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Iran elections may help U.S. relations

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's top the United States Iran's archenemy, parliamentary candidate said Tuesday that the country needs concrete action from the United States to lower the wall of mistrust between the two nations.

"We are waiting for practical steps from the United States more than nice words," Mohammadreza Khatami said

Khatami, the younger brother of President Mohammad Khatami, heads the country's largest and most influential reformist group, the Islamic Iran

The election results are seen as a na-

Mohammadreza Khatami said in the new Parliament the reformists will work toward a freer press, more freedom of information and the lifting of a ban on satellite dishes to allow people

sanctions against Iran. supported the totalitarian regime of the shah," he told reporters at a press conference. "And now that Iran has become one of the most free nations, it continues its policy of sanctions and continues its baseless claims against Iran."

U.S. relations with

A U.S. law allows

people-to-people exchanges with the United States, but has stopped short of calling for talks.

The conservative clergy considers of them, state television said.

making the opening of contacts with Washington among the most sensitive of issues

Most hard-liners have been silent about their stunning upset, but a top hard-line ideologue has accepted defeat in the parliamentary elections, saying in a report Tuesday that his camp will have to reconsider its policies.

'We will not change our principles and positions, but it is natural that we should reconsider our policies and methods," Mohammadreza Bahonar, a conservative lawmaker in the outgoing Parliament, was quoted as saying.

The independent Iran Vij daily quoted him Tuesday as saying that the reformist coalition was "more organized" in the elections.

Bahonar's comments marked the hard-liners' first acknowledgment of defeat. Their officials have refused to talk to reporters.

The hard-liners still wield power through key institutions such as the Guardians Council, which must approve all legislation. It is not clear if they will use those powers to block the

reformists and risk angering a majority of Iranians.

Vote-counting in the capital, Tehran, was finished Tuesday, but results will not be announced for another two days, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said. Mohammadreza Khatami said formal announcement is being delayed due to bureaucratic glitches and to study complaints.

In Tehran, more than 55 percent of votes announced so far were for Khata-

mi, who was likely to win. The Islamic Iran Participation Front has 109 seats out of the 195 decided so far. Reformists have 141 seats nationwide, only five short of a simple majority in

Only the results for 30 seats in Tehran are outstanding, and reformers are leading the vote count in nearly all

Cell phones help 3rd world farmers JOLARPAR, Bangladesh (AP) —

Brittany Stevener, an senior at Bryan High School, throws a

chicken at the Educaid booth during Tuesday's Money Gras even

I wanna be a millionaire

Sitting outside her mud-walled hut, Jamirunnesa dials her Nokia cell phone to inquire about the latest poul-

in Rudder Tower.

Monir Chowdhury, a neighbor, arrives panting to take a long distance call from his brother working in Malaysia. Later, village doctor Tofazzal Hossain comes to use the phone to arrange an appointment with a specialist in the city for one of his patients.

Jamirunnesa runs a mobile phone service, the only phone for the 5,000 people in the farming village of Jolarpar, 20 miles north of Dhaka, the capital.

She bought it a year ago with help from a bank that makes small loans to poor women to start home-based businesses — an example of the "microcredit" projects discussed at a conference last week in Washington.

Besides serving her neighbors for a fee, the phone helps the 38-year-old mother of four earn a profit from the poultry farm she runs.

"There are buyers who want to cheat me. But they can't because I've got the phone, which comes in handy to know at what rate the chickens are selling in the markets," Jamirunnesa said, waving her handset.

In Bangladesh, even ordinary telephones are still a luxury. Less than 1 percent of the 125 million people have a phone of any kind. The country's 100,000 mobile phones are usually for the urban rich.

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get a start in business. or staff. Grameen Bank, established in 197 cartoon by Muhammad Yunus, then a univer opinion ty economics teacher, is the pione microcredit as a way of building economies of developing nations. Si its founding, it has lent \$2 billion to million Bangladeshis, most of the

poor rural women. GrameenPhone, the bank's teles Bont munications subsidiary, is one of commercial cellular phone company 1999 Aggie in Bangladesh, but the only one w tend its service to the mostly illim formation countryside.

It draws th phone service from borrowers who workers re ready have established good credita demonstrated business talent.

'A telephone is no longer a lun place the modely for villagers," said Mehbub Chow hury, who heads the marketing of speak very mobile phones. "It's a tool for a students w

nomic growth." Jamirunnesa, who has had alms no formal education, average monthly profit of \$50 from the phil - twice Bangladesh's

capita income. When she took her first loan years ago, her family could not aff three meals a day, a situation face about half of all Bangladeshis.

Much Ado About Shakespeare the

MSC Literary Arts Shakespeare Festival

February 20th through 26th

Sonnet Contest Awards & Open-Mic at Barnes and Noble on Texas Ave., Sunday Feb. 20 at 2pm with prizes provided by Barnes and Noble.

Cushing Library Tour Monday, Feb. 21 at Noon & Tuesday,

Feb. 22 at 1pm. Open-Mic in Rumours on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Noon. You can share your favorite Shakespeare passages.

Shakespeare Abridged Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 8pm in MSC 201. A comedic live performance of all of Shakespeare's works

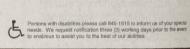
condensed into two hours. Film on Video Much Ado About Nothing (1995) at 7pm

Thursday, Feb. 24 in the Visual Arts Gallery with introduction Dr. David Scott Kastan Friday, Feb. 25 on Shakespeare and

Print in Cushing Library at 5pm. Masquerade Ball Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8pm in the Forsyth Galleries. Tickets are available at the MSC Cashiers desk.

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Tuesday in his first comment on the issue since Friday's legislative elections.

Participation Front.

tional endorsement of President Khatami's program for cultural, social and political reforms. The results also are a clear rejection of international isolation and the restrictive rules imposed by the clergy in the name of Islam.

more access to information.

He also criticized the United States for maintaining U.S.

"The United States

Iran broke off during the 1979 revolution, when demonstrators seized the U.S. Embassy and held 52 Americans captive until January 1981.

Khatami and other reformists have called for detente between Iran and the

The president also has called for

Reformers: 141 Conservatives: 44

Early results

of Iran's election

Moderates are poised to wrest the legislature from hard-line

control for the first time since

Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution

Shiite Muslim clergy to power.

Total seats in parliament: 290

ousted the shah and brought the

for sanctions on any company that invests more than \$20 million in Iran's oil industry. Washington accuses Tehran of trying to procure nuclear weapons and of opposing the Middle East peace

the 290-member house.

Conservatives have won 44 seats and independents 10. Another 65 seats are to be decided in run-offs.

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) -It's not easy bein' gruen.

Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy are becoming the latest American icons to go German, following in the footsteps of Chrysler Corp. and Random House

Munich-based media company EM.TV and Merchandising is buying the Jim Henson Co. for \$680 million in cash and stock, giving it exclusive rights to such fuzzy critters as Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Bert and Ernie, and the scraggly

green furball, Oscar the Grouch. "We are a strong believer in

Henson's Muppets brands," deputy chairman of EM.TV Florian Haffa said Monday. "With the Jim Henson Company, you don't get bigger internationally recognized brands than Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy."

The deal, in the works for several months, also seals ownership of some of the world's best loved children's shows including "The Muppet Show," "Jim Henson's Muppet Babies" and "Frag-gle Rock," not to mention a string of Muppet films.

The sale does not include the program "Sesame Street," only the rights to the characters developed for the show, first broadcast in 1969 and now seen in 140 countries.

Refreshments



Thursday:

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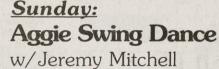


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