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Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Scott Hanlon, Cary Bruckner.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:00pm: Junior Teeners at Milbank (DH)

6:00pm: U8 Softball at Webster

6:30pm: Amateurs at Aberdeen (1 9-inning game)

7:00pm: U10 Softball at Webster

7:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature Circle

Tuesday, June 21

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: Gary & Linda Thurston, Ben & Kristi Peterson.

Birthdays: Gabrielle Ferrell, Art Gengerke, Austin Lorenz, Karen Spanier.

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

5:30pm: Legion hosts Mobridge (2)

6:00pm: T-Ball Gold at Ferney

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Homebuyer Education: The First Step to Buying a Home

By Nathaniel Sillin

How well do you really understand the homebuying process? Taking a qualified homebuying class will do more than teach you how to get a mortgage or pull together a down payment. It will help you determine the amount of home you can afford without endangering other lifetime financial goals.

If you think this training is just for first-timers, think again. Real estate markets change, and so do homebuying environments. It is worth considering taking a class each time you're making a home purchase, especially if it has been a significant number of years between purchases. The homebuying class can keep you up to date on what you'll need to know this time around.

Where can you find these courses? Many private lenders offer their own training, but governments – local, state and federal – are the main source for instructional classes for homebuyers. In fact, on both the public and private side, these classes are often tied to special loans or funding assistance for the qualified.

Most homebuyer trainings are free – if you're asked to pay, get an explanation for what those costs cover.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides a list of approved state (<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/buying/localbuying>) and local agencies (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>) that offer a range of homebuyer education options – some even help first-time buyers obtain grants and other financial assistance with their down payments. HUD has backed up this effort with additional funding (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2016/HUDNo_16-022) this year.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and Department of Agriculture (USDA) also offer assistance and educational programs for qualified buyers. Meanwhile, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (<https://www.fanniemae.com/content/faq/home-buyer-education-policies-faqs.pdf>), the two government-sponsored agencies that keep mortgage funding flowing through our lending system, also support their own homebuyer education options. In fact, a 2013 Freddie Mac study (http://www.freddie.com/news/blog/robert_tsien/20130415_getting_better.html) indicated that pre-purchased financial counseling may cut the likelihood of a first-time homebuyer becoming seriously delinquent by nearly 30 percent.

Here are some of the major topics a thorough homebuying class should cover:

1. Homebuying readiness. Explore the general questions around a homebuying decision, such as why you want to settle in a particular area, how long you plan to stay, what kind of

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property you're considering and where you are in your career and lifestyle. You may also be asked to answer specific financial questions to support your thinking, which should not be shared with others. The best courses will help you determine answers to the big questions, such as whether you should buy a home or stick with renting.

2. Budgeting and credit. These courses will help you evaluate how you handle money. Do you have a budget? If not, do you know how to create one? Do you understand your credit rating and what goes into determining your score? If you have debt, how are your efforts going to pay it off? Essentially, what you don't know about spending and borrowing can limit your ability to buy a home.

3. Preapproval for mortgage financing. Navigate the nitty-gritty of the loan process – what a mortgage is, the various types of mortgages, how they work and what it takes to be preapproved for a mortgage. Pre-approval involves filling out a full mortgage application, typically with a fee to cover an extensive credit check as if you were actually buying a home. Pre-approval, unlike prequalification, allows a potential borrower to receive a loan commitment for a specific amount, which can grease the wheels in a potential purchase.

4. Knowing what you can afford. Analyze the above and consider the reality of what kind of property you can really afford to buy. Look at price limits and locations and ways to get more for your money, including specific local, state and federal borrowing programs (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/buying_a_home) you may qualify for. Buying your dream home can seem nice, but it can turn into a nightmare if you can't afford the home while living within your means.

5. Your home search. Determine how, when and where to shop for specific properties within the neighborhoods you are interested in and how to get the best overall deal for what you're buying.

6. What you'll need to close a home sale in your chosen community. Buying a home can also include an introduction to the specific regulatory and cost environment where you're planning to live. For example, your course should take you through such things as community-specific housing laws and zoning restrictions that could affect what you'll be investing in the property, property tax issues (particularly if an assessment is pending), your home titling (<http://www.bankrate.com/finance/mortgages/understanding-the-closing-process-1.aspx>) process, inspection requirements and the other costs linked to legal processes and paperwork.

7. The aftermath. A solid homebuying class should give you a wide picture of the costs you'll face after the sale and how to manage them so you don't put the rest of your finances in jeopardy. Being too "house poor" not only puts you at a risk of losing the property, it can threaten other important financial goals.

If you have your eye on particular lenders in your community, call them to see whether homebuying education can be a helpful factor in getting approved for a loan. Ask them to explain how they evaluate such training and what courses they recommend. Always ask whether any homebuyer class has a fee and why. Also, get a second opinion – if you work with a qualified financial professional, ask what he or she thinks about the course and its benefits.

As you consider such a course, don't think narrowly about what you can get out of it. It's not just about getting the mortgage. It's a chance to ask about how a home purchase may affect other aspects of your financial life – all personal finance goals should be considered equally.

Bottom line: Since the mortgage industry collapse in 2008, it's been a new day in residential homebuying. Whether you're buying your first home or beyond, taking a homebuyer education class can help you understand the mortgage process, improve your credit and shop smarter for a home you can actually afford.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.



The Life of Mary Ann Fliehs (August 20, 1928 - June 16, 2016)

Forman, ND: The funeral for Mary Ann Fliehs, 87 of Forman, formerly of Cogswell, will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Britton, SD. Rev. Craig Grams will officiate and burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen, SD. Visitation will be 5-7:00 p.m. Monday at the Price Funeral Chapel in Forman, ND.

Mary Ann (Nehls) Fliehs was born on August 20, 1928 near Groton, SD to Fred Henry and Dora Emma Anna (Hopps) Nehls. She grew up and attended school in the Groton area.

On November 7, 1945 she married Marvin Fliehs. They moved to Belle Glade, Florida in 1956 and returned to the Dakotas in 1959. At that time they took up farming in the Brampton, ND area. In 1963, they moved to a farmstead near Cogswell, ND. In the 1980's, Mary Ann began working at the Farmers Inn in Havana, ND and worked there for several years. Marvin passed away on November 19, 2014 and in April of 2015, Mary Ann moved to Forman to an apartment and lived there before entering the Four Seasons Healthcare in June of 2016.

Mary Ann was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Britton, SD. She also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed baking, especially donuts, cooking for her kids, playing cards at the Kwik Stop every morning and on Tuesday with her friends in Havana and with family, playing bingo and going to the casino.

Mary Ann fell asleep Thursday, June 17, 2016 at the Four Seasons Healthcare at the age of 87

Grateful for having shared her life are her four sons: Marvin (Julie) Fliehs, Jr., Cogswell, ND; Douglas Fliehs, Kidder, SD; Darwin (Sandra) Fliehs, Forman, ND; and Dennis (Lisa Janes) Fliehs, Cogswell, ND; five grandchildren: Kristy (Donavan) Hajek and Kirk Fliehs, both of Forman, ND; Erika (Sean) Parrow and Corey Fliehs, both of Havana, ND and Matt (Kaitlyn) Fliehs, Wilmot, SD; five great grandchildren: Alexius and Colby Hajek and LeiLani Ringer, all of Forman, ND; Brytan Fliehs, Wilmot, SD and Deagan Parrow, Havana, ND; two brothers: Maurice Nehls, Langford, SD and Carrol "Spike" (Pat) Nehls, Groton, SD; a number of nieces, nephews and their families, and a special dear friend and neighbor Deloris Wittich.

Preceding her in death were her maternal and paternal grandparents, her parents, two sisters: Grace Blondo and Bernice Prunty and two brothers: Dallas and Howard Nehls.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Dennis Fliehs – 12792 96th Street SE – Cogswell, ND 58017.

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Today in Weather History

June 20, 1957: An F2 tornado moved ENE from near Rockham to near Athol and Ashton. One person was killed as a mobile home was destroyed near the start of the path. Four barns were destroyed and one home was unroofed.

Also on this day, an F5 tornado cut a swath through Fargo, North Dakota killing 10 and injuring at least 103 people. This was the northernmost confirmed F5 tornado until the Elie, Manitoba tornado on June 22, 2007.

June 20, 1989: A meteorological "hot flash" hit Pierre. Descending air from collapsing thunderstorms caused the temperature in Pierre to warm from 86 degrees at midnight to 96 at 1 a.m. and to 104 at 2 a.m. Pierre's record high for the date of 105 degrees in 1974.

2001: Large hail driven by strong thunderstorm winds raked Denver International and front-range airports. Wind gusting to 54 mph along with hail as large 2 inches in diameter punched at least 14 thousand holes and cracks in the flat roofs of several buildings at Denver International Airport. In addition, 93 planes and hundreds of cars were damaged. About 100 flights had to be canceled stranding 1500 travelers. The Airport was completely shut down for about 20 minutes. The storm also damaged ground avoidance radar used to track planes on the ground to prevent collisions. Damage was estimated at 10 million dollars not counting the damage to the 93 airliners. The storm moved south and struck Watkins Colorado with hail as large as 2 1/2 inches in diameter and winds gusting to 60 mph. At least 30 private planes at front-range airport were destroyed.

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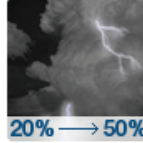



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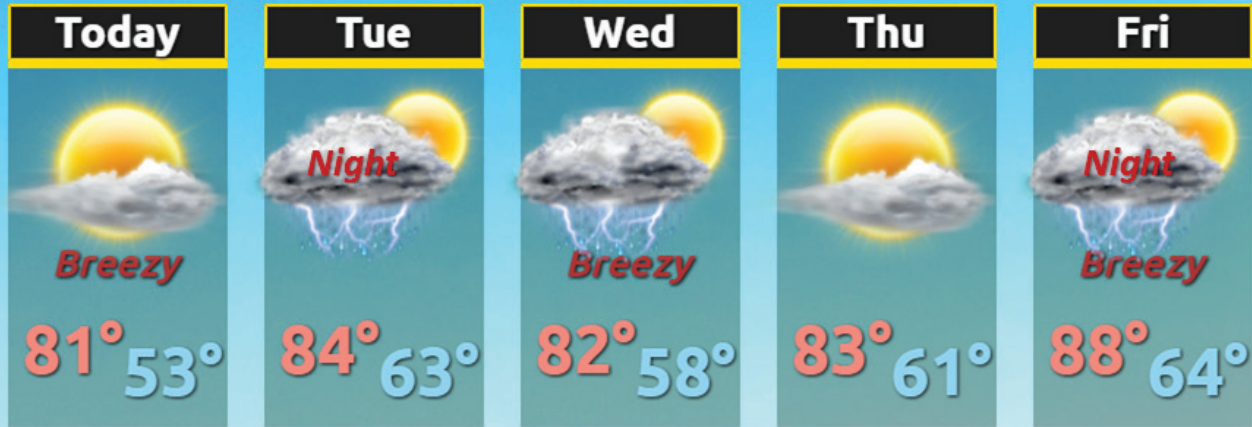
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Scattered Showers then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 81 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 81 °F



Seasonable Temperatures
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Seasonable temperatures return this week as Summer officially starts at 5:34 pm CDT this afternoon. The best chance for rain this week will arrive Tuesday night and continue into Wednesday.

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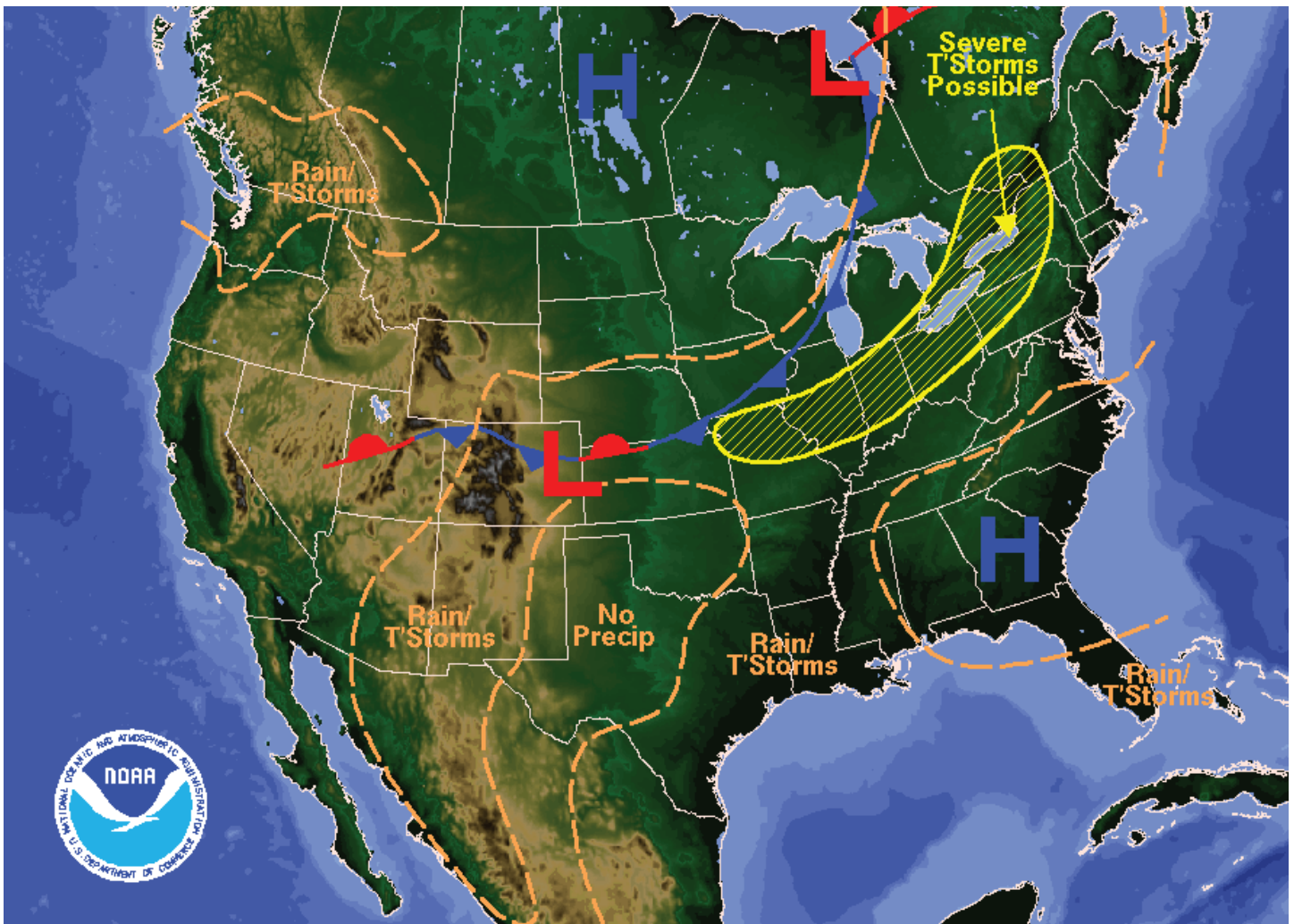
Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 93.0 F at 2:26 PM
Heat Index: 105.0 F at 2:26 PM
Low Outside Temp: 70.3 F at 11:57 PM
High Gust: 30.0 Mph at 5:45 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1988
Record Low: 34 in 1969
Average High: 79°F
Average Low: 55°F
Average Precip in June: 2.46
Precip to date in June: 1.67
Average Precip to date: 9.60
Precip Year to Date: 6.66
Sunset Tonight: 9:25 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jun 20, 2016, issued 4:48 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LIVING FEAR-FREE

"It's above me, around me, in me and under me," he said.

"What?" I asked.

"Fear," came the reply. "I am afraid of everything and everybody, anything and any place."

David gave us a good prescription for fear.

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him and He will help you." In one brief verse he provides three steps to control our anxieties:

Step One: Commit our concerns. The word "commit" contains a unique picture: it is as though you would "roll" the burden, problem or threat from yourself to God. Imagine putting all your concerns in a wheelbarrow and then rolling them into the presence of God and "dumping" them out at His feet. What a joy!

Step two: Fortify our faith. When we leave our concerns with God, we know that not only does He care about them, but He has the ultimate responsibility for their solution. We have His Word that – "He will help!"

Step three: Trusting God does not mean that He will remove every problem or give us everything we want. But it does mean that He is totally responsible for our well-being and will meet every need.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to take You at Your Word, to know that you will calm our every fear, give us Your everlasting peace, and provide for all our needs. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

News from the Associated Press

Julia Olson of Sioux Falls crowned Miss South Dakota

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman was crowned the new Miss South Dakota over the weekend at the annual pageant in Hot Springs.

Julia Olson is a 23-year-old graduate of South Dakota State University. She will represent South Dakota in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in September.

Megan Lipp of Rapid City was first runner-up in the state competition.

Rapid City man arrested after home standoff with police

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Formal charges are pending against a Rapid City man involved in a standoff with police after an alleged domestic assault.

Nearly a dozen officers responded to the home Sunday afternoon after the couple inside had gotten into an altercation.

Police say there were weapons inside the house and the man initially refused to come outside. He eventually surrendered and was arrested without incident.

Man, 27, dies after ATV rolls in Lawrence County

NEMO, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 27-year-old man was killed in an all-terrain vehicle crash in western South Dakota.

A statement from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety says the ATV was traveling on a gravel road near Nemo when the driver lost control and the ATV went off the road and rolled.

The driver, who wasn't wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. His identity is being withheld until his family members have been notified.

South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating the crash.

Highway Patrol holding women's recruiting event in Aberdeen

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol is hosting a recruiting event in Aberdeen for women who want to learn about joining.

The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Mall. People can swing by to get more information about recruiting.

There will also be female troopers there to talking about applying, training and what being a state trooper is like.

It's the last of four seminars held across the state this month. The Highway Patrol is taking applications for the next class of between 15 and 20 recruits through July 8.

Wakpala man sentenced for assaulting his girlfriend

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A 40-year-old Wakpala man convicted for assaulting his girlfriend has been sentenced to more than 2 years in custody.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Christopher Delong was sentenced to 28 months in custody to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Delong's girlfriend informed authorities that he had beat her in June 2015 after he became angry that

someone else took his car keys.

She sustained injuries including a cut lip, swollen eye and a severely swollen hand.

City of Yankton moving toward single-stream recycling system

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — The city of Yankton is moving toward starting a single-stream recycling system in 2017.

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (<http://bit.ly/24USO71>) reports that the city commission has voted to start the process of budgeting, applying for grants and informing people about a transition to the new system.

City Manager Amy Nelson says work to be able implement single-stream recycling in 2017 will take months.

With the new method, recyclables could all be put into one container without sorting by the user.

A higher city cost estimate of \$856,000 could be halved by available grants. Commissioner Jake Hoffner says the new system seems like “such a win for our community.”

For Dems, a stepping stone to common ground on health care

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

DAVE GRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernie Sanders’ “Medicare for all” plan seems even less likely now that he’s all but out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, but there’s a way that he and Hillary Clinton could still find common ground on government-sponsored health care.

It’s a “public option” for states to set up their own insurance plans that compete against private industry. Sanders helped to pass the federal legislation that would allow it, and Clinton, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, says if elected she’d work with interested governors to implement it.

In Sanders’ home state of Vermont, a long campaign to put the health system there under state control hit a dead end after cost projections came in alarmingly high. But the idea of a smaller step that would let the state set up a competitor to private insurance could catch on.

“That’s something that I think Vermonters would be extremely interested in pursuing,” said Lawrence Miller, a top health-policy aide to outgoing Democratic Gov. Peter Shumlin. “A public option, I think, is a very different conversation than a public mandate” like a so-called single-payer system run by government.

It remains unclear how many states might be interested in such an effort, which would likely trigger a sharp backlash from the deep-pocketed insurance industry. But by supporting a state option, Clinton may be able to broaden her appeal to liberals energized by Sanders’ idealistic campaign.

The incremental improvements to President Barack Obama’s health care law that Clinton has proposed aren’t likely to fulfill the aspirations of liberals, said Robert Blendon, a professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health who follows public opinion trends on health care.

“What’s exciting to them is not just adding benefits,” he said. “It’s offering some sort of public alternative to current private insurance.”

The idea also could give Clinton a way to change the conversation if, as expected, a wave of sharp premium increases hits the health law’s insurance markets later this summer and fall.

The legal vehicle for a state public option is already in place at the federal level, a section of Obama’s health care law that allows waivers for state innovation.

States can begin applying for the waivers Jan. 1, right around the time a new administration takes

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over. If the federal Health and Human Services Department approves, states can take federal money used for coverage expansion and spend it their own way, so long as they don't run up the federal deficit, leave more residents uninsured or slash benefits.

The provision's author, Oregon Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden, said Sanders was "very constructive and very supportive" in getting it into law. At the time of the 2009-2010 health overhaul debate in Congress, a state waiver was seen as a potential vehicle for a government-run system in Vermont.

But Wyden said the concept is ideologically neutral, so that Republican and Democratic governors can seek waivers to test competing ideas.

"States can pursue a wide variety of approaches; what is non-negotiable is that they have to have a proposal that meets the targets" for coverage and cost under the health care law, he said, adding that a state-sponsored public insurance plan would certainly fit.

Politically, "this is a unifying idea," Wyden said. "Senator Sanders is for it, and Secretary Clinton likes it, too."

Both Clinton and Sanders had previously supported a public insurance option at the national level. But opposition from moderate Democrats kept that proposal out of the final health overhaul law.

Sanders now is focused on putting his stamp on the Democratic platform, hoping to steer the party to the political left.

His campaign says he'll keep pushing for his single-payer national health care plan, and won't settle for state experimentation as the last word. However, policy director Warren Gunnels said Sanders would definitely support a state public option.

"Anything that makes health care more affordable for Americans is something that Senator Sanders supports," Gunnels said. Other incremental steps that Sanders backs include increased funding for community health centers and action to control rising prescription drug costs.

In Vermont, political leaders are also considering other proposals that could be aided by federal waivers. One would involve creating a statewide system for primary care, with the idea that guaranteed access to preventive care would let the uninsured and people with high-deductible plans get medical treatment before festering health problems become more expensive to treat.

It's unclear how well a state-run insurance option would work. One risk is that the public plan would draw large numbers of people who are in poor health, leading to high costs and higher premiums that discourage others from joining.

Some committed single-payer supporters see the idea as a mirage.

"It is a superficially attractive option," said David Himmelstein, a co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Program. "We know that the private insurers will take advantage of it to shunt more of their sick, expensive patients onto the public plan."

Yearly rattlesnake roundup event yields dozens of serpents

NOXEN, Pa. (AP) — Dozens of serpents have been collected as a part of an annual Rattlesnake Roundup in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Thirty-nine of the 59 registered hunters brought in a rattlesnake to Noxen during the weekend. Eight poisonous copperheads and 20 nonvenomous snakes were also hauled in.

The largest dark phase and light phase rattlesnakes both came in at nearly 4½ feet. The heaviest rattlesnake weighed 4 pounds, 1.8 ounces, and one hunter brought in a rattlesnake with 13 rattles.

The largest nonvenomous snake was a black rat snake that measured nearly 6½ feet.

The four-day event sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was first held in 1973 and raises money for the Noxen Fire Department and other local groups.

The snakes are returned to their natural habitat.

Comic's party wins Italy mayoral races, eyes national power

ROME (AP) — An anti-establishment party founded by a comic has triumphed in Italian mayoral runoff elections, trouncing Premier Matteo Renzi's candidates in Rome and elsewhere.

The 5-Star Movement candidate in Rome, Virginia Raggi, snared 67.2 percent of the vote in a two-person runoff Sunday, becoming the city's first female mayor and, at 37, its youngest. Another 5-Star candidate won in Turin.

Renzi's Democratic Party has been weakened by defections and a sprawling corruption scandal in Rome, which has tainted local Democrats as well as conservative parties. He didn't immediately comment.

Beppe Grillo, the caustic comic who founded the movement, said Monday that "from today, everything changes, now it's our turn." Luigi Di Maio, a 5-Star lawmaker, said the vote showed his party's "the only credible force" that can defeat Renzi's Democrats nationally.

Biden asserts Trump could trigger surge in anti-Americanism

JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning of a potential surge in anti-Americanism, Vice President Joe Biden is tearing into Donald Trump's views on foreign policy and urging the country not to follow the presumptive Republican nominee down a path of isolationism and bigotry.

Biden, in a speech Monday to the Center for New American Security, planned to deliver a point-by-point rebuttal of Trump's ideas on immigration, terrorism and relations with Russia. In excerpts of his speech released in advance by the White House, Biden cautioned against policies he said would make the U.S. and its neighborhood poorer, less democratic and less secure.

"Wielding the politics of fear and intolerance, like proposals to ban Muslims from entering the United States or slandering entire religious communities as complicit in terrorism, calls into question America's status as the greatest democracy in the history of the world," Biden planned to say.

Biden's speech to the Washington think tank was to form his most concerted and lengthy rebuke to date of Trump, and comes as Biden and President Barack Obama are increasingly inserting themselves into the election in an attempt to stop Trump. Earlier this month both Biden and Obama endorsed Hillary Clinton, and both Democrats are expected to start campaigning aggressively for her in the coming days.

Although Biden didn't mention Trump by name in the excerpts of his speech, his intended target was clear. On Sunday, Trump went beyond his previous calls for temporarily banning Muslim immigration by suggesting the U.S. should consider profiling Muslims already in the U.S. The Republican has also called for reinstating waterboarding and other harsh interrogation methods to try to prevent terrorist attacks.

"Adopting the tactics of our enemies — using torture, threatening to kill innocent family members, indiscriminately bombing civilian populations — not only violates our values, it's deeply damaging to our security," Biden said. He echoed Obama's argument that demonizing the world's Muslims would actually help the Islamic State group by playing "into the narrative of extremists."

Biden, who considered running for president before bowing out last year, said the country was at an "inflection point" in which hard-fought gains of the past several years risk being squandered. He dismissed those who "seek sound bite solutions in a world defined by complexity," in another clear swipe at Trump.

"If we build walls and disrespect our closest neighbors, we will quickly see all this progress disappear, replaced by a return of anti-Americanism and a corrosive rift throughout our hemisphere," Biden said.

The vice president also sought to undercut Trump's argument that if elected, the U.S. would enjoy

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a more constructive and friendly relationship with Russia, following a dysfunctional relationship under Obama. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has praised Trump's intelligence in the past, more recently dodged questions about whether he prefers Trump or Clinton and pledged to work with whoever wins.

"Embracing Putin at a time of renewed Russian aggression could call into question America's long-standing commitment to a Europe whole, free and at peace," Biden said. "But neither is it time to dust off the Cold War playbook."

Though the U.S. cut off formal military ties with Russia in 2014 to protest its actions in Ukraine, the two militaries have sought to maintain lines of communication to avoid an inadvertent confrontation in Syria, where both militaries are fighting the Islamic State group but backing opposing sides in Syria's civil war. Biden said that as new military technologies raise the risk of a mistake or escalation, the U.S. needs to find "new channels with Moscow to clearly communicate our intentions."

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. FBI TO RELEASE ORLANDO SHOOTING TRANSCRIPTS

Parts of the conversations between the gunman within the Pulse gay nightclub and police negotiators will be made public.

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The UN blames persecution and conflict in places like Syria and Afghanistan for the spike in displaced people around the globe.

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Several suspects are arrested after authorities seize ammunition and bombs in "the biggest terrorist plot" to ever target Tehran, Iranian state TV says.

4. IN CLEVELAND, NO MORE WAITING 'TIL NEXT YEAR

The city celebrates like never before after LeBron James and the Cavs end Cleveland's 52-year championship drought.

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A decade after the burst of the housing bubble, American homeowners are thriving while renters are struggling.

6. PYONGYANG CLAIMS SOUTH KOREA ABDUCTED 12 WOMEN

The case of the North Korean waitresses now detained in the South has become a bitter point of contention between the two nations.

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The mercury in Phoenix reaches 118 degrees, breaking a record of 115 set nearly 50 years ago.

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Anton Yelchin, best known for playing Chekov in the new "Star Trek" films, is killed by his own car as it rolls down his driveway.

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Health officials say messy yards could become a public health danger this summer because the mosquito that carries the Zika virus likes to live and breed close to homes.

10. DUSTIN JOHNSON WINS US OPEN, HIS FIRST MAJOR

The golfer gives three quick fist-pumps when his birdie putt falls on the 18th, and scoops up his son Tatum on Father's Day.

Iran TV says authorities disrupted 'biggest terrorist plot'

AMIR VAHDAT, Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian intelligence officials have broken up "the biggest terrorist plot" ever planned to target Tehran and other provinces in the Islamic Republic, the country's state television reported on Monday.

An anchor on state television read off a statement attributing the information to Iran's Intelligence Ministry. Officials could not be immediately reached for comment to elaborate.

Several suspects have been arrested and are under interrogation over the plot after agents seized ammunition and bombs, the state TV said.

The semi-official Fars and ISNA news agencies quoted Ali Shamkhani, the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, as saying the attack was timed to hit during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Iran's state-run IRNA news agency, citing the Intelligence Ministry, said the attack was supposed to come on the anniversary of the death of the Prophet Muhammad's wife, Khadija, which was commemorated in small ceremonies across Iran on Thursday.

The report didn't identify those arrested, though it called them "takfiris," a derogatory term in both Arabic and Farsi referring to Muslims who accuse others of being "nonbelievers."

Iranian authorities often refer to followers of the Sunni militant Islamic State group as "takfiris," though it isn't clear if this case involved the extremist group that holds territory in Iraq and Syria.

Shiite power Iran has been helping both the Syrian and the Iraqi government in their battles against the Islamic State group. It has warned of possible militant attacks targeting the country, which largely hasn't seen such attacks since the immediate aftermath of its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

IRNA, however, called those involved in the plot "Wahhabi takfiris." Wahhabism is an ultraconservative school of Islam practiced predominantly in Saudi Arabia.

Relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia have frayed following the kingdom's execution of a prominent Shiite cleric in January and subsequent attacks by protesters on Saudi diplomatic posts in Iran. The kingdom cut diplomatic relations with Tehran following those attacks.

Iran recently announced it would not be sending pilgrims to Saudi Arabia for the annual hajj pilgrimage, as it said the kingdom did not meet Iran's requests for better security for Iranian pilgrims. The hajj pilgrimage is required of all able-bodied Muslims once in their lifetime.

In May, Iran's Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi announced that 20 "terrorist groups" that planned to detonate bombs and cause insecurity across the country had been dismantled. It's unclear whether that included the plot announced Monday by state television.

Iran faces threats from several militant groups. Last week, Iran's Revolutionary Guard battled armed members of an insurgent Kurdish group in the country's West Azerbaijan province near its border with Iraq and Turkey.

Both sides gave conflicting death tolls from the fighting, as the Guard said its forces killed 12 insurgents while three of its own died. The Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan said Kurds killed over 12 Guard members, including a colonel.

Before hearing, Pyongyang pushes claim South abducted women

ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — As South Korea's main spy agency prepares a courtroom defense of its continued detention of 12 North Korean waitresses it says fled from China, Pyongyang is using the women's relatives and colleagues to step up its accusations that they were tricked into leaving their

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jobs and essentially kidnapped.

The case has become a bitter point of contention between the two Koreas. Pyongyang claims South Korea's National Intelligence Service abducted the waitresses. Seoul says they came to the South of their own free will and don't want to go back to North Korea.

The women are in South Korean custody and have yet not been allowed to freely tell their story in public. In response to a legal filing by South Korean human rights lawyers, the NIS must prove that the North Koreans are being lawfully detained. A closed-door hearing in the case is set for Tuesday at Seoul Central Court; the restaurant workers are not expected to testify.

On Saturday in Pyongyang, North Korean authorities allowed an Associated Press Television crew to interview some of the colleagues and parents of the waitresses who are now in South Korea. The interviews were conducted freely with no questions submitted in advance, but it is common for authorities to coach interviewees beforehand to make sure they stay on message.

Former waitresses Choe Rye Yong and Han Yun Hui said they worked with the 12 women for more than two years at the North Korean-run Azalea Friendship Restaurant in Ningbo, China. Choe and Han said they chose not to go with them and instead returned to Pyongyang. They did not say exactly what transpired.

News of Tuesday's hearing has not been announced by the North's state-run media, but Choe and Han said North Korean authorities had told them about it. They said they can't understand why the hearing is closed.

"The fact that it's closed means that they don't want to let our colleagues say what they want to say," said Choe, who was the head waitress at the Azalea.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans have defected to South Korea over decades of division, and in recent years North Korea has tried to step up efforts to prevent further defections.

Going from North Korea to South Korea has always been complicated by concerns for family left behind, and Pyongyang appeared to be trying to capitalize on those feelings by taking the unusual step of allowing the restaurant workers' parents to be interviewed by foreign media.

Ri Gum Suk, the mother of one of the workers, So Kyong Ah, said all parents involved are heartbroken. Her husband, So Thae Song, said he wants to hear from his daughter directly because he can't believe she would have decided to defect.

"They say our children defected, making their own free decision, but then why don't they put our children in front of us parents? I want to hear the words from my lovely daughter. Why don't they let her meet us? They say they defected willingly as a group. I can't accept this," he said.

North Koreans who flee to the South are routinely questioned in seclusion by the NIS to make sure they're not spies. They are then kept for up to six months at a guarded facility where they receive vocational training and learn how to adapt to South Korean life.

While South Korea has dismissed the North's claims that the waitresses were tricked or left against their will, an independent group of South Korean lawyers is calling on the justice system to bring the women into court to answer questions about their intentions.

After the NIS and Unification Ministry rejected the lawyers' request to meet the restaurant workers, the group filed for legal action, using South Korean law on habeas corpus to demand judicial review of the North Koreans' detention.

Chun Nak-bung, a lawyer from the group, said the women are not expected to appear in court Tuesday, and that it's unclear when a court decision would be reached.

South Korea's spy service said earlier this year that North Korea was running about 130 restaurants overseas, mostly in China.

Overall, North Korea has about 50,000-60,000 workers abroad, mostly in Russia and China, with a mission to bring in foreign currency.

Taliban suicide bombing kills 14 Nepalese guards in Kabul

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A Taliban suicide bomber killed 14 Nepalese security guards in an attack Monday on their minibus in the Afghan capital, Kabul, the Interior Ministry and an Afghan security official said.

The Nepalese were on their way to the Canadian Embassy where they work as guards, according to another Nepalese guard who was wounded in the attack.

It was the latest attack by the Taliban, who have stepped up assaults, including in the Afghan capital, as part of their summer offensive. The insurgents frequently target government employees and Afghan security forces across the country.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, a bomb rigged to a motorbike killed eight Afghan civilians during morning rush hour in a province in the northeast. And later on Monday in Kabul, a second Taliban bombing killed an Afghan civilian and wounded five people, including a provincial council member who was the intended target of that attack, authorities said.

In the bombing that killed the Nepalese guards, the bomber was on foot when he struck the minibus, said Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, the city's police chief. He did not identify the foreign security company the guards work for.

An Interior Ministry statement confirmed that all 14 killed were Nepalese citizens, describing the attack as the work of a "terrorist suicide bomber." It said the explosion also wounded nine people, five Nepalese employees and four Afghan civilians.

Amrit Rokaya Chhetri, a Nepalese guard wounded in the attack, told The Associated Press they were on their way to the Canadian Embassy when the blast took place.

"Many people died," Chhetri said from his hospital bed, his head covered with bandage. "I say to my family, I am ok and I will come home."

Abdullah Abdullah, the country's chief executive officer, condemned the attack in a posting on Twitter, saying: "This attack is an act of terror and intimidation."

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement to media.

In late May, a suicide bomber targeted a minibus carrying court employees during morning rush hour in Kabul, killing 11 people — judges and court employees. The Taliban claimed responsibility for that attack as well. The bomber, who was on foot, detonated his explosives' vest as he walked by the vehicle in the western part of the city.

In Nepal, Bharat Raj Paudyal, spokesman for Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the government is aware of Monday's incident in Kabul and is trying to verify the names of the victims and details about the bombing.

Nepal does not have an embassy in Afghanistan but the embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, is working to get the details, he said.

In the northeastern Badakhshan province, the parked motorbike-bomb that killed at least eight Afghan civilians also wounded 14 others, according to Naved Froutan, spokesman for the provincial governor.

The explosion took place in the main bazaar in Kashim district, he said, adding that "an investigation is underway to determine the target of the attack, but all victims of the attack are civilians."

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the Badakhshan attack, though Taliban are active in the area and regularly target Afghan security forces there.

Meanwhile, the second blast in Kabul went off near the home of Mawlavi Attaullah Faizani, a member of the Kabul provincial council, said Sediq Sediqqi, spokesman for the Afghan interior minister.

Sediqqi said the bomb went off as Faizani was passing by in his vehicle. Mujahid, the Taliban spokesman, said insurgents had targeted the provincial council member.

Ex-Conservative Party chair switches sides on EU referendum

LONDON (AP) — A former Conservative Party chair has switched sides in Britain's upcoming European Union referendum, accusing campaigners promoting an exit from the 28-nation bloc of peddling hate and xenophobia.

Sayeeda Warsi said Monday that moderate voices in the "leave" campaign have been drowned out.

Warsi is one of the most prominent Muslim politicians in Britain. She said her decision was sparked by a poster depicting a crowd of migrants walking through Europe with a warning in capital letters that said: BREAKING POINT.

Warsi told the BBC that "this kind of nudge-nudge, wink-wink xenophobic racist campaign may be politically savvy or politically useful in the short term, but it causes long-term damage to communities."

Campaigners for "leave" were bemused by her decision, saying they weren't even aware she had been a supporter.

Government workers fret what they can, can't say about Trump

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Pop quiz: You work for the government, and you're passionate about the presidential campaign. Which are you allowed to do:

A: Wear your red hat with Donald Trump's slogan, "Make America Great Again!" to the office.

B: Forward an email at work urging colleagues to vote for Hillary Clinton.

C: Ask a friend to write a check to Bernie Sanders' campaign.

Answer: None of the above.

The topsy-turvy presidential race has stirred strong feelings across the country, and Americans are not known for keeping quiet about their political views. But here's a warning for the nearly 3 million people who work for the federal government: Be careful what you say — and where.

A complex web of restrictions limits political activity by government workers, especially when they're on the clock. Not all the rules are self-evident, and they vary for different types of employees.

So this year, as the campaign heats up, agencies from the White House to the U.S. Postal Service are trying to educate workers about what they can and can't do without violating a relatively obscure law known as the Hatch Act. The Office of Special Counsel, an independent federal law enforcement agency, says requests for training at all levels of government are surging.

"It's not just questions about Donald Trump," said Ana Galindo-Marrone, chief of the office's Hatch Act Unit. "I've had people want to know what they can do with respect to Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. And the answer is the same for all of them."

Among the questions that federal employees have posed this year: Can I put "Make America Great Again" in my work email signature? Can I wear my "Make Donald Drumpf Again" hat, popularized by comedian John Oliver, at the office? What about retweeting the presumptive GOP nominee's flashy tweets from my iPhone when the work day gets slow?

No, no, and no.

Under the Hatch Act, government employees can't engage in political activity while they're on duty

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or in their office or work vehicle, with few exceptions. In their private time, they're free to advocate for candidates, donate money, even speak at a rally or fundraiser, as long as they don't mention their official titles. They can't solicit or collect donations from others, even on their own time.

The rules cover all workers who fall under the executive branch, but not to members of the military or people who work for Congress or the courts.

Tomas Strouhal, a postal worker from Quarryville, Pennsylvania, wasn't well-versed in the rules when he put a Trump bumper sticker on the car he parks at work before switching to a mail truck for his route.

It turned out, neither was his supervisor. After another worker complained, Strouhal, 23, was called in and told to remove the sticker or risk being fired, he said. He took it down, but then discovered that he's actually allowed to have one political bumper sticker on his personal vehicle, even if he parks it at work.

"I definitely didn't know a bumper sticker could be such a big deal," Strouhal said. "My first thought was that they violated my First Amendment rights. It's almost like they were discriminating in a way, too, because a lot of people don't like Trump."

The limitations get even more confusing at the higher levels of government. Most workers fall under the "less restricted" category, but some, including those who work for the FBI, the CIA and parts of the Justice Department, are "further restricted," which comes with rules of its own.

Two government workers get a free pass: the president and the vice president, who have inherently political roles and can engage openly in political activity. At the White House, a handful of aides are permitted to work on the logistics like scheduling and travel arrangements to facilitate the president's campaign appearances and other political activity.

Yet the rules can be tricky for prominent officials like Cabinet secretaries, who are sometimes called upon to campaign for their party's candidates and are often asked about politics when they appear in public.

"An individual or Cabinet secretary needs to make very, very clear with the campaign or the committee that if they engage, they are engaging in their personal capacity, that their official function or title isn't going to be something that is used," said David Simas, the White House political director. "That's the key distinction."

Former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was found to have violated the Hatch Act in 2012 when she made an off-hand remark at a gay rights group's gala about who should be North Carolina's next governor. And Secretary of State John Kerry, answering questions at Oxford University, had to demur last month when a student quizzed him on Trump.

"I'm not allowed under our law to get into, actually full-throatedly, into the middle of the campaign," Kerry said before moving on to another topic.

Senate to vote on 4 gun control measures

The Associated Press

The Senate plans to take four procedural votes Monday on amendments that would improve or expand background checks and make it harder for suspected terrorists to purchase guns. None is expected to get the 60 votes required for further action.

Democrats were expected to block two Republican amendments, arguing that they fall short in controlling the sales of guns. Republicans were expected to block two Democratic amendments, contending that they threaten the constitutional rights of gun owners.

Details on the amendments:

— Amendment by Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut that would require background checks for all gun sales and improve information in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

— Amendment by Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, that would boost funds for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and ensure that the correct records are uploaded into the system in a timely manner. Would also clarify language surrounding mental health issues that would disqualify someone from buying a gun.

— Amendment by Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California that would let the government bar sales of guns and explosives to people it suspects of being terrorists. Feinstein offered a similar amendment in December, a day after an extremist couple killed 14 people in San Bernardino, California, but the Republican-run Senate rejected the proposal on a near party-line vote.

The Justice Department has endorsed the legislation, saying it gives the department “an important additional tool to prevent the sale of guns to suspected terrorists by licensed firearms dealers while ensuring protection of the department’s operational and investigative sensitivities.”

— Amendment by Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas that would allow the government to delay a gun sale to a suspected terrorist for 72 hours, but require prosecutors to go to court to show probable cause to block the sale permanently. The National Rifle Association backs the legislation, which the Senate also rejected in December.

The NRA said in a statement that “if an investigation uncovers evidence of terrorist activity or involvement, the government should be allowed to immediately go to court, block the sale, and arrest the terrorist. At the same time, due process protections should be put in place that allow law-abiding Americans who are wrongly put on a watchlist to be removed.”

FBI releasing conversations between gunman and police

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Federal investigators promised to provide more insight as to what was happening inside the Pulse nightclub after a gunman started a deadly assault that was the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The FBI was releasing on Monday a printed, partial transcript of the conversations between the gunman within the Pulse gay nightclub and Orlando police negotiators, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said.

The release is coming a day after tens of thousands of people held a candlelight vigil in the heart of downtown Orlando for the 49 victims who died in the massacre. The victims also were remembered at church services and at makeshift memorials throughout Orlando.

“As a community, it’s important that we gather together to show our support because only together can we move forward,” said Gabrielle Claire, a musician and Universal Orlando worker who says she knew three Pulse victims who died. She was holding a “Hugs for Healing” sign at the vigil and numerous strangers came up to hug her.

“We don’t have to be afraid of holding each other. We don’t have to be afraid of saying to other people, ‘I’m here for you,’” she said.

Lynch said in interviews Sunday on several news shows that the FBI would release a partial, printed

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transcript of the conversations between gunman Omar Mateen from within the Pulse nightclub and Orlando police negotiators. Armed with a semi-automatic weapon, Mateen went on a bloody rampage at the club June 12 that left 49 people dead and 53 others seriously hurt. Mateen died in a hail of gunfire after police stormed the venue.

Lynch told ABC's "This Week" that the top goal while intensifying pressure on the Islamic State — the extremist group thought to have inspired Mateen — is to build a complete profile of him in order to help prevent another massacre like Orlando.

"As you can see from this investigation, we are going back and learning everything we can about this killer, about his contacts, people who may have known him or seen him. And we're trying to build that profile so that we can move forward," Lynch said.

Lynch said she would be traveling to Orlando on Tuesday to meet with investigators.

Speaking to CBS' "Face The Nation," Lynch said that a key goal of the investigation was to determine why Mateen targeted the gay community. The victims were predominantly gay and Hispanic since it was "Latin night" at Pulse.

"We are hurting. We are exhausted, confused, and there is so much grief," said Larry Watchorn, a ministerial intern, during a sermon Sunday at Joy Metropolitan Community Church in Orlando, whose congregants are predominantly gay.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott described the attack as "devastating" while praying at the First Baptist Church of Orlando on Sunday. He said the gunman targeted "two very vulnerable populations."

"But here is the positive out of it ... people have come together," Scott said. "There are so many people who have done so many wonderful acts."

Around Orlando, people left balloons, flowers, pictures and posters at a makeshift memorial in front of the city's new performing arts center and at Orlando Regional Medical Center where 49 white crosses were emblazoned with red hearts and the names of the victims.

The crosses were built by a Chicago carpenter with a history of constructing crosses for victims of mass shootings. Greg Zanis drove from Illinois to Orlando last week and installed the crosses at the medical center, where many of the 53 shooting victims who survived were taken for treatment.

He said Sunday that the crosses are a message for people of all faiths: "Quit judging and start loving."

A rainbow appeared over Lake Eola Park Sunday evening as tens of thousands of people turned out for an evening vigil to honor the victims of the shooting. The park was filled with people holding white flowers, American flags and candles.

One of those people attending, Traci Hines-McKenzie, said the timing of the rainbow was perfect.

"You know that's a sign," she said.

Dr. Khurshid Ahmed was part of a group of Muslim-Americans at the vigil who held signs reading, "Muslims Condemn Extremism." Investigators have said Mateen reportedly pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, and a letter from the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, Republican Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, said Mateen wrote on Facebook that "real Muslims will never accept the filthy ways of the West."

At the end of the vigil, people held up their candles as the names of each victim were read, creating a ring of fire around Lake Eola. They chanted "One Orlando," "Orlando United" and "Somos Orlando," Spanish for "We are Orlando."

"That event has gotten the attention of the world," said Evania Nichols, an Orlando resident. "And, for Orlando — a city that's always been incredibly inclusive no matter your skin color, no matter your background — it's brought about a movement that I think is starting here and I really hope continues."

Hotter days bring bigger wildfire challenges to West

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A wildfire that for days has threatened hundreds of homes and popular seaside campgrounds near Santa Barbara was half-surrounded and held in check, though firefighters were about to face the hottest day yet and the kind of dry, torrid conditions prevailing from the West Coast all the way to New Mexico.

A Red Flag warning for late Sunday and early Monday, signaling dangerously dry heat and high winds, was declared for the hilly coastal area west of Santa Barbara.

The fire was 51 percent contained after burning more than 2 square miles since starting on Wednesday.

Meanwhile near downtown Los Angeles, a small-but-dangerous brush fire threatened a densely populated, hilly neighborhood along a freeway amid sizzling temperatures Sunday.

Crews knocked down the blaze in the Silver Lake neighborhood after it damaged two homes, destroyed three shed-like structures, scorched yards and sent trees up in flames.

Neighbors scrambled with garden hoses and buckets, while water-dropping helicopters and scores of firefighters chased embers and doused steep hillsides to keep the flames from spreading.

The blaze only charred 8 acres but gave urban residents a scare.

Paul Gaffner had been swimming at a pool a few minutes from his home and was planning to run errands when he saw heavy smoke near his house.

"Man, that fire is at my house," he said he thought.

When he arrived, his neighbor was hosing down flames in his backyard. In his flip-flops and shorts, he joined the fight as neighbors chipped in help protect their houses.

"It was a lot going on," Gaffner said as he handed out bottles of Gatorade to firefighters. "You've got it in front of you, you don't have time to panic."

Another wildfire that broke out Sunday forced the evacuation of about 75 people from a tiny town in the California desert near the Mexico border.

It had surged to over 2 square miles amid triple-digit temperatures near the town of Potrero, a ranching community just a few miles north of Tecate, Mexico, and about 40 miles southeast of San Diego.

In New Mexico, a 28-square-mile fire that erupted last week and destroyed 24 homes in the Manzano Mountains south of Albuquerque was largely uncontained. But higher humidity overnight allowed crews to strengthen lines around the fire and keep a lookout for hot spots where flames could jump the line.

In eastern Arizona, a fire that has burned 19 square miles southwest of Show Low advanced south, but containment increased to 40 percent.

As Zika looms, US health officials worry about the neighbors

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HOUSTON (AP) — Saron Wyatt pointed to the secluded end of her small street in Houston's impoverished Fifth Ward, where a mound of old tires keeps popping up.

Always a trashy nuisance, it's now a growing danger. Tires collect water and become prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes — especially the ones that spread Zika virus disease and other tropical mosquito-borne illnesses.

Wyatt, a mother of five, doesn't know where the tires are coming from. But she's worried about it, and so are health officials.

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Spraying for the type of mosquito that carries Zika is not always effective, and they can breed in pools of standing water as small as a Styrofoam cup. That means vacant lots or messy yards may need to be cleaned up.

Dr. Umair Shah, the head of Houston's local health department, called getting the cooperation of local residents his department's biggest issue. "It's really about a neighbor who might have sources of breeding on their property that can impact a neighbor two or three houses down," he said.

Experts believe the vast majority of neighbors will comply. But not all. For months now, the federal government has been urging local health officials to review local nuisance ordinances and plot how to handle property owners who are combative or can't be found.

During a recent outbreak of dengue fever in Hawaii that involved the same mosquito that can spread Zika, health officials went to more than 500 properties to survey or spray. In 23 cases, residents refused requests to enter.

It happened again in March, when health officials went to see a Kauai resident who was infected with Zika after traveling to an outbreak area in Latin America. Initially, the person would not allow health officials onto the rental property. But when a team returned for a follow-up visit, a family member let them in to look for mosquito breeding areas.

"For the most part, we do get good cooperation," said Keith Kawaoka, deputy director for environmental health at Hawaii's state health department. But sometimes cooperation only comes only after a couple of conversations.

Zika has been sweeping through Latin America and the Caribbean in recent months, and the fear is that it will get worse there and arrive in the U.S. with the onset of mosquito season this summer. Zika causes only a mild and brief illness, at worst, in most people. But it can cause fetal deaths and severe birth defects in the children of women infected during pregnancy.

After West Nile Virus, another mosquito-borne disease, hit the United States in 1999, the response was often to spray wide areas using trucks and aircraft.

But the kinds of mosquitoes that primarily spread West Nile are different from the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito that spreads Zika and dengue. That tropical pest likes to live very close to people, and immediately around their homes.

If someone is diagnosed with Zika and health officials determine that they were infected by a local mosquito, officials will draw a circle around their house with a radius of about 150 yards. That's roughly half a block in many cities. An *Aedes aegypti* mosquito doesn't travel farther than that during its typical three-week lifespan.

Next, health officials or mosquito control workers will visit the properties within that circle and look for standing water where mosquitoes may be breeding, including Styrofoam cups, flower pots, and old tires. They will work with the property owner to remove them, or treat them with chemicals that kill mosquito larvae.

Some people may not want such an intrusion.

In Hawaii during its dengue outbreak, much of the resistance came from organic farmers and beekeepers wary of chemical sprays, Kawaoka said.

But there may be other cases in which a property occupant is hiding an illegal activity and doesn't want health officials snooping around. Or, there may be people who simply don't want anyone from the government on their land, some experts said.

"In modern America, there's been a lot of focus on individual autonomy," said Lawrence Gostin, a public health law expert at Georgetown University.

Health officials think health they would be able to beat back a legal challenge to government intervention because courts have long allowed the government to intrude onto private property to deal with

situations that may be harmful to the public, Gostin said.

Wyatt doesn't know where the tires on her street in Houston come from, but she doesn't think it's her neighbors. She considers the people on her block to be quiet people who don't come out of their houses much but don't appear to cause any trouble.

"They all look out for one another," she said.

But health officials in Harris County have had mixed results trying to clear up dumping grounds and standing water.

And mosquito control staff are fielding complaints from people tired of seeing staffers walk on their property to monitor mosquito traps that officials have set up to try to detect Zika before human infection, said Martin Reyna Nava, technical operations manager for the county's mosquito control division.

Shah and others are concerned that these kinds of trouble spots will keep popping up, at least until a local Zika case occurs in the community and makes people realize that the danger is real.

"There may be folks who say, 'Nah, I'm not really interested in helping,'" Shah said. "That's where the challenge comes in."

Clashes between police, teachers leave 6 dead in Mexico

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OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — Violent clashes between police and members of a radical teachers' union who had blockaded roads in southern Mexico on Sunday left six people dead and more than 100 injured, officials said.

The teachers from the National Coordinator of Education Workers, or CNTE, are opposed to the mandatory testing of teachers as part of Mexico's sweeping education reform and are also protesting the arrest of union leaders on money laundering and other charges.

In Sunday's clashes in the southern state of Oaxaca, protesters threw stones and Molotov cocktails, and burned vehicles, while Associated Press journalists saw riot police firing on protesters. Clashes took place in several municipalities in Oaxaca, but the most violent were in Nochixtlan, north of the state capital also called Oaxaca.

In a late-night press conference, Oaxaca state Gov. Gabino Cue, accompanied by Federal Police chief Enrique Galindo, raised the death toll from the clashes in Nochixtlan to six. They said 53 civilians, 41 federal police agents and 14 state police agents were injured.

Cue said that all the dead were civilians, with two having ties to the CNTE union. A state official had previously said a state police officer was killed but it turned out the person was a civilian.

Earlier Sunday, Mexico's federal government released a statement saying 21 federal police had been wounded, three of them by gunfire, and that its agents who participated in the operation were not carrying guns.

"The attacks with guns came from people outside the blockades who fired on the population and federal police," it said.

But footage filmed by The AP shows at least one police officer firing a gun several times, though it was unclear if he was a federal or state agent.

Late Sunday night, Galindo acknowledged that he had sent in some officers with guns after agents came under fire.

"The police obligation is to protect the population," he said.

Clashes were continuing Sunday night outside of Oaxaca city and in the municipalities of San Pablo Huitzo and Santiaguito, where protesters had burned federal police installations.

Over the past week, unionized teachers have blockaded streets, a shopping mall and even train tracks in the western state of Michoacan. They have also forced some bus lines to cancel trips to Oaxaca, which is a popular tourist destination, and blocked a highway on the isthmus of Tehuantepec. And in Oaxaca city, protesting teachers have set up an encampment in the city's main square.

Federal prosecutors accuse union leaders of setting up an illegal financial network to fund protests and line their own pockets. They allege the scheme operated in 2013-2015, when the union effectively controlled the payroll of Oaxaca's teachers.

Following the arrest of some of its top leaders, the union called for a revolt against Mexico's government.

Ten years ago, the teachers started a six-month takeover of Oaxaca that didn't end until police stormed the barricades.

Decade after housing peaked: Owners richer, renters hurting

JOSH BOAK, Associated Press

MOUNT PLEASANT, South Carolina (AP) — It's a troublesome story playing out across America in the 10 years since the housing bubble peaked and then burst in a ruinous crash: As real estate has climbed back, homeowners are thriving while renters are struggling.

For many longtime owners, times are good. They're enjoying the benefits of growing equity and reduced mortgage payments from ultra-low rates.

But for America's growing class of renters, surging costs, stagnant pay and rising home values have made it next to impossible to save enough to buy.

The possible consequences are bleak for a nation already grappling with economic inequality: Whatever wealth most Americans possess mainly comes from home equity. An enlarged renter class means fewer Americans can build that same wealth and financial security.

Nearly two-thirds of adults still own homes. And some who rent do so by choice. Yet ownership has become a more distant dream for the many Americans who still regard it as a route to prosperity and pride. The problem has become especially severe in areas that offer the best job prospects as well as those that have been battered by foreclosures.

"It doesn't paint a pretty picture," said Svenja Gudell, chief economist at Zillow, the online real estate database company. "You're really blocking out a group of buyers from owning a home. They're truly living paycheck to paycheck, and that does not put them into a good position to buy."

Joe Fabie and his wife face just such a bind. They moved to Mount Pleasant, just over the bridge from historic Charleston, South Carolina after law school in Pittsburgh. The suburb's pastel-hued harbor vistas, tin-roofed houses and Spanish moss-adorned live oaks were enchanting.

But the rising rent on their one-bedroom apartment — more than for their three-bedroom rental in Pittsburgh — made it impossible to save enough to buy a home. With their rent going up again, the couple moved to a cheaper suburb in hopes of repaying their student debt and saving for a starter home.

"The best school district is Mount Pleasant, and we would like to be there," said Fabie, 27. "But if you're lucky you can get some beat-up homes for around \$300,000."

An exclusive analysis by The Associated Press of census data covering over 300 communities found that two major forces are driving a wedge between the fortunes of renters and homeowners:

—Historically low mortgage rates have enabled homeowners to refinance and shrink their monthly payments, thereby reducing a major household cost. The median annual mortgage expense for a U.S. homeowner has dropped by \$1,492 since 2006.

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—A combination of foreclosures and new college graduates crowding into the strongest job markets has raised demand for rentals. Renters accounted for all the 8 million-plus net households the United States added in the past decade. Home ownership has dipped to 63.5 percent, near a 48-year low.

That demand has driven up rents, which in turn have prevented or delayed people from buying first homes.

The government says if you spend more than 30 percent of your pretax pay on housing, you are “cost-burdened.” The total number of renters in that category has jumped more than 30 percent in the past decade, to 21.2 million. Half of all renters are now considered cost-burdened, compared with just 24 percent in 1960.

These trends are reflected in how and where Americans live. Suburban cul-de-sacs built for owners are now tilting toward rentals, especially in such areas as Orlando, Las Vegas and Tampa, where the bubble and crash were especially intense.

After the bust, investors bought distressed houses in these communities at sharp discounts and rented them out. Many of the new tenants belong to Generation X households — ages 35 to 51 — that began renting after the crash, according to the Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies.

Rents have also jumped in areas that absorbed many young college-educated job hunters. These workers have increasingly clustered in areas, including Boston, San Diego and Washington, with abundant jobs but high housing costs. The result is delayed home ownership for a population group that historically had the means to buy.

The AP analysis also found a contrasting belt of stability across the Midwest where the housing boom and meltdown had little effect on homeownership. Rates of ownership remained relatively stable, for example, in Minneapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, where starter homes are comparatively affordable.

But the transformations have been vast in other areas, particularly in smaller suburbs where much of the country lives.

Both before and during the housing boom, farmland around the country was bought cheaply and developed into houses, schools and shopping plazas — a build-out that ignited homeownership. Now, in a twist, many of those cul-de-sacs are occupied by renters living in homes whose former owners lost them to foreclosure.

To see just how drastically the foreclosure crisis transformed certain neighborhoods from the domain of owners into blocks of rental properties, consider the Orlando suburbs.

The shift has been vivid over the past five years in the Piedmont Park neighborhood of Apopka, a former agricultural hub now crowded with housing developments. Where one in 10 homes was once a rental, now more than a third are. Many are owned by Wall Street investment firms that bought them out of foreclosure at deep discounts.

Erika Pringley, a 42-year-old police dispatcher, rented with her husband a three-bedroom ranch house this year. Through a string of subsidiaries, the house is owned by Blackstone, the world’s largest real estate private equity group.

Previously, the house had been owned for eight years by Damian and Eva Elizondo, who lost it to foreclosure in 2013. The Elizondos owed nearly \$258,000 on the home; the investment firm bought it for roughly \$100,000.

At that price, the equivalent of the monthly mortgage would be under \$500.

Pringley’s rent: \$1,310 a month.

Pringley, who works for the Florida Highway Patrol, hopes to buy a home — if she can emerge from

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debt.

"I'm kind of tired of paying for somebody else's property," she said. "At my age, I want to own something that's my own, have something that's my own."

Making that leap to ownership is becoming harder for typical Americans. The average first-time buyer makes \$84,559, much more than the average household income of \$75,037 — the widest such gap in over 15 years, according to an analysis by the online housing marketplace BuildZoom.

The residue of the housing bubble also remains achingly visible in Las Vegas, where the gamble of no-money-down, interest-only mortgages ignited a rush of construction in 2006 that led to mass foreclosures.

Vegas recovered slowly. Tourists returned to the casinos. Population growth picked up as retirees flocked to the Nevada desert. Ikea opened its first Las Vegas outlet, not far from where 8,000 apartment units are planned for construction.

Still, thousands of houses are stuck in the foreclosure pipeline, controlled by banks, and could flood the market should prices recover enough. Nearly half of Las Vegas now rents, compared with less than 40 percent a decade ago.

This closes one of the paths to accruing wealth. On average, homeowners have a net housing wealth of \$150,506, according to figures soon to be released by the Urban Institute's Housing Finance Center. That average climbs to \$229,296 for those who own their homes free and clear, making the house an asset that provides a crucial financial cushion.

Elsewhere, rising prosperity is the reason why renters are stuck.

Just as the economy tanked nearly a decade ago, millennials began flooding the job market after college and graduate school. The most educated tended to cluster in cities where jobs were still plentiful, such as Boston, San Francisco, and San Diego. They now pay historically high rents — a result of too few apartments to meet demand and too few renters with enough savings to buy.

Over the past decade, the number of under-35 college graduates in Washington rocketed up more than 50 percent to nearly 100,000. Bistros, boutiques and posh gyms opened along the once-down-trodden 14th Street corridor. Builders erected condos and rehabbed old buildings into apartments.

All this has created a paradox in Washington: Incomes are rising — normally fuel for home buying — even as homeownership is declining. Average household income in the district has climbed an inflation-adjusted 8.7 percent since 2006 to \$104,615, according to the Census Bureau. Yet ownership has dipped to 41.6 percent, from 45.8 percent.

Ultra-low mortgage rates have enabled Jim Phillips, 51, to capitalize on the influx, buying condos and renting them at a profit.

"With more and more younger people moving into the city, it's creating an opportunity for me," Phillips said. "So far, I have two condos. My goal is to buy, basically, one a year."

The opportunities are there for people who have money — or those who are already homeowners.

Americans have refinanced \$9.4 trillion of mortgage debt after the bubble burst, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. New mortgages at under 4 percent interest have freed up thousands of dollars annually for households in several metro areas, according to Census figures.

Alpana Patel and her husband landed a house in San Marcos, California, about 35 miles from San Diego, in 2007. To buy their \$845,000 home, they took out an interest-only mortgage with an adjustable rate starting 6.7 percent. Including property taxes and insurance, their monthly costs totaled about \$6,000.

The couple kept paying the mortgage through the housing bust before refinancing in 2013. Their new mortgage charged just 3.75 percent, which shrank their monthly payment by \$2,000 and allowed them

to build equity.

"We're actually able to pay down our mortgage, because initially we were just paying interest only," said Patel, a 42-year-old real estate agent.

The couple eventually decided to rent out that house at a price that covers nearly all their mortgage costs and to buy a second, larger home where they could live.

"Now, we're able to own two homes because we hung in there," Patel said.

What the housing recovery presented was a rare opportunity to capitalize on mortgage rates that had never dipped so low in anyone's lifetime. But even while millions of renters struggle to save enough to buy, many such homeowners have never had it so good.

"They're basically taking advantage of the changing economics of home ownership in ways that renters can't," said Andrew Jakobovics, senior director of policy and research at the affordable housing nonprofit Enterprise Community Partners.

'Star Trek' actor Anton Yelchin killed when his car hits him

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anton Yelchin, a rising actor best known for playing Chekov in the new "Star Trek" films, was killed by his own car as it rolled down his driveway, police and his publicist said.

The car pinned Yelchin, 27, against a brick mailbox pillar and a security fence at his home in Los Angeles, Officer Jenny Hosier said. He had gotten out of the vehicle momentarily, but police did not say why he was behind it when it started rolling.

Yelchin was on his way to meet friends for a rehearsal, Hosier said. When he didn't show up, the group came to his home and found him dead early Sunday.

The freak accident tragically cuts short the promising career of an actor whom audiences were still getting to know and who had great artistic ambition. "Star Trek Beyond," the third film in the rebooted series, comes out in July.

Director J.J. Abrams, who cast Yelchin in the franchise, wrote in a statement that he was "brilliant ... kind ... funny as hell, and supremely talented."

His death was felt throughout the industry.

"What a rare and beautiful soul with his unstoppable passion for life," Jodie Foster said. "He was equal parts serious thinker and the most fun little brother you could ever dream of."

Yelchin co-starred in Foster's 2011 film "The Beaver."

"He was a ferocious movie buff who put us all to shame," said Gabe Klinger, who directed Yelchin in the upcoming film "Porto," likely to be released this fall. "He was watching four or five movies every night."

Klinger said Yelchin had a particular affinity for silent films.

Yelchin began acting as a child, taking small roles in independent films and various television shows, such as "ER," "The Practice," and "Curb Your Enthusiasm." His breakout big-screen role came opposite Anthony Hopkins in 2001's "Hearts in Atlantis."

He transitioned into teen roles in films such as the crime thriller "Alpha Dog" and the comedy "Charlie Bartlett." He also played a young Kyle Reese in 2009's "Terminator Salvation."

Yelchin, an only child, was born in Russia. His parents were professional figure skaters who moved the family to the United States when Yelchin was a baby. He briefly flirted with skating lessons, too, before discovering that he wasn't very skilled on the ice. That led him to acting class.

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"I loved the improvisation part of it the most, because it was a lot like just playing around with stuff. There was something about it that I just felt completely comfortable doing and happy doing," Yelchin told The Associated Press in 2011 while promoting the romantic drama "Like Crazy." He starred opposite Felicity Jones.

"(My father) still wanted me to apply to college and stuff, and I did," Yelchin said. "But this is what I wanted."

The discipline that Yelchin learned from his athlete parents translated into his work as an actor, which he treated with seriousness and professionalism, said Klinger, the director.

He drew on his Russian roots for his role as the heavily accented navigator Chekov in the "Star Trek" films, his most high-profile to date.

"What's great about him is he can do anything. He's a chameleon. He can do bigger movies or smaller, more intimate ones," "Like Crazy" director Drake Doremus told the AP in 2011. "There are a lot of people who can't, who can only do one or the other. ... That's what blows my mind."

Yelchin seemed to fit in anywhere in Hollywood. He could do big sci-fi franchises and vocal work in "The Smurfs," while also appearing in more eccentric and artier fare, like Jim Jarmusch's vampire film "Only Lovers Left Alive" and Jeremy Saulnier's horror thriller "Green Room," a cult favorite that came out earlier this year.

Klinger recalled a conversation with Jarmusch about Yelchin before Klinger cast him in "Porto."

"Jim was like, 'Watch out. Anton read Dostoyevsky when he was like 11 years old!'" Klinger said.

The director said that for Yelchin, every film was an opportunity to learn and study more. He admired Nicolas Cage's laser-focus on the Paul Schrader film "Dying of the Light" and also got to work with one of his acting heroes, Willem Dafoe, on the film "Odd Thomas."

"He used to refer to Willem as an artist, not an actor," Klinger said. "That's the kind of actor he aspired to be, where people didn't regard him as an actor, they regarded him as an artist."

Yelchin's publicist, Jennifer Allen, confirmed his death and said his family requests privacy.

LeBron ends the debate, no one can deny his greatness now

TIM REYNOLDS, AP Basketball Writer

The drought is over for Cleveland, and the debate is over as well.

Best player in basketball?

His name is LeBron James.

This is why he went back to Cleveland, to deliver a title, to end the city's epic championship drought and finally give Northeast Ohio what it craved for nearly 52 years.

It's done. And now he's free. Anything that happens from here is icing atop a three-tiered championship cake for James.

There's absolutely nothing left for James to prove. The only thing he hadn't done on a basketball court was make Cleveland, a city whose sports teams were cursed for so long, a winner. December 27, 1964 was the day Jim Brown last made them one. That is, until June 19, 2016. James was an NBA champion before from his time in Miami, an Olympic champion, an MVP, a Finals MVP ... he had checked every box but one, and now that one is filled as well.

Stephen Curry is the two-time reigning MVP and rightly so, best player on the best regular-season team in league history. Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant will likely be the hottest free agent on the market this summer, coveted by everyone. Kobe Bryant was the highest-paid player in the NBA this season and this year was a celebration of his 20 years of greatness.

But they're all part of LeBron's world.

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James is the freight train, the most unstoppable force in the game, and he shows no signs of slowing down after 13 years in the league. He's 31. He rarely if ever misses games. He's been in seven of the last 10 NBA Finals, including each of the last six. He's nowhere near his decline, which has to delight even those Cleveland fans who burned his jerseys in 2010. And while winning cures all, he can be a free agent this summer, which should scare some people as well.

"I'm true to the game," James said, "and I know what I bring to the table."

It bears noting that some of what's on that table now wasn't there six years ago, though.

It's fair to say, this celebration would not be happening without July 8, 2010, the day James headed to Miami.

James needed a change and craved a title. He got all that and more. He learned how to lead, he learned the value of structure, he learned from Dwyane Wade and Erik Spoelstra and Pat Riley and Micky Arison, took little bits from each of them, added it all to his already-ridiculous game and made himself better.

James never went to college. But like many college kids, he went away for four years and then returned home with hopes of making his city better.

The result: Cleveland is a city of champions.

"I knew what I learned in the last couple years that I was gone," James said, "and I knew if I had to — when I came back, I knew I had the right ingredients and the right blueprint to help this franchise get back to a place that we've never been. That's what it was all about."

He'll never win over everyone. He'll never win the argument about who is better, him or Michael Jordan or anyone else who merits mention among the league's greats.

He doesn't care, either. He'll leave those conversations for others to have. But he put an end to the discussion of who is the best right now.

"There's no denying what he was able to accomplish this series," a very classy Curry said after Game 7. "He played pretty great basketball."

James is the quintessential American success story. He bucked overwhelming odds by rising above his impoverished upbringing in Akron, Ohio. He's a global icon who's earned roughly \$175 million in NBA salary, probably that much if not a great deal more from his Nike sponsorship deal alone, has a blossoming entertainment studio and is easily one of the most recognizable faces on the planet.

He's on pace to be a billionaire someday like his good pal Warren Buffett, who James can chat up basically any time he wants.

And now he can do whatever he wants for as long as he wants to play this game. He owes no one anything anymore. Stay in Cleveland, return to Miami, go anywhere else in the NBA; it's all up to him now.

For the first time in 13 years, LeBron James is free of burden.

With that weight lifted, it's scary to think his best might be yet to come.

US Open: Johnson breaks a rule and his championship drought

JIM LITKE, AP Sports Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — Dustin Johnson didn't understand the rule.

But what he had to do? That was another story. The heartbreak of losing other major championships taught him well.

Johnson kept his cool Sunday while facing a possible penalty for something he claimed he didn't do. He played steady down the stretch before hitting the 6-iron of his life on the final hole — from 192

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yards out to 3 feet — to finally win a U.S. Open.

Thankfully for both U.S. Golf Association officials and Johnson, the penalty didn't play a role in the outcome.

"I didn't think that I did anything to cause the ball to move," he said, "but at the end of the day, it didn't affect what happened. So it doesn't bother me at all."

Some lessons learned from a long, steamy day at Oakmont Country Club:

RULES AREN'T ALWAYS RULES: USGA officials debated among themselves after it appeared Johnson's ball moved as he addressed it on the fifth green. But it was clear they were going to penalize Johnson even when he said it wasn't his fault. The ruling drew howls of protests on Twitter from Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler. The USGA defended its decision to tell Johnson on the 12th tee he might be penalized, though he didn't know it at the time. Neither did spectators and a national television audience, who were uncertain what his score was or where he stood.

NO MORE MONKEY: Johnson was always considered the most powerful and perhaps most talented player in the game. But he threw away tournaments, including last year's Open when he three-putted from 15 feet to lose to Jordan Spieth. Johnson said afterward that the monkey was off his back, and "it's a huge monkey." Look for Johnson to contend often in the big tournaments, and the odds are good that with the confidence from this Open, he won't be a one-hit wonder.

LOWRY SEASONING: Shane Lowry has won plenty, but winning tournaments and winning Opens are two different things. He started the final round with a four-shot lead, but things quickly got away from him. He ended up shooting a 6-over 76 and tying for second, three shots behind.

"I'm definitely good enough to win one of these," Lowry said. "So I'll get back on the horse in a couple of weeks."

THE CROWN RESTED UNEASY: Jordan Spieth's defense of his title got off to a shaky start. The finish wasn't much better. Eight holes into his opening round, Spieth's near-perfect approach shot landed 15 feet past the flag, spun back and trickled into a bunker.

"You've GOT to be kidding me!" Spieth howled.

On the contrary. Oakmont's rough and its punishing greens got the better of the Texan early and then often. Chambers Bay, where Spieth won last year, was no pushover, either. But he never got on the right side of par here, finishing the tournament at 9 over — his worst finish in a major in which he's made the cut since tying for 44th at the 2013 British Open. He said putting was the biggest issue, which showed on the sixth green when he needed four putts on his way to a front-nine 39.

THE SLIPPER DIDN'T FIT: Andrew Landry arrived at Oakmont under the radar. Make that off the radar.

The 28-year Texan was playing his first major in his first year on the PGA Tour. He was ranked No. 624 in the world.

When Landry shot 66 to become the overnight leader Thursday, then recovered from stumbles in Rounds 2 and 3 with enough grit to play his way into the final pair going off on Sunday, he was in position to pull off one of the great upsets in major championship golf.

Then he hit his opening drive in the right rough, his first approach shot in the left rough and somehow, things went downhill from there.

By the time the final round was over, what began like a story line cribbed from the movie "Caddyshack" — "Cinderella boy about to become the U.S. Open champion!" — turned into an all-too-familiar, crash-and-burn tale from more than one final round of a major championship.

He finished with a 78 and 285 total — nine shots behind winner Dustin Johnson and in a tie for 15th place.

"Walking down 18, I was like, man, I wish I could just take a picture of this because it's like the cool-

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est view," Landry said.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 20, the 172nd day of 2016. There are 194 days left in the year. Summer arrives at 6:34 p.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1966, the Beatles album "Yesterday and Today" was released by Capitol Records, initially with its notorious cover photo featuring the Fab Four dressed in butcher smocks while posing with chunks of meat and parts of dismembered dolls; the resulting outcry prompted Capitol to recall the albums and replace the covers with a more conventional group portrait, making the "butcher cover" a collector's item.

On this date:

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.

In 1791, King Louis XVI of France and his family attempted to flee in the so-called "Flight to Varennes," but were caught.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Massachusetts, found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1921, U.S. Rep. Alice Mary Robertson, R-Okla., became the first woman to preside over a session of the House of Representatives.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, California, mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court).

In 1979, ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza's national guard.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Bald Eagle Day.

In 1990, South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, arrived in New York City for a ticker-tape parade in their honor as they began an eight-city U.S. tour.

In 2001, Houston resident Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family bathtub, then called police. (Yates was later convicted of murder, but had her conviction overturned; she was acquitted by reason of insanity in a retrial.)

Ten years ago: The U.S. military recovered the booby-trapped bodies of two missing soldiers in Iraq. Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi (joon-ee-chee-roh koh-ee-zoo-mee) announced the withdrawal of Japanese ground troops from Iraq. National Guardsmen rolled into New Orleans to reinforce a depleted police department and battle a surge in violence. Dan Rather reached an agreement with CBS News to leave the network after 44 years. The Miami Heat won their first NBA title, beating the Dallas Mavericks 95-92 in Game 6.

Five years ago: Syrian President Bashar Assad promised a national dialogue to consider political reforms, but his vague overtures to a pro-democracy uprising fell flat as protesters took to the streets

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shouting "Liar!" and demanding his ouster. "Jackass" star Ryan Dunn was killed in a fiery car crash near Philadelphia; he was 34. The erotic novel "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James was published by Vintage Books.

One year ago: More than 60 pizza-makers working for 18 hours completed a pie that was 1.59545 kilometers, or nearly a mile long, for Milan's world fair, Expo 2015; a Guinness World Records judge proclaimed it the world's longest pizza, topping a 1.1415-kilometer-long pie made in Spain. Max Scherzer pitched a no-hitter, losing his perfect game with two outs in the ninth inning when he hit a batter in the Washington Nationals' 6-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Martin Landau is 88. Actress Bonnie Bartlett is 87. Actress Olympia Dukakis is 85. Actor James Tolkan is 85. Actor Danny Aiello is 83. Blues musician Lazy Lester is 83. Actor John Mahoney is 76. Movie director Stephen Frears is 75. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 74. Actor John McCook is 72. Singer Anne Murray is 71. TV personality Bob Vila is 70. Musician Andre Watts is 70. Actress Candy Clark is 69. Producer Tina Sinatra is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 67. Actor John Goodman is 64. Rock musician Michael Anthony is 62. Pop musician John Taylor is 56. Rock musician Mark degli Antoni (de-GLI'-an-toh-nee) is 54. Christian rock musician Jerome Fontamillas (Switch-foot) is 49. Rock musician Murphy Karges (Sugar Ray) is 49. Actress Nicole Kidman is 49. Country/bluegrass singer-musician Dan Tyminski is 49. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 48. Actor Peter Paige is 47. Actor Josh Lucas is 45. Rock musician Jeordie White (AKA Twiggy Ramirez) is 45. Rock singer Chino Moreno (Deftones) is 43. Country-folk singer-songwriter Amos Lee is 39. Country singer Chuck Wicks is 37. Actress Tika Sumpter is 36. Country musician Chris Thompson (The Eli Young Band) is 36. Actress-singer Alisan Porter (Film: "Curly Sue"; TV: "The Voice") is 35. Christian rock musician Chris Dudley (Underoath) is 33. Rock singer Grace Potter (Grace Potter & the Nocturnals) is 33. Actor Mark Saul is 31. Actress Dreama Walker is 30. Actor Chris Mintz-Plasse (plahs) is 27. Actress Maria Lark is 19.

Thought for Today: "Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." — Franz Kafka, Austrian author and poet (1883-1924).