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# **US, Iran Press For Nuke Pact**

#### **BY BRADLEY KLAPPER AND GEORGE JAHN** Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The United States and Iran plunged back into negotiation Sunday, hoping to end once and for all a decades-long standoff that has raised the specter of an Iranian nuclear arsenal, a new atomic arms race in the Middle East and even a U.S. or Israeli military intervention. Two weeks out from a deadline for a framework accord, some officials said the awesomeness of the diplomatic task meant negotiators would likely settle for an announcement that they've made enough progress to justify further talks.

Such a declaration would hardly satisfy American critics of the Obama administration's diplomatic outreach to Iran and hardliners in the Islamic Republic, whose rumblings have grown more vociferous and threatening as the parties have narrowed many of their differences. And, officially, the United States and its partners insist their eyes are on a much bigger prize: "A deal that would protect the world," Secretary of State John Kerry emphasized this weekend, "from the threat that a nucleararmed Iran could pose. Yet as Kerry arrived in

Switzerland for several days of discussions with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, no one was promising the breakthrough. One diplomat said new differences surfaced only in the last negotiating round of what has been a 15-month process, including a sudden Iranian demand that a nuclear facility buried deep underground be allowed to keep hundreds of centrifuges that are used for enriching uranium — material that can be used in a nuclear warhead. Previously, the Iranians had accepted the plant would be transformed into one solely for scientific research, that diplomat and others have said.

The deal that had been taking shape would see Iran freeze its nuclear program for at least a decade, with restrictions then gradually lifted over a period of perhaps the following five years. Washington and other world powers would similarly scale back sanctions that have crippled the Iranian economy in several phases. Iran says it is only interested

in peaceful energy generation and medical research, but much of the world has suspected it of maintaining covert nuclear weapons ambitions. And the U.S. and its ally Israel have at various times threatened military action if Iran's

program advances too far. Špeaking Sunday on CBS News, Kerry said most of the differences between Iran and the negotiating group of the U.S., Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia were "political," not technical. He didn't elaborate, but political matters tend to include levels of inspections, Iran's past military work linked to its nuclear program and how quickly to scale back sanctions. Technical matters refer, for example, to how many centrifuges Iran can maintain, what types of those machines and how much plutonium it would be allowed to produce from a planned heavy water reactor.

Less than four months ago, senior officials talked optimistically about reaching a preliminary agreement by March, with three months of additional talks only for any remaining technical work. Back then. British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said he expected "an agreement on substance" by March 31. Top Western and Iranian negotiators issued a joint statement vowing to use the time until June 30 only "if necessary ... to finalize any possible remaining technical and drafting work.

But two diplomats said ahead of this week's talks in the Swiss city of Lausanne that persistent differences at the negotiating table had diminished the chances of such a substantial agreement. Instead, they said, the sides were more likely to restrict themselves to a vague oral statement indicating that enough headway had been made to continue negotiations. They weren't authorized to speak publicly about the sensitive talks and demanded anonymity.

A senior U.S. official rejected that assessment. "We are working toward a framework of substance," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity citing similar constraints. Top diplomats and technical experts from the U.S. and Iran met Sunday. Kerry and Zarif were to hold their first discussion Monday.

determining whether a record is public under state law, said South Dakota News-



JERUSALEM (AP) — As Israelis prepare to vote in parliament elections on Tuesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu finds himself at a fateful crossroads: Make history or become history.

If Netanyahu can lead his Likud Party to victory and secure a fourth term in office, he will move closer to overtaking the nation's iconic founding father, David Ben-Gurion, as the longest-ever serving premier — and cementing a status as the dominant Israeli politician of the past two decades.

But if Likud stumbles and finds itself in the opposition - a real possibility, according to recent polls — the Netanyahu era could end with a resounding thud, concluding a career that many would say brought few major accomplishments beyond longevity. Iran and the international community seem headed toward a nuclear deal that Netanyahu abhors, and a resolution to the Palestinian issue seems as distant as ever.

"If he leaves office, he won't leave any dramatic changes," said Yoaz Hendel, a former aide to Netanyahu. In a turbulent region, one could say "this is the best thing to do," Hendel said.

The Israeli campaign is widely seen as a choice between two world views: Netanyahu's focus on Israel's many security challenges - he has long been a voice calling for zero tolerance of terrorism - or his opponents' focus on Israel's social problems and high cost of living. It also touches on his support for Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, which the opposition and the outside world detest.

# Robert Durst Arrested In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Robert Durst, a wealthy eccentric linked to two killings and his wife's disappearance, was arrested on a murder warrant just before Sunday's finale in a serial documentary about his life.

FBI agents arrested Durst Saturday at a New Orleans hotel, on a warrant from Los Angeles for the murder of Susan Berman in Hollywood 15 years ago, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

Durst ordered held without bond during a brief appearance Sunday pending another hearing set for Monday morning. His lawyer, Chip Lewis, said Durst will waive extradition and be transported to Los Angeles.

"He's maintained his innocence for years," Lewis said. "Nothing has changed."

But Durst's estranged family thanked authorities for tracking him down.

# Other Universities Deal With Race Issue

WASHINGTON (AP) - Their reputations sullied by racetainted incidents, many colleges are clamping down on campus fraternities. Despite some swift and tough actions by schools — and in some cases, public humiliation episodes such as the racist chants by members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter at the University of Oklahoma keep surfacing.

In recent years, numerous other fraternities have been suspended and students expelled from school for racially tinged parties or behavior, such as hanging nooses or shouting racial profanities.

"All too often the outcry has been, 'Look at those bad apples we need to root out," said Nolan L. Cabrera, a professor in the Center for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Arizona. "When in fact the conversation we need to have is, 'Why is this occurring on such a widespread level throughout the country?"

Many incidents come to light after the students themselves post pictures or videos online, drawing public attention; others are reported by onlookers or whistleblowers.

Either way, "it's hard to ignore a current on many, many campuses of behaviors that are just offensive and disgusting at the far end and maybe just lack common sense at the other end," said Kevin Kruger, president of NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, a professional organization.

# Man Charged In Furgeson Shooting

MONDAY Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Interchange, noon, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-760-7082. Whist, 12:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Hand & Foot Cards, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

COMMUNITY

The COMMUNITY CALENDAR appears each Monday and Thurs-

day. Contributions to this list of upcoming events are welcome and should be submitted two weeks before the event. Submissions **MUST** 

be typewritten or legibly printed and include the name and phone number of a contact person. Send items to P&D Calendar, 319 Wal-nut, Yankton, SD 57078, or email to news@yankton.net.

English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut. Yankton. (605) 660-5612. Narcotics Anonymous "Road To Recovery" Group, 8 p.m., open meeting, First United Methodist Church (northeast door), 207 W 11th St. Yankton

#### THIRD MONDAY

Servant Hearts Clinic, a free, Christ-centered medical clinic, 5:30-8 p.m., Technical Education Center (RTEC), 1200 W. 21st St.,

Yankton Lions Club, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting, JoDeans, 605-665-4694 Yankton American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., VFW Building,

209 Cedar Street

# TUESDAY

 Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

 Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

 Explore the Bible, 10:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

 Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

 Will Bowling, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

 Explore the Bible, 10:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

 English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United
 Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut, Yankton. (605) 660-5612.
 AA, Alano Group 7 p.m., step meeting, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton.
 Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685. (Open to the public)
 Weight Watchers, 10 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 45 minutes before meeting. For more information, call 605-665-2987.

### THIRD TUESDAY

Yankton County Commission, 3:30 p.m., Yankton County Government Center, 3rd and Broadway. Yankton Area Banquet, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth

and Walnut

## WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Nurse, 10 a.m.-noon, The Center, 605-665-4685 Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Whist, 12:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Partnership Bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Rummikub, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Penny Bingo, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Chair Massage, 1:40-3:50 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United

Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut, Yankton. (605) 660-5612. Meditation Sessions, Christ Episcopal Church (lower level), 513

Douglas, Yankton, 7-8:30 p.m, 665-3344 or 665-2456. Narcotics Anonymous "Road To Recovery" Group, 8 p.m., open meeting, First United Methodist Church (northeast door), 207 W 11th St, Yankton

AA, Alano Group 7 p.m., discussion, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton.

## THURSDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Wii Bowling, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

ASHH Toastmasters Club 6217, noon, Avera Sacred Heart Pavillion, conference room no. 2, Yankton, 605-665-6776. Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Dominos, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut. Yankton. (605) 660-5612. Love Addicts Anonymous, 7 p.m., for women, 120 West Third Street, Yankton. 605-760-5307.

AA, Alano Group 8:30 p.m., speaker, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton. Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 45 minutes before meeting. For more information, call 605-665-2987.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS #SD 45), Weigh-in 5:30-6:30 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30. RTEC building, 1200 W. 21st St. For more information call 605-665-8442

Yankton Area Banquet, 6-7 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut

THIRD THURSDAY HSC Friendship Club. 5 p.m., March: Czechers, Yankton, 605-

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Catholic Daughters (Court Willard 967), 7 p.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church/Community Gathering Space, 509 Capitol, Yankton, 605-665-4485. (September through June)

Lundgren announce the birth

of Eleanor Anne, born Jan.

pounds, 8 ounces.

gren.

Minnesota.

inches long.

Minnesota.

30, 2015. Eleanor weighed 8

Grandparents are Darvl

Great-grandmother Rita

HARRISON MEYERS

Jake and Bridget Meyers

of Apple Valley, Minnesota,

announce the birth of their

son, Harrison Ross Meyers,

p.m. He weighed 6 pounds

and 12 ounces, and was 20

born March 11, 2015, at 12:13

Grandparents are Diane

and Jack Meyers Jr. of Yank-

ton, and Ellen McMahon and

Robert LaBahn of Lakeville,

Great-grandparents are

Loretta Albrecht and Faye

Meyers of Yankton.

and Anne Mello of Yankton,

and David And Maria Lund-

Lundgren of Bloomington,

# BIRTHS

### LAUREN JOHNSON

Lauren Adeline Johnson was born to Jamin and Kari (Hofer) Johnson of Jamestown, North Dakota, on Feb. 23, 2015, at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center. Lauren weighed 8 pound, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She joins a brother, Landon, 2 years

Grandparents are Kim and John Slemp, Yankton; Keith and Teresa Hofer, Yankton; Jim and Dianne Johnson, Devils Lake: Jody Kunkel, Watertown; and Rich Kunkel, Watertown.

Great-grandparents are Dave and Gladys Hofer, Huron; Harold and Rita Mautz, Garrison, N.D.; and Wayne and Sandi Johnson, Mesa, Arizona.

## **ELEANOR LUNDGREN**

Abbey Mello and Eric

Yankton, 665-3929

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Records

A task force called by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Jackley in 2012 studied the state's open records and open meetings laws. Some of the panel's recommendations were adopted, but the task force did not define the amount of a reasonable fee.

And since many kinds of documents — such as records of emails and telephone calls of public officials are still confidential, part of those fees pay for research time that government attorneys have to spend in

BIRTHDAYS

#### HELEN MISCHKE

Helen Mischke will be cel-

ebrating her 90th birthday May 7. Please help celebrate Helen's birthday with a card shower. Cards may be sent to Sacred Mischke Heart Hospital, 501 Summit St., Room 448, Yankton. SD, 57078.

paper Association general manager David Bordewyk.

Bordewyk said requesters in South Dakota in some instances have been asked to pay between \$25 and \$75 dollars an hour just so an attorney can decide if the record can be released. He added that high fees do end up discouraging some people from seeking government records.

"I wouldn't say that I've seen necessarily seen an increase in costs to get copies of records, but I've seen inconsistencies in terms of how government charges for copies or government records or access to government records," Bordewyk said.

**MARGE BECKER** 

Marge Becker, Yankton,

greetings can be set to 501

Riverside Drive, Yankton, SD,

Becker

will celebrate

birthday, on

Her family

would like to

honor Marge

with a card

shower.

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Birthday

her 80th

Sunday

March 22.

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) - A 20-year-old charged Sunday with shooting two police officers watching over a demonstration outside the Ferguson Police Department attended a protest there earlier that night but told investigators he wasn't targeting the officers, officials said.

St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch said Jeffrey Williams told authorities he was firing at someone with whom he was in a dispute, not at the police officers.

'We're not sure we completely buy that part of it," Mc-Culloch said, adding that there might have been other people in the vehicle with Williams.

Williams is charged with two counts of first-degree assault, one count of firing a weapon from a vehicle and three counts of armed criminal action. McCulloch said the investigation is ongoing.

The officers were shot early Thursday as a crowd began to break up after a late-night demonstration that unfolded after Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson resigned in the wake of the scathing federal Justice Department report.

# **TED SCHAFFER**

An open house for Ted Schaeffer's

90th birthday will be March 28 from 2-4 p.m. at the Viborg Community Center in Viborg. No gifts please. Cards can be sent to 211 So Nora St #4 Viborg SD 57070.





