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Families and loved ones reunite outside the police barricades after a shooting in Minneapolis on Aug. 27.

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Gunman opens fire at school; two kids killed

Minneapolis PD say shooter took own life

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MINNEAPOLIS — Two children were killed Aug. 27 and at least 17 people were injured when a shooter fired through the windows of a Minneapolis Catholic school toward young people worshipping at a Mass, authorities said.

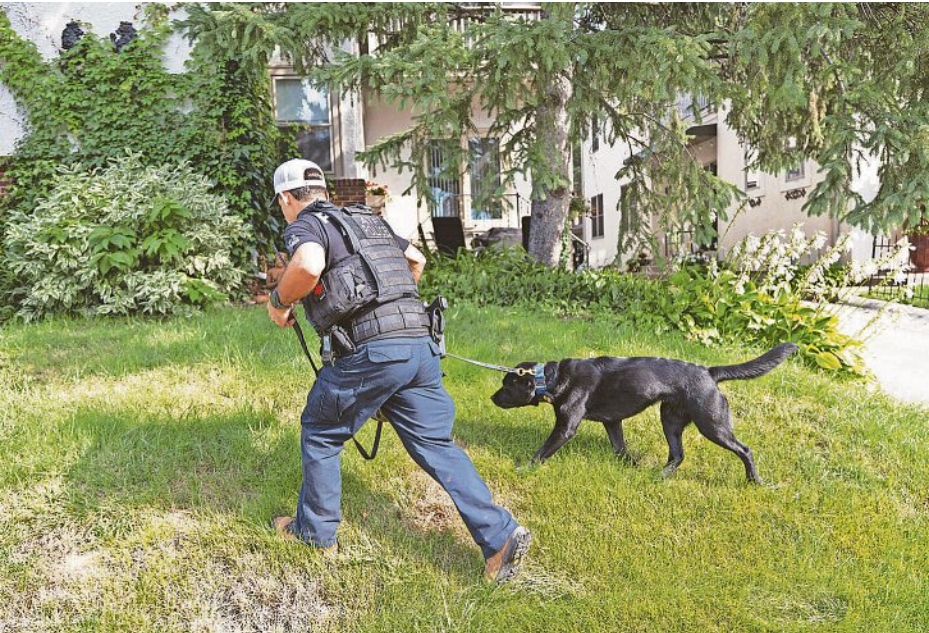
The shooting occurred at Annunciation Church, which also houses a school. The assailant approached the outside of the church building and fired inside toward children in the pews, said Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara.

The shooter is believed to have used three firearms: a rifle, a shotgun and a pistol. The number of rounds fired was "in the dozens," O'Hara said.

The two children killed were ages 8 and 10. Fourteen of those injured were children. Two children were in critical condition, O'Hara said. The shooter then died of a self-inflicted wound at the rear of the church, O'Hara said.

"The sheer cruelty and cowardice of firing into a church full of children is absolutely incomprehensible," he said,

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A K-9 dog searches a front yard after a shooting at Annunciation Church, also home to an elementary school, in Minneapolis on Aug. 27.

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The shooting came within 24 hours of at least three other fatal shooting incidents in the city, including a mass shooting the afternoon of Aug. 26.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Democrats flip Iowa Senate seat

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Democrat Catelin Drey pulled off a victory in a special election for the Iowa Senate, flipping a Republican-held seat and breaking the GOP's supermajority in the chamber for the first time in three years.

Drey won with 55% of the vote to Republican Christopher Prosch's 44%, according to unofficial results from the Woodbury County Auditor's Office.

Gov. Kim Reynolds called the election to fill a vacancy in Iowa Senate District 1 after Republican Sen. Rocky De Witt died of pancreatic cancer in June.

"I'm just really incredibly honored that the folks in Senate District 1 believed in this campaign as much as the team did and I am looking forward to representing them well," Drey said in an interview with the Des Moines Register.

The western Iowa Senate seat is based in Woodbury County and includes Sioux City.

Drey will serve the remainder of

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Iowa Democrats hopeful as DNC begins '28 talks

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MINNEAPOLIS — The effort to rewrite the presidential nominating calendar "starts today," Democratic National Committee Chair Ken Martin said at a party gathering in Minneapolis, formally kicking off a process that will shape Democrats' road to the White House in 2028.

Martin, who spoke at a meeting of the DNC's Rules and Bylaws Committee Aug. 26, said the group will begin discussing the issue in September with conversations continuing into the spring "to make sure that we have a rigorous, effective, fair calendar and

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