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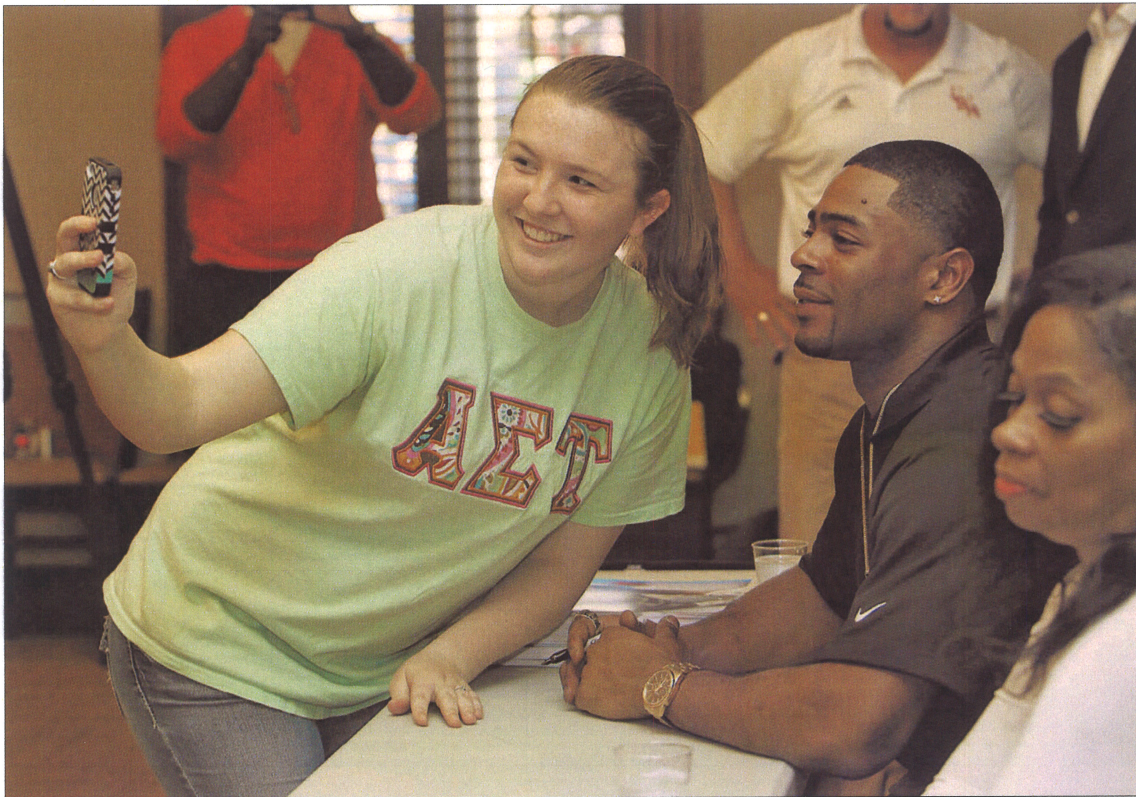
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## Hero Butler back in 'Bama

Super Bowl saver returns to alma mater UWA for day of honor



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Sierra Mesey, a sophomore at the University of West Alabama, gets a picture with Malcolm Butler, cornerback for the New England Patriots and former UWA football player, during an open autograph session at the school's cafeteria before the spring football game in Livingston on Thursday.

By Aaron Suttles  
Sports Writer



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Butler speaks to the media before UWA's annual spring football game.

LIVINGSTON | A few New England Patriots jerseys and hats dotted the idyllic campus of the University of West Alabama on Thursday afternoon, but the day belonged to the UWA Tigers and one of their own.

Former UWA All-American and this year's Super Bowl hero Malcolm Butler returned to campus for "Malcolm Butler Day," and the homecoming on a picture-perfect sunshine day drew hundreds to campus.

Butler signed autographs for nearly two hours in a meet-and-greet that saw a line stretch down the sidewalk past the cafeteria.

Dressed in red tennis shoes and a black UWA polo shirt, Butler arrived wearing his Gulf South Conference championship ring. He'll soon add a Super Bowl ring to his collection.

Before the UWA spring football game, the university honored Butler with his framed No. 7 UWA and Patriots No. 21 jerseys and also unveiled a banner in his honor on the James P. Homer Field House.

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## Aldi, Texas Roadhouse projects will move ahead

Zoning-delayed developments going in tornado recovery zone

By Jason Morton  
Staff Writer

Plans to build an Aldi grocery store and a Texas Roadhouse restaurant as part of a larger commercial project at the Lofts at City Center will go forward, nearly a year after being delayed because of zoning issues.

Birmingham-based Capital Growth Buchalter withdrew its plans for the project in late March 2014 when area residents objected to the company's request for several zoning variances.

But the City Council later modified the mixed-use zoning regulations that apply to the location, which is near the intersection of McFarland Boulevard and 15th Street, making the variances unnecessary.

Aldi and Texas Roadhouse are the first phase of the commercial project, called the Shops at City Center. "This new development will bring new and needed retail and restaurant offerings to the community," said former Tuscaloosan Robert Buchalter, president of Capital Growth Buchalter. "With the start of construction on the commercial phase of City Center, the vision of City Center as a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development is coming into focus."

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Aldi and Texas Roadhouse are part of phase two of the Shops at City Center on McFarland Boulevard. A groundbreaking ceremony for the grocery store and casual dining restaurant will be held Monday.

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## Suspect acted pregnant before alleged fetus theft

By Sadie Gurman and P. Solomon Banda  
The Associated Press

LONGMONT, COLO. | A Colorado woman accused of cutting open the belly of a pregnant woman and removing her unborn baby went to great lengths to show her family she was expecting a baby herself, even arranging to meet her husband for a pre-natal appointment on the day of the attack, authorities said.

But when Dynel Lane's husband came home to get her, he found her covered in blood and a baby gasping for breath in a bathtub.

Lane told her husband she suffered a miscarriage, and he took



Charges against Dynel Lane are pending an autopsy today of the baby she is accused of cutting out of a woman's womb.

her and the baby to a hospital, where she was later arrested on suspicion of attempted first-degree murder and other crimes. Police wrote in her arrest affidavit that she lured the pregnant stranger to her home with a Craigslist ad for baby clothes and then cut her open.

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## Draft deal cuts Iran's nuke elements

Atomic hardware at heart of possible accord with U.S.

By Bradley Klapper and George Jahn  
The Associated Press

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND | The United States and Iran are drafting elements of a nuclear deal that commits Tehran to a 40 percent cut in the number of machines it could use to make an atomic bomb, officials told The Associated Press on Thursday. In return, the Iranians would get quick relief from some crippling economic sanctions



and a partial lift of a U.N. embargo on conventional arms. Agreement on Iran's uranium enrichment program could signal a breakthrough for a larger deal aimed at containing the Islamic Republic's nuclear activities.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sides are racing to meet a March 31 deadline for a framework pact and a full agreement by the end of June — even as the U.S. Congress keeps up pressure on the administration to avoid any agreement leaving

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# UNBORN

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The gruesome case shocked Colorado and revived a highly charged debate in that state over when a fetus can legally be considered a human being.

District Attorney Stan Garnett said he will wait for the results of an autopsy on the baby, planned for today, to determine when and how the baby died and what charges to file.

"I've never quite seen this fact pattern before," he said.

While drifting in and out of consciousness, the 26-year-old woman, who was nearly 8 months pregnant with a baby girl, told police she did not know Lane and only went to her house in response to the ad, affidavit states.

A doctor told investigators the incision in the mother's belly was well performed and would have required some research on Cesarean births.

The woman later managed to call 911 and police arrived to help her sometime after Lane and her husband left.

In a recording of the call, a woman with a dazed-sounding voice says she has been stabbed and pleads for help.

"She cut me," the woman says, later adding, "I'm pregnant."

"Please help me," she says. "Help, help."

Police said the woman was alert and answering questions on Thursday.

A judge ordered Lane to remain in jail on \$2 million bond after Assistant Boulder County District Attorney Ryan Brackley described the crime as "extremely violent" and premeditated.

Lane's lawyer Kathryn Herold did not comment on her behalf at the hearing.

Under Colorado law, Lane could only face a murder charge if the baby was alive outside the womb, an emotional issue in the state. Abortion opponents in Colorado have unsuccessfully pushed measures to declare a fetus a human being, which would enable homicide charges to be filed for their deaths.

In a sign of how critical the issue will be, Lane's defense lawyer has asked for an expert to be present during the examination.

Garnett would not comment on whether mental illness is a question in the case but said prosecutors were looking at Lane's history.

State records show Lane has an expired nurse's aide license. One of her two teenage daughters told police Lane showed her an ultrasound photo of a baby boy in December 2014, according to the affidavit. The teen said she couldn't tell her mother was pregnant, and she is petite. Yet the girl said her mother also kept photos of herself appearing pregnant on a cellphone.

Lane and her former husband lost a 19-month-old boy in a drowning accident in southern Colorado's Pueblo County in 2002, Lane's ex-father-in-law, Aaron Cruz, said.

# IRAN

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Iran with an avenue to become a nuclear power.

Officials said the tentative deal imposes at least a decade of new limits on the number of centrifuges Iran can operate to enrich uranium, a process that can lead to nuclear weapons-grade material. The sides are zeroing in on a cap of 6,000 centrifuges, officials said, down from the 6,500 they spoke of in recent weeks.

That's also fewer than the 10,000 such machines Tehran now runs, yet substantially more than the 500 to 1,500 that Washington originally wanted as a ceiling. Only a year ago, U.S. officials floated 4,000 as a possible compromise.

But U.S. officials insist the focus on centrifuge numbers alone misses the point. Combined with other restrictions on enrichment levels and the types of centrifuges Iran can use, Washington believes it can extend the time Tehran would need to produce a nuclear weapon to at least a year.

Right now, Iran would require only two to three months to amass enough material to make a bomb.

President Barack Obama appealed directly to Iranian citizens in a message commemorating Nowruz, the Persian New Year.

"Our negotiations have made progress, but gaps remain," Obama said Thursday in a video message posted online.

"If Iran's leaders can agree to a reasonable deal, it can lead to a better path — the path of greater opportunities for the Iranian people," he said.

The pressure in Congress on the administration over Iran remained intense, with the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee saying he would move ahead with legislation giving lawmakers a say over any nuclear deal. And 360 House Republicans and Democrats — more than enough to override any presidential veto — sent a letter to Obama saying if an agreement is reached, Congress will decide on easing sanctions it has imposed.

"Congress must be convinced that its terms foreclose any pathway to a bomb, and only then will Congress be able to consider permanent sanctions relief," the lawmakers wrote.

Rep. Eliot Engel of New York, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told administration officials at a hearing Thursday that Congress cannot be marginalized and "any attempts to sidestep Congress will be resisted on both sides of the aisle."

The one-year breakout time has become a point the Obama administration is reluctant to cross in the set of highly technical talks, and that bare minimum would be maintained for 10 years as part of the draft deal. After that, the restrictions would be slowly eased. The total length of the deal would be at least 15 years, possibly 20.

As part of the agreement,

punitive U.S. economic sanctions would be phased out over time. President Barack Obama has the authority to eliminate some measures immediately, and others would be suspended as Iran confirms its compliance over time. Some sanctions would be held to the later years of the deal, while a last set would require a highly skeptical U.S. Congress to change laws.

Although time periods, centrifuge caps and sanctions schedules have previously been discussed, most of the specifics divulged by the officials were new. They demanded anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the confidential talks.

Iran insists its program is solely for peaceful energy, medical and research purposes, though many governments believe it has nuclear weapons ambitions.

It's unclear how complete the draft is. Iran's deeply buried underground enrichment plant remains a problem, officials said, with Washington demanding the facility be repurposed and Tehran insisting it be able to run hundreds of centrifuges there. Iran says it wants to use the machines for scientific research; the Americans fear they could be quickly retooled for enrichment.

A planned heavy water reactor will be re-engineered to produce much less plutonium than originally envisioned, relieving concerns that it could be an alternative pathway to a bomb.

Any March framework agreement is unlikely to constrain Iran's missile program, which the United States believes may ultimately be aimed at creating delivery systems for nuclear warheads. Diplomats say that as the talks move to a deadline, the Iranians continue to insist that missile curbs are not up for discussion.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met for the fourth straight day Thursday.

"We are pushing some tough issues," Kerry said after a morning meeting. "But we made progress."

The talks formally remain between the Iran and six powers, but Kerry and Zarif have done most of the heavy lifting in recent months.

If a deal is reached, officials say various layers of U.N. sanctions on Iran will be eased. That would include parts of the U.N. arms embargo that Russia and China want to ease within weeks of a full accord. Some restrictions would stay in place, however, such as on the transfer of missile technology.

After the deal expires, Iran could theoretically ramp up enrichment to whatever level or volume it wants.

Iran already can produce the equivalent of one weapon's worth of enriched uranium with the centrifuges it now runs. However, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, spoke of eventually operating enough centrifuges to produce what 190,000 of its current models churn out.

# Japanese arrest U.S. embassy bomb suspect

By Mari Yamaguchi  
The Associated Press



Ambassador Caroline Kennedy is the late President John F. Kennedy's daughter.

TOKYO | Japanese police said they arrested a man on Thursday accused of making bomb threats against the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, and media reports said he is also a possible suspect in recent death threats against Ambassador Caroline Kennedy.

Tokyo police arrested Mitsuyoshi Kamiya, a resident of the southern island of Okinawa, for making the bomb threats from a pay phone in downtown Okinawa, a police spokesman said. He said the suspect also threatened to bomb Camp Schwab, a U.S. military base on the island.

Kamiya admitted to police that he made the bomb threats, but his motive was not immediately known, the police spokesman said. He did not provide any other details about Kamiya.

Public broadcaster NHK said police also suspect Kamiya made phone calls

threatening to kill Kennedy and the U.S. consul general on Okinawa.

The island is home to about half of the 50,000 American troops in Japan, and residents have frequently complained about crime, noise and other issues related to the U.S. bases. The U.S. government wants to relocate one base, the Marine Corps Futenma air station, to another area of Okinawa, but many people want it moved completely off the island.

In three phone calls in March, Kamiya used threatening phrases in English such as "Bomb Camp Schwab" and "Bomb the embassy" which forced the embassy to in-

crease its security, the police spokesman said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists who are not members of the police press club, which is largely limited to Japanese media.

The mass-circulation Yomiuri newspaper said police had been secretly following the suspect. It said the embassy had received about 30 threatening calls since last month, including those threatening to kill Kennedy and the consul general.

Kennedy, the daughter of the late President John F. Kennedy, arrived in Tokyo in November 2013 as the first woman to serve as U.S. ambassador to Japan. She visited Okinawa in February last year in an attempt to win support for the base relocation plan.

Earlier this month, the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, Mark Lippert, was slashed in the face and wrist by an anti-U.S. activist in Seoul and was hospitalized for several days.

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# ALDI

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The retail development fronts another Buchalter project, the Lofts at City Center, a 1,226-bed, upscale student housing complex that opened in 2013. The retail and student housing developments are on the former site of Wood Square, a shopping center anchored by Hobby Lobby that was destroyed by the April 27, 2011, tornado.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the retail project will be held Monday at 3 p.m.

Company officials said the second phase of the project will be announced soon.

As part of its recovery plan following the tornado, the city adopted new zoning regulations to govern rebuilding.

For the Shops at City Center, Capital Growth Buchalter sought variances to the new mixed-use, or MX, regulations

relating to building setbacks, windows, access roads and driveways. But the company withdrew its petition after residents in nearby neighborhoods complained, saying the variances would set a precedent for making exceptions to the new zoning regulations.

At the time, the city was already considering changes to the regulations, and about two months later, the City Council adopted some amendments. Most of the amendments dealt with technical and detail changes that eased the building process for developers while, according to city officials, maintaining the spirit of the recovery plan. The changes allowed Capital Growth Buchalter to proceed with its plans for the grocer and restaurant without the need for special permission from City Hall.

According to site plans submitted to City Hall in October, Aldiwilloccupy a 17,018-square-foot building, while Texas

Roadhouse will go in a 7,163-square-foot space.

Aldi, a German-based grocer, has more than 1,000 stores in the U.S. and 9,000 stores worldwide. The market-style stores are about 15,000-18,000 feet, much smaller than traditional supermarkets.

Texas Roadhouse, a casual dining chain specializing in steaks, is based in Louisville, Ky., and operates more than 450 restaurants in 49 states and four foreign countries.

This will be Aldi's first store in Tuscaloosa, but it has others in several Alabama cities, including four in the Birmingham metro area, as well as Decatur, Cullman, Gadsden and Oxford.

Texas Roadhouse is also new to Tuscaloosa, but has a half-dozen restaurants elsewhere in Alabama.

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