Iran Nuclear Deal creates student divide

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With much considered to be at stake, the future of a possible deal with Iran over its nuclear programs has been met with tensions from both sides of the political and social spectrum.

In Vienna, Iran, the US and the five global powers of Britain, China, France, Russia and Germany reached an agreement July 14. Now they face an uphill battle to gain support from their respective parties.

The deal is set in place for 10 to 15 years. It would require Iran to cut its stockpile of enriched uranium by 98 percent, reduce its existing centrifuges that process nuclear power by two-thirds and submit to a comprehensive inspection regime. In return, debilitating economic sanctions are to be lifted.

Those who support the deal say it is a way to help curb Iran from gaining nuclear weapons. But the voices of those opposed are getting louder and stronger, denouncing any negotiation with the Islamic Republic.

Many Republicans are vocal of opposing the deal, including House Speaker John Boehner, demanding for tougher sanctions and military force.

Instead of curbing Iran’s nuclear program, they prefer for them to not have one at all. Hardliners in Iran also do not like the deal because they feel the political balance they have created will be shaken.

Iranian-born Seyed Ahmad Mirtaheri, a politics and international relations graduate assistant, thinks that lifting sanctions can provide a good opportunity for Iranians.

“If it helps them to engage in economic activities by themselves,” said Mirtaheri. Mirtaheri said an ideal nuclear deal would be one that brings respect to Iranians after decades of tensions.

“This would promote a dialogue with the new [Iranian] generation who has been suppressed, humiliated and neglected by their own state and the rest of the world, only because of the things that happened before they were born!” said Mirtaheri.
NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Political differences could peak at Lake Tahoe summit

The lawmakers convening Monday for a major Lake Tahoe conference confront a Capitol Hill conflict over how best to protect the much-beloved mountain region.

They differ over money, environmental laws, timber harvesting and more. For years, the unresolved differences have sunk efforts to renew the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, first passed in 2000. Some hope this meeting can help members of Congress finally start paddling in the same direction.

Uriber is on fast track, leaked document shows

Uriber, the ride-hailing company, is on a roll, growing at an extraordinary rate even in the face of virulent opposition.

National governments, local regulators, taxi companies, direct competitors. All are out to stop Uriber or at least slow it down. Some of its own drivers have filed a class-action lawsuit against the company.

But according to details from a leaked document published Friday by Reuters wire service, Uriber is a global force.

Clues could link gunman to terrorist training

The gunman in Friday’s thwarted attack of a high-speed train bound for Paris flew to Istanbul from Berlin on May 10, following a path that has been used hundreds of times by Islamist militants seeking to join the Islamic State group.

French authorities said German intelligence alerted them to the trip by Ayoub El Khazzani, who was subdued by three Americans before he could unjam the automatic rifle and pistol he was carrying.

China’s Xi Jinping at center of concern as markets begin new week

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The landmark deal could signify the expected out of this deal.

According to an Al Jazeera America report, oil prices, foreign investments and payment of debts are some of the benefits expected out of this deal.

As well, it can improve life for Iranians who have lived in a state of turmoil since the Iranian Revolution of 1979.

Jorge Salazar-Carrillo, an economics professor, said the lifting of economic sanctions will not benefit the Middle East.

“ar the price of oil is already going down so that really doesn’t matter there,” said Salazar-Carrillo. He said that it could create more conflict between the Shiites and Sunni Islam groups.

The nominations took place through an online application where each candidate applies for four different representative categories – Greek Life, Athletics, academically excelling and a student that has a desire to mark a paw print at FIU.

The event will be held at the FIU Housing Quad near the campus residence halls at the end of the trail.

The event will be hosted by the SAA website. Mark Almeida, an economics major, said that he is passionate about passing on the torch.

The Alumni Association hopes that FIU students will continue to be involved and connected to the University after graduation.

“We want to celebrate the new school year by lighting the torch of knowledge. We want everyone to celebrate and have all the organizations out there,” said Kandys Temes, President of the SAA.

The torch represents knowledge, opportunity and service, which highlights the qualities of the selected alumni who were chosen by a committee of faculty. Those selected will not know they are chosen until Wednesday at the Graham Center Pit.

The event will be held Thursday, August 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is free of charge.
Is DAESH really in the U.S.?

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The drummers of war play a steady beat. It’s that kind of tune you know all the words to; the one about the vicious enemy in the Middle East that must be annihilated, the barbaric force of nature that’s making a beeline straight to your backyard.

Yes, that’s right; you’re not safe. Look around, your picket fences and impeccable lawns and other artifacts of whiteness won’t save you now. The caliphate’s coming to America, baby, and there’s only one way to stop ‘em: unadulterated violence.

Don’t see you, as our lovely friends at the FBI tell us, the army of hometown jihadists that are ready to blow something in the homeland sky high?

If you were to base your entire understanding and knowledge of DAESH on FBI reports and other government sources (and you probably are doing just that) you’d think that we live in a world of terror, an Islamist menace always waiting to attack across the American homeland. The average age of onset for ADHD is 7 and that the disorder affects nine percent of children from ages 13 to 18 years old. The disorder also affects 4.1 percent of American Adults ages 18 and over.

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ADHD medication: Good or bad?

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University Radio Station to host Welcome back BBQ

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Ask students about WRGP, and most won’t know much about it. FIU’s student-run radio station hopes to change that at a welcome back barbecue for students Wednesday, Aug. 26.

“We’re still not a big known factor or resource at FIU and we want to make apparent the resources we have to offer,” said Amanda Rabines, WRGP’s general manager.

At the WRGP Welcome Back BBQ, students will meet the people behind the music and talk shows.

“It’s going to allow students to have a chance to interact with the DJs at our station,” said Rabines.

At the entrance, two DJs will take turns playing live music. Inside, students can meet the DJs and talk-show hosts, and listen to samples of their shows. After interacting with two DJs, students will get free food, refreshments and giveaways.

Students will also get a chance to see local band SunGhost perform.

The Barbecue is from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum.

WRGP FIU Student Radio was known as Radiate FM until spring 2015, when it rebranded to help students better identify the radio station. Students can listen to WRGP at FM 95.3 or 88.1 in Miami, and at FM 96.9 in North Miami. As for the barbecue, Rabines has one guarantee.

“Expect really good music,” said Rabines.

Having been a Beach House fan for about six years now, “Depression Cherry” is the album I’ve been waiting for. When I discovered them in my freshman year of high school, their sound was entirely new to me - warm, yet chilling, dreamy and dark. I would’ve never thought music could be so comforting. Yet again, their sound was back. The song didn’t “take off” at any point - I felt as if I was left waiting for something to happen.

“Space Song” stood out to me as one of their more whimsical tracks. It retains a playful element while still retaining an overall somberness - achieved by beautifully flowing lyrics. The keyboard is almost “beeping” in the background and reminds me of a toy U.F.O. flashing lights. This is my second favorite song.

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“This one welcomed me with open arms back to their nurturing sound. The lullaby-like lyrics, chanted with sweet fervor, send me falling into a daze, the way the slow-rolling drops of water on a window would on a rainy day. “We really wanna know/beyond love” is the chorus that repeats more intensely throughout the song and adds to the mesmerizing effect that is key to Beach House’s sound.

“The second half. It is invitingly erotic and cosmic, as Victoria Legrand repeats “There’s a place I’d like to take you.” This song wraps you up in a shimmering bubble and seeps into your mind, echoing as it ends. It is another great portrayal of a deep, intense love.

“Sparks” is the second track as well as the single. While it is probably my least favorite song, I knew Beach House still had their magic when I heard it. The jingling bells and whispers carried by ethereal melodies were back. The song didn’t really “take off” at any point - I felt as if I was left waiting for something to happen.

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This song is the sound of hope after turmoil. “You know you’re not losing your mind/What’s left you make something of it.” “Bluebird” starts fast and feels darker than the songs before it. The lyrics describe a love out of one’s reach, complementing the somber atmosphere: “If there should come A match before you wouldn’t ever/Try to capture you.”

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Art may ooze from the plenty of art galleries in Wynwood and even its warehouse walls, but one local artist has dominated Wynwood’s sidewalk floors.

Robert Macias, better known as R.M. Drake, has gained a momentous amount of popularity from his poetry often seen in black courier print on the floor and on his Instagram account.

In little less than over a year, his accounts on Instagram gained over two million followers and attracted celebrities like Ludacris, Jermaine Dupri, Sophia Bush from “One Tree Hill” and even Wu-Tang.

After years of taking risks in the art industry, the poet sat down with FIU Student Media to talk about his early years attending FIU, his sudden success and the dark creative places he visited within himself to produce his work.

His Early Years

Macias, 32, was raised by Colombian parents in South Florida. He was the first generation American in his family and admits growing up in Miami wasn’t always paradise.

“There was a lot of drugs, fighting and bullying going around when we were kids,” Macias said. “But I think it was meant to happen so that I could reflect and grow to what I am now.”

Macias said he’s grown a lot from the past and that his experiences have allowed him to channel and process emotions into a creative field.

It was around the age of 10 when Macias first discovered his love for art.

He said when he was younger, his parents couldn’t afford video games or comic books out of sketches he drew in college ruled paper to show to his friends.

“Days of Candy” is probably the song that stands out from the rest of the album. It is longer, slower and more emotional.

He said his parents bought him clay from Navarro. But Macias never complained.

“They would probably buy it for like a dollar,” said Macias jokingly.

He said he would build his own action figures with the clay, which lead him to experiment with other forms of art, like painting, drawing and creating his own comic books out of sketches he drew in college ruled paper to show to his friends.

“I didn’t have the luxuries certain kids had so I had to form my own means of entertainment,” said Macias.

During his early years, Macias lived in Sweetwater and attended Miami Coral Park Senior High School. In 2010 he attended Miami Dade College and later transferred to Florida International University where he graduated with a degree in computer design.

When speaking about his experience at FIU, he said it was something that he misses.

“When you’re in school, you do your best to get out and then you let a few years pass -- you end up missing that learning environment,” said Macias. “School is something that will continue to challenge you and motivate you to become something better.”

His Creative Process

Macias’ manner is old fashioned, but with a modern twist. A typewriter is usually his weapon of choice when it comes to portraying his deepest thoughts. Which in turn, counter balances the fact that he is spreading his work throughout social media.

His poetry book “Beautiful Chaos,” landed Amazon’s best-selling poetry books list, amidst writers like Edgar Allan Poe and Sylvia Plath.

“Depression Cherry” isn’t the album, it is true that people are afraid of that because it can be depressing. But that’s because they are not seeing beyond the words, you find a lot of power in these certain emotions,” Macias says.

Robert Macias, a local Miami writer, has over 2 million followers on his Instagram account.

The response from his followers are in the thousands when it comes to comments and messages about his work.

“It’s like a recharge being able to read what people post and see how my work motivates them to keep going,” Macias said.

And for an artist who is known to stay under the radar, Macias attributes his successful social media presence to the growing open mindedness to art.

With pieces of his work being displayed in places like Avant Gallery in Miami's E.PIC Hotel and an international fundraising event in New York’s Yankee Stadium – anonymity may not be an option for very long.

“I’m anonymous to a certain extent, but I think that adds to it,” said Macias. “It leaves the image and persona of myself to the reader. I actually feel like I don’t have to show my face because [by reading my poems] fans are getting to know me more regardless.”

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Women’s soccer remains undefeated

LUIS DIAZ

Yes, everyone is undaunted going into the opening day. And yes, it was only game one. But at the end of the day, FIU Women’s Soccer team was 1-0, undefeated and they got there in a very decisive fashion.

The Panthers faced adversity from the very beginning of the game. In only the sixth minute, the University of Dayton was given a corner kick. Not a minute after Coach Chestnutt screamed to his players from the sideline, “What are we doing?” Dayton was able to score off that corner giving them a 1-0 lead that would take them to the half.

The first half however, besides that one corner kick from Dayton, was still dominated by FIU. The Golden Panther’s continually attacked Dayton’s goalkeeper and Sophia Trujillo, the junior goalkeeper who transferred this summer to FIU from San Diego State, was flat-out a beast in front of her net. In the 11th minute, Sophia made three consecutive diving saves in just a matter of a few seconds.

FIU was not just knocking on Dayton’s door, they were banging on it and were finally able to kick it down in the second half. Less than ten minutes into the first half, freshman Lyrik Fryer set up fellow freshman Jacky Byers with a beautiful pass and Byers was able to tie the game up with her first NCAA goal coming in the 54th minute.

That goal was just a testament to what this team has been preaching over the summer. This is a team that is looking for anyone and everyone in Blue and Gold to step up and make plays for this team. It’s only fitting two of the youngest members of this team, giving the FIU fans a taste of what this team’s future looks like.

The score would remain 1-1 into overtime, but not much longer after that. Just two minutes into the extended play, junior Alyssa Robinson and senior Madlen Weinhardt reminded the fans that there are still some savvy vets on this squad. And just as the crowd was running out of nails to bite, senior Weinhardt set Robinson up for a goal that was definitely worthy of being the game winner as it sailed right past Dayton’s keeper.

After an intense game with some new names being created on the pitch, this season looks to be headed in the right direction. This mix of young and experienced women now knows what it takes to win at this level. And this being the only game number one on their road to the Conference USA title, the fans can expect more this season to be something special.

New team faces same old goals and obstacles

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Just to explain what kind of head coach the Women’s Soccer team of FIU has, this grown man spends practice running around the field and works out with the team we go get them off the field. This is a man that embodies practicing what he preaches.

But when asked about his players competing for a World Cup, he humbly admits that he is just happy to be a part of their journey. And even though this is the type of man that deserves endless recognition, that is the farthest thing from his mind going into this season after losing his leading goal scorer and facing certain adversity throughout the offseason.

“Every team is different. This is a new team and our goal remains to challenge for a conference title. That is no different this year,” said Thomas Chestnutt, head coach of the women’s team.

“Maybe we relied on Chelsea and Ashley to score us the goals but now we have a team ready to take the opportunity,” said Chestnutt. Coach Chestnutt is never too proud to point the blame on himself and does so after an 8-2-1 record last season. But with a new team ready to learn his philosophy and way to play this game in a way that has earned Chestnutt multiple conference titles, the proper spelling of team has been evident throughout the offseason as opposed to the “I” last year’s team fiddled into the word.

Practice can only say so much when everyone is new. But Chestnutt, a World Cup veteran, is confident his team will be able to follow in the footsteps of and keep FIU at the top of the small nation champs.

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Thomas Chestnutt

Head Coach

Women’s Soccer

High expectations for new and returning talent

LOUIS AGUDELO

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This is exactly why the swimming and diving experience for many and most sports. And even though this is the type of man that deserves endless recognition, that is the farthest thing from his mind going into this season after losing his leading goal scorer and facing certain adversity throughout the offseason.

The swimming team looks to replace former FIU Female Athlete of the Year, Johanna Gustafsdottir with a new group of incoming freshman. Gustafsdottir was the team captain and led the team in almost all swimming categories which helped their run to being conference USA Champions.

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Freshman Naomi Roete joined Gustafsdottir at the small nation games and will be returning to Biscayne Bay this fall to continue their dominance.

I’ve got a feeling that, with these athletes coming back, as well as returning FIU Diver of the year Lily Kaufmann, the rest of the conference doesn’t have a chance against the Panthers and this program will repeat as C-USA Champions.

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FOOTBALL

Returning players aim for success

PETER HOLLAND JR., Contributing Writer

It’s no secret that the Panthers are confident this year now that the majority of starters are back, including their top players on offense and defense – starting cornerback Richard Leonard and starting tight end Jonnu Smith. Leonard had a breakout year in his junior year, finishing the season with 40 tackles (32 solo), five interceptions (two for a touchdown), which ranked him No. 2 in Conference USA and No. 18 nationally. He was selected first team all conference as a defensive back and return man. C-USA predicted him to be defensive player of the year this season and is on the Jim Thorpe watch list for best defensive back. To top all that, he just graduated with a degree in sports management and is also a proud father.

So what’s next for Leonard and what do we expect from this season? Leonard is pumped up for this season that he’s been counting down the days until Thursday, Sept. 3 – their first game against University of Central Florida. Being brought up at coach and while balancing being a father could prove to be a challenge for the Miami native.

“I just focus on the task at hand. When I’m on the field, I focus on my teammates, when I’m at home, I focus on my son and my family. Just trying to keep it one day at a time, take it easy, and not putting too much on my plate,” Leonard said. Leonard, known for his press coverage skills, tries to imitate current NFL corner like Darrelle Revis, Joe Haden, Richard Sherman and Tyriq Mathieu. When it comes to play making decisions, Leonard prefers the play that will pump up the crowd more.

“I love making pick 6 because I want to spark the crowd and change the game around with a pick 6,” Leonard said. FIU’s defense was ranked 35th overall in defense and number 2 nationally in creating turnovers.

“That’s all we focus on right now, getting the ball out,” Leonard said. “When we do a tackling circuit, we focus on getting the ball out.”

Smith made his mark last season as a sophomore. He started all 12 games finishing last season with 61 tackles for 610 yards and eight touchdowns. He broke T.Y. Hicken’s record for most touchdowns. He also set a school record for most catches and receiving yards for tight ends.

He was selected All-American honorable mention from both CBSSports.com and SportsIllustrated.com.

Smith visits police departments, elementary schools, and children’s hospital in his spare time.

“We do a great job with community service, we play a big part in our community in order to support as we must support them. Smith said.

Smith is looking forward for this season, which is around the corner and he sees different team than last year.

“A lot of our production is back and the team is going to be more explosive. Everybody knows what’s going on and the young guys are picking it up and that’s what I’m continuing to do. Smith said.

Off the field, Smith takes pride in giving back to his community. He is on the Wasefie watch list this season for best in community service. Smith visits police departments, elementary schools, and children’s hospital in his spare time.

Senior cornerback Richard Leonard, with the help of tight end Jonnu Smith look to put the football team back in conference USA contention and help the program enter another bowl game.

FOOTBALL

Freshman receiver compared to alumnus

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Barbecue kicks off the semester at BBC

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The Week of Welcome events at the Biscayne Bay Campus started off on Monday with the barbecue hosted by Campus Life and about 600 students attended.

“Food always brings people together,” said Henry Zelaya, production assistant at FIU BBC.

That was exactly the goal Campus Life had, aside from “having a good time,” said Andres Bermeo, the account manager of Campus Life.

The line to get food was long, but students didn’t mind, “many were able to get food twice,” said Bermeo.

“For most students it is their first day of school at a university or the start of their last semester at FIU,” said Joshua Currasco, master’s in higher education administration, who waited in line quite some time.

“What better way to kick off the school year?” said Currasco.

Food, such as salad, burgers, sweet beans, rotisserie chicken and different fruits, besides refreshments and music were offered between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Panther Square having tables set up for students to sit down and eat their meals.

This set up was meant to “encourage interaction between students and get to know each other while enjoying their meals,” said Bermeo.

The food wasn’t the only hit among students.

“The music is vibrating and the atmosphere is great,” said Bendji Calizte, senior in political science studies.

The band playing during the event, “Steel Away” made up by Gail Clarke-Alleyne, her husband Fitzroy “Fox” Alleyne and their son Kwesi.

“We’ve been performing at this event for the past four years,” said Clarke.

“And every time it is a pleasure to be here because the atmosphere is very positive, you can feel it.”

The band was playing Caribbean inspired music, but they also play jazz and contemporary music around the U.S. and at an international level.

In addition there were giveaways such as t-shirts for students.

“We had 300 t-shirts and they were all gone before the event ended,” said Bermeo.

There are four more events taking place at BBC throughout the week organized by Campus Life and one organized by the Spirit Council on Friday.

“I think it’s a great opening for meeting new people and taking the early stress off from everything,” said Jasmine Avery, senior in broadcast journalism.