

## Details emerge of potential Iran agreement

Iran hasn't committed to giving up its uranium but President Donald Trump said negotiations have been constructive.

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CAIRO — The United States is close to reaching a deal with Iran that would end the war, reopen the Strait of Hormuz and see Iran give up its stockpile of highly enriched uranium, regional officials told The Associated Press on Sunday. They said details and time-

lines would be worked out later.

Iran has not publicly committed to giving up its uranium — a key demand of U.S. President Donald Trump — and the sides previously seemed close to a deal in recent weeks. Trump on Saturday said a deal had been “largely negotiated,” after calls with Israel and other region-

al allies.

“The negotiations are proceeding in an orderly and constructive manner, and I have informed my representatives not to rush into a deal in that time is on our side,” Trump said on social media Sunday. He said the U.S. relationship with Iran is becoming “much more professional and productive.”

The strait's reopening would begin to ease a

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Government supporters hold Iranian flags and pictures of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei during a ceremony honoring the armed forces and those killed in the war with Israel and the U.S., at the Imam Khomeini Grand Mosque in Tehran on Sunday. (VAHID SALEMI/ASSOCIATED PRESS)



Real estate broker Rachel Davis is the state's only certified senior housing specialist and downsizing coach. She says one of the worst things families or individuals can do is wait until a health crisis happens before making decisions about moving. “At that point, it's an emergency and your options are severely limited.” (SHAWN PATRICK OUELLETTE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

## Thinking about moving?

### 5 ways to make it easier for older Mainers

Senior housing specialist Rachel Davis shares advice for later-in-life moves.

By KELLEY BOUCHARD  
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Rachel Davis discovered her passion for helping older Mainers navigate later-in-life moves after her father died two years ago.

Her mother was inundated with calls from real estate agents asking if she wanted to sell the house she had lived in for 53 years. In her late 70s, her mom decided to stay put and plan for a future move.

“I needed to let my mother

“People aren't just moving furniture, they're moving memories, identities, routines and sometimes grief.”

RACHEL DAVIS / Pine Tree Realty of Maine, Windham

keep her autonomy and ask for help with the things that were overwhelming her,” Davis said. “Now, I'm helping her plan ahead — to figure out where she wants to live and how to get there — so she can relax and enjoy her life going forward.”

A licensed real estate broker with Pine Tree Realty of Maine in Windham, Davis is the only agent in the state who is cer-

tified as a senior housing specialist and downsizing coach through the Seniors Real Estate Institute in Oklahoma. Founded in 2012, the institute trains agents to serve homeowners age 55 and up and their families.

Davis also is a former social worker who offers free monthly seminars on senior housing needs and related issues

through her Legacy Learning Series. Two people attended her first seminar in January 2025. Her latest in May drew 66.

“People are so thirsty for this information and so many people in Maine are in this age group,” she said.

Here are five takeaways from Davis' seminars:

#### 1. START PLANNING BEFORE IT'S NECESSARY

Think about how and where you want to live the rest of your life at least five years

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## Every year, a Confederate soldier mistakenly sent to Gray is honored

The unnamed man was buried there after the wrong body was transported from Virginia.

By RORY SWEETING  
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Amid the rows of American flags and U.S. military branch pendants stretching across Gray Village Cemetery, one grave stands out. The marker, flanked by the Confederate battle flag and the national “Stars and Bars” flag of the short-lived Confederate States of America, is marked simply as “Stranger.”

The presence of a Confederate burial in Maine, about 500 miles from the Mason-Dixon line, can be traced to a case of mistaken identity.

In 1862, Lt. Charles H. Colley, of the 10th Maine Volunteers, was shot in the knee at the Battle of Cedar Mountain. Colley died from his infected wounds in Alexandria about a month later.

At the time, families of a deceased soldier could pay the government to embalm a soldier's body and transport the remains to their hometown. Colley's parents, Amos and Sarah Nash Colley, did so, and by late fall, the coffin arrived in Gray from Virginia. However, when the casket was opened, the family discovered it wasn't their son, but rather an unidentified Confederate soldier.

Attempts to contact the War Department about the error were unsuccessful due to the unreliability of communications and the lack of procedure for transferring the remains of enemy soldiers. The Ladies of Gray,

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## Most of Maine's county commissioners are in their 60s, 70s



Franklin County commissioners in 2025. With few competitive races, it is easy for a commissioner to remain in office for decades, but recent budget crises have brought more attention to the role. (PHOTO BY MATT BILLIAN)

By DANIEL O'CONNOR  
The Maine Monitor

When Lincoln County Commissioner William Blodgett, 89, retires at the end of the year, he is all but guaranteed to be replaced in the role by a younger man.

Walter Voskian, the only major party candidate running for Blodgett's midcoast seat, is 87.

Voskian said he's in excellent health, that his age is unimportant and his experience will benefit the county. The Democrat has served on Bremen's planning board and was

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Residents of Gray still honor the village cemetery's most mysterious resident, even as the contentious legacy of the Confederacy has been re-examined in recent years. (RORY SWEETING/STAFF WRITER)