at City Hall.

In San Francisco, a mass of people marched up the Great Highway along San Francisco's Ocean Beach. At San Jose's City Hall, several hundred people showed up for a demonstration and speeches organized by the local branch of the NAACP.

San Francisco Police Chief William Scott asked supervisors Tuesday to keep an overnight curfew order for at least the "next few days" to get ahead of people bent on using peaceful protests to pilfer stores and commit violence. Mayor London Breed ordered the 8 p.m. curfew Sunday following a night of thefts downtown.

MELBOURNE, Australia — Police are urging thousands of demonstrators planning to attend a protest rally in Australia's second-largest city over George Floyd's death to reconsider due to social distancing rules.

Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner Luke Cornelius on Wednesday described the rally planned for Saturday as the largest mass gathering in Melbourne since pandemic restrictions were introduced in March.

Public gatherings are limited to 20 people in Victoria state, and people must keep 1.5 meters (5 feet) apart.

Australia has recorded 7,221 coronavirus cases with 26 in hospitals on Wednesday. There have been 102 deaths.

Cornelius did not say whether police plan to fine protesters, but told reporters that "police would prefer people obey the law."

Police have not enforced social distancing regulations when thousands gathered peacefully in Sydney and Perth in solidarity with U.S. demonstrators and to protest against the over-representation of indigenous Australians in prisons.

Protesters attempted to get around social distancing rules by demonstrating over an unrelated issue in their cars in Melbourne in April. But police fined 26 of them 1,652 Australian dollars (\$1,145) each and arrested their organizer for breaching a ban on non-essential travel. That ban has since been lifted.

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis school board has voted to end its contract with the Minneapolis Police Department following the death last week of George Floyd.

The Star Tribune reports the vote was unanimous Tuesday.

Minneapolis Public Schools will stop further negotiations with the Police Department. Schools Superintendent Ed Graff must come up with a new plan for school safety by the board's Aug. 18 meeting.

School board chairwoman Kim Ellison said in an interview that she values "people and education and life." Ellison said she's now convinced, "based on the actions of the Minneapolis Police Department, that we don't have the same values."

The Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts have faced criticism over the use of school resource officers. Both districts have sought to transform the role to be more of a mentor than an enforcer.

Friends mourn ex-Indiana football player slain during unrest

By COREY WILLIAMS and RICK CALLAHAN Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — To those who knew former Indiana University football player Chris Beaty, it was no surprise that he would participate in a protest over the death of George Floyd.

That a man they saw as a "gentle giant" who brought positivity everywhere he went would turn up dead in an alley after a peaceful demonstration turned violent was unfathomable.

"He promoted peace and understanding and love every way that he could," said Michael Cranfill, a restaurant and craft beer taproom owner. "He is someone, I think, who would take every opportunity he could to bring people together."

Beaty's body was found Saturday night not far from his apartment, one of two people fatally shot after violence erupted during an Indianapolis protest.

The death of the man who was known as Mr. Indianapolis because of his unwavering support and enthusiasm for the city was just one of several in the U.S. during a week of protest and unrest since Floyd died May 25 after a white Minneapolis officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes even after the handcuffed black man stopped moving and pleading for air. Others slain include a Louisville, Kentucky, restaurant owner who was shot by authorities trying to disperse a crowd; a federal officer in Oakland, California, who was shot at a courthouse by someone in a passing vehicle; and a man shot outside a pawn shop in Minneapolis.

Police in Indianapolis did not release details Tuesday of Beaty's slaying.

Arely Elrod said she met Beaty about a decade ago through mutual friends who would attend local events together.

"He was so selfless and always so positive," said Elrod, who owns a cleaning service. "He felt like there was always a need in a time of hatred. He was always the one to make sure he made a difference."

Beaty, 38, graduated from Indianapolis Cathedral High School and played defensive lineman at Indiana University from 2000 to 2004. Since then, he had become a business owner in Indianapolis.

"The news of the passing of Chris Beaty is just devastating," Indiana head football coach Tom Allen said in a statement. "Since I returned home to coach at Indiana, Chris embraced me, encouraged me and supported me! His passion for life and Indiana Football energized me every time we were together."

The school said Beaty had been president of Fresh Marketing LLC. A May 4 post on Beaty's Facebook page said that he and his team had created a reusable and washable cloth facemask with a filter for people to use during the coronavirus pandemic.

"As the realization that life is changing set in from sitting on the couch during quarantine, I figured out a way to be proactive and help people during these COVID-19 times," the post read. "If you're going back to work and looking for a solution to your 'new normal' please keep us in mind."

Beaty also owned and operated nightclubs and recently sold some of his businesses, said Cranfill, who added that when he opened his own restaurant in downtown Indianapolis Beaty asked how they could work together to grow the community.

"He was a gentle giant, the kind of guy that would just draw you in with his energy," said Cranfill, 37. "He had the most amazing smile, would give you a big hug. He exuded care for his community — someone who brought everyone together."

Cranfill called Beaty a leader, not just for African Americans in the community, but for all of Indianapolis.

"I prayed and said, 'Let his memory be the unifying moment to stop this violence, for us to come together, lay down our differences and for people to begin to heal and hear each other,'" Cranfill said.

Williams reported from West Bloomfield, Michigan.

UN: Yemen programs fighting virus might stop by end of June

By SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The United Nations warned Wednesday that its programs to fight the coronavirus in war-torn Yemen might have to stop by the end the month unless they get an immediate injection of cash.

The warning comes a day after a U.N. appeal for countries to fund emergency aid in the Arab world's poorest nation fell a billion dollars short of what aid agencies needed — \$2.41 billion — to cover essential activities from June to December.

"This will severely handicap efforts to contain the outbreak, which is already spreading rapidly," said Hayat Abu Saleh, a spokesperson for the U.N. Officer for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

At least 31 major U.N. programs in Yemen, covering essentially every sector, from food to health care and nutrition, were at a "serious risk of significant reduction or closure," she said.

The coronavirus is threatening to decimate Yemen's health care system, already ravaged by more than five years of civil war. Abu Saleh predicted the U.N. would likely start winding down some of its disease outbreak and control programs next month, including efforts to contain cholera, malaria and dengue fever, among other diseases.

These programs help to protect 18 million people, she said. Abu Saleh also voiced concerns about 360,000 children suffering from severe malnutrition that the U.N. is trying to assist. "Without new funds, these programs will see severe cuts starting in July," she said.

Tuesday's conference raised \$1.35 billion — half of what is needed and half of the \$2.6 billion that countries pledged at the same conference last year.

Saudi Arabia, which co-hosted this year's U.N. pledging event, said it would pay half a billion dollars in aid for Yemen, \$300 million of which will be funneled to the U.N. and related aid agencies. It was the largest amount pledged by any country.

Key factor contributing to the dwindling funds is obstruction by Yemen's Houthi rebels, who control the capital, Sanaa, and most of the country's north. The United States decreased its aid to Yemen earlier this year, citing interference by the Houthis.

Separately, Jan Egeland, the secretary general of the Norwegian Refugee Council, also called for the money pledged on Tuesday to be "disbursed immediately" and urged warring parties to stop fighting and focus their efforts to fight the pandemic.

"Donors who failed to put their hands in their pockets must step up," he said.

"But money alone is not enough," Egeland added. "These pledges are worth little if people are still fleeing from bombs and crossfire and their hospitals attacked."

Since April, authorities in areas controlled by Yemen's internationally recognized government have reported around 400 coronavirus cases, including 87 deaths. The Iran-backed rebel Houthis have declared only four cases, including one death.

The World Health Organization believes that there is significant underestimation of the outbreak, which could further hinder efforts to get supplies into Yemen needed to contain the virus.

Yemen's civil war erupted in 2014, when the Houthi rebels captured Sanaa, forcing the internationally recognized government to flee. In the spring of 2015, a U.S.-backed, Saudi-led coalition began a destructive air campaign to dislodge the Houthis while imposing a land, sea and air embargo on Yemen.

The conflict has killed more than 100,000 people and driven 4 million Yemenis from their homes. Cholera epidemics and severe malnutrition among children have led to thousands of additional deaths.

US Legislatures slow to pass laws limiting use of force

By JULIE CARR SMYTH Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A wave of police killings of young black men in 2014 prompted 24 states to quickly pass some type of law enforcement reform, but many declined to address the most glaring issue: police use of force. Six years later, only about a third of states have passed laws on the question.

The issue is at the heart of nationwide protests set off by the May 25 death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a white police officer in Minneapolis pressed a knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes while he pleaded for air.

Now, some lawmakers and governors are hoping to harness the renewed wave of anger to push through changes on the use of force they couldn't manage after 2014, a year that included the deaths at the hands of police of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, Eric Garner in New York and 12-year-old Tamir Rice in Cleveland.

"We're absolutely at a point in time where we have to do more," said Maryland state Del. Vanessa Aterbear, a Democrat who will chair a working group announced this week that will take up use-of-force standards for that state.

Pushback from politically influential law enforcement unions prompted some states' use-of-force proposals to stall, while others have opted for voluntary programs to change policing practices. In some states, lawmakers have even broadened the powers of police, such as increasing penalties for those who attack officers or, as in Tennessee and Utah, limiting the power of independent review boards that investigate police conduct.

As of August 2018, at least 16 states had passed use-of-force laws, according to the nonpartisan National Conference of State Legislatures. A handful of those directly restricted what police could do. In Utah and Missouri, for example, force used by officers must be "reasonable and necessary." Colorado has banned chokeholds, the maneuver used on Garner.

Other laws created task forces to set new standards, boosted training or improved tracking of officers' use of guns and deadly force.

In 2014, Republican-led Wisconsin became the first state in the country to enact a law requiring outside investigations when people die in police custody — a law supported by the state's largest police union.

This week, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers asked the Legislature to go further and pass a bill that would require law enforcement agencies to minimize the use of force and prioritize preserving life. In New Jersey, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy and the attorney general said Tuesday they will update state guidelines governing police use of force for the first time in two decades.

Despite the sense in many places that this moment could produce real change, challenges remain.

Police unions have often resisted attempts to restrict officers' use of deadly force and are politically potent in most states.

Paige Fernandez, a policing policy adviser at the ACLU, said many unions "have convinced themselves that police are unable to protect themselves if they value the bodily integrity and personal lives of the people they are supposed to be serving."

The National Fraternal Order of Police issued a statement acknowledging there is "no doubt" Floyd's death has diminished public trust in police.

"Police officers need to treat all of our citizens with respect and understanding and should be held to the very highest standards for their conduct," the organization said.

Since 2016, groups representing police nationwide have contributed \$1.3 million directly to candidates for governor and attorney general and given at least another \$1 million for independent expenditures that advocate for or against candidates for all state-level offices, according to an Associated Press analysis of data collected by the National Institute on Money in Politics.

Much of that money has been spent in California, where unions initially defeated reforms before the state enacted a pair of laws last year. One allows police to use lethal force only when necessary to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious injury to officers or bystanders. The second requires ad-

ditional officer training.

The California debate was driven in part by the fatal 2018 shooting by Sacramento police of 22-year-old Stephon Clark, who was clutching a cellphone that officers said they mistook for a weapon.

The shooting in Ohio of Rice, whose toy Airsoft gun officers said they mistook for a real one, contributed to then-Gov. John Kasich creating the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

In 2015, the board adopted statewide standards limiting use of deadly force by police officers to defending themselves or others from serious injury or death. The state's Republican-led Legislature opted against turning those recommendations into law, leaving police agencies to comply voluntarily.

Karhlton Moore, who leads the Ohio Department of Public Safety division that oversees the standards, said roughly three-quarters of Ohio residents now live in areas covered by police agencies that are either certified or in the process of being certified as upholding the standards.

But Ohio House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes, a Democrat who is black, criticized Republican lawmakers this week for failing to enact laws recommended by Kasich's task force, saying their actions "show us time and time again that black lives do not matter."

Ohio Democrats want immediate reforms addressing racism and inequality.

In Pennsylvania, a package of bills seeking to limit the justifications for the use of deadly force by police has stalled in the state's Republican-controlled Legislature.

But changing the law isn't enough, said Democratic Rep. Summer Lee, a chief sponsor of the bills who represents East Pittsburgh. Police around the nation have condemned the way Floyd was restrained.

Inherent racism must be dealt with as well, said Lee, who is black.

She said some lawmakers were paying lip service to the necessity of fighting racism — but weren't taking action.

"We have bills — we have tangible things the Legislature can do today," Lee said.

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Cyclone lashes India's business capital; 100,000 evacuated

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MUMBAI, India (AP) — A cyclone made landfall Wednesday south of India's financial capital of Mumbai, with a storm surge threatening to flood beaches and low-lying slums as city authorities struggled to contain the coronavirus pandemic.

Live TV coverage showed inky black clouds framing the sea on India's western coastline. Trees swayed wildly as rain pounded the coastal towns and villages of the central state of Maharashtra.

In the state capital, Mumbai — home to Bollywood, India's largest stock exchange and more than 18 million residents — high winds whipped skyscrapers and ripped apart shanty houses near the beach.

Mumbai hadn't been hit by a cyclone in more than a century, raising concerns about its readiness.

Some 10,000 city-dwellers were evacuated from their homes, municipal officials said. With powerful storms a rarity, there were no preexisting cyclone shelters, and many of the city's large and sturdy buildings had already been converted into COVID-19 isolation or treatment facilities, National Disaster Response Force spokesman Krishan Kumar said.

"We moved people to other strong buildings where there is a supply of water," he said.

In the hours before the storm hit India's shores, drivers and peddlers deserted Mumbai's iconic Marine Drive, fishermen yanked their nets out of the wavy Arabian Sea and police shooed people away from beaches.

Homes in city slums were boarded up and abandoned, and municipal officials patrolled the streets, using

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bullhorns to order people to stay inside.

Cyclone Nisarga was forecast to drop heavy rains and sustained winds of 100 to 110 kilometers (62 to 68 miles) per hour through Wednesday afternoon after slamming ashore near the city of Alibag, about 98 kilometers (60 miles) south of Mumbai, India's Meteorological Department said.

At Alibag, visuals shared on Twitter by India's disaster agency showed toppled carts, roads scattered with fallen trees and tin roofs ripped apart.

The state of Goa, south of Maharashtra, already had received 127 millimeters (5 inches) of torrential rain — about a week's average, the agency said.

Some 100,000 people were evacuated from low-lying areas in Maharashtra and neighboring Gujarat, according to the Press Trust of India news agency. Both states, already among the hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic, activated disaster response teams, fearing extensive flooding could further impair overwhelmed health systems.

"If hospitals and clinics are damaged by the cyclone, the city won't be able to cope with the large number of COVID-19 cases, and social distancing measures will become virtually impossible to follow," Bidisha Pillai, chief executive of Save the Children in India, said in a statement.

Some 200 COVID-19 patients in Mumbai were moved from a field hospital built beneath a tent to another facility to avoid the risk of strong wind gusts, officials said.

S.N. Pradhan, director of India's National Disaster Response Force, said that evacuations were nearly complete and that social distancing norms were being followed in cyclone shelters.

"Let us fight this danger like we are standing up to the corona pandemic and are on our way to defeat it. Likewise, we will prevail over this situation too!" Maharashtra's top official, Chief Minister Uddhav Balasheb Thackeray, tweeted.

The cyclone also threatened to worsen prospects for an economic turnaround as a nine-week coronavirus lockdown began to ease this week. India has reported more than 200,000 cases and 5,800 deaths due to the virus, and epidemiologists predict that the peak is still weeks away.

Maharashtra, which accounts for more than a third of India's cases, has seen the rate of infection slow in recent days, below India's national average.

Some special trains departing from Mumbai that for weeks have carried millions of economic migrants who lost their jobs in the lockdown were rescheduled, and newly restored domestic airline travel was postponed.

Nisarga comes just two weeks after Cyclone Amphan tore through the Bay of Bengal on India's east coast and battered West Bengal state, killing more than 100 people in India and neighboring Bangladesh.

Such storms are less common in the Arabian Sea than on India's east coast, and usually form later in the year. But Nisarga may represent the ways in which the warming of oceans due to climate change is already altering lives, experts said.

The frequency of cyclones in the Arabian Sea is predicted to increase, said Adam Sobel, a climate scientist at Columbia University.

The temperature of the top layer of the sea, from which the cyclone draws its energy, is "unusually high," said K.J. Ramesh, former chief of India's Meteorological Department. Much more frequent and intense cyclones have been appearing over a shorter time in recent years due to climate change, he said.

"Forecasting such storms becomes a challenge," he said.

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Nation's streets calmest in days, protests largely peaceful

By ZEKE MILLER and TIM SULLIVAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Protests were largely peaceful and the nation's streets were calmer than they have been in days since the killing of George Floyd set off sometimes violent demonstrations against police brutality and injustice against African Americans.

An earlier curfew and efforts by protesters to contain the violence prevented more widespread damage to businesses in New York City overnight. As of Wednesday morning, arrests grew to more than 9,000 nationwide since the unrest began in response to Floyd's death May 25 in Minneapolis.

There was a marked quiet compared with the unrest of the past few nights, which included fires and shootings in some cities. Many cities intensified their curfews, with authorities in Washington also ordering people off streets before sundown.

A block away from the White House, thousands of demonstrators massed following a crackdown a day earlier when officers on foot and horseback aggressively drove peaceful protesters away from Lafayette Park, clearing the way for President Donald Trump to do a photo op at nearby St. John's Church. Tuesday's protesters faced law enforcement personnel who stood behind a black chain-link fence put up overnight to block access to the park.

"Last night pushed me way over the edge," said Jessica DeMaio, 40, of Washington, who attended a Floyd protest Tuesday for the first time. "Being here is better than being at home feeling helpless."

Pastors at the church prayed with demonstrators and handed out water bottles. The crowd remained in place after the city's 7 p.m. curfew passed, defying warnings that the response from law enforcement could be even more forceful. But the people were peaceful, even polite. At one point, the crowd booed when a protester climbed a light post and took down a street sign. A chant went up: "Peaceful protest!"

Pope Francis called for national reconciliation and peace, saying he has "witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest" in the United States in recent days.

"My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life," the pope said during his weekly Wednesday audience, held in the presence of bishops due to coronavirus restrictions on gatherings.

Trump, meanwhile, amplified his hard-line calls from Monday, when he threatened to send in the military to restore order if governors didn't do it.

"NYC, CALL UP THE NATIONAL GUARD," he tweeted. "The lowlifes and losers are ripping you apart. Act fast!"

Thousands of people remained in the streets of New York City Tuesday night, undeterred by an 8 p.m. curfew, though most streets were clear by early Wednesday. Midtown Manhattan was pocked with battered storefronts after Monday's protests.

Protests also passed across the U.S., including in Los Angeles, Miami, St. Paul, Minnesota, Columbia, South Carolina and Houston, where the police chief talked to peaceful demonstrators, vowing reforms.

"God as my witness, change is coming," Art Acevedo said. "And we're going to do it the right way."

More than 20,000 National Guard members have been called up in 29 states to deal with the violence. Not in New York City, where Mayor Bill de Blasio has said he does not want the Guard, despite an offer from Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

On Tuesday, Cuomo called what happened in the city Monday night "a disgrace."

"The NYPD and the mayor did not do their job," Cuomo said at a briefing in Albany.

He said his fellow Democrat underestimated the problem, and the nation's largest police force was not deployed in sufficient numbers, though the city had said it doubled the usual police presence.

Tuesday marked the eighth straight night of protests that began after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against Floyd's neck while the handcuffed black man called out that he couldn't breathe. The officer, Derek Chauvin, has been fired and charged with murder.

The mother of George Floyd's 6-year-old daughter, Gianna, said she wants the world to know that her little girl lost a good father.

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"I want everybody to know that this is what those officers took," Roxie Washington said during a Minneapolis news conference, her daughter at her side. "I want justice for him because he was good. No matter what anybody thinks, he was good."

Some protesters framed the burgeoning movement as a necessity after seemingly incessant killings by police.

"It feels like it's just been an endless cascade of hashtags of black people dying, and it feels like nothing's really being done by our political leaders to actually enact real change," said Christine Ohenzuwa, 19, who attended a peaceful protest at the Minnesota state Capitol in St. Paul. "There's always going to be a breaking point. I think right now, we're seeing the breaking point around the country."

"I live in this state. It's really painful to see what's going on, but it's also really important to understand that it's connected to a system of racial violence," she said.

Meanwhile, governors and mayors, Republicans and Democrats alike, rejected Trump's threat to send in the military, with some saying troops would be unnecessary and others questioning whether the government has such authority and warning that such a step would be dangerous.

Such use of the military would mark a stunning federal intervention rarely seen in modern American history.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president is not rushing to deploy the military and that his goal was to pressure governors to deploy more National Guard members.

Nine states and the District of Columbia held presidential primaries on Tuesday, testing the nation's ability to run elections while balancing a pandemic and sweeping social unrest. Joe Biden won hundreds more delegates, nearly enough to formally secure the Democratic presidential nomination.

Also Tuesday, Minnesota opened an investigation into whether the Minneapolis Police Department has a pattern of discrimination against minorities.

Sullivan reported from Minneapolis. Associated Press journalists across the U.S. contributed to this report.

Scientist admits Sweden could have battled virus better

By DAVID KEYTON Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Sweden's chief epidemiologist showed contrition Wednesday as criticism mounted over the Scandinavian country's hotly debated method of fighting the coronavirus, which has resulted in one of the highest death rates per capita in the world.

Sweden has stood out among European nations and the world for the way it has handled the pandemic, not shutting down the country or the economy like others but relying on citizens' sense of civic duty. Swedish authorities have advised people to practice social distancing, but schools, bars and restaurants have been kept open the entire time. Only gatherings of more than 50 people have been banned.

"I think there is potential for improvement in what we have done in Sweden, quite clearly," Anders Tegnell of the Public Health Agency told Swedish radio.

Sweden, a nation of 10.2 million people, has seen 4,468 deaths linked to COVID-19, which is far more than its Nordic neighbors and one of the highest death rates per capita in the world. Denmark has had 580 coronavirus deaths, Finland has seen 320 and Norway has had 237, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

"If we were to encounter the same disease again, knowing precisely what we know about it today, I think we would settle on doing something in between what Sweden did and what the rest of the world has done," said Tegnell, considered the architect of the unique Swedish pandemic approach.

Authorities in Sweden, including Tegnell, have been criticized — and have apologized — for failing to protect the country's elderly and nursing home residents.

But Tegnell said Wednesday it was still unclear what the country should have done differently. He also said other nations are unable to tell exactly what measures affected the outcome of their outbreaks because they threw everything at it in one go.

"Maybe we know that now, when you start easing the measures, we could get some kind of lesson about what else, besides what we did, you could do without a total shutdown," Tegnell said.

Asked if the country's high death toll has made him reconsider his unique approach to the pandemic, Tegnell answered "yes, absolutely."

The moves recommended by Tegnell have made Sweden a bit of a local pariah and did not spare the Swedish economy. More than 76,000 people have been made redundant since the outbreak began and unemployment, which now stands at 7.9%, is expected to climb higher.

Last week, neighboring Norway and Denmark said they were dropping mutual border controls but would keep Sweden out of a Nordic "travel bubble."

Danes said they will reopen the border next month to residents of neighboring Germany, as well as to Norway and Iceland, as it accelerates the easing of its coronavirus lockdown. However, Denmark, which has a bridge that goes directly to Sweden, has postponed a decision on whether to reopen to Swedish visitors until after the summer.

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'Dangerous': Around world, police chokeholds scrutinized

By JOHN LEICESTER Associated Press

LE PECQ, France (AP) — Three days after George Floyd died with a Minneapolis police officer choking off his air, another black man writhed on the tarmac of a street in Paris as a police officer pressed a knee to his neck during an arrest.

Immobilization techniques where officers apply pressure with their knees on prone suspects are used in policing around the world and have long drawn criticism. One reason why Floyd's death is sparking anger and touching nerves globally is that such techniques have been blamed for asphyxiations and other deaths in police custody beyond American shores, often involving non-white suspects.

"We cannot say that the American situation is foreign to us," said French lawmaker Francois Ruffin, who has pushed for a ban on the police use of face-down holds that are implicated in multiple deaths in France, a parliamentary effort put on hold by the coronavirus pandemic.

The muscular arrest on May 28 in Paris of a black man who was momentarily immobilized face-up with an officer's knee and upper shin pressing down on his jaw, neck and upper chest is among those that have drawn angry comparisons with the killing of Floyd on May 25 in Minneapolis.

The Paris arrest was filmed by bystanders and widely shared and viewed online. Police said the man was driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and without a license and that he resisted arrest and insulted officers. His case was turned over to prosecutors.

In Hong Kong, where police behavior is a hot-button issue after months of anti-government protests, the city's force says it is investigating the death of a man who was immobilized face-down during his arrest in May by officers who were filmed kneeling on his shoulder, back and neck.

Police rules and procedures on chokeholds and restraints vary internationally.

In Belgium, police instructor Stany Durieux says he reprimands trainees, docking them points, "every time I see a knee applied to the spinal column."

"It is also forbidden to lean on a suspect completely, as this can crush his rib cage and suffocate him," he said.

Condemned by police and experts in the United States, Floyd's death also drew criticism from officers abroad who disassociated themselves from the behavior of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. He was charged with third-degree murder after he was filmed pushing down with his knee on Floyd's neck until Floyd stopped crying out that he couldn't breathe and eventually stopped moving.

In Israel, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said "there is no tactic or protocol that calls to put pressure on the neck or airway."

In Germany, officers are allowed to briefly exert pressure on the side of a suspect's head but not on the

neck, says Germany's GdP police union.

In the U.K., the College of Policing says prone suspects should be placed on their side or in a sitting, kneeling or standing position "as soon as practicable." Guidance on the website of London's police force discourages the use of neck restraints, saying "any form of pressure to the neck area can be highly dangerous."

Even within countries, procedures can vary.

The thick Patrol Guide, hundreds of pages long, for the New York Police Department says in bold capitals that officers "SHALL NOT" use chokeholds and should "avoid actions which may result in chest compression, such as sitting, kneeling, or standing on a subject's chest or back, thereby reducing the subject's ability to breathe."

But the so-called "sleeper hold," where pressure is applied to the neck with an arm, blocking blood flow, was allowed for police in San Diego before Floyd's death triggered a shift. Police Chief David Nisleit said he would this week order an end to the tactic.

Gendarmes in France are discouraged from pressing down on the chests and vital organs of prone suspects and are no longer taught to apply pressure to the neck, said Col. Laurent De La Follye de Joux, head of training for the force.

"You don't need to be a doctor to understand that it is dangerous," he said.

But instructions for the National Police, the other main law and order force in France, appear to give its officers more leeway. Issued in 2015, they say pressure on a prone suspect's chest "should be as short as possible."

Christophe Rouget, a police union official who briefed lawmakers for their deliberations in March about the proposal to ban suffocating techniques, said if officers don't draw pistols or use stun-guns then immobilizing people face-down is the safest option, stopping suspects from kicking out at arresting officers.

"We don't have 5,000 options," he said. "These techniques are used by all the police in the world because they represent the least amount of danger. The only thing is that they have to be well used. In the United States, we saw that it wasn't well used, with pressure applied in the wrong place and for too long."

He added that the "real problem" in France is that officers don't get enough follow-up training after being taught restraints in police school.

"You need to repeat them often to do them well," he said.

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In COVID-19 darkness, gift of a 'Moment of Light' to museum

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AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — If not for the pandemic, Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum would have missed out on a classic Dutch 16th century painting it so badly craved.

Instead, the work now graces a central hall of one of the world's most famous cultural institutions -- all because a wealthy dealer in old masters elected to pay a very unusual tribute to COVID-19 victims.

When the museum reopened Monday after the Dutch lockdown was eased, General Director Taco Dibbits stood beaming before Bartholomeus Spranger's "Body of Christ Supported by Angels."

"This gift came and it was a moment of light," he said.

His joy contrasted sharply with the disappointment he felt at the early March TEFAF art fair — an annual jamboree in the southern Netherlands where culture meets capital. He thought the oil-on-copper painting was his to buy.

"We were standing there with our curators around the painting and saying how wonderful it was," he said. What they didn't know was that the picture had been sold almost on arrival at the fair.

Dibbits went back to Amsterdam, and was forced to deal with the impact of the coronavirus on his insti-

tution. With the public shut out, he said, "we were losing 1 million (euros) a week. ... That's really a very substantial part of what we need to make the museum function."

So imagine Dibbits' surprise when he got a call from international dealer and collector Bob Haboltd, who owned the painting and had earlier said he sold it.

It turned out that as soon as the pandemic broke, the sale was canceled.

The globe-trotting Dutchman, who lives in France and Italy and has offices in Amsterdam, Paris and New York, was tied down, just like everybody else.

"In isolation, I took the step that I would not think about its financial value," he said in a phone interview from Italy. "Only its emotional value."

He refused say how much the painting could fetch, but "it is a big gift, no matter how you look at it."

Haboltd said he decided to donate the painting "in memory of the victims of COVID-19, not only those who died but also those who suffered," and to serve as inspiration to others to support the arts.

"I wanted it to go before a very big audience," he said, and as a native of Amsterdam, the Rijksmuseum was the obvious choice.

The painting itself seems an allegory for both the times in which we live in and the future for which the world hopes.

A dead Jesus Christ is lifted from his tomb by three angels and taken skyward. The image recalls the scenes of suffering that have played out all over the world these weeks and months during the pandemic.

"The picture represents a big message," Haboltd said. "I hope people will stop in front of it for a moment and realize that although they look at a religious painting, they are looking at something timeless, full of compassion, mercy and hope."

Museums around the world have been struggling, and UNESCO estimates that one out of eight might not survive.

Said Dibbits: "That in a time where there's so much uncertainty, also for the art market and the dealers — that a dealer decides to donate a work when he doesn't know where his future is going, I think that's something very special."

Casert reported from Brussels.

While nonstop global news about the effects of the coronavirus have become commonplace, so, too, are tales of kindness. "One Good Thing" is a continuing series of AP stories focusing on glimmers of joy and benevolence in a dark time. Read the series here: <https://apnews.com/OneGoodThing>

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Curfews give sweeping powers to cops, but are often flouted

By JEFFREY COLLINS and MICHAEL SISAk Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Hundreds of cities have imposed curfews to keep the peace during a week of violent unrest across the U.S., employing a tactic that gives law enforcement sweeping arrest powers but is frequently flouted and criticized as being unconstitutional.

From New York City to Fargo, North Dakota, cities large and small have put curfews in place — in some cases for the first time in decades — sending out emergency notices on phones and highway signs urging people to stay off the streets.

But the deadlines aren't hard and fast — many of them have exceptions for people heading to and from work, reporters, public transportation and even people buying groceries. Many protesters and citizens have routinely disregarded the restrictions, and police have allowed peaceful demonstrations to continue after curfew while focusing their attention on violent unrest.

In New York City, an 11 p.m. curfew was originally put in place this week for what appeared to be the

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first time in nearly 80 years. Mayor Bill de Blasio rolled it back to 8 p.m., but thousands of people defied the curfew Tuesday night, continuing to march in parts of Brooklyn and Manhattan. After initially standing by and letting protesters continue, officers began ordering people to leave and some people were taken into custody.

On an overall calmer night in New York City, de Blasio said the relative quiet was due partly to the curfew. "So far, the curfew is certainly helping, based on everything I've seen in Brooklyn and Manhattan over the last three hours," de Blasio tweeted.

A curfew allows police the ability without any other reason to threaten to arrest or detain crowds of protesters that linger or groups that appear to be a danger to order. And curfews can be a deterrent to get law-abiding citizens off the street and allow police to focus their efforts on the unrest and not get bogged down in run-of-the-mill violations.

They have been installed in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Detroit, Denver, Philadelphia and hundreds of other cities and communities across the country.

Curfews aren't unusual in the United States but are typically used in natural disasters like hurricanes, floods and tornadoes to allow law enforcement to stop anyone on the streets and prevent stealing when many homes are empty or damaged. New York City has used curfews in specific locations like parks — sometimes with controversial results.

The 1988 Tompkins Square Park riot in Manhattan had to do in part with a then-newly imposed 1 a.m. parks department curfew in a bid to rid the park of drugs and crime. In enforcing the curfew, police flooded the park with officers and were accused of rampant abuses.

Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani ramped up enforcement of Central Park's nightly closure after a string of robberies in the late 1990s. Giuliani was so strict about the curfew, he wouldn't grant an exception for a late-night vigil to John Lennon, despite intercession from the lord mayor of Liverpool on behalf of aggrieved Beatles fans.

During the unrest of the past week, police also want bystanders off the street during unrest — and the curfew solves that.

"The curfew really is to keep people from coming sort of to gawk at what's going on and keep the looky-loos away," said Sacramento City Councilman Steve Hansen, whose city's 8 p.m. Monday curfew appeared to help prevent the destructive demonstrations from the night before.

The curfews also come on the heels of lockdowns and stay-at-home orders imposed during the coronavirus pandemic, making for an unprecedented stretch in cities like New York.

In Columbia, South Carolina, officials lifted a weekend curfew and the mayor joined an afternoon protest at the state capitol calling for police reform. But several dozen people stayed for hours after the protest ended as tensions with police grew as shadows got longer.

Just before 7:30 p.m. Monday, Columbia, South Carolina, Mayor Steve Benjamin set a curfew for 7:45 p.m. for a small area of downtown and an area of restaurants and shops. The city sent an emergency notice and protesters looked at their screens as their phones started to buzz and the curfew set in. The protesters immediately started to walk away.

But some civil rights organizations think hastily issued curfews are unfair and against the First Amendment of the Constitution.

"By making presence on public streets anywhere in these cities unlawful, these measures give police too much discretion over whom to arrest," said the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California after a number of cities issued curfews.

New York City on Monday found out an unintended consequence of a curfew is keeping away law-abiding protesters. The night before, they banded together to stop vandalism and help police find lawbreakers.

It also sends a subtle message, said New York City Council member Ydanis Rodriguez.

"Implementing a curfew and increasing the number of police officers patrolling the streets is a tactic to effectively silence the voices raised in protest against the abuse of power and looting of black and colored bodies by members of the police," Rodriguez said.

Curfews can cause other problems too. Charleston, South Carolina, had a curfew for three days after late night Saturday protests led to shattered windows for restaurants and businesses and stolen merchandise downtown.

Monday night was quiet. And Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg said he immediately heard from a certain group of people.

"We want to give our businesses a chance to get back into business," Tecklenburg told his City Council at a Tuesday meeting lifting the curfew.

A curfew also allows police to separate people who want to protest while following the law from people who want to cause harm, said Tamara Herold, an assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. That makes it easier for law enforcement to decide how to use force to break up unrest.

"One of the things police always want to avoid is using indiscriminate force against a large crowd," Herold said.

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'Not stopping': Defiant NYC protesters march through curfew

By JAKE SEINER and DEEPTI HAJELA undefined

NEW YORK (AP) — An 8 p.m. curfew didn't stop thousands of defiant demonstrators from marching through the streets of New York City throughout the night Tuesday, though some of the rampant destruction seen over the past few nights was quelled.

The citywide curfew, which is in place through Sunday, was instated to prevent the widespread damage and destruction that has filled the city's streets over the last two nights after largely peaceful dayside protests.

Mayor Bill de Blasio doubled down on the citywide curfew, but rejected urging from President Donald Trump and an offer from Gov. Andrew Cuomo to bring in the National Guard.

"Everyone, time to go home so we can keep people safe," he said on WINS-AM radio shortly after the curfew took effect.

But demonstrators continued winding through the streets, as part of ongoing nationwide protests following the May 25 death of George Floyd, a black man who died last week after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee on Floyd's neck even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

"I'm surprised," said Risha Munoz, on Manhattan's Upper West Side, where at points they were greeted with cheers and horns by onlookers in building windows. "I didn't think they were gonna let us go on, but we just kept on moving and we're not stopping."

"Something has to break, and it's not going to be us," said Evan Kutcher, one of hundreds of demonstrators who stood outside the Barclays Center chanting Floyd's name Tuesday evening.

Police began making arrests around 9 p.m. and shut down parts of the West Side Highway in lower Manhattan, blocking it off to huge crowds of protesters. The police department announced it would not allow vehicle traffic south of 96th Street in Manhattan after curfew, though residents, essential workers, buses and truck deliveries were exempt.

"We're going to have a tough few days. We're going to beat it back," de Blasio, a Democrat, said.

Jane Rossi said she witnessed officers rip a man out of his car and arrest him in Chelsea around 10:45 p.m.

The car was behind a group of several hundred protesters that had roamed Manhattan peacefully since leaving Trump Tower at 8 p.m. Tensions had risen moments earlier when some in the group began trying to damage a bike rental station and banged on the windows of a JCPenny's. The vast majority of the crowd moved to stop the them. Officers surrounded the car and arrested the driver moments later.

"They were just driving behind the protesters making sure that we were safe," Rossi said. "They were part of the protest."

NYPD officers forced two Associated Press journalists to stop covering the protests Tuesday night, sur-

rounding them, shoving them and cursing at them while yelling at them to go home. This, despite an order allowing media to remain on city streets.

Portions of the incident were captured on camera by videojournalist Robert Bumsted, who was working with photographer Maye-E Wong to document the protests in Manhattan. The video shows more than a half dozen officers confronting the journalists as they filmed and photographed police ordering protesters to go home shortly after the curfew took effect.

Just after midnight Wednesday, most of the city's streets were cleared aside from police patrolling, especially in hot-spot areas for demonstrations in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

There was a heavy police presence in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Crown Heights, where authorities say police fatally shot a man after responding to reports of shots fired. NYPD Chief of Department Terence Monahan said the officer-involved shooting was not connected to the protests.

Contributing were Associated Press writers Michael R. Sisak, Jim Mustian, Jennifer Peltz, Tom Hays and Karen Matthews in New York. Michael Hill and Marina Villeneuve reported from Albany.

'Eyes are on you:' Minneapolis neighbors band to stand guard

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY and TIM SULLIVAN Associated Press Writers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The two men stepped from the shadows as the car turned off an upscale shopping street into a residential area located on the far edge of the rioting that swept through Minneapolis. It was after midnight. A pair of metal dividers blocked the road, and the men stepped to either side of the car as it stopped. Both carried assault rifles.

"Do you live here?" one of the men asked, politely, but forcefully. His hands rested casually on the rifle slung across his chest, and a pistol was strapped to his belt.

"We have lots of old people here," he continued, satisfied that the driver, an AP reporter, posed no danger. "We don't want anyone to get hurt."

A week of civil unrest has led some Minneapolis residents near the epicenter of the violence to take steps to protect their homes and neighborhoods. They've stocked up on fire extinguishers and buckets, and formed scores of loose neighborhood watch groups — aided by a cluster of apps and social media — to share what they view as suspicious activity.

Preparing for nightfall in Minneapolis has meant a new routine for many: stashing garbage cans to keep them from being tossed or set on fire, turning on lights and opening blinds. In some neighborhoods near large demonstrations, witnesses say it also includes residents armed with baseball bats, crowbars and the occasional pistol barricading their streets to keep violent protesters away.

Similar scenes have started to emerge across the country as the angry protests have spread, along with a heightened sense of fear and diminished confidence that police will keep the peace. In Chicago's heavily-Mexican Little Village enclave, neighborhood residents stood watch as shops were vandalized along a busy commercial strip.

For some, it's all a sign of community pride and rational response when policing has broken down, as it did in most destructive nights in Minneapolis last week. But others see a more troubling undercurrent in the anxiety and mobilization, particularly as it spreads to largely white neighborhoods that have seen little or no damage.

"There's a sense of state failure and into state failure comes private actions to protect one's family and one's community," said Omar Wasow, an assistant professor of politics at Princeton University who writes about race and the politics of protest movements. "You take that and you layer it on the long, deep-rooted racist mythology that says, 'I should be scared and black people are a threat,' and you get a kind of circle-the-wagons behavior."

Peter Baggenstos has felt the tension in his neighborhood, a largely white, wealthy pocket of Minneapolis about a mile from a stretch of stores that were vandalized. Baggenstos, a doctor who is African American, said he senses a lot of "passive policing" at night, as neighbors keep lights on and trade text messages

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about cars or people on the street after curfew.

"You've got that feeling that eyes are on you," he said.

As a result, his wife alerted the neighbors when Baggenstos came home late recently, driving his Tesla. It does not have a front license plate, something likely to raise suspicions these days.

"People want to take control over what they feel they're losing control of — in this case, it's their personal well-being and that of their family members," Baggenstos said. "But it's gotten to this level where it's dangerous. It's causing everyone to be paranoid."

He said he's particularly worried about the surge of rumors and claims on text chains and apps, technology that has transformed old notions of a neighborhood watch.

Since protests first erupted in Minneapolis last week in response to the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in police custody, neighbors across south Minneapolis have rushed for updates on apps like Next Door, GroupMe and Citizen, which are organized by neighborhood.

By Tuesday, one GroupMe neighborhood watch group had swelled to 479 members, organized into seven smaller regions. Members, identified only by their first names and cross streets, posted a steady stream of descriptions of suspicious vehicles, loud popping sounds, worries about outsiders and objects that might be filled with accelerants used to set fires.

"I would guess those are lawn bags," one poster said.

Residents have reason to be on alert. Arson and vandalism have devastated a large stretch of a vital corridor in south Minneapolis, and have spread beyond to pockets of neighboring St. Paul and some suburbs. State law enforcement authorities have said they've found caches of flammable liquids all over the metropolitan area, as well as stolen vehicles without license plates that they believe have been used to move the material.

In the worst-hit neighborhoods, where store after store was sometimes burned to the ground and looting was brazen, groups of neighbors sometimes set up makeshift barricades at their street corners, standing behind them for hours with baseball bats and metal rods.

But most of the tactics are far less confrontational.

Michael Grunke, a 35-year-old who lives near where Floyd died, said he and other tenants in his building gathered hoses and buckets for water. The building manager bought up fire extinguishers before they sold out at some local hardware stores. The group stayed up all night, standing watch, he said — his way to show support for the peaceful protests.

"This was a good thing I could do to help the community and make sure things weren't getting destroyed and tarnishing the memory of George Floyd," Grunke said.

Joy Miciano, 47, lives with her husband and their two teenage children in the South Uptown area, where stores have been damaged but few buildings burned. She said she and her husband stayed up keeping watch Friday because they felt no police or firefighters would respond.

"That's what was worrisome to us — if this was coming our way, there was no one to call for help," she said.

Associated Press writers Sophia Tareen contributed from Chicago and Jeff Baenen contributed from Minneapolis.

A year later, Sudanese raped in crackdown wait for justice

By SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Two or three times a week, Mayada goes to visit her baby daughter at the foster home. Sometimes, she breastfeeds her if she has milk, or she just sits and lulls the 3-month-old to sleep.

She left Marwa at the home because she's too poor and ill to care for her, she said. Not because she doesn't love her — not because the little girl is a legacy of a horrific day a year ago in the streets of the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

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"Sometimes I feel like I love her more than my other children," said the 22-year-old. "She has no guilt. It's me who feels guilty."

Mayada was among dozens of women raped by Sudanese security forces over the course of a few hours on June 3, 2019. In a rampage that day, fighters from the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces and other troops tore apart a sit-in camp in Khartoum where protesters had been demanding for weeks that the military give up power. At least 87 people were killed, with activists putting the number at more than 120.

A military-backed prosecutor said no rapes or sexual assaults took place during the violence. But over the past year, activists have been documenting what they say was a campaign of rapes — ordered by the military's leadership to crush the pro-democracy movement.

"It was an orchestrated scenario All was by order and systematic," said Sulima Ishaq Sharif, who at the time headed a trauma center at Khartoum's Ahfad University.

Her center documented at least 64 rape victims. The Sudan Doctors Union identified at least 60 rape victims, said Dr. Howida al-Hassan, a member of the union who counseled survivors.

Both experts say the real number is considerably higher, since many victims don't speak for fear of reprisal or the stigma connected to rape. They said many more women were sexually assaulted and several men were among those raped.

Identifying and prosecuting those behind the violence is a major test of whether Sudan can shed its decades-long military rule.

The protest movement, which began in 2018, succeeded in ousting longtime military strongman, President Omar al-Bashir, in April 2019 and forcing the creation of a joint civilian-military ruling "sovereign council."

But the civilians are struggling to assert authority in the face of the military's power. Most notably, the council's deputy head is the commander of the RSF, Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, who is considered the strongest man in the leadership and enjoys the backing of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

An independent commission investigating the violence already missed one deadline in February for releasing its conclusions. It may also miss a new deadline, June 22, because work has halted amid the coronavirus pandemic, the commission's head, Nabil Adib, told The Associated Press.

Still, Adib said the panel has taken testimony from some 3,000 witnesses. It "has found a number of crimes, including rape, that were committed during the dispersal, and also identified some suspects," he said, refusing to give details.

Victims and activists have little faith the military will allow any findings that implicate top generals.

Dagalo and the military have said the troops that day had no orders to clear the camp, only to clamp down on part of it where drug-dealing and other crimes allegedly took place. Spokesmen for the military and the RSF did not respond to multiple AP requests for comment.

The AP spoke to six rape victims, whom it is identifying only by first names.

They told similar stories of RSF fighters corralling up men and women who fled the protest site, beating them, sexually molesting the women and gang-raping some. By their accounts, the rapes took place in specific locations — in a medical complex, a cemetery and the grounds of Khartoum University's mosque.

The women's ordeal embodies the terrible personal price paid by activists in crackdowns that have crushed pro-democracy movements around the Middle East in recent years.

For Samah, a 28-year-old teacher, the wounds of her gang-rape that day are reopened whenever she sees Dagalo on TV.

"Watching him sends chills through my body," she said.

"IT WAS A SHELTER"

Mayada had lived on her own the past three years, one of the many impoverished women who sell tea on the sidewalks of Khartoum. Married and divorced as a teen, her ex-husband took their two children. Her parents kicked her out after she refused to remarry.

When the sit-in camp arose in front of the main military headquarters in downtown Khartoum in April 2019 — the culmination of months of protests — she set up her tea stand in the square to sell to the

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protesters.

It was steady money, but she also found a community.

"It was a shelter," she said. In her backpack, she had a journal where she wrote poems about love, her parents, relationships.

In protesters' eyes, the camp was a place of freedom where the common cause healed Sudan's many divisions. Women took a major role, often giving speeches to the crowds. They were celebrated with the nickname "kandaka" — a title of ancient Nubian queens that became a slogan and symbol of the protests.

After the protest forced al-Bashir's fall, the military took sole power — but the protesters refused to end their sit-in, demanding a civilian government.

"We were all Sudanese," said Samah, the teacher. "At the sit-in, you would see the best of us."

The RSF grew out of the Janjaweed militias, which al-Bashir mobilized to fight in the Darfur conflict in the early 2000s. They were notorious for killings and rapes of civilians there, according to rights groups.

In mid-May 2019, about 1,000 RSF fighters were brought from Darfur to a base in Omdurman, adjacent to Khartoum, three RSF officers told the AP on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk to the press.

Around 3 a.m. on June 3, they descended on the sit-in. Around 1,300 protesters found themselves encircled as forces set on them with live ammunition, tear gas, whips and sticks.

Samah was asleep in a tent when gunfire erupted. She heard screaming and saw people running in panic as security forces fired. Some fell to the ground, bleeding.

She ran barefoot from the tent. Blocks away, outside the al-Bashir Medical Center, she was caught by RSF fighters rounding up whomever they could grab. Samah saw the fighters pull a woman away, shouting that they would rape her. She heard the woman screaming.

Other troops dragged Samah into a hallway in the medical center. One hit her with his rifle butt. "If you open your mouth, I'll kill you, whore," he shouted.

They groped her as they stripped her robe and shoved her to the ground. One pinned her hands to the floor while another fell on top of her, biting her breasts, as hands grabbed her everywhere.

"I was trying to scream but they shut my mouth," Samah said.

Three of them raped her, she said. She felt each had a specific role in a specific mission.

"They did not do this for enjoyment," she said. "They did so to break us down."

They left her naked and bloody on the hall floor. She covered herself with what was left of her robe, then found some other protesters hiding in a nearby clinic.

"I didn't tell them I'd been raped but I think they knew from my condition." One woman gave her a scarf to cover her hair.

THE MOSQUE

At the same time, dozens of protesters hid in the Khartoum University Mosque.

"We thought it would be safe there," said Sayeda, a mother of three.

Soldiers broke in, beating people, several women said. In a mad rush, men and women inside fled, some running into a building under construction in the courtyard and piling out its windows.

The fighters shouted insults and threats of rape, said Sara Ali Abdulla, a doctor who managed to get out of the mosque compound. "We heard women screaming and crying" as they were raped, she said.

Sayeda was grabbed as she tried to flee out the mosque's back door.

She pleaded with the soldiers to let her go home to her children. When they groped her, she slapped one, and they turned brutal, beating her. They pulled off her clothes and cut away her underwear. Four of them raped her, biting her breasts so hard they bled, she said.

After an hour, they left her half-conscious on the ground. She covered herself with her robe and sat there crying. "I was so tired I couldn't walk," she said.

Mayada, meanwhile, had managed to escape the dispersal.

But she returned several hours later, when security forces had clamped down with a citywide curfew.

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She headed to the Ophthalmology Hospital, near the square, where she kept her plastic chairs, tea pots and cups.

The whole walk there, four RSF soldiers harassed her. They entered the courtyard behind her and sprayed something in her face. She felt woozy. The four stripped and raped her, she said.

When she regained consciousness, she lay in agony.

"Everything hurt. I was like a grandmother who lost her power to even walk."

'GOD WILL AVENGE ME'

In the following weeks, Dagalo, the RSF commander, expressed regret over the violence. He said whoever went beyond orders and plotted to break up the camp would be identified.

A military-backed prosecutor said eight RSF officers, including a major general, were charged with crimes against humanity. But there has been no word since of any being tried or detained.

Meanwhile, the military struck a compromise deal that August. The Sovereign Council was created to govern until the end of 2022, made up of military officers and civilians from the protest movement. Under the same deal, the independent investigation was created.

By that time, Mayada hadn't gotten her period for months. Soon it was confirmed, she was carrying twins.

She wanted to end the pregnancy, but a pharmacist refused to sell her pills to cause an abortion. She hurt herself, lifting heavy objects and throwing herself off furniture, hoping for a miscarriage.

In March, she gave birth to Marwa. The other twin, a boy, was stillborn.

She doesn't know the names of the men who raped her, much less which is the father. That means she can't get Marwa a birth certificate. Since her pregnancy, she said she has been weak and faints often, so she sent Marwa to the foster home, hoping one day to take her back.

It was useless to talk to investigators, she said. "Those who ordered the break-up are very well known ... but they are untouchable."

Most of the women never told their husbands or families what happened and wrestled with the trauma in secret.

"There has been this psychological pain that will never end, that can't be described in words," Samah said.

She wakes up terrified at night, because she sees her rapists' faces in her sleep. She never goes to downtown Khartoum. She avoids looking at her body.

"I feel ashamed of myself," she said. "Sometimes my body trembles when my husband touches me."

Sayeda spoke twice with a doctor. Fearing she would kill herself, the doctor tried to change the context of the trauma. She told her, "Look at the positive things we have achieved in the Revolution, like removing al-Bashir. All our sacrifices were not in vain."

Sayeda found that little consolation. Only her children give her will to survive, she said. She expects nothing from the self-described "government of the Revolution."

"It is God who will avenge me."

Protesters return to the streets as Trump decries 'lowlifes'

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **TIM SULLIVAN** Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Undeterred by curfews, protesters streamed back into the nation's streets Tuesday, hours after President Donald Trump pressed governors to put down the violence set off by George Floyd's death and demanded that New York call up the National Guard to stop the "lowlifes and losers."

But most protests passed peacefully, and while there were scattered reports of looting in New York City, the country appeared calmer by late Tuesday than it did a day earlier, when violence swept through multiple cities.

The president, meanwhile, amplified his hard-line calls from Monday, when he threatened to send in the military to restore order if governors didn't do it.

"NYC, CALL UP THE NATIONAL GUARD," he tweeted. "The lowlifes and losers are ripping you apart. Act

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fast!"

One day after a crackdown on peaceful protesters near the White House, thousands of demonstrators massed a block away from the presidential mansion, facing law enforcement personnel standing behind a black chain-link fence. The fence was put up overnight to block access to Lafayette Park, just across the street from the White House.

"Last night pushed me way over the edge," said Jessica DeMaio, 40, of Washington, who attended a Floyd protest Tuesday for the first time. "Being here is better than being at home feeling helpless."

The crowd remained in place after the city's 7 p.m. curfew passed, defying warnings that the response from law enforcement could be even more forceful. But the protest lacked the tension of the previous nights' demonstrations. The crowd Tuesday was peaceful, even polite. At one point, the crowd booed when a protester climbed a light post and took down a street sign. A chant went up: "Peaceful protest!"

On Monday, law enforcement officers on foot and horseback aggressively drove protesters away from Lafayette Park, clearing the way for President Donald Trump to do a photo op at nearby St. John's Church. On Tuesday, pastors at the church prayed with demonstrators and handed out water bottles.

Protests ranged across the U.S., including in Los Angeles, Miami, St. Paul, Minnesota, Columbia, South Carolina, and Houston, where the police chief talked to peaceful demonstrators, vowing reforms.

"God as my witness, change is coming," Art Acevedo said. "And we're going to do it the right way."

In New York, midtown Manhattan was pocked with battered storefronts after Monday's protests. Macy's flagship store was among those hit when crowds of people smashed windows and looted stores as they swept through the area. Police made nearly 700 arrests and Mayor Bill de Blasio extended an 8 p.m. curfew all week.

"We're going to have a tough few days," he warned, but added: "We're going to beat it back." He pleaded with community leaders to step forward and "create peace."

Thousands of protesters marched Tuesday night in a string of demonstrations across Manhattan and Brooklyn after merchants boarded up their businesses, fearing a repeat of the night before. Many people remained on the streets after the curfew hour. Police eventually ordered them to move along and began taking some into custody.

More than 20,000 National Guard members have been called up in 29 states to deal with the violence. New York is not among them, and de Blasio has said he does not want the Guard. On Tuesday, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo called what happened in the city "a disgrace."

"The NYPD and the mayor did not do their job last night," Cuomo said at a briefing in Albany.

He said the mayor underestimated the problem, and the nation's largest police force was not deployed in sufficient numbers, though the city had said it doubled the usual police presence.

Tuesday marked the eighth straight night of the protests, which began in Minneapolis, where Floyd died, and quickly spread across the country.

The mother of George Floyd's 6-year-old daughter, Gianna, said she wanted the world to know that her little girl lost a good father.

"I want everybody to know that this is what those officers took," Roxie Washington said during a Minneapolis news conference with her young daughter at her side. "I want justice for him because he was good. No matter what anybody thinks, he was good."

On Monday, scattered violence flared in multiple protests, including an officer who was shot and gravely wounded outside a Las Vegas hotel and casino, and four officers shot in St. Louis. They were expected to recover.

About a dozen other deaths have been reported around the country over the past week. And nearly 8,000 people nationwide have been arrested, according to a count by The Associated Press.

Some protesters framed the burgeoning movement as a necessity after a string of killings by police.

"It feels like it's just been an endless cascade of hashtags of black people dying, and it feels like nothing's really being done by our political leaders to actually enact real change," said Christine Ohenzuwa, 19, who attended a peaceful protest at the Minnesota state Capitol in St. Paul. "There's always going to be a

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breaking point. I think right now, we're seeing the breaking point around the country."

"I live in this state. It's really painful to see what's going on, but it's also really important to understand that it's connected to a system of racial violence," she said.

Meanwhile, governors and mayors, Republicans and Democrats alike, rejected Trump's threat to send in the military, with some saying troops would be unnecessary and others questioning whether the government has such authority and warning that such a step would be dangerous.

"Denver is not Little Rock in 1957, and Donald Trump is not President Eisenhower. This is a time for healing, for bringing people together, and the best way to protect civil rights is to move away from escalating violence," Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, both Democrats, said in a statement, referring to Eisenhower's use of troops to enforce school desegregation in the South.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the president is not rushing to send in the military and that his goal was to pressure governors to deploy more National Guard members.

Such use of the military would mark a stunning federal intervention rarely seen in modern American history.

Amid the protests, nine states and the District of Columbia held presidential primaries that tested the nation's ability to run elections while balancing a pandemic and sweeping social unrest. Joe Biden won hundreds more delegates and was on the cusp of formally securing the Democratic presidential nomination.

Also Tuesday, Minnesota opened an investigation into whether the Minneapolis Police Department has a pattern of discrimination against minorities. Floyd died May 25 after a white Minneapolis officer, Derek Chauvin, pressed his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes.

Chauvin has been charged with murder. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said prosecutors are working as fast as they can to determine if the three other officers at the scene should be charged too. All four have been fired.

Sullivan reported from Minneapolis. Associated Press journalists across the U.S. contributed to this report.

Iowa voters oust Rep. King, shunned for insensitive remarks

By THOMAS BEAUMONT Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Republicans in northwest Iowa ousted Rep. Steve King in Tuesday's primary, deciding they've had enough of the conservative lightning rod known for making incendiary comments about immigrants and white supremacy throughout his nearly two decades in Congress.

The nine-term congressman, shunned by his party leadership in Washington and many of his longtime supporters at home, lost to well-funded state Sen. Randy Feenstra in a five-way GOP primary. The challengers argued that King's loss of clout, even more than his continuous string of provocative and racially-charged statements, was reason enough for turning on him.

"I said from day one that Iowans deserve a proven, effective conservative leader that will deliver results and I have done that in the Iowa Senate, being in the Iowa Legislature for the last 12 years, and I promise you I will deliver results in Congress," Feenstra said during a Facebook Live appearance with his family behind him.

Iowa Democrats also chose a challenger for Republican freshman Sen. Joni Ernst in a race earlier thought to heavily favor Ernst until her approval shrank over the past year. Des Moines businesswoman Theresa Greenfield, who raised the most money and garnered the widest cross-section of the Iowa Democratic coalition of elected officials and labor unions, won the nomination over three others.

But the focus was on the 4th District primary featuring King, the lone Republican in Iowa's U.S. House delegation.

King was stripped of his committee assignments in 2019 for comments appearing to question the criticism of white nationalism in an era of increased sensitivity among Republicans nationally about the alt-right and white supremacists. He wondered aloud in a New York Times story about when the term "white supremacist" became offensive. King said the remarks were taken out of context.

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The 71-year-old had piled up provocative statements throughout the years, comparing immigrants to livestock and appeared to make light of rape and incest in defending his anti-abortion views.

Critics in both parties charged that King was no longer an effective representative for Iowa's 4th Congressional District on agriculture and other local issues.

Establishment Republicans suggested King's ouster would easily keep the seat in the party's hands, warning a King primary victory would jeopardize it. Feenstra faces Democrat J.D. Schoulten, who lost by 2 percentage points to King in 2018.

King was vastly outspent by Feenstra and conservative groups backing him, including onetime King backer National Right to Life, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation's largest business lobbying group.

"I called Randy Feestra a little bit ago and conceded the race to him, and I pointed out that there's some powerful elements in the swamp and he's going to have an awfully hard time pushing back against them," King said, referring to outside groups that spent to support Feenstra and attack King. "He assured me that's what he would do, and I'm thinking of those super PACs that came into this race and how powerful they are."

Several of King's former supporters shrugged at the litany of comments that fueled the congressman's love-hate relationship with national media. However, they drew the line not with the comments published in the Times story but the reaction by House GOP leadership.

King was tossed from the Judiciary Committee, which would have given him a high profile role defending President Donald Trump during the 2019 impeachment hearings. He also lost his seat on the agriculture panel, a blow to the representative whose district produced more agricultural products in raw dollars than any district but Nebraska's massive 3rd District, according to the most recent federal data.

"I personally feel very let down about some of the things that have happened because we need someone who is strong in agriculture from this area," said former King supporter, state Sen. Annette Sweeney, who backed Feenstra.

King said during the campaign he had been assured privately by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy that he'd support King's reinstatement on the committees, a claim McCarthy dismissed publicly to reporters last month.

State Rep. Ashley Hinson won her two-way Republican primary to face freshman Democratic U.S. Rep. Abby Finkenauer. State Sen. Mariannette Miller Meeks won a five-way race to face former state Sen. Rita Hart in Iowa's 2nd District, the seat held by retiring Democrat Dave Loeb sack. And former U.S. Rep. David Young won a two-way GOP race to run against Democrat Cindy Axne, who beat him for reelection in 2018.

Democrats chose from four relative unknowns to take on Ernst in what has shaped up to be a more competitive Senate race than expected.

Ernst's job approval and overall favorable ratings have dropped in the past year as she has sought to balance support for President Donald Trump, who is popular with Republicans but far less so among others in the state.

Greenfield had the edge, in part because of her compelling story of being widowed as a young mother and owing her rebound to Democratic priorities, Social Security and union benefits.

Perhaps most notably, the 55-year-old Greenfield impressed with her fundraising, bringing in more than \$7 million since entering the race last year. That's at least \$5 million more than any of her Democratic opponents and reflects the endorsement of the Democrats' national Senate campaign arm.

While Ernst has lost some of her footing, it's difficult to say how the Senate race proceeds in light of the continuing pandemic, the uncertain economy and now protests over police treatment of African Americans, including in Iowa where Trump won by more than 9 percentage points in 2016.

"Anybody who can predict what the state of the economy will be, any sense of community people have, where the partisan tendencies go between now and November, it's just really hard to say," said senior Ernst adviser David Kochel.

One recent data point, lost on many except Iowa Democratic leaders amid the ongoing crises: Registered Democrats in Iowa edged registered Republicans in March for the first time in more than six years.

Associated Press writer Scott McFetridge contributed to this report.

Trump says GOP is pulling convention from North Carolina

By **BRYAN ANDERSON, GARY D. ROBERTSON and JILL COLVIN** Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — President Donald Trump said he is seeking a new state to host this summer's Republican National Convention after North Carolina refused to guarantee the event could be held in Charlotte without restrictions because of ongoing concerns over the coronavirus.

Trump announced the news via tweet Tuesday night, complaining the state's governor, Democrat Roy Cooper, and other officials "refuse to guarantee that we can have use of the Spectrum Arena" and were not "allowing us to occupy the arena as originally anticipated and promised."

"Because of @NC_Governor, we are now forced to seek another State to host the 2020 Republican National Convention," he wrote.

Trump and the Republican National Committee had been demanding that the convention be allowed to move forward with a full crowd and no face coverings — raising alarms in a state that is facing an upward trend in its virus cases, with about 29,900 cumulative cases and 900 deaths as of Tuesday. Around 700 COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized. Mecklenburg County, where Charlotte is located, accounted for 4,500 cases — more than double the next-highest county — and nearly 100 deaths.

"We have been committed to a safe RNC convention in North Carolina and it's unfortunate they never agreed to scale down and make changes to keep people safe," Cooper tweeted in response to the decision. "Protecting public health and safety during this pandemic is a priority."

A traditional GOP convention brings together roughly 2,500 delegates, the same number of alternate delegates and many times more guests, journalists and security personnel. Officials in both parties have been preparing contingency plans for months given the uncertainty and dangers posed by the virus and evolving restrictions on large gatherings meant to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Trump's announcement came after a call with Cooper Friday in which the president had told Cooper he wanted a traditional convention with a packed arena full of delegates — and with no face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

During the call, when Trump "insisted on a full convention arena with no face coverings and no social distancing the governor expressed concerns and suggested a scaled back event with fewer attendees," Cooper spokeswoman Sadie Weiner wrote in an email. "They agreed to continue talking about ways to have a safe convention in Charlotte."

But Cooper made clear to Trump that those conditions would likely be impossible to accommodate given the status of the epidemic in his state, and formalized that Tuesday in a letter to the RNC on the eve of a Wednesday deadline set by the GOP for assurances from Cooper that he would allow a full-scale event in August.

Cooper wrote to RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel that "planning for a scaled-down convention with fewer people, social distancing and face coverings is a necessity." And later he told reporters it was unlikely that virus trends would allow a full-capacity nominating convention for Trump to proceed at Charlotte's NBA arena.

"We think it is unlikely that we would be to the point at the end of August to be able to have a jam-packed 19,000-person convention in the Spectrum arena," Cooper said. "So the likelihood of it being in Charlotte depends upon the RNC's willingness to discuss with us a scaled-down convention."

That prompted the RNC to say they would begin visiting potential alternative sites in the largely GOP-led states that have offered to host the quadrennial gathering instead.

McDaniel, meanwhile, accused Cooper of "dragging his feet" on giving them guidance for proceeding with convention plans. While the party would like to hold its event in Charlotte, "we have an obligation to our delegates and nominee to begin visiting the multiple cities and states" that have reached out to express interest in hosting, she said.

The Republican governors of states including Tennessee, Florida and Georgia had said they would be interested in hosting if North Carolina fell through. Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee said GOP officials were coming to scout Nashville on Thursday and called the city "the best place in America to have a convention."

Georgia Gov. Brian P. Kemp responded to Trump's announcement by tweeting, "Hope you have Georgia on your mind, @realDonaldTrump!"

One RNC official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said that while Trump won't accept renomination in Charlotte, other convention business may still be conducted there.

Changing sites had been seen as difficult for reasons including the contract between GOP officials and Charlotte leaders to hold the convention there. In April, the City Council voted to accept a \$50 million federal grant for convention security. Before the vote, City Attorney Patrick Baker noted the overall contract requires parties to follow applicable laws and regulations, including Cooper's executive orders. Cooper's current order limits indoor gatherings to 10 people.

The city of Charlotte posted on its Twitter account Tuesday that it had not received any official notification from the RNC and that Baker "will be in contact with the attorneys for the RNC to understand their full intentions."

Earlier in the day, North Carolina GOP Chairman Michael Whatley had acknowledged that some changes would likely be needed, but maintained Republicans wanted a "full-scale" convention.

"Look, we're not going to move forward with any activities that do not follow federal, state or local requirements and regulations," he said.

Whatley said the convention could have generated \$200 million for the regional economy, giving a boost to the hospitality industry as well as restaurants and bars.

Still, Charlotte restaurant owners said they didn't expect a huge hit if the RNC moved or was scaled back.

"I feel like it would be a small impact on our business," said Greg Zanitsch, who owns the Fig Tree near the city's central business district.

Colvin reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Zeke Miller in Washington; Jonathan Mattise in Nashville, Tenn.; Jonathan Drew in Durham, North Carolina; and Tom Foreman Jr. in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, contributed to this report.

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Minneapolis police face civil rights probe over Floyd death

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The state of Minnesota on Tuesday launched a civil rights investigation of the Minneapolis Police Department in hopes of forcing widespread changes following the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a white officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for minutes, even after he stopped moving.

Gov. Tim Walz and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights announced the filing of the formal complaint at a news conference Tuesday afternoon. The governor and Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero said they hope to reach agreement with the city to identify short-term ways to address the police department's history of racial discrimination, and use the investigation to find long-term solutions for systemic change.

Lucero said their goal is to negotiate a consent decree with the city that courts could enforce with injunctions and financial penalties. There are precedents, she said, including a consent decree approved in Chicago last year after the U.S. Justice Department found a long history of racial bias and excessive use of force by police.

Widely seen bystander video showing Floyd's death has sparked sometimes violent protests around the

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world. The officer, Derek Chauvin, has been fired and charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Three other officers involved were fired but have not been charged.

"We know that deeply seated issues exist," the governor said. "And the reason I know it is we saw the casual nature of the erasing of George Floyd's life and humanity. We also know by the reaction of the community. They expected nothing to happen, and the reason is because nothing did happen for so many times."

Walz said the investigation into the police department's policies, procedures and practices over the past 10 years will determine if the force has engaged in systemic discrimination toward people of color, and root it out. Lucero will lead the investigation.

All 12 members of the Minneapolis City Council endorsed a statement read by Council President Lisa Bender at a news conference later Tuesday in support of the investigation.

"We urge the state to use its full weight to hold the Minneapolis Police Department accountable for any and all abuses of power and harms to our community and stand ready to aid in this process as full partners," the council said.

Mayor Jacob Frey said the state's intervention will help break what he called a stalemate on reform.

"For years in Minneapolis, police chiefs and elected officials committed to change have been thwarted by police union protections and laws that severely limit accountability among police departments," Frey said in a statement. "I welcome today's announcement because breaking through those persistent barriers, shifting the culture of policing, and addressing systemic racism will require all of us working hand in hand."

A police department spokesman and the president of the officers' union didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

The FBI is also investigating whether police willfully deprived Floyd of his civil rights.

The Minnesota Department of Human Rights enforces the state's human rights act, particularly as it applies to discrimination in employment, housing, education, public accommodations and public services. Mediation is one of its first-choice tools, but the cases it files can lead to fuller investigations and sometimes end up in litigation.

The Minneapolis Police Department has faced decades of allegations of brutality and other discrimination against African Americans and other minorities, even within the department itself. Critics say its culture resists change, despite the elevation of Medaria Arradondo as its first black police chief in 2017.

Arradondo himself was among five black officers who sued the police department in 2007 over alleged discrimination in promotions, pay, and discipline. They said in their lawsuit that the department had a history of tolerating racism and discrimination. The city settled the lawsuit for \$740,000.

State Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, who was neighboring St. Paul's second black police chief, said good officers should welcome the investigation. He co-chaired a working group with Attorney General Keith Ellison that reported back in February on ways to reduce police-involved deadly force encounters.

"I've been a cop for 40 years. I have lived in this system that they're talking about reforming. ... The cops I talk to, the cops I've worked with since 1977 to date will tell you, they want change," Harrington said. "They don't want to work in a flawed system. They don't want to have to be wearing gas masks. They don't want to have to be on riot control duty."

Earlier Tuesday, an attorney for Floyd's family again decried the official autopsy that found his death was caused by cardiac arrest as police restrained him and compressed his neck. The medical examiner also listed fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use, but not as the cause of death.

A separate autopsy commissioned for Floyd's family concluded that that he died of asphyxiation due to neck and back compression.

"The cause of death was that he was starving for air. It was lack of oxygen. And so everything else is a red herring to try to throw us off," family attorney Ben Crump said. He said the Hennepin County medical examiner went to great lengths to try to convince the public that what was shown on bystander video didn't cause Floyd to die.

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Ellison told ABC's "Good Morning America" that prosecutors are working as fast as they can to determine whether more charges will be filed.

Today in History By The Associated Press undefined

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Today is Wednesday, June 3, the 155th day of 2020. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1965, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to "walk" in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

On this date:

In 1861, Illinois Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, the Democratic presidential nominee in the 1860 election, died in Chicago of typhoid fever; he was 48.

In 1924, author Franz Kafka, 40, died near Vienna.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1943, Los Angeles saw the beginning of its "Zoot Suit Riots" as white servicemen clashed with young Latinos wearing distinctive-looking zoot suits; the violence finally ended when military officials declared the city off limits to enlisted personnel.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1962, Air France Flight 007, a U.S.-bound Boeing 707, crashed while attempting to take off from Orly Airport near Paris; all but two of the 132 people aboard were killed.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1977, the United States and Cuba agreed to set up diplomatic interests sections in each other's countries; Cuba also announced the immediate release of 10 Americans jailed on drug charges.

In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. On the same day, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

In 2004, President George W. Bush announced the resignation of CIA Director George Tenet amid a controversy over intelligence lapses about suspected weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the September 11 terrorist attacks.

In 2008, Barack Obama claimed the Democratic presidential nomination, speaking in the same St. Paul, Minnesota, arena where Republicans would be holding their national convention in September 2008.

In 2016, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali died at a hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 74.

Ten years ago: BP sliced off a pipe with giant shears to make way for a cap in the latest bid to curtail the worst oil spill in U.S. history. During an Oval Office face-off over illegal immigration, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer told President Barack Obama Americans "want our border secured" while Obama underscored his objections over the tough immigration law Brewer had signed, calling it discriminatory. Joran van der Sloot (YOHR'-uhn VAN'-dur-sloht), long suspected in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway in Aruba, was arrested in Chile following the slaying of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in Peru. (Van der Sloot is serving a 28-year sentence for Flores' murder.) Emmy-winning actress Rue McClanahan, 76, died in New York.

Five years ago: The Pentagon disclosed that it had inadvertently shipped possibly live anthrax to at least 51 laboratories across the U.S. and in three foreign countries over the previous decade, but said that public health was not at risk.

One year ago: Launching a mostly ceremonial European trip, President Donald Trump had lunch with Queen Elizabeth and tea with Prince Charles ahead of a grand state dinner at Buckingham Palace; Trump arrived in Britain shortly after tweeting that London Mayor Sadiq Khan, a frequent Trump critic, was a "stone cold loser" who "should focus on crime in London, not me." Viewers of "Jeopardy!" saw James Hol-